

The Purbeck Gazette

April 2015
Issue no. 183

20,000 Copies:
Swanage to Dorchester,
Lulworth to Bere Regis

Magazine archive at:

www.purbeckgazette.co.uk



Olympic Legacy Reaches Purbeck. Pg21



A Purbeckian In Rajasthan. Pg 22



Home Improvement Feature. Pg30-39



Dorset Food & Venison Festival. Pg47

FUJIFILM
Digital Imaging Service

SWANAGE POST OFFICE



TRAVELTEXT

Worldwide Holidays
08456 171971

CITY BREAKS
WE ARE NOW
DOING WORLDWIDE
HOLIDAYS

BOOK HERE!

Starting from **£99**

Swanage Post Office, Kings Road, SWANAGE. BH19 1ER 01929 422 461

SWANAGE & PURBECK

TAXI

Call Martin

07969 927424

Swanage Associated **SaT**

Taxis

Telephone (01929)

421122 or 425350

Station Approach, Swanage. BH19 1HB

SWANAGE BEACHFRONT

BULL & BOAT

BEACH BAR & BISTRO

01929 422222 www.bullandboat.co.uk



Editor's note...



Welcome to the April edition of your Gazette! It's one of my favourite months - April and September generally bring us some glorious weather whilst we're still quite quiet as far as tourism goes - leaving lots of beautiful, open space for us locals to enjoy before the hordes arrive!

We've another packed edition for you this month, including some exciting news about a new sporting venue to open soon in Purbeck - yes, the 'Olympic Legacy' is finally coming to South Dorset!

I've taken the bull by the horns and have tried out dermal fillers on your behalf this month, so check out our Health and Beauty section to see what was involved, and what, if any, difference was made!

We were sorry to hear about the loss of Donato Forte recently - a truly inspirational man indeed. Local sculpturist, Carlotta Barrow, has penned a wonderful obituary, which you'll find on page 56.

Our community also lost the wonderful and irreplaceable Pete Lacey, from Swanage Hospital MIU, in March this year. Our thoughts are very much with Pete's family, and with the hospital staff who we know will miss him enormously. Big boots to fill.

We also have news from Monkey World, local groups and organisations, the line-up of our most recently-acknowledged Purbeck volunteers and much, much more!

FREE CAR STICKERS THIS MONTH!
Collect from our office in Commercial Road, Swanage on Tues or Thurs!

YOUR Community Magazine
20,000 copies
(15,000 door-to-door)
Swanage - Dorchester
Lulworth - Bere Regis

Over 10,000 MORE copies than our closest competitor! All YOUR news, views & events - written by LOCAL people - a real community paper, produced FOR YOU

DAILY NEWS WEBSITE FOR PURBECK:
www.purbeckgazette.co.uk
What happens, as we get the news in, online, FOR YOU.

Public Notices & Information

TIDE TIMES APR'15

Peveril Ledge, Swanage

	Low	High	Low	High	Low	
1	02.34	08.25	14.53	20.06	--	
2	03.26	08.58	15.32	21.10	--	
3	03.53	09.27	16.08	21.41	--	
4	04.28	09.55	16.43	22.09	--	NM
5	05.00	10.22	17.15	22.25	--	
6	05.29	10.47	17.45	22.59	--	ST
7	05.59	11.12	18.15	23.25	--	
8	06.29	11.40	18.46	23.57	--	
9	--	--	07.04	12.15	19.23	
10	--	00.34	07.43	12.57	20.06	
11	--	01.21	08.32	12.37	21.00	
12	--	02.22	09.34	15.06	22.15	
13	--	04.10	11.11	16.59	--	
14	00.13	05.45	12.47	18.15	--	NP
15	01.22	06.51	13.46	19.15	--	
16	02.15	07.47	14.36	20.07	--	
17	03.03	08.06	15.23	20.55	--	
18	03.48	09.21	16.08	21.30	--	NM
19	04.32	10.03	16.52	22.22	--	
20	05.14	10.44	17.34	23.04	--	ST
21	05.56	11.25	18.16	23.46	--	
22	--	--	06.38	12.08	18.59	
23	--	00.29	07.21	12.52	19.43	
24	--	01.15	08.07	13.40	20.35	
25	--	02.05	09.02	14.34	21.44	
26	--	03.03	10.18	15.34	22.58	
27	--	04.09	11.29	16.42	--	NP
28	00.05	05.30	12.31	18.01	--	
29	01.06	06.50	13.26	19.08	--	
30	01.58	07.41	14.13	19.55	--	

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - April 2015

Council	Mon 13th	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 20th	7pm
Finance & Performance Management	Mon 27th	9.30am

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 - April 2015

Planning & Transport	Mon 20th	7pm
Council	Tue 21st	7pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 27th	7pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - April 2015

Council	Tue 14th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 22nd	7pm
Planning Board	Wed 29th	9.15am

Meetings are subject to change. To double check, see: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/meetings/purbeck> and see 'dates of council and other meetings'

About The Purbeck Gazette & Purbeck Media Ltd

The Purbeck Gazette prints 20,000 copies every month and delivers throughout the region from Swanage to Dorchester, Lulworth to Bere Regis. The Purbeck Gazette is published by Purbeck Media Ltd. All editing, graphic design and lay-up is completed in-house by Purbeck Media Ltd. The Purbeck Gazette is printed by Blackmore Ltd of Shaftesbury and distributed by Tudor Distribution Ltd of Poole.

The Purbeck Gazette Daily News and Gazette online website is managed and edited on-site by Purbeck Media Ltd.

Purbeck Media Ltd also publishes The Purbeck Guidette, the Purbeck Visitor Guide. All rights reserved.

OUR TEAM: The Gazette team consists of: Nico Johnson, Editor, Joy Lamb, Sales & Accounts Executive, David Hollister, Columnist, John Garner, Columnist, Charlie Hobbs, Columnist. Kim Steeden, Spotlight Diary Editor, David Bishop.

VOLUNTEERS: A massive thanks to our volunteers, whose help is invaluable each month with proof reading. They are the very professional: Gerry Norris and David Holman. Thank you both so very much!

Telephone Sales

We reserve the right to maintain contact with our advertising clients, past and present, through the use of telephone calls.

If you do not wish to hear from us to be reminded of upcoming deadlines, please do let us know!



Watching me, watching you.... by Christine Bridson-Jones

Contents

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	54
BUSINESS/IT	40
COMMUNITY MATTERS	7
COUNCIL MEETINGS	2
DIARY SPOTLIGHT	65
FEATURES	
A Purbeckian in Rajasthan	22
Donato Forte - Farewell	56
Gazette Gardening, with Simon Goldsack	53
John Garner writes - Further Afield	51
My Wartime Memories - Brian Guy writes	14
Olympic Legacy Arrives in Purbeck	21
Our House - Home Improvement feature	30-39
Reike and Bula Meet	52
Telling It Like It Is - David Hollister writes	7
Wrinkes Begone! Testing Dermal Fillers	64
FOOD The Gourmet Peddler	43
HEALTH & BEAUTY	58
LETTERS	4
MOTORING - David Hollister writes	28
NATURAL MATTERS	48
SPORT	61
TRADE ADVERTS sponsored by Sydenhams	68
YOUR PICS	24

CONTACT US

17b Commercial Road
Swanage, Dorset BH19 1DF
www.purbeckgazette.co.uk

**THE OFFICE IS NOT OPEN
TO GENERAL PUBLIC.
ADVERTISERS ONLY PLEASE!**

Editorial Enquiries:

Editor, Nico Johnson
01929 424239
ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk

Advertising Sales:

at: www.purbeckgazette.co.uk
Joy Lamb 01929 424293
or email:
Joy@purbeckgazette.co.uk

TO ADVERTISE

See our website shop at:
www.purbeckgazette.co.uk
for rate card, booking & payment
Prices from £25.80 (inc VAT)
Discounts available

The legal stuff..

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information contained in this magazine, but the Editor is unable to accept responsibility for any omissions or errors that may occur. The inclusion of any article or advertisement does not constitute any form of accreditation or approval by the Editor. **No part, written or visual, of this publication may be reproduced without written permission of the Editor.**

DEADLINE FOR MAY IS noon, FRI 10th APR

Your Letters

The clue is in the heading above - these are our readers' letters. They are NOT articles, they are letters. By you. Our readers. They are not our letters, they are yours - your letters. Simple!

Please send all letters to ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk with 'letter to the editor' in the email subject line. Please do not exceed 350 words. If handwritten, please ensure it is short and legible.

PLEASE DO NOT DUPLICATE LETTERS TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS - WE DO NOT PRINT MULTI-PUBLICATION LETTERS.

MAY edition deadline: noon Fri April 10th

Charity Car Day

Dear Editor,

Through our own local paper, may I just remind folk that the last Sunday in April, Sunday 26th April, is the Swanage Charity Day and Classic Car Display from 11am till 4pm, held in the Victoria Avenue Car Park, Swanage. There will be a programme including a grand draw ticket (very nice prizes!) at only £1.

There are about one hundred cars coming in from all over Dorset, post-veteran and classic, so come along and judge the 'best car on show' (there is a tear off slip on your programme) and a shield will be presented for 'best car' at about 3.30pm.

It is not too late to book a charity stall, a craft stall, a Trade Stand or a 'General Public' Stand at Wilcox & Cook in Commercial Lane, Swanage, or ring me (number below), and you keep all the profit for your own charity. Please bring your own table etc. and a gazebo if you have one and arrive on site 8am-9am as the old veteran cars will be coming along about 10am.

One car is allowed per stall and any others can be parked in the public car park space at a special rate. Any stalls will be welcome and any veteran or classic cars can also book in. (Cheques to be made out please to the J. Lazenbury Charity a/c). Each car will receive a plaque as a memory of this day, providing they have paid their registration fee. (only £5 in advance or £7 on the day).

I am expecting about one hundred cars and usually about one thousand people come along to watch, so selling is always brisk!

Hot food will be sold throughout the day, with plenty of interesting stalls, and an interesting special coffee stand this year.

Last year approximately £1500-2000 was given to all the various charities. Jenny Lazenbury, Organiser, 01929-288092

50 Shades Or 50 Grades

Dear Editor,

My companion, Mrs. Trellis, and I are planning one of our increasingly infrequent visits to the Isle of Purbeck.

It will coincide with a screening, at the Rex Cinema in Wareham, of '50 Shades of Grey'. I was greatly looking forward to booking this. However, Mrs. T. has declared the film 'disgusting', having already seen it. An opinion that she still holds after two further viewings.

She is a lady that is difficult to 'pin, or indeed, tie down', and my suggestion that maybe I 'could take her blindfolded', was met with a raised fist!

My disappointment is tempered, however, by a rumour that later in the year there may be a film screening, of more local interest, that also involves pumping activities.

An adaptation of the 'exploratory' Report into 'Fracking at Kimmeridge'. '50 Grades of Shale'.

Can you confirm?

Yours, Eric Podge, Burkiss Way, Croydon

Help Trace Medal Winner

Dear Editor,

FOUND ... Royal Navy Chief Wren's Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

Thousands of people from all over the country, including many of the readers of this newspaper, served at the Royal Navy Shore Training Establishment H.M.S.Collingwood. The H.M.S.Collingwood Association

Mayday Singers Spring Concert

Sunday 26 April 2015

St George's Church
Langton Matravers

Free admission, collection for
St George's church funds

Bovington Tailors

Dress making
Ladies & mens alterations
Loose covers, Antique upholstery
Boat & caravan upholstery
Medal mounting & framing

Unit 3, Bovington Shopping Centre,
King George V Road, Bovington

01929 462195

www.bovingtontailors.wordpress.com

has received a request and I am hoping that one or more of your readers who served there, can help.

We have had a request to track down a Wren or her family and her Service History in the following case. I have in my possession a long service and good conduct medal, written on the side is 42359 J.M Wilson. Chief Wren H.M.S Collingwood.

If you know of anyone who could help in my search of information I would be very grateful. We hope to return the medals to her or her family. Can we build a history? Did you serve with Chief Wren J.M. Wilson either when she was a Chief or at any time before? 42359, is that near your Service number?

The Association would love to hear from anybody who can help in any way at all. Write to Mike Crowe, 7 Heath Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 8PG or send details to mike.crowe1@btinternet.com

Those wishing to join the Association are just in time for our next reunion to be held at the Hillcrest Hotel Widnes April 17 - 20 email hmscollingwood42@gmail.com or visit our web site www.hmscollingwood.weebly.com or contact Shirley Winn at enquiries@iowtours.com telephone 01983 405116.

Which of your old shipmates will you meet? Can we reunite the medals at the reunion? A true 'reunion'.

I am certain your readers will come up trumps.

Yours truly, Mike Crowe

7 Heath Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8PG.

Welcome To Caring Britain

Dear Editor,

Regarding the plight of Judi Taylor's attempt to rent a property to live in and the negative response from the landlord/s (letters, March edition)...

Many young folk now cannot afford to buy and will probably be renting all their lives. Does that mean they will all get kicked out of their properties when they are 65 years old too?

Will they, too, be forced to sell the Big Issue in the cold and rain far away from Boots the chemist because some people are mean and mercenary?

Welcome to caring Britain eh???

Sue, by email.

New Communicare Card

Dear Editor,

COMMUNICARE

Through your wonderful Gazette, I would like to point out to the people of Swanage that we have now had printed an up-to-date card, this time in BLUE.

Thanks to having two more Link people volunteer, we are able to offer our full service to you once again, of shopping, helping with wheelchairs, form filling and writing letters, visiting or reading to the people on their own, sitting in to relieve the carer, visiting the bereaved, car transport to hospitals at 40p a mile (given to the driver).

Apart from the driving, all the other jobs are performed on a free of charge basis.

Look on the card and just phone any of those Swanage numbers for help. If you receive no reply from the 1st number, then please try any of the others. Just remember these are busy people like yourselves, and try again in a different part of the day. It's better not to rely on messages, as they could be away for the week-end. Whatever your problem, Communicare cares and we offer practical help entirely on a voluntary basis.

Should you want a repeat job done, please go back to the Link Person, and arrange it with them, for the same person to take you to, say, hospital. They will do this for you, and will be able to record your request, making



Square & Compass

Worth Matravers. 01929 439229

LIVE ACTS FOR APRIL

Sat 4 8pm **Dubl Handi**
 Sun 5 2pm **Dubl Handi**
 Fri 10 8pm **Jack McNeil and Charlie Hayes**
Rob Heron & the Teapad
 Sat 11 8pm **Orchestra**
 Fri 17 8pm **Gren Bartley Band**
 Sat 25 8pm **Mambo Jambo**

www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

sure that all our clients are covered under our insurance. Should a client 'do-it-yourself' you run the risk of the job not being noted down, and both you and your Helper could be at risk. So please help us to help you, and keep you safe.

For those of you who like to use the internet, we have got ourselves modernized, and have got on the web: www.swanageforyou.co.uk. We have a good webmaster who is keeping the facts up-to-date, and should you be coming to live in Swanage for the very first time, you will be able to read all about us and our services. Most of us belong to the Churches Together in Swanage and District.

Now, go out and pick up a card in any of the Swanage Churches, the Health Centre, Corbens, Goadsby, or our local hospital. Please destroy your old pink card.

We now have six landlines and one mobile phone number for you to ring, and we aim to give neighbourly help to anyone in need.

Should anyone feel that they are in a position to put something back in the community, please ring the Director (tel. no. below). We always need car drivers to take people for cancer treatment, hospital visiting, visiting the lonely, just to name but a few.

If you can help, please let us know - once a week - once a month - whatever! We will be overjoyed - a trouble shared is a trouble halved.

Jenny Lazenbury, Director of Communicare, 01929-288082 (or 421136), 01929-288092

Is Less Really More?

Dear Nico,

I'm deliberately keeping this note as short as possible because I'd like to complain about the many overlong letters and items in the Gazette.

Surely more succinct items would be more effective and accessible.

Come on guys - less is more!

Yours concisely,

Martin Hobdell, Swanage.

Cycleway - Debate Goes On

Dear Editor,

I have been cycling since I was five years old and have always got a lot of pleasure out of it.

But when riding on the roads I always felt unsafe and intimidated by the cars and lorries as they queued up behind me, so it was with great relief that I saw that the Dorset County Council at a cost of £800,000 + have built a cycle pathway from Wareham to Bakers Arms roundabout (A351) so that cyclists would be safer and the traffic wouldn't be held up.

To my surprise there seem to be a lot of cyclists who don't agree with me, for when I travel by bus or car up and down the A351 between Wareham and the Bakers Arms roundabout there are still cyclists riding on the road and not using the cycle way! - causing the traffic to back up and causing me to have to make very dangerous passing manoeuvres.

It seems then that either the Dorset County Council has wasted £800,000 or the cyclists are immune to the dangers of the traffic.

Another thought has occurred to me is if a cyclist is involved in an accident on that stretch of road, what would the insurance companies say about it? Would they favour the motorist as the cyclist could have been riding in a safer place?

Tim Lench, by email

Does the tax man worry you?
 Are you working for yourself?
 Paperwork stopping you from working?
 Everything in a shoe-box for another day?
 Want to free-up time for you?

A personal book-keeping service
 tailored to your needs

Phone now
 01929 425660
 07974 971919

Peter D. Seale

Email: peter.seale@talk21.com

ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
BOOK-KEEPING
TAX RETURNS

Could You Be A Friend?

Dear Nico,

The Committee of the Friends of Swanage Hospital has a couple of vacancies and we wondered if any of your readers would like to join us?

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in the work of the hospital and could spare a few hours four or five times a year for our Tuesday evening meetings and would be willing to help at our various fund-raising events.

I feel a great sense of privilege helping to support our wonderful hospital and its staff and if you would like to hear more about being part of the Friends' team then please leave your contact details at the hospital and I will be in touch.

Yours sincerely, Jan Turnbull, Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital

Let There Be Light

Dear Editor,

We note that the spate of tree-felling in Purbeck continues unabated ... let there be light etc. That's what the moderns wish with their awakened consciousness.

Alas for the vanishing nuances of light and shade, the speckled dust.

The neo-Sandbanks architecture makes its presence felt with an increasing vigour.

Who can, or indeed wishes to withstand these bright worlds encased in glass? The imprisoned splendour?

Yours sincerely, David Barsley, Swanage.

HEIRLOOMS of WAREHAM

Jewellers & Silversmiths



Antique Silver and Connemara Marble
Stamp Moistener, Hallmarked Birmingham 1901

21 South Street, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 4LR. 01929 554207

DMB Cars
Dave Ball
07968 142134

- Private Hire
- Airports
- Docks
- Local & Long Distance
- Competitive Rates

**Clock, Watch
Repairs**
Free collection
Georgian Gems
High St, Swanage
01929 424697

**Andy
Lowe
Computing**
*...friendly support for you
and your computer*
01929 422453
07884 452284

**The
RED LION**
*Beer, Ale &
Cider Specialists*
High Street, Swanage
01929 423533

Moonwalk For Vikki



Dear Nico and Team,

We are doing the London Moonwalk, 26 miles of power walking overnight through London, Saturday 16th May in memory of our dear friend Vikki Thornhill (pictured, left) who died of breast cancer after her second recurrence of this horrible disease at the end of July 2014, aged only 44.

Vikki grew up in Swanage, but like many she left for work, then married, but returned in her 40s with her three children, having always missed the hills, the sea, and the pace of life here. Once back she really threw herself into Swanage life.

She learned to sail at Swanage Sailing Club, in fact when she knew she was

dying she arranged for a trophy to be awarded in her memory to the best novice sailor. She was a very active member of Swanage Musical Theatre company, once joining the cast of "Stepping Out" at the last minute when one of the principals was unable to appear - Vikki learned a very complicated tap-dancing routine in no time, and performed it perfectly to save the day.

Parents and children connected to St Mark's school will remember Vikki helping in Mrs Parish's class: Vikki was actually a qualified teacher, but worked as a classroom assistant while waiting for a post to come up, luckily for the St Mark's as she was so brilliant with young children.

Vikki and her family did several sponsored events to raise money for Cancer Research, and had she been alive we are sure she would have been coming with us to do this Moonwalk. If anybody would like to sponsor us in Vikki's memory, or if you or your family have been affected by cancer you can sign one of our forms at Burt's Bits or Sue's Cards in Swanage.

Many thanks, Jacqui Wilson and Jane Linger (pictured below)



New Home For Old Club

Dear Gazette,

At a meeting of a model railway club about twenty miles away the secretary gave a talk. He explained how the club had started fifteen years ago with about six members, meeting in someone's house and how it had developed into a thriving club with eighty members and meetings twice a week.

On the way back to Swanage my passenger reminded me that I had started a model railway club in Swanage fifteen years ago with six people meeting in my flat and I have still only got six members.

That may be true, but thanks to Mike Green we have now got a permanent site for our club layouts on the first floor of the stables at Godlingston Manor. Over the past few months he has installed heating, lighting, a new floor, carpets and roof insulation.

He has also built the baseboards and track for a 1/43 scale model of the Swanage Railway. This is over 100 feet long and whether it is the largest layout in the country is hotly disputed. Other members are building sections. Hugh built Wareham Station, Peter is building the narrow gauge railway at Norden, Martyn is building Corfe Castle Station and I am building Corfe Viaduct and Harmans Cross Station.

I am also pleased to find a permanent home there for my 4' x 3' Hornby-Dublo Blue Pool layout, my 1/148 scale freelance layout and my 1/76 scale Corfe Viaduct layout.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher, Swanage



Accreditation For Museum

Dear Nico,

The Swanage Museum Committee would like to publicly thank all those volunteer museum members and others in the wider community who have toiled over the preceding months to help us achieve Full Accreditation from the Arts Council.

Well done and thank you all.

The Swanage Museum Committee.

East Home Flower Festival

Dear Nico,

It's that time of year again and I am in the process of arranging the annual East Holme Flower Festival and Street Fair.

We hope that your readers will join us on Monday 4th May 2015 in the village of East Holme for our annual Street Fair and Flower Festival.

There will be the ever popular duck racing, a raffle, tombola, cake stall, book stall, produce stall, plant stall, children's games Corfe Castle Donkeys, cream teas and much, much more. This year sees the 150th anniversary since the completion of St John's The Evangelist and we will be decorating the inside of the church as usual and all would be welcome. Gates open at 2.00pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours, Joy Allan

Community Matters

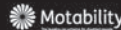


Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May At the B.I.C.
in The Windsor and The Solent Halls



FREE ENTRY TO THE SOUTH'S LARGEST MOTOR SHOWCASE

Register now at westovergroup.co.uk
for your chance to WIN a car!



westover
since 1923 group

in association with "Telling It Like It Is"



Of Plans, Police And Public Policies

David Hollister writes...

In this column in the February Gazette, I wrote "the Dorset Waste Partnership' is a joke. Which idiot dreamed up the idea of four household collections..." Well, now we know his name. The Director, Steve Burdis, has been suspended while the County Council carries out an urgent investigation. It seems that the DWP allegedly hired vehicles without going through the proper tendering process; it is also alleged that some of these vehicles were not adequately insured.

The overspend last year was a massive £2.8m, in a service which was set up to save the County Council at least £1.3m a year, which for the first three years it did. But, Steve, don't worry; our inept County Council will probably keep you on and in time we will see you "recycled" as Chief Executive.

Some disagreement in Wareham as regards parking on the Quay; one faction feels that it should be stopped, another faction that it should be retained. Well, this particular faction and its wife enjoy parking for half an hour or so on the quay, getting out of the car and sitting on the conveniently-provided seats and watching the conveniently-provided ducks and swans sailing in the river. If we couldn't park there we wouldn't stay. It's a pleasant, inexpensive and convenient way of enjoying Wareham's splendid river scene. And yes, occasionally we wander up South Street and into those shops which decide to remain open on Sunday. We all win. It works. Don't fix it.

My first reaction when I learned that Wareham Police Station's front office was to be closed was negative, at yet another facility being withdrawn from Purbeck (Purbeck? Where's Purbeck?). But yes, the closure does make sense in the light of the infrequent use of the Police Station. Imagine if you had a shop, paid rent and rates and services and staff – and only two people a day ever came in. You'd soon close it – or go broke.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson assures us that neighbourhood policing will continue to be based in Wareham, that officers will continue to work in each area, and - more importantly – that the closure will save £300,000 which will pay for six front line Police officers. That's excellent news, Debbie, that seems to me like two more in Swanage, two in Wareham, and two in Purbeck's villages. When do they start? Or was this just a specious comparison and the saving – which could pay for six front-line police officers - will just get integrated with all the rest of the money that we pay hoping for a police force but which actually gets us call centre staff on 101 if they can be bothered to answer.

What we need is for Amazon to take over our police force. Log in, make your request for a police officer, and one is delivered the next day all nicely wrapped in cardboard. Probably quicker than 101.....

And what of Langton Matravers this month? Their own website states "It was reported at the February 2015 Parish Council meeting by Chris McDermott, Senior Housing Manager at the PDC that there are 33 households, with a Langton connection, waiting on Purbeck's Housing register. The stated property requirements for the 33 on the register are 18x1 bedroom, 14x2 bedroom and 1x4 bedroom."

Let's hope that the very real flooding issues which resulted in the Spyway

Orchard plans being turned down, can be sorted out to everyone's satisfaction. Because it seems to me that the developer is offering to meet at least half of Langton's needs, at a stroke. If not there – then where? And if not now – then when?

But more dangerous to Langton Matravers – and indeed to all of us – is the outline proposal which seems to suggest that PDC hope to make an area to the north of the village, down as far as the A351, a 'settlement extension site' with TWO HUNDRED HOUSES ON IT. "50% affordable housing" has been mentioned but in view of the recent change of policy, don't count your chickens.

Maybe PDC needs to do a little more homework on exactly who's the legal owner of exactly which bits of field and woodland that are encompassed in this area, on whether the 'settlement extension' actually abuts the village itself, on the effect of even more traffic on the village, and on the Corfe Castle 'Bottleneck'. And drainage. And wildlife. And maybe extend the 'consultation period' and advertise it more widely. But perhaps it's public ignorance that they're counting on? This has to be a non-starter, so let's help make it one. And it's too big to go through 'on the nod'.

Anyway, unless you've been living in a cave, you'll be aware that a very important set of local elections is coming up. All Town and District Councillors come up for re-election this year, so it's your chance to replace the less-efficient ones with new councillors. A real good clear-out! But how do you know who to vote for – assuming that you're intelligent enough to ignore badges and realise that there's no place for party politics in local government?

I had an idea – which I hoped might be repeated in each parish – to hire a venue, find a competent and impartial chairman, and to hold a meeting one evening, inviting all parish candidates to come along and speak for five minutes on why they should be elected, what they hope to achieve in the next four years, and how they propose to keep in full contact with their electors. And then face questions from the floor.

This would have applied not only to independents, but to every candidate regardless of which 'party' they purport to represent, a non-political, non-sectarian event, not intended to turn into a mud-slinging contest about the rights and wrongs of the past. What we should be looking at is the future.

Regrettably, however, it is clear that in some parishes, the significant number of potential candidates would rule out such a meeting because every single candidate should be given equal opportunity to make his or her point and there just aren't that number of hours in an evening!

When so many are gathered together all speech becomes a debate without end. So in view of the fact that the general public are 'turned off' by party badges, how are we the electors to find out what each individual candidate stands for and how that candidate will best suit our needs?

The candidates are going to have to resort to the old-fashioned methods – leaflet distribution and meeting their electors on the doorstep. And at the end of the day, to make good on their promises and to stand or fall by their actions as Councillors for the next four years.

MATT HILLAN
 Building Alterations
 & Maintenance
 All Trade Aspects Undertaken
 Free Estimates Fully Insured
 01929 427296
 07971 690817
 Happy to help and advise

**Curtains
 by Clare**
 Have your curtains
 made for you
 at very reasonable rates
 Also curtain repairs
 and alterations
 Phone 01929 550714
 mobile 07969 695338

WOOL TAXI
 COMPANY
 We WOOL get you there 24/7
01929 558119

christians
 against
 poverty
CAP **Struggling
 with DEBT?**
 No where to turn?
 Life not worth living?
 Phone: 0800 328 0006
 or 07443 600 829
 FOR FREE DEBT ADVICE

Local Crafts Win!



A HUGE congratulations to Margaret Diffey of Swanage for winning 'Best of Breed' at Crufts 2015 with her Shih Tzu, Jemma.

Sadly, Margaret suffered a fall just prior to Crufts, which meant her friend, Gwynne Goodwin, (from Oxford) stepped in to show Jemma in the ring on the day.

The picture above shows Gwynne with Jemma (a Shih Tzu), who was the Best of Breed winner on Sunday 8th March, the fourth day of Crufts 2015, at the NEC Birmingham.

Crufts is the world's largest dog show and was established in 1891 by Charles Cruft. This year saw more than 22,000 healthy, happy dogs enjoying competing for the coveted 'Best in Show' title. Crufts 2015 ran from the 5th to the 8th March 2015 at the NEC, Birmingham.

Well done Margaret, Gwynne and Jemma!

Photo credit: onEdition

**Swanage
 Pier** The Gateway to England's First Natural World Heritage Site
**VOLUNTEERS
 URGENTLY REQUIRED**
 On the gate, in the shop, with maintenance,
 giving talks, fundraising or office admin.
 If you can spare a few hours a day, or a week, then please come and
 see us and have a chat about how you can get involved, or please
 call us on: 01929 425866
 The Swanage Pier trust Registered Charity No. 290397

The Purbeck Workshop

*A new craft centre and
 shop in Wool village*

by volunteer Chris Smith

There is an exciting new project in Wool Village: a workshop specifically designed for cancer patients, their families and carers. Also a craft shop selling a wide variety of handmade gifts and cards, including some from workshop sessions. We are near the fish and chip shop and Bijou Café in Wool.

Paul Feeney had the idea when he tried to find such a resource in the area. A village resident, Paul found the premises, set up a charitable trust and began recruiting volunteers and supporters before he died in November 2014.

The Workshop opened its doors a week later on 30 November 2014 according to his wishes. Paul's wife Sinead Feeney, with support from friends and family, now runs the Workshop, which aims to provide a safe, caring environment with opportunities to try out various crafts and activities.



It is hoped that this will help people to find a distraction from cancer and its treatment, which affects so many families. Courses and activities are free of charge and there are regular sessions during the week on:

Mondays 1030 – 1230: Flower-arranging

Tuesdays 1330 – 1530: Handmade gifts

Wednesdays 1030 – 1230: Glass up-cycling

Thursdays 1030 – 1230: Woodworking

Fridays 1015 – 1215: Watercolours or drawing

as well as monthly walks and specialist courses such as astronomy, photography and button-making.

All visitors will be welcome to the Workshop during sessions to browse the many items for sale.

We will also be taking part in Purbeck Art Week where our work and that of local artists will be on display from Saturday 23 May to Sunday 7 June.

We look forward to seeing you, please tell your friends about us and find out more by visiting our website at www.purbeckworkshop.org or telephoning us on 0775 777 6907.



Housekeepers Required

for Much Loved Holiday Homes in
Corfe, Church Knowle & Worth Matravers
 Must be available on Fridays or Saturdays, must be local and must have own vehicle. Excellent rates of pay, will suit individuals or couples.

Please call **Jen Heath** or **Julie** on **01929 401 420**

Purbeck Gazette Young Creatives Competition

Final deadline for entries : **Monday 4th May.**
(Winners will be contacted by email by the 24th May)
 Send your entries to ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk for your chance to win a cash prize.

Written Word: Short Story (1000 words), Journalistic report (500 words) or poetry (250 words) typed.
Creative Arts : Drawing, Painting, Hand drawn illustration or Photography

Sponsored by JAIO

Passport Win For P.L.F.

Members of the Purbeck Liberation Front threw their pitchforks in the air whilst whooping with joy on March 23rd as Dorset County Council announced that plans for the introduction of passports for Purbeck residents had finally been passed.



From September 1st 2015, everyone resident in Purbeck will have to be registered with the Passport Commission at Dorset County Council, and all Purbeckian passports will have to be shown at the control booth to be erected at Wareham Bridge before leaving the isle. All traffic will be diverted from the Isle of Purbeck (Swanage - East Lulworth) to leave via Wareham bridge from 1st September 2015.

Having fought for over a decade to be recognised as a separate state, with all the rights and responsibilities

that entails, a P.L.F. spokesperson said: "This is something we have fought for with everything we have for generations. My grandfather and my aunt (who were a couple) would be downing the Old Rosie in celebration, if they were still alive. Since the formal announcement, our chaps have been out celebrating, doing our bit for local businesses by ensuring the coffers of the public houses are overflowing."

A P.L.F. committee has been formed, with many important issues to be decided over the coming months. Decisions already voted upon and passed include: special 'gold' passports to be issued to those who can prove their Purbeckian line goes back at least three generations, a toll fee for non-passport holders wishing to access the isle (tourists, etc - it is hoped by local businesses that goods vehicles will be allowed through toll-free), an exclusion zone in our waters to keep our fish stocks for our own fishermen and the abolishment of the right to own more than one home. It has been decided to keep the pound as currency, for now.

You will receive your passport form from DCC over the next couple of months, which you must return, along with the compulsory fee of £97. Non-compliance will result in seriously painful pitchfork-induced injuries.

SELF STORAGE UNITS

From 15ft x 6ft up to 15ft x 15ft
 For furniture, classic cars, documents

Insured & Alarmed
 At East Stoke, Wareham

Call **07836 369969**

JAMES SMITH FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Whether it be traditional or modern, at James Smith Funeral Directors we cater to your individual need



Black or Silver Fleets • Private Chapels of Rest
 Religious & Non-religious Services • Woodland & Green Funerals

Tel: 01929 422445
www.jamesmithfunerals.co.uk



Book advertising at:
www.purbeckgazette.com
 or call **01929 424293**

Care and Support Workers required across Dorset



Join us in an altogether better care environment. We're a very different care provider that values real team players who help us provide the very best care and support. For a more rewarding day at work, join our team.

- Flexible hours, good pay
- Guaranteed hours available
- Uniform and equipment supplied
- Generous mileage allowance
- Opportunities for advancement



Altogether Care 
01929 556566
www.altogethercare.co.uk

Out Of The Blue

Dorset Police



Purbeck Section has experienced some significant changes in the last month:

Firstly, Inspector Gaffney has left Purbeck for pastures new, CID, and Inspector Ernie Henley has arrived to take her place.

Inspector Henley writes: "I have been a police officer for 25 years, serving in both Dorset and London. I have specialised in Traffic, Public

Order and Neighbourhood policing. It is an honour and privilege being posted to the Neighbourhood Inspector for Purbeck, as I know what a great place it is to live, work and visit. I am excited in being able to contribute towards our policing commitment in Purbeck. Working alongside my colleagues and partners we will continue to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, to bring offenders to justice and to protect the public from harm.

"Dorset Police faces significant challenges in light of budgetary constraints, which has seen substantial changes to our infrastructure and administrative procedures. Notwithstanding, our aim continues to be in delivering a professional service that serves and safeguards us all, especially the most vulnerable in our communities. Our improvements in tackling domestic abuse, violent crime and serious road collisions, as well as our bespoke 101 contact management process, is evidence of our ongoing commitment to make Dorset safer and feel safer.

"I hope to serve the people of Purbeck with distinction and will ensure focus towards local policing needs. I look forward to continuing the excellent links Dorset Police has with its communities, partners and stakeholders. Thank you."

Secondly, Wareham Enquiry office closed its doors to the public on Saturday 28th February. It is one of six Enquiry Offices across the force area that is closing as a result of further government funding cuts. This is not a decision that the Police and Crime Commissioner or the Chief Constable wanted to make – but pressures out of their direct control forced this action.

This link will take you to those Enquiry Offices that remain open with their times as well as information on what provisions are in place for some



Partners And Communities Together

enquiries: <http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=8247>

PLEASE BE ASSURED that the policing provision for Purbeck does not and will not change. Wareham Police Station will continue to be staffed 24/7 by Officers and will continue to serve the residents and visitors of Purbeck.

It with great sadness that Wareham Police Station bade goodbye to two of its longest serving personnel, Mrs Sue Eldson and Mrs Shelia Brown – who were Station Desk Officers based in the Enquiry Office. All in Purbeck wish them well in their retirement and wish Inspectors Gaffney and Henley good luck in their new roles.

Finally – Dorset continues to see elderly people being targeted by fraudsters telephoning victims and persuading them to withdraw large sums of money and hand it over to strangers for "safe keeping".

We cannot stress enough – **DO NOT HAND YOUR MONEY OVER TO ANY STRANGER** no matter how persuasive their argument. Put the phone down and contact Police from a separate phone. We ask that if you know of an elderly, vulnerable person – please ensure this message gets to them.

To contact Dorset Police please call our police enquiry centre by dialling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency when there is a risk of harm or a crime is in progress. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 (mobile phone tariffs may apply). Remember if you See Anything Suspicious (SAS) call 999. For the latest information on what your local police are doing follow our social media, Twitter - @PurbeckPolice and Facebook – facebook.com/Purbeck-Police, we really value your support and comments.

Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

Purbeck Police hope all have a wonderful Easter break.

YOUR Views Sought

Comments sought on Purbeck conservation area reviews

Residents in some parts of Purbeck are being asked to comment on reviews of their conservation areas. Purbeck District Council recently completed the reviews of conservation areas in West Lulworth, East Lulworth, Coombe Keynes, East Holme and Moreton. This work forms part of an ongoing review of all the district's conservation areas.

The reviews have resulted in the production of documents (called Character Appraisals) which will assist with helping to preserve and enhance the special architectural or historic character or appearance of each conservation area. The reviews also include proposals for boundary revisions. Details of the appraisals and boundary revisions are being sent to all properties in the relevant areas, and the Character Appraisal and boundary revision proposals will be available for all to view online at www.dorsetforyou.com/conservationareas/purbeck Residents have until 10 April 2015 to make comments.

Conservation Areas are designated to cover the most historically and architecturally important and interesting parts of towns and villages. Various factors contribute to the special character of a conservation area.

These include: the quality of the buildings; the historic layout of roads, paths and boundaries; boundary treatments and patterns of enclosure; characteristic building and paving materials; uses and associations; the quality of the public realm and the contribution made by trees and green spaces. A strong "sense of place" is often associated with Conservation Areas.

All comments should be made in writing to the Design and Conservation Officer at Purbeck District Council, Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham BH20 4PP or by email: conservation@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

If a resident lives in one of the conservation areas and they haven't seen a leaflet, they should telephone Design and Conservation Officer, Benjamin Webb on 01929 557388.

Purbeck Lottery

Purbeck Projects Are Lottery Winners

New figures reveal that over £117,000 of National Lottery funding was invested in Purbeck projects last year alone. Across Purbeck grants were awarded last year benefiting local arts and heritage projects, alongside community groups helping those most in need.

Grants were awarded to a range of projects in 2014, including:

£9,400 to Wareham Town Council to run a range of events and activities to mark Wareham's role in the First World War

£10,000 to Diverse City London, a community organisation in Swanage. The group will use the funding for a small number of disabled and non-disabled young people to go on an arts-based residential training course

£68,100 to Jurassic Coast Trust for its 'Growing the Jurassic Coast Community' project. The project plans to recruit and train 250 volunteers and increase community engagement.

These projects, or any organisation that has ever received Lottery funding, has the possibility of gaining national recognition through entering the National Lottery Awards 2015.

John Barrowman, presenter of last year's National Lottery Awards show, said: "Every National Lottery player should feel proud of the incredible difference they are making to the local community. They raise an astonishing £33 million every week for a huge variety of life-changing projects. The National Lottery Awards offer a chance to celebrate the fantastic work of Lottery-funded projects. If you know of a great project that deserves to shine, then please nominate them for an Award."

The National Lottery Awards have seven categories to reflect the range of areas that the Lottery funds - Sport, Heritage, Arts, Environment, Health, Education and Voluntary/Charity.

The winners of The National Lottery Awards will receive a £2,000 cash prize and national recognition at a star-studded ceremony broadcast on BBC One later this year.



WPM Residential Lettings

If you need to Let or want to Rent, contact WPM.
We offer a personal service to Landlords & Tenants

23b Commercial Road, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1DF. Tel: 01929 426200
Web: www.wpmlettings.co.uk Email: wpm.tiller@virgin.net

Farewell Pete

Swanage Hospital staff, colleagues and I would like to pay tribute to Pete Lacey who worked in MIU from 19th June 2003 (pictured below - in 'Swanella', Swanage Hospital's recent production at The Mowlem Theatre, and bottom, 'treating' a patient in MIU at Swanage!!).

Pete died on 3rd March 2015. He was an extremely experienced and valued member of the Swanage team and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. He will be sadly missed. *Matron Donna*

Pete was an integral part of my after-care when I was discharged from Poole hospital on several occasions, so on behalf of all the individuals and families who have been also been cared for by Pete, I would like to offer our most sincere sympathies to Pete's family. He will be dearly missed by so many of us in the community. *Nico Johnson, Editor.*



SMALL WORLD THEATRE
plays on your doorstep

presents a play by Manuel Puig

The Mystery of the Rose Bouquet

by Manuel Puig
translated by Allan J. Baker

Langton Matravers Village Hall
Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm
Tickets £8 from 01929 423834 or on the door

Purbeck Mobility Ltd

01929 552623

NHS Approved

Sale and Hire Centre for wheelchairs, scooters, chairs, commodes, bath steps, shower stools, bed leavers, raised toilet seats, toilet frames, bath boards, perching stools etc

Incontinence supplies always in stock including waterproof bedding and mattress protectors, underwear and washable chair and bed pads in a range of colours

The Mobility Centre, St Johns Hill, Wareham BH204NB
www.purbeckmobility.com Email info@purbeckmobility.com



Trusted independent eye care specialists in South Dorset since 1882, a local professional service for all the family.

Phone us today to arrange an appointment....
25 Station Rd
Swanage 01929 422220

THE IJ BROWN PARTNERSHIP *****

Vision for a lifetime....

The Swanage Museum is proud to announce that it has been granted **FULL ACCREDITATION** from the Arts Council

Accreditation is a quality standard that serves as an authoritative benchmark for assessing performance, rewarding achievement and driving improvement.

Accreditation also demonstrates that a museum has met a national standard, which strengthens applications for public and private funding and gives investors confidence in the organisation.

Dorset Waste Partnership Mismanagement Woe

Urgent improvements are required for Dorset Waste Partnership after report highlights failures. Vehicles hired without a proper tendering process and alleged issues with vehicle insurance are amongst the report's findings....

Members of seven Dorset councils met on Wednesday 11 March to discuss an urgent improvement plan for the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP).

The DWP Joint Committee, which oversees the partnership, considered a report outlining the findings of three separate reviews into the DWP's budget management, decision-making and use of hire vehicles. They will be asked to approve an action plan to implement all their recommendations.

Councillors also received a report by the Monitoring Officer of Dorset County Council, the partnership's host authority, highlighting that the DWP hired vehicles to the value of £1.5m without a proper tendering process. In addition, the monitoring officer report identifies issues in relation to DWP vehicle insurance.

On behalf of the partners, the county council has launched a formal, independently-led investigation into the issues raised.

The reviews were called for late last year after the DWP reported an overspend of £2.8m, including more than £1m for hire vehicles, associated with the roll-out of improved recycling services. They are:

- an internal audit of vehicle hire by the South West Audit Partnership;
- an efficiency review by Local Partnerships (jointly owned by the Treasury and Local Government Association);
- and a fundamental review of the DWP by consultants WYG, commissioned by the chief executives of partner councils.

The Director of the DWP has been suspended temporarily while the county council carries out its formal procedures in such circumstances. This is done without prejudging the outcome of these procedures.

Temporary leadership will be provided by Mike Harries, the county council's Director for Environment and Economy and Chair of the DWP Management Board, and Steve Mackenzie, Chief Executive of Purbeck District Council.

WYG, who authored one of the reviews, has been appointed to provide temporary support to the DWP management team, oversee delivery of the improvement plan and restore confidence while ensuring vital services continue to be provided.

The DWP is formed of and funded by seven Dorset councils on a cost-sharing basis and is hosted by the county council, which employs its staff and provides its support services.

The councils formed the partnership in 2011 to join up waste services across Dorset. It has met or exceeded most of its key aims, including:

- increasing recycling to more than 60% (currently above 62% in districts using the new service and 59% countywide)
- reducing landfill waste (this has halved from 40% to 20% since 2011);
- achieving customer satisfaction of 80% (89% of 5,000 residents surveyed in February 2014 said they were happy with the new service)
- and saving at least £1.3m a year (this was achieved in the first three years but not this year. Financial projections show that the councils are still better off in the partnership than if they had continued to deliver waste services on their own).

However, late last year saw problems with the roll-out of the service for a number of households in Weymouth and Portland, the reported overspend and an increase in next year's budget by £2.9m to £32.5m.

Calling All Potential Skydivers!

After Gazette Editor, Nico Johnson, reported on her charity skydive in 2014 (pictured), many of you have expressed a desire to undertake a jump of your own - either for a chosen charity, or just for the sheer fun of it.

The idea of filling a plane with Purbeckians is appealing, and as we have been contacted by several of you who are interested in jumping together, we're going to give you details of what you need to do and who you need to contact to get started!

The suggested time for an organised 'Purbeckian Jump' is the end of May/beginning of June (give the air a chance to warm-up!). The airfield is about an hour's journey away, at Old Sarum in Salisbury. You have two choices when it comes to paying for your jump - you can either raise sponsorship (usually a minimum of around £400 is required for most charities) and your jump fee is taken from your sponsorship money, or you can pay yourself. A tandem skydive will cost £249 if you're just paying to jump rather than raising money for charity.

If you're jumping for charity, then you need to choose your charity and check to see if they accept funds from charity skydives. The easy way to do this is to visit www.goskydive.com where a list of charities you can jump for is available. Once you've chosen your charity, then you need to set up a 'Justgiving' account online (www.justgiving.com) to enable you to raise your sponsorship money. You can collect money 'by hand', but will have to ensure that your payment to Goskydive is made on the day. Do not book your skydive date yet as we will need to attempt to get as many of you together in the plane, so we'll fix the date next month.

If you're up for it, then drop us an email before April 9th to confirm you'll take part, together with a link to your JustGiving page. We'll then contact everyone in a couple of weeks and suggest jump dates, which we will then book (with a majority agreement on the date chosen). Those collecting for charity will have their JustGiving links publicised in the May edition of the Purbeck Gazette, together with the jump date.



An Igloo In Langton



The Year 2 class at St George's Primary School, Langton have had a great deal of fun building an igloo out of plastic milk cartons last term as part of their 'Ice' topic.

They started building the igloo just before Christmas and were thrilled with the support of the local community who have kindly donated over 400 cartons to enable them to build their igloo. Parents, teachers, villagers and even the local police stopped by the school to deliver bags of clean 4 pint cartons for the children's project.

The igloo, although a little fragile, can accommodate 5 children comfortably. One of the Year 2 pupils said 'It's great, we can pretend we are in the Arctic!'

The igloo was constructed in a corner of the Year 2 classroom but has actually been a fantastic experience for all of the children in the school. Many children from other year groups have been popping into the year 2 classroom to watch the igloo come to life over the past few weeks and are amazed with the result.

Teacher Miss Emma Paterson said: 'We are all so pleased with the result, and especially grateful to our local community for donating the cartons for our project. It's certainly made the topic much more visual for the children and we've also been able to cover important issues such as recycling within it.'

Soon the igloo will be dismantled as the topic has reached its conclusion, but the children are very much aware of the importance of recycling the cartons and the tops. The plastic cartons will be recycled at the Household Waste Depot in Swanage and the tops will be equally distributed between two of the parents who collect them for the Julia's House and Whizz Kidz charities.

The children's next topic is 'Animals' and they are eagerly awaiting what exciting things their teacher has planned for them to do next!

New Parking Rules

Government Delivers on Parking Promises to Help Local Shops.

Parking measures that put common sense back in the driving seat have been given the green light by Local Government and Communities Secretary Eric Pickles and Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin.

Under new laws designed to help local shops, drivers will get a 10 minute grace period when they park in a paid or free parking space - so they will no longer be fined for being just a few minutes late getting back to their vehicle.

The use of CCTV 'spy cars' has also been banned in the majority of circumstances, ending the tyranny of automated fines landing on doorsteps and being issued in industrial volumes.

The measures aim to stop over-zealous parking enforcement, which often forces people to shop in out-of-town centres or online and were approved in the last reading of parking reforms in the Deregulation Bill.

Councils were also asked to volunteer to trial a new pilot that allows motorists challenging a parking ticket to benefit from a twenty five per cent discount on their fine if they lose their appeal.

Currently drivers are only offered a discount on early payment before challenging a ticket.

Golden Girl

40 High St, Swanage
Designer Clothing - Locally!






20% OFF

Not Your Daughter's Jeans
until end of April 2015

01929 427985

Swanage and Purbeck Rotary
with Golden Girl present:

FASHION SHOW





St Mark's
School

Thursday
9th April
2015

Doors Open 7pm

Tickets £7 from
Golden Girl, Corbens, Corfe Post Office, Purl-n-Lace
to include a welcome drink

All profits in support of Rotary Youth Projects

My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



Strangers.

**Fats Waller to the sound of Shells!
Winter in Holland.**

The state of the great flat wet lands of Holland in the depth of winter prevented any large scale operations taking place, during this time the war went into a waiting period throughout the three months of deep winter.

The war continued with a great deal of hate being exchanged, but only small operations were possible. Shell and mortar fire with plenty of small arms fire, and with the ever present danger of mines, made sure that there would be plenty of casualties for the field dressing stations. This was one of

the few times when we were forced to live above ground, foxholes were now useless, they quickly filled with water. Somewhere to harbour away from the worst effects of the bitter Dutch winter now became essential. Our officers had managed to find a former Dutch youth SS training camp and managed to secure it for our company.

A collection of wooden huts, a bit battered and damaged, but provided a roof over our heads, dry, and a base from which we could sally forth into our winter operations. We managed to get some sacking and some straw to make something to lay on at night, almost like a home from home, certainly a great improvement on sitting in a fox hole that slowly filled with water, not only filled with water, but froze solid as well. About this time they fixed a screen in one of the buildings and put on a film, shall I ever forget it? We sat there watching this film about "Fats Waller" with the shells banging away around us, I can remember very clearly thinking, "I wish I were elsewhere".

By this time there were many fresh young new faces in the company, many old friends had long departed, one had to look hard to find a familiar face that you knew, I remember the odd feeling of being a stranger in one's own company, so many had left us, one way or another. Had I known it, time was beginning to run out for me. In the company of one or two of my old friends we had laid out our sacks in a dry corner of the wooden building that was not too badly damaged, one of the floor boards creaked when I lay down, thinking "what the devils wrong with it". I lifted up this loose board and found a sack underneath filled with bottles, tried it, and found it was very good quality Sherry. We helped ourselves and put the bottles back for another night, from then on we always had our nightcap.

This Dutch SS camp was used by my company throughout the winter and provided an excellent base for our winter operations. Where ever the Germans ruled, they always tried to enlist the local youth into the SS. With pictures of heroic soldiers and all the usual, propaganda to influence young minds. This wooden hutted camp was one such.

At this point I have to tell of the hunger that stalked Holland, and that many soldiers shared their food with the local folk, where they could, I know I did. Later with starvation abroad in Holland, the two combatants made a pact to allow a huge food drop over the Netherlands,

The enemy kept their word, and did not interfere with the huge formations of Lancasters flying low over Holland in the food drop.

The Bridge. The Deserted Town.

Spud, yes, the same fellow! The dispatch rider, both of us had been sent to do a job, for the life of me I cannot remember where we had been, but it was on our way back to our company that it happened. In a strange country it was quite easy to get lost, for sometimes we were ahead of the enemy and sometimes behind.

I can recall that it was a beautiful calm and sunny day, warm with no wind, just a very pleasant autumn day. Somewhere, we had taken the wrong turning and arrived in this little town. Stopped our bikes to look at our maps, just standing there in the middle of the street with the warm sunshine on the back of our necks. I remember the golden autumn sunshine lighting up the buildings of the main street, a neat and tidy little town with no war damage at all, unusual in this war area. One of those days that stays in your memory. All the World seemed at peace.

At the end of the main street, about three hundred yards away, was a bridge, a large grey steel bridge, a bridge with a single arching span, and shining in the sunlight. I do not know what river it crossed we never went to look, our instincts told us there was something very wrong, it was all far too quiet. Slowly we began to realize that the place was deserted, everything was silent, nothing moved, not even a cat, just utter silence in this little town, and completely undamaged by warfare, something very rare and unusual on the Maas river line.

On this beautiful day, just a small and peaceful country town, but a place of this size ought to have some sign of life, some people around, after all there was no damage and no sign of warfare? Stood there in the middle of the street, the hair on the back of our necks stood up! It's an odd feeling being in a deserted town, no damage, no people, nothing, just utter silence. It seems that all the people had fled. Spud and I looked at each other, we both had the feeling we were being watched, had we gone through the enemy lines? We had done so before, on several occasions.

Not unusual, we lost two water wagons that drove down the wrong road and were never seen again. Slowly and without appearing to look scared, we got on our bikes started them up and shot off down the road as though the devil himself was after us.

After leaving, we took precise notes of where we were and later reported the existence of this town and bridge to our officers, nothing came of it, they even seemed disinterested. One thing is for sure, I will not forget standing in that warm and sunny street with the hair on my neck standing up. I can still see that street in that little town with the shops and buildings lit up with golden autumn sunlight. Even today it's like a photo, sharp and clear, something, I will never forget or erase from my mind. That was quite an odd experience and one that still puzzles me seventy years on. But like so many odd, and sometimes ridiculous events, the answer is never found.

Had I known it, my time was running out. A great many familiar faces and friends had long departed. Many new young faces appeared. The war had taken a terrible toll on the company.

Having been wounded in Normandy, I always had this feeling that lightning never strikes twice. That idea was shortly to be proved wrong. For in fact, taking the averages of life expectancy of those in action, I had already gone long past my sell by date. Next time BANG! Oh dear oh dear.

All my boyhood dreams of playing cricket for Hampshire vanished. I was never going to be good enough for that anyway. But we can all dream.

My book 'Cameos of War'.

At the ridiculously cheap price of £11, it tells the story of a nineteen year old Swanage lad, from Normandy to the border of Germany, and all the events and battles that took place. This is the last short run of fifty copies. In this case all the profits are going to BLESMA and Julia's House for very sick little children. With the main going to Julia's House. Obtainable from Gazette Towers, or from myself in Bell Street.

Elderly Being Scammed

Fraudsters can be very convincing, which is why Dorset Police is warning residents, particularly elderly people in the Poole area, of a telephone scam.

Victims, most of whom are elderly, are being targeted by fraudsters. The perpetrators call the householder and purport to be from a legitimate organisation, such as a bank or police force.

The fraudster sounds bona fide and on some occasions, persuades the victim to part with their savings.

Poole North Neighbourhood Inspector David Parr said: "This is a despicable crime, which is why we are trying to raise awareness and

prevent potential victims falling foul of scams. Dorset Police has established a dedicated operation to tackle this fraud problem and we are linking in with other national operations to build a picture of who is preying on elderly and vulnerable people."

"A 24-year-old man was recently arrested in Poole and has now been released on bail as enquiries continue. However, I am confident that this scam is the work of more than one person, so we are continuing our efforts to raise awareness of the scam and prevent further losses occurring."

Detective Inspector Andy Roberts is the force lead for courier fraud, and has some tips on how to avoid losing money to fraudsters.

He advised: "If someone contacts you on the phone and asks you for your bank account number and pin number, NEVER give them out. The police will never ask for your bank details over the phone and will never ask you to withdraw or transfer money for them."

SWANAGE CARE NEWS

Agincare

Caring in Your Community

Spring arrives at Gainsborough Care Home



It is now spring time at Gainsborough Care Home, winter is behind us and we can look forward to brighter days. The bulbs have sprung into life, the birds are singing and we can all benefit from the pleasant change of season. Easter is just around the corner and our residents will be busy making and icing Easter biscuits and chocolate eggs as part of our activities programme. Activities play an important part in the well being of all those residents who wish to participate.

Our Tea Party in support of Dementia UK, accompanied by the Pastimers was an enjoyable event. The funds raised will be helping Dementia UK to go one step closer to making Admiral Nurses available to everyone who needs one. Agincare is one of the only independent providers in the country to employ an Admiral Nurse. See www.agincare.com for more details.

Diary dates/ forthcoming events

- 31st March 2pm - Ann & Norman, Musical duo
- Easter Sunday 5th April 2pm - Easter egg hunt
- Easter Monday 6th April 2pm - The Pastimers, Musical Entertainers
- 15th April 2pm - Andrew Cannon, Musical Entertainer
- 28th April 2pm - Ann and Norman, Musical duo

The Manager and all the staff at Gainsborough Care Home wish you a very Happy Easter!

4 New Team Leader Roles

We have some exciting new jobs now available, including 4 new Team Leader roles, which offer 36 hour contracts and £22,500 per annum. These are great opportunities for career progression and leadership skill development within the Purbeck area. If you are interested, please call the home on 01929 422500, check out our website or email your CV to gainsboroughmgr@agincare.com.



Gainsborough Care Home

- Luxury Care Home in Swanage
- £500,000 refurbishment completed
- Specialist Dementia and End of Life care
- Beautiful gardens with views over the Purbecks
- Mini bus for excursions and trips
- Varied daily activity program
- Home-cooked food
- Dorset based, family owned provider

T. 01929 422 500

www.agincare-homes.com

53 Ulwell Road, Swanage Dorset, BH19 1LQ
Registered Manager: Allison Blackledge

Agincare

Caring in Your Community

THE TANK MUSEUM PRESENTS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

28th March - 12th April

NEW EXHIBITION NOW OPEN!

PLUS TALKS, TOURS, TRAILS AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT

TRACKED VEHICLE RIDES

Experience for yourself the thrill of riding in an M548 tracked vehicle. This working example of military hardware seats 16 people at a time – so the whole family can jump on together! Extra charge applies.*

TANKS IN ACTION

With life-like explosions, thundering engines and expert commentary. You'll see tanks roll into action, feel the ground shake and discover how tanks are used in battle – weekdays only.**

Registered Charity no: 1102661 *See website for details. **School Holiday weekdays only.

Bovington | Dorset | BH20 6JG | tankmuseum.org | Tel: 01929 405096

THE TANK MUSEUM

R.N.L.I. Crew Profile



Jane Flood, Chair of Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers

Jane took over the role of the Chair of the Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers from Angela Morris at the beginning of March. She was initially involved with fundraising for Swanage RNLI as a sixth form pupil at Swanage Grammar School in the early 70s. At this time she was part of the Swanage Sailing Club and often crewed, in his Clinker built day boat, for Swanage RNLI volunteer Lou Hardy. Lou would tell Jane about the role of the

RNLI and the lifesaving work of the crew, leaving a lasting impression.

After leaving school, and Swanage to train and work as a Registered Nurse, Jane continued to return several times a year to visit her parents and got married in the town in 1982. Finally, in November 2014, Jane and her husband Brian retired and moved back to her home town.

Not long after settling in, Jane started volunteering in the RNLI shop, and taking an active role in the fundraising.

Jane, who loves North beach, and the ever-changing coastline along which she walks her two dogs in all weathers, says:

“Having met so many lovely people in the last year, I decided that I have the time to volunteer as Chair of Fundraising when Angela decided to step down in March. It's a voluntary post and involves planning the overall events programme, with the input of all the fundraising volunteers and lifeboat crew. I am responsible for calling meetings, and generally keeping abreast of the events that are suggested.

“I am looking forward to us all working together to support our Swanage lifeboat crew.”

“I can't wait to see the new Shannon class lifeboat in the new boathouse, and to have the facilities that meet the demands of the crew, pre and post shouts. I am very proud to be a new part of the team!”

The Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers have a full list of events for the start of 2015, which includes:

18 April - Soup and Sweets

8-10 May - Diesel Train Event

25 May - Drax Open Garden Day May Day Event

5 - 7 June - Swanage Fish Festival



**LOCAL?
HAVE KIDS
OR GRANDKIDS?**

Ask at the desk for your local's Loyalty Card for five extra tokens FREE when you spend £20. Valid throughout 2015

Jurassic Crazy Golf - Rides - Inflatables
Hot & Cold Food - Bumper Cars - Train Rides
A perfect local day out for the family!

Kingston Country Fair



Further to the press release sent at the beginning of the year, I would like to update the progress that has been made with regard to this event. It has now been decided to call it "The Kingston Country Fair" mainly to give a more rural theme to the event which will now take place on Sunday 28th June 2015, opening at 11am on the day. We are hopeful to find a suitable personality to actually open the Fair.

So far we have had positive responses from many diverse directions where attractions should include: Heritage and Vintage vehicles, Dog Agility Display, Bell Ringers, The Adams Axe Men, Model Flying Display, Steam Engines, Fairground Rides, various Side Shows & Stalls, Music and Singers, Hog Roast and of course our famous cream tea with views looking over the Purbeck Hills and Corfe Castle.

Any help with publicity that can attract further attractions to join us on the day and can further enhance the event would be much appreciated, our contact details are below. As indicated in the previous press release, we are raising funds for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance as we did in 2013, raising over £2500 - a figure we hope to exceed substantially this year.

The location of the event will be the same as before, in the field next to Kingston Country Courtyard just outside the village of Kingston, which offers magnificent views across Purbeck. Space is not an issue as we can accommodate as many attractions and parking as required.

If you are interested in attending or participating, please contact our organisers Mr and Mrs Alan Fry by email ann@fryfarm.net or on 01929 481663. *Graham Lambert*

Wedding Photography £550 Full Day
Business photography
Photobooths
Modeling portfolios
Event Photography
Baby Portraits
Family Portraits



www.trevrich.co.uk
trevrichphotography@gmail.com
07502225158

Trev Rich
Photography

Wareham Town Council Update

Julie, our Gazette correspondent, details the goings on in recent council meetings.....



News from Wareham Town Council Meeting March 2015 County Councillor B. Ezzard reported that:

The Dorset County Council (DCC) agreed a 1.99% increase in Council Tax as recommended by the Cabinet. Cuts in DCC expenditure have resulted in 200 redundancies with more to follow.

The Divisional Fund allows each County Councillor up to £5,000

for funding local community projects.

Network Rail have yet to submit plans for the south side of the ramped railway bridge to the Purbeck District Council Planner, then a planning application, so a ramped bridge cannot be complete before the end of the year.

Monmouth Road repairs are planned for this spring.

The Town Mayor-Elect for the Civic Year 2015/2016 is Councillor Ms D. Adkins and the Deputy Town Mayor-Elect is Councillor Mr M. Wiggins.

The possibility of a replica mayoral chain for security purposes was voiced by the Mayor and the Town Clerk reported on the potential costs. Following discussion, the matter was then referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, for more detailed consideration.

The Planning and Transport Committee meeting in February raised no objection to an application to build over the public conveniences next to the Quay Inn a rooftop terrace with a roofed kitchen at the back. Planning consent from Purbeck District Council and then acceptance by Wareham Town Council are outstanding prerequisites.

The Wareham in Bloom Spring Sale raised £270. New members are sought for the group.

Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Issues and Options:

Concerns had been voiced about Northmoor allotments and the Burial Ground and it was noted that the provision of allotments is a statutory requirement;

The proposals for possible housing sites, which have been put forward by landowners and developers, are not new and nothing will happen quickly;

The number of houses to be built is up for debate as much as their location and a Councillor asked how many houses had been built in Purbeck already in this planning period;

At this early stage of the review, all suggestions can be considered.

Consultation on the proposed conversion to Academy Status of Wareham St Mary Primary School:

Concerns were expressed by Councillors about conversion to Academy Status which means taking the school out of local authority control. Academies are being strongly promoted by central government and the governing body of Wareham St Mary feel that it is better to choose which schools they will combine with in a Multi-Academy Trust than to have Academy Status enforced and no choice in the other schools.

Council decided that a small working party would meet to collate councillors' views sent to the Town Clerk and give a response to the public consultation, due to close on 9th March.

Look out for notices about the Annual Town Meeting on 8th April at the Town Hall at 7.30pm, a meeting for electors of the parish hosted by Wareham Town Council.

A new format to include a presentation on a proposed Neighbourhood Plan is envisaged together with the usual Open Forum for electors' to voice their opinions, and it should be interesting.

The public is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Wareham Town Council at 7pm on Tuesday 21st April in the Town Hall, Wareham – tel: 01929 553006 for further information about all of the Council's meetings or visit the website at www.wareham-tc.gov.uk

Help Find Dorset's Rural Community Champion!

Agrii is asking the Dorset farming community and the general public to nominate their local community heroes as part of the nationwide campaign to identify the UK's Rural Community Champion.

The campaign will celebrate the people who make a real difference to the rural communities in which they live and work, but may often see their efforts go unnoticed and unrecognised.

Farm manager Al Brooks is an example of someone making a real difference to their local farming community. Al is dedicated to helping older generations of farmers into dignified and comfortable retirement.

As a trustee for The Addington Fund, Al is committed to increasing awareness of the plight of those in the farming community who need help, but who often don't ask until it is too late. Alistair involves himself in all aspects of the charity's work - fundraising, strategy discussions and helping to organise grant-aided work, to name just a few, all helping to make a difference.

Anyone that brings a benefit or improvement to the rural community in Dorset is a potential Rural Community Champion and is eligible for nomination. They may be fundraisers, care for elderly neighbours, help restore or maintain community buildings, organise farm visits for school children or organise and support community events and projects.

The competition will identify 20 local winners from all the nominations received across the UK. They will each win £50 for themselves or to put towards their local project.

From these winners a panel of judges will shortlist three finalists, one from each Agrii region – North, East and West – with Dorset being a part of the West region. The overall national winner will be chosen from the three finalists by Agrii customers and will win £1,000. The two runners up will each win £500.

The Rural Community Champion campaign is being run in conjunction with FCN – a charity supported by Agrii that provides advice and support for farming families in times of crisis.

PHILIP MILLS

Hair Design Ltd

Put the **SPRING** into
your step with a
complete transformation
at Philip Mills

Lyn works her magic with choosing
colour to suit your skin tone and
eye colouring, whilst Philip and Sarah
cut a style to suit your face shape
and life style.

Call us for an appointment today!

67 North Street, Wareham, Dorset.
BH20 4AD. 01929 551855

Our Fabulous Volunteers!



Volunteers Honoured at Annual Ceremony

Purbeck's 'Volunteers of the Year' have been thanked at a Council ceremony which has become an annual fixture in the District.

Volunteers, who do exceptional work for their local communities, received recognition and praise from Purbeck District Council Chairman.

This year's event was the seventh annual one to be hosted by the District Council. Following the tradition of previous years, the Chairman and guests heard about the dedication, energy and enthusiasm of the volunteers who give so much to their communities.

Volunteers are essential to the quality of life in our towns and villages. They make a positive difference from which everyone benefits, often working unseen and unsung behind the scenes.

Eleven parishes and towns across the District nominated volunteers who were congratulated in front of more than 50 people.

The volunteers were:

- Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle** – Bladen Centenary Exhibition Group
- Bere Regis** – Brenda House
- East Holme** – Ruby Selby
- Lytchett Matravers** – Graham Lee

Lytchett Minster and Upton – Barbara Moulton

Morden – The Ladies of the Car Boot Teas

Swanage – Gillian Norman and Vicky Fooks, Cancare Service

Wareham St Martin – Sandford Scouts and Sandford Beavers

Wareham – Stephen Welsh

Wool – Sue Bartlett

Worth Matravers – Patti Sandham

Wareham Hemsbach



Thirty people attended our AGM on Monday 2nd March. After the AGM we had food supplied by the members and free wine and drinks supplied by the Society. We also had a raffle (pictured). We are looking forward to our visit to Norden Mining Museum on Sunday May 3rd and meeting our German friends at Hemsbach in July.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer of the Wareham-Hemsbach Society.



www.opticron.co.uk

Binoculars & Telescopes

Oregon 4 LE WP

The Oregon 4 LE WP nitrogen waterproof series provide the first-time user with a high standard of optical performance wrapped in a sophisticated rubber armoured finish.



Models: 8x32, 8x42, 10x42, 10x50
Prices from £99

THE **binocular** SHOP

Opticron equipment can be tried, tested and purchased at **The Binocular Shop, Wareham**. For more information and opening times telephone **01929 554171**
Opticron, Unit 21, Titan Court, Laporte Way, Luton, Beds, LU4 8EF UK
Telephone 01582 726522 Email: sales@opticron.co.uk



Swanage Fire Station Update

Welcome to this month's look at what has been happening at Swanage Fire station.

Operationally we had quite a busy February.

We answered 21 emergency calls these included:-

- One Chimney Fire.
- Three special service calls, one of which required the attendance of not only two of our appliances but also our Animal Rescue Team from Poole fire station to rescue a horse (pictured). The horse had become stuck in a river on Scotland heath, Corfe Castle, with the water up to its back. The teams worked together and I'm glad to say there was a happy ending and the horse was rescued and reunited with its owner after a check-up from a local vet.
- Nine false alarms at different properties around the town
- Three stand by move to cover Wareham and Westbourne whilst they were attending incidents
- Four property fires that were in people's homes.

My safety message this month is the importance of having working smoke alarms. Two of the four property fires we attended this month were in properties where the occupiers had left the wood burners on and then gone out.

On both occasions the smoke alarms in the property alerted a passer-by who in turn alerted us. On our arrival we have had to gain access, on one occasion via a first floor window and on the second occasion by breaking in through a rear door. At another incident the alarm going off alerted the occupier which in turn gave them time to evacuate the premises safely.

Please follow these simple steps to ensure you, your family and your home are all protected.

- Looking after smoke alarm
- Once a week, test your alarm by pressing the test button until it

sounds. Once a year change the battery (unless it's a ten-year alarm). Twice a year open the case and gently vacuum the inside using the soft-brush attachment to remove dust from the sensors. If it doesn't open, vacuum through the holes. After ten years it's best to get a whole new alarm.

- Installing and maintenance
- Smoke alarms are easy to fit. You need a screwdriver, and that's about it..... Installing your alarm is easy to do and only takes a few minutes, just follow the manufacturer's instructions. If it's difficult for you to do, ask a family member of friend to help you, or contact us. Don't be tempted to have a go yourself if you feel unsteady or unsure - you could fall and injure yourself.

How many?

The more smoke alarms you have the safer you'll be. You should have one on each floor – best on the hall and landing ceilings. If you have only one smoke alarm and two floors, put it where you would hear it if you were asleep - on the ceiling at the top of the stairs leading to the bedrooms.

Where?

The best place is on the ceiling, near or at the middle of the room or hall. The alarm should be at least 30 cm (one foot) away from a wall or light.

And finally...the best and safest thing to do is request a Home Safety Check from us by calling free phone 0800 038 2323. We'll visit you at home and fit or replace smoke alarms if appropriate, and give advice on cooking safety, electric blankets, chimneys, and much more.

Stay safe and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Phil Burridge, Station Commander, Swanage



Dorset Families 'Forced Out Of Countryside'

Rural Housing Report predicts Dorset families "being forced out of the countryside"

A new report on housing policy which highlights the challenges faced by rural communities has been welcomed by Dorset Community Action (DCA). The charity, a member of the ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) network of rural community councils, said the report of the Rural Housing Policy Review Group gave crucial insight into the affordable housing crisis.

It said the Review Group, chaired by Lord Richard Best OBE, mirrored the asks of the next Government set out in the ACRE Network's 2015 manifesto. The report, sponsored by Hastoe Housing Association, whose regional office is based in Dorchester, warns that families on low incomes face being forced out of the countryside faster than ever before as a result of recent policy changes.

The ACRE Network is calling for the next Government to provide a proportion of affordable housing on all rural developments.

The ACRE Network's key concerns on the affordable rural housing crisis are:

- A chronic shortage of houses, especially in communities of fewer than 3,000 people, where a total of just 2,279 new affordable homes were built in 2013/14. According to the Rural Housing Policy Review, the fair share for rural areas should be 7,500 per year – that's an average of one for each parish.
- The rising price of homes - there is a higher ratio between lower quartile house price and average incomes in rural areas. Houses in rural areas cost 8.4 times the average salary, against 6.4 in urban areas.
- The removal of a national rural housing development target, which means that developers will focus on urban areas where it is cheaper and easier to build.
- The reduction in Government grant rates for rural housing providers. The Review says that in 2011, grant rates were cut from an average of £45,000 per unit to £20,000.
- The recent change in Section 106 policy, which removes the need to build affordable housing on sites of fewer than 10 homes.

- A shortage of smaller, affordable homes in rural areas, posing problems for tenants affected by the 'bedroom tax' who need to downsize.
- So-called 'affordable rents', where social landlords charge up to 80% of the local market rent, are not affordable in high value areas for people on lower incomes.
- A reduction in funding for Rural Housing Enablers (RHEs), many of whom are based within the ACRE Network. RHEs work with communities and developers to identify local needs; where they are in post, more affordable homes are built.

ACRE chief executive Janice Banks said: "The future for rural affordable housing looks pretty bleak unless the next Government rises to the challenge, rethinks its funding strategy and reverses recent policy changes – particularly the ten-unit threshold on new sites.

"The Rural Housing Policy Review notes that a number of different Government policies do not appear to have taken the rural impact into account. The ACRE Network, with its reach into 52,000 grassroots organisations, would welcome the opportunity to work more closely with policymakers to ensure that the unique difficulties facing rural communities are taken into account before decisions are set in stone."



Finally!

The Olympic Legacy Reaches Purbeck



It has come to the attention of our Sporting Correspondent that plans for a Swanage Ski Area are now at an advanced stage. Because of the lack of local 'Olympic legacy', and with sports' participation in general decreasing, the Government has stepped in and put forward a number of projects that it wants to fast track through the planning system.

They have chosen Swanage as one of the main sites for this scheme as it was decided that somewhere vaguely south and west, within reach of

London, would be ideal so that Ministers can get here for photo shoots without wasting an entire day travelling.

The funding is already in place, mainly provided by The Olympic Sustainability Committee, the Lottery Infrastructure Fund and, hopefully, some European cash will be brought in to complete the funding.

A major French alpine resort is helping out by sending some used ski lifts and the expertise required to install them, thus slightly reducing costs.

Phase one of the project will be the extension of Whitecliff Road in Swanage to access a new car park (to hold 200 cars) in the valley below Ballard Estate. A ski rental shop will also be built here, where everything needed for skiing can be hired or purchased.

Phase two will be a road across the top of the hill, following the existing track, to access a new cafe to be built on the top of the ski slope. The cafe will serve skiers and casual walkers using the coast path and will have barbecues on sunny days.

During the building of the cafe, three wind turbines will also be erected, which will then provide power to the site year-round.

Phase three will be the laying of the green-dyed, state of the art skiing surface, which will cover most of the hill. To break the area into separate runs, solar panels will be placed as markers to mark the boundaries of the graded slopes.

Phase four will be the installation of the ski lifts. There will be a chairlift from Swanage beach, just north of Shep's Hollow, to the car park. Another chairlift from the car park to the cafe will be installed, with a couple of strategically placed draglifts and a small draglift for the beginner's slope.

Phase five is the Cross Country ski loop going from the cafe to Old Harry and back, and the Ski Jump going into the sea, which is thought will bring large numbers of visitors due to the unique situation of the sea jump and the spectacular views.

The three wind turbines and one hundred solar panels are expected to generate a significant amount of power, enough to run the lifts and the floodlights for night skiing. Any spare power will be sold to the National Grid, with the money going back into the facilities to offset the costs.

The Ski Jump is expected to be the main attraction, as this would be the only one of its kind in the country. Special skis are being designed that

release at the end of the jump, reducing the chance of injury.

When the question "Would artificial skiing be a good attraction for Swanage?"* was asked in a town centre survey, 95% of respondents agreed that it would be good for the town.

If all goes according to plan, the bulldozers will move in early in June, with completion a year later.

The site may be utilised as a training ground for skiers hoping to qualify for the 2020 Olympics, in which case it will be closed to the general public whilst the teams are utilising the ground for official practice.

*We surveyed 2407 people in Dorchester 12/12/2014.

The NEW

Swanage Market

Every Friday

Open All Day

Victoria Avenue

Car Park, Swanage

Enquiries: 07831 254385

A Purbeckian In Rajasthan...

Nico Johnson travels to Rajasthan to meet-up with Purbeck author, Ilay Cooper

Ilay stands at the entrance to the Tiger Fort, on a hilltop far above the mist-covered, sprawling city of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Many of us have dreamt of a lifetime of adventure, but few of us have managed to attain more than the odd holiday somewhere slightly different to home. Life tends to get in the way of dreams for most of us, and few of us get to leave anything lasting behind us when we go.

Born in 1943 and raised in Swanage, Purbeck author, Ilay Cooper, is one of the few who can tell a different tale. Known to many in Purbeck as the author of several books, including the ever-popular 'Purbeck Revealed' and 'The Square and Compass', Ilay has also led a vastly interesting life on the other side of the globe, in India, where he is also well known for his writing. Ilay quietly spent decades of his life funding his travels around India by working in a Purbeck quarry - a few months here and there funded what became a lifetime of exploration and documentation. In 1972 Ilay visited a friend in an Indian village, purchased a bicycle, and set out for Rajasthan. Here, in the arid, desert regions near Churu in Shekhawati, Ilay discovered local merchants' mansions (havelis), covered with bright paintings and murals. Finding no information or illustrations of these beautiful painted houses, a lifetime's work began, mapping, photographing and recording the history and background of these buildings and the districts in which they sat.

Eventually commissioned by the Indian National Trust for Art and Culture to formally document the havelis, Ilay, working with local teacher, Ravindra, photographed and documented 2260 buildings. Ilay was later commissioned to record the monuments of Diu, a Portuguese enclave on Gujarat's coast.

Ilay wrote, illustrated and drew the maps for 'The Guide to Painted Towns of Shekhawati', followed by the 'The Painted Towns of Shekhawati'; 'The Arts and Crafts of India', 'Traditional Buildings of India', 'The Blue Guide to Northern India' and the recently-published hardback tome 'Rajasthan: Exploring Painted Shekhawati'. 'The Painted Towns of Shekhawati' remains the authoritative guide to the region to this day.

I travelled out to Rajasthan in January to meet up with Ilay on one of his last visits to India, wanting to document one of our own at work on the other side of the world while the chance remained. Ilay was returning to finalise an update to his guide to Shekhawati. After twenty-seven hours of travel, I arrived at Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan in north-eastern India.

The next day, I met up with Ilay at the Jaipur Literary Festival, the largest free festival of its kind in the world. Superbly organised, in the grounds of Diggi Palace in the centre of Jaipur, we sat and listened to a few debates before heading off for a tour of the Pink City - an enclosed area of Jaipur famous for its pink-painted buildings. Highly knowledgeable, Ilay led me through the bustling streets, remarking on the history of each building as we passed. Various fast-flowing conversations in Hindi (in which Ilay is fluent) preceded rickshaw rides through the city as we headed for lunch. I took the time to pop into the Jantar Mantar Observatory while Ilay relaxed outside with a good book, having visited the site long before, in the days when tourists were still able to climb unhindered on the monuments.

The following day, we headed up to the mountains above Jaipur on foot, climbing up to Tiger Fort, an eighteenth century mountain hillfort. From there we hiked along the ridge, passing holy men, shrines and other travellers along the way, until we reached the sixteenth century Amber Fort. It was here that my health took a turn for the worse, and rather than exploring the absolutely stunning Amber Fort with my own personal guide, Ilay was tasked with hailing a tuk tuk and getting me back to the hotel. From there I was whisked to hospital, and the next six days vanished in a mess of tubes and IV fluids. A comment on Indian healthcare, you ask? It put the NHS to utter shame - the cleanliness, professionalism and care was outstanding.

Ilay headed off to Shekhawati alone, to meet up with long-standing friends and to complete the required updates for the guidebook. I did not catch up with him again until we were both back in Purbeck in March.

I'd like to thank Ilay most sincerely for allowing me a small glimpse into his Indian life. I learnt an enormous amount during our short time together, thanks to his incredible knowledge and I thoroughly enjoyed our mountain fort-to-fort hike. Something for me to remember for years to come.

Next time you see this unassuming-looking man cycling or walking the lanes of Purbeck, do give him a wave and remember that sometimes behind the facade lies an amazingly rich life of fascinating experience, adventure and knowledge.

Ilay is certainly one such individual - on two continents. Purbeck is certainly proud to boast him as one of our own.



Ilay waits for me whilst I visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory in Jaipur



THE PEOPLE'S COMMEMORATION OF D-DAY

SATURDAY 6th JUNE, 2pm - 4pm

Leeson House, Langton Matravers. BH19 3EU

Join us on D-Day to meet our surviving Purbeck WWII veterans in the beautiful, historic surroundings of Leeson House as part of a relaxed, informal community afternoon.

Exhibitions on Radar, Cordite and local war-time history
Military vehicles - Heroes Haven - WWII Music - Sculpture Display

Swanage Town Band - Refreshments - Free parking

Commemoration Service held & Last Post played at 3pm

All currently serving and ex-servicemen very, very welcome

CHILDREN VERY WELCOME - PLEASE DO BRING THE FAMILY!

A HUGE thank you to Dorset County Council for providing such an amazing, historically-apt venue, and to Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club for their fantastic support



CAN YOU HELP?

We still need help from the community!

If you can help with:

*Traffic control,
Refreshments, Cake Baking,
general organisation on the day*

PLEASE EMAIL:

ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk

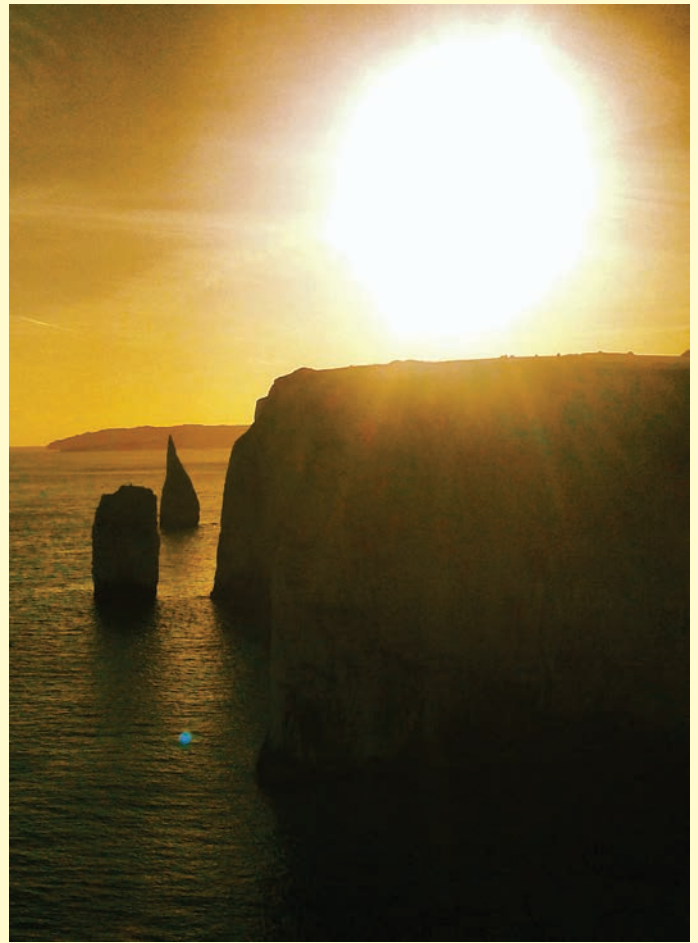
YOUR Pictures.....

Send us your pictures to ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk

Original files ONLY please, as they come straight off the camera with NO alterations. Some mobile phones may not produce useable pictures due to low resolution. Remember to include your name in the email!



Enjoying the view, by Angela Lamb



View from Old Harry, by Adam Coggins



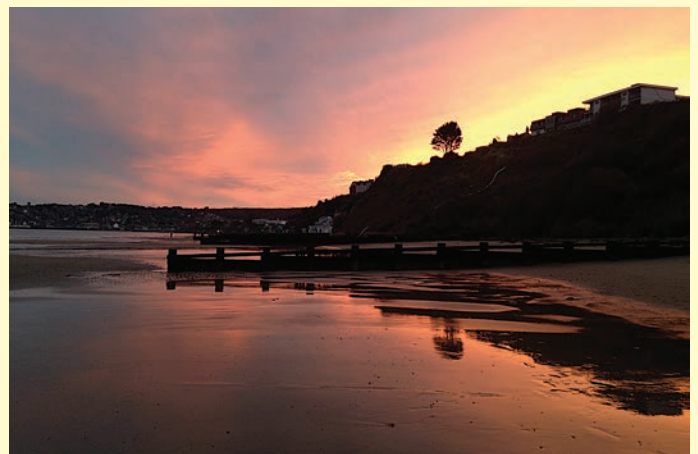
Sunset flare at Corfe Castle, by Gareth James



Melting snow, by Brian Arnold



Old Harry, by Anne Elford



Sunset over Swanage Bay, by Jackie Saunders



PURBECK'S RAILWAY

History is to be made on Swanage Railway with the first ever visit of a classic and powerful 1930s "Schools" class main line express steam locomotive - when No. 925 "Cheltenham" stars in the heritage line's very popular Spring Steam Gala.

The three-day event will see the magnificent locomotive - part of the National Railway Museum's prestigious collection - haul passenger trains between Norden Park & Ride, Corfe Castle, Harmans Cross and Swanage from Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April 2015

"Cheltenham" will be supported by the home fleet of locomotives in passenger carrying service including Battle of Britain Class Locomotive 34070 Manston, M7 Class 30053, U Class 31806 and Class 4 MT80104. The Railway will be operating intensive services including the historic 1940 Bulleid coaches and Observation Car 14. Demonstration Freight Trains will run providing excellent and unusual opportunities for photographers seeking something different.

The Spring Steam Gala is a great event for both enthusiasts and families with special Rover Tickets of £25.00 for adults and £18.00 giving unlimited travel for a day.

Train timetables and special event details are available at www.swanagerailway.co.uk or 01929 425800

The Purbeck Circle

On Friday 8th April 2015, Frank Roberts will deliver his presentation entitled "Integrating with the National Network". Frank is the Wareham Project Manager for the Swanage Railway.

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

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

For other information regarding the show and/or the PRC please contact PRC General Secretary, e-mail:- gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk

SPRING STEAM GALA

SWANAGE
RAILWAY

17-19
APRIL

- First ever visit of **CHELTHENHAM 925** a 1930s Schools Class Locomotive
- Up to 6 locomotives in action including **U Class 31806** and **Battle of Britain Class 34070 Manston**
- Freight Working Day 17th April including Brake Van rides



USE THE SPACIOUS CAR PARK AT NORDEN PARK & RIDE NEAR CORFE CASTLE AND RELAX WHILST OUR AWARD WINNING RAILWAY TRANSPORTS YOU THROUGH THE PICTURESQUE ISLE OF PURBECK.

swanagerailway.co.uk
01929 425800 [f](https://www.facebook.com/swanrailway) [@swanrailway](https://www.instagram.com/swanrailway)

THE SWANAGE ARMY LINK

Planning is now well under way for five main events that will take place this summer and leading into the autumn.

In preparation for this, an extremely well attended meeting took place at the Royal British Legion on 16th February where twenty two people, representing the main stakeholders including the Army, the Town and Dorset Police were in attendance.

The first event will be on Saturday 6th June when a People's Commemoration of D-Day will be held at Leeson House from 1400 onwards.

Dinah Johnson is hoping that as many people as possible will support the event, which promises to be a pleasant affair, set in the grounds of a location that directly supported the development of radar during World War 2.

Armed Forces Day events will be held up and down the country on Saturday 27th June, and each year one main location is chosen to be the focal point; this year it will be Guildford in Surrey.

We are hoping that our adopted Army unit at Blandford will be in attendance and also that the Air Training Corps unit based at Ramsgate in Kent which will help us to recognise the 75th Anniversary the Battle of Britain. Most events will be based on the Swanage Railway.

In July we will mark three decades of the Royal Corps of Signals supporting the re-building of the Swanage Railway.

There are a number of planned events that were postponed from last year, and so we are keen to see the Town Council's plans for the War Memorial come to fruition, as we plan towards a military Liberty Parade

Marching through Swanage at 1100 on Saturday 25th July.

Some of you will realise that this will be immediately before the start of the 2015 Carnival events. Having liaised with the Executive of the Carnival, it was agreed that we could work towards a superb day for the town, with soldiers on parade at the start of eight days of summer fun.

The next planning meeting will be held on 12th March, following which more details will be known.

Next on the itinerary is the Ceremony of Beating Retreat which will be held on Wednesday 29th July.

Last year I was requested to act as the Master of Ceremony, and I have offered to assist with this role again this year, in the hope that I might also find sponsorship for this Carnival event too.

The musical extravaganza performed by the Hampshire Constabulary Band last July was a real feast, and I am wondering whether to supplement the performance with the series of readings that nine of us delivered at the re-dedication of the War Memorial last November?

Whilst it may indeed be a summer of sunshine away, as usual the Town Council and the Royal British Legion will work towards the annual Remembrance Parade, which this year will be held in Swanage on Sunday 8th November.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions please send a line or two to frank.roberts1@virgin.net especially if you would like to join our willing band Swanage based 'Armed Forces Ambassadors'.

Thank you. Frank

Clifftop Care Home

★★★★★ 5 Star TLC ★★★★★

Telephone the manager: Mrs Trish Pride
(01929) 422091 for brochure,
 advice or appointment.

**RESPIRE
 CARE OFFER**



Clifftop 5 Star TLC Care Home is Renowned for Our High Standards of Care, Beautiful seaside views,
 Locally sourced Homemade Food and Excellent Entertainment

But What May Surprise You.....

Our rooms start at **£75**
 24 hrs fully inclusive

One month **FREE** trial
 Pay for two months and third is **FREE**



York House

CARE HOME
 SWANAGE

York House Rest Home, situated in a pleasant position opposite the pleasure gardens, and a level walk to sea front and town. 24 hour care and attention. Permanent or respite care. Private and funded residents welcome

Single en-suite rooms available

Please contact Managersess for coloured brochure on
 01929 42 5588

Any Queries email: york.house@hotmail.com
 8/10 Cauldron Avenue, Swanage, Dorset
 (Registered Dorset County Council Level 3 Care)

Oil Price Drop!

For the first time in five years the 18,000 rural homes in Dorset that use oil for heating are spending less on their fuel bills than urban households connected to mains gas.

The price of heating an average three bedroom property with oil is now £119 less per year than mains gas, according to the latest figures from independent industry analysts.

The announcement has been welcomed by homeowners across Dorset who are benefiting from a 30% fall in the price of heating oil over the last two years. Furthermore, the good news is set to continue with industry experts predicting the price of oil is set to stay low for the foreseeable future and may drop even further.

Oil is also much cheaper than the alternative fuels for rural properties, coming in at 47% (£919) less expensive than LPG and 37% (£590) less than electric storage heaters to heat the same average, three bedroom home.

Help at the touch of a button

£10 OFF
 INSTALLATION COST
 ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT



Bournemouth Careline provide a tailor-made service, using a wide range of telecare equipment, to help support people and to maintain their independence.

We have equipment to support with:

- Dementia
- Environmental safety & security
- Falls management
- Medication management

Contact us for a free demonstration

01202 452795

careline@bournemouth.gov.uk

Available to all BH postcodes



Careline & Telecare

WESTOVER NISSAN

Supporting 'Purbeck Good Neighbours'

So that they can help others

A Volunteers Story.

Since I joined Purbeck Good Neighbours a year ago I have done two tasks. The first call from the co-ordinator asked me to contact a lady in Swanage to arrange to call on her to change a light bulb on her landing. I took my wife with me which was a good idea as they were able to have a good old chinwag while I did the task.

The lady had been living alone since her husband died and did not get out very often as they used to do everything together. When asked, she agreed to have a POPP Wayfinder call and give her information of activities and support available in the area. I heard that the lady had made new friends after joining a lunch club and going to a craft group as she was a keen knitter.

The second task was to retune a television for a gentleman. On arrival it turned out he also needed a couple of light bulbs replaced. When the tasks were completed, I was able to show him how to retune his television himself. He was really grateful and insisted on giving more than the £2 minimum donation.

I'm happy to be a Good Neighbour and like being able to help. It really does make a difference to those who are finding some household tasks just that bit too difficult. It also helps them to stay independent in their own homes.

AS USUAL A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Call Centre No: 01929 424363

We are here to help you!

Purbeck Good Neighbours is a volunteer group who can help older people over 50 with small or difficult one-off tasks in their home

WHY CALL US?
For example:-

- 🐾 Walking a dog when you are unwell
- 🐾 Change a light bulb
- 🐾 Change some batteries
- 🐾 Move some furniture
- 🐾 Take away some rubbish
- 🐾 Read a letter

HELPLINE
01929 424 363

All we ask of you is that you give the volunteer a minimum donation of £2 to cover expenses.

Nissan approved fixed price servicing from just £149



Call us on **01202 233 879** for details
www.westovergroup.co.uk

Swanage Area Senior Forum

SWANAGE AREA SENIOR FORUM

Passionate about our community

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS' DEBATE

South Dorset Parliamentary Candidates agree to both address and be questioned by you, the local electors

Churches Together in Swanage Event*
to be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage

LOOK OUT FOR APRIL DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

*Supported by Swanage Area Senior Forum

JOIN US - TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

Vote! Vote! Vote! – General Election 7 May.

In the run-up to previous General Elections "Hustings" were held in Swanage so that parliamentary candidates for the seat of South Dorset could both address and be questioned by you, the local electors.

Some of you may remember the very well-attended Swanage Senior Forum's Hustings event before the last election, which was packed to the rafters.

"Churches Together" in the Swanage area are busily organising an APRIL "Public Hustings Debate" before the General Election on 7 May. We

understand that it will be held at the Emmanuel Church Centre, although the April date and time has yet to be announced.

Watch out for full details in local press, leaflets and on social media.

Age UK is also reminding people how important it is to vote, and for us over 50s, suggest relevant questions to put to all the candidates regarding their national manifestos, and how they then intend to interpret these to represent our local community on such issues as the NHS, social care, housing, benefits, transport, energy costings and much more. For those of you who use the internet, do go to www.ageuk.org.uk/votelaterinlife or pop into our local library, for full details.

We in the Forum urge all of you eligible - young and old – to use your power in the ballot box, however cynical you might feel about many politicians and their policies.

After all, it's what democracy is supposed to be all about.

**** More next month folks, with full details of our May meeting on Dementia Friends and Awareness.**



STEERING COLUMN



Motor Showcase 2015
EVERYTHING AUTOMOTIVE

big Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May At the B.I.C.
in The Windsor and The Solent Halls

FREE ENTRY TO THE SOUTH'S LARGEST MOTOR SHOWCASE

Register now at westovergroup.co.uk for your chance to WIN a car!

#motorshowcase In association with  

westover
since 1923 group



I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore

by David Hollister

Just taxed the car... £145 and I don't even get a tax disc. You'd have thought they could have worked out how to email one. I have an empty tax disc holder. So this is the tax disc I have created to put in it...I'VE PAID MY ROAD TAX... NOW GO OUT AND FIX THE B##### POTHOLE!

Now I know that some of those hedges bordering the A351 were 'out of hand' and needed attention late last year, and that they have to flail-mow the hedges in a disgracefully disrespectful manner almost every year because no-one now seems to have the time, ability or inclination to lay a hedge properly, but these thickets and hedgerows were home to wildlife who regrettably have no say in the matter.

The aggressive flailing has not only left scarred hedges and empty nests but has also revealed the truth about what a disgustingly filthy race we are. Paper, plastic bottles and bags, soiled nappies, seems that although we're all full of self-righteousness about speeding, parking, and politically incorrect language, we don't give a stuff about the verges on our own roads. What does that say about us?

Of course, there isn't money in the budget for the Council to employ litter-pickers anymore, ditto for people to clean the grime off the mouldy unreadable signposts, though there's plenty to employ County Council officials and pay their pensions. We try to encourage holidaymakers and tourists and then - welcome to Dirty Dorset!

Much argument about the proposed 30 limit in the village of Harmans Cross. But there are lots of other villages in Purbeck with and without 30 limits. Do you live in a village? Do you want a 30 limit, or conversely have you got one that you don't really need or isn't justifiable?

In February 2005's motoring page I wrote "All new cars will soon be fitted with Sat-Nav. Big Brother is watching you. An in-car spy which the authorities can potentially hook up to the central DVLC database. Every time you exceed the speed limit. Sat Nav will notify central database and issue a ticket. Automatically. Probably by that time they will automatically take £60 off your credit card and once you have the requisite number of points, disqualify you and who knows, even turn off your ignition.

Don't laugh. All the technology is already available. They're just waiting for us all to fall - or be pushed - into the Sat Nav trap. Which is why they're not treating Sat-Nav users the same way as mobile phone users and considering Sat-Nav use a danger.....

I read recently in a national newspaper of plans for 'self-drive' cars where you just program in the destination and the car drives there without any assistance from the driver. Clearly suggesting that within twenty years, car speeds will be limited electronically via their Sat-Navs. Is this spooky, or what?

On the positive side, there's a whole new bunch of cars being released in 2016; most of them will have sat-navs but probably few will have proper spare wheels.

Look out for the Nissan X-Trail Auto, which I'm testing in the hills of North Devon very shortly, for the Toyota Aygo Wave - a mini-convertible - the sporty Nissan Juke Nismo with brilliant 0-60 times yet great economy too. Look out too for the new Mazda 2 which is coming out at the end of March; I've seen the car at the press unveiling and all I can say is that everything I raved about in the new Mazda 3 is there - all of it - but smaller and cheaper!

Hope you picked up Richard Hammond's great review of the new MX5 on 'Top Gear' recently! Amongst all the garbage on that program that you have to fast-forward through, there are a few 'gems' - such as some of their travelogues where the photography is stunning.

OK, you may not like Jeremy Clarkson. If so, then don't watch. I'm sorry if it offends you but in my book he's a brilliant motoring journalist, a really funny writer, and shines like a beacon of common sense amidst the politically correct morass that is the BBC,



Empty roads - a thing of the past?

Was it Maurice Chevalier who sang 'I'm glad that I'm not young anymore'? Well, I know just how he felt.

Driving that superb Toyota GT86 made me really conscious of the fact that our roads are totally overcrowded, over-regulated, and that the good old days of driving for its own sake are sadly long gone. Nowhere to really use a performance car anymore, just quick dashes between roundabouts and queues of traffic. Fines and penalties if you actually get caught using a sports car for its intended purpose. Makes you wonder why they build cars these days that will go over 70 mph.

My son is 37. He's a good driver; a very good driver indeed. Quick reactions. Very aware. He has a clean licence and wants to keep it that way. But even though he's driving an incredibly powerful Audi RS, he will never experience what we experienced in the golden years of driving; the Lotus Cortina, the old 2.8 injection Capri, the 130 mph trips down empty and unpoliced motorways with the stereo up loud, playing Boston and Zeppelin; the sheer joy of driving fast for the hell of it. Not hurting anyone. Twenty years of sheer enjoyment. Revelling in the art of driving, the days when the journey was as important as the destination.

Those days are long gone. Every authority is out to remove money from the motorist, from hidden speed cameras right through to tachographs, from automatic penalties for forgetting to renew your road tax right through to £60 penalties for disabled people parking in the wrong place by mistake.

Penalty points for eating an apple at the wheel. £5 a gallon for fuel. £10 to drive to the nation's capital. Queues for everything. Half an hour trying to get out of Castlepoint (serves you right for going in).

So what has my son to look forward to in his driving career? Not a lot. And it's very, very unlikely to get better.

It will always be a means of transport. But sadly, never a pleasure like we had in the 70s and 80s.

I'm glad I'm not young anymore.

Wanted

Cash Buyer Seeks Motor Vehicles.
£100 - £10,000 prompt collection
& settlement. Mature polite buyer.
No pressure or obligation. Often
better than part exchange offer.
DVLA paperwork completed.
Classic & left hand drive motors
especially wanted. Best prices paid.
07967 245172
www.blue-moon-cars.co.uk

Greystone Garage

TEL: 01929 427775 
108-112 VICTORIA AVE,
SWANAGE BH19 1AS

SERVICING REPAIRS MOTS

ST MICHAELS GARAGE

"THE PURBECK FORD CENTRE"
 Valley Road, Swanage
 tel: 01929 480221

- 14(64) FORD Focus 1.0" Titanium Navigator" 5dr.** Our Own Vehicle. Very Low Mileage Low Road Tax Standard Sat Nav..... £17995
- 08(08) FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec 5dr.** Locally-owned, maintained by us. 61,000 guaranteed miles, Air conditioning, Twin air-bags..... £4995
- 10(60) FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5dr.** One local owner from new. Excellent condition, Air conditioning, electric windows..... £7995
- 15(64) FORD Fiesta 1.0 Ecoboost Zetec 5dr.** Our own vehicle, zero road tax, fantastic economy Ford. Warranty until Jan 18..... £12,495
- 12(12) FORD KA 1.2 Zetec 3dr.** One owner, sold & maintained from new by us. 5700 miles, perfect condition, great economy..... £6995
- 11(11) FORD Fiesta 1.5 Zetec 5dr.** Sold and maintained from new by us. Full service history, only 5000 miles. Air conditioning..... £7395
- 09(09) FORD Kuga 2.0TDCi Titanium MPV.** Maintained by us, part leather trim, SatNav, Reversing camera, glass roof..... £10995
- 08(58) FORD Focus 1.6 TDCi Zetec 5dr.** Excellent condition, service history, new MOT, 70000 miles diesel. Economy aircon..... £5995
- 08(09) FORD Mondeo 2.0 Ghia 5dr.** One local owner from new, 70000 miles, maintained by us with full service history..... £4995
- 08(08) FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec TDCi.** Service history, long MOT, 42000 miles, excellent condition, ABS, air conditioning..... £5995
- 07(56) CITREON C\$ Picasso 1.6HDI MPV.** Popular seven seat people carrier. Diesel economy, service history, long MOT..... £3895

See all our stock at
www.stmichaelsgarageswanage.co.uk

"Motoring Locally since the 60s"

Moonfleet Cars Ltd

Suppliers of Quality Used Cars

VAUXHALL & GERMAN AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALISTS
 SERVICING - REPAIRS - MoTs - SALES

- 2009 (59) FORD KA 1.2 STYLE, 3 DOOR HATCH,** Met blue, Abs, Air bags, Electric windows & mirrors, Trip computer, Remote locking, Radio/Cd, Service history, ONLY 32k miles..... £4,495
- 2009 (58) RANGE ROVER SPORT 2.7 TDI V6 AUTO, 5 DOOR SUV,** Met Grey, Air bags, Abs, Climate Control, Electric windows & mirrors, Cruise Control, Sat Nav, Leather, Traction Control, Alloys, Privacy Glass, Service history with Landrover and extended warranty till March, 112k Miles..... £16,495
- 2011 (61) VW TOURAN SE 2.0TDI (140ps), 6 SPEED MANUAL, 7 SEAT MPV,** Metallic Grey, Abs, Air bags, Air con, Cruise control, Electric windows & mirrors, Parking assist, Alloys, Privacy glass, Service history, 42k miles..... £12,495
- 2011 (61) HONDA CR-V SE I-DTEC 2.2 MANUAL DIESEL 5 DOOR ESTATE,** Red, Abs, Air con, Air bags, Electric windows and mirrors, Remote locking, Alloys, Service history, One owner, ONLY 7K MILES..... £14,995
- 2009 (59) VW POLO 1.4 SE 5 DOOR HATCH.** Met blue, ABS, Air con, electric windows & mirrors, remote central locking, alloys, 63k miles, FSH..... £6,495

COME TO US
 for all your parts, same day delivery.
 We also make number plates while you wait

Purbeck's Real Alternative to Franchise Dealer Servicing
 FREE collect & delivery FREE Courtesy Car (subject to availability)*
 Complimentary wash with every service
 We also fix punctures, fit new tyres & wheel balancing service. All at competitive prices.

MoTs **Tel: 01929 480215** SERVICING
 Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Swanage
www.moonfleetcars.co.uk

Leaf Electric Car Generates Funds For Macmillan

The service team at Westover Nissan in Bournemouth have silently raised £276.78 for Macmillan Cancer Care by encouraging service and MOT customers needing a courtesy car to give the all-electric Nissan LEAF a try. For every customer prepared to go electric, Westover Nissan has contributed £2.50 to a charity collection car – a scaled-down model of a Nissan LEAF.

The LEAF courtesy car collection brings the total donated by Westover Group to Macmillan in the last 18 months to more than £7,500. Westover's South Coast showrooms - based in Bournemouth, Christchurch, Corfe Mullen, Ferndown and Poole - are currently Macmillan's top 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' fundraisers in Dorset.

"We're trying to spread the word about just how great electric motoring is," says Sallyann Tanner, electric vehicle expert at Westover Nissan. "Encouraging our service customers to use the LEAF for a day or two means they have a chance to check it out on a 'business as usual' day to assess how it fits into their lives. We've yet to see anyone return without a smile on their face and very often people come back with a completely different mind-set about the pros of driving a fully electric car. Even when we've had to gently cajole customers into using the LEAF the feedback we've had has been overwhelmingly positive, with an almost unanimous verdict that it's just like driving a 'normal' car, plus that it was a great deal faster than anticipated!"

"It's perfect that we've been able to combine our mission to get more people sampling electric motoring with Macmillan's mission to generate funds locally."

The LEAF is a technologically advanced family car with five doors, a good sized boot and an automatic gear box. It emits zero CO2 emissions and can be recharged via a standard 13 amp plug socket overnight or in just 30 minutes at one of the rapid charge points found at car showrooms,



shopping centres, car parks and other public places. The average monthly cost to drive a LEAF is around £20, compared to £157 for a similarly sized diesel powered car, meaning LEAF owners make an average annual fuel saving of just over £1,600.

The Nissan LEAF is still available as a courtesy car at Westover Nissan. Please ask at service reception or, to arrange a longer test drive, please contact Sallyann Tanner on 0800 999 2325 or pop into the showroom.

OUR HOUSE!



As the saying goes home is definitely where the heart is. Whether it's a small flat, or a mansion, it doesn't matter – what counts is whether or not you are comfortable in your own particular living space.

With the upcoming Easter & Spring Bank holidays – many of us may be thinking that this is the time to start some home improvement.

According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors replacing a kitchen and adding a bathroom are the most popular renovations, and are always recommended in terms of adding value to your property. Other value added suggestions include building an extension, converting the loft and fitting central heating.

However, if your budget doesn't run to major renovation, there are still a whole host of ways you can make new and exciting transformations to your living space. These could include a change of colour scheme with a fresh paint job, new carpets or flooring, new curtains and soft furnishings

(or maybe just freshening up the old ones!) or a change of lighting, furniture or simply buying a few new nic-nacs.

Over the following pages we have invited local tradespeople and businesses to give you a flavour of what is on offer here in Purbeck. We are sure you will find some ideas to inspire you whatever your pocket.

Finally - a word of warning – research has shown that whilst British homeowners are big spenders when it comes to improving their homes hundreds of thousands of home improvement jobs are started with the best intentions, then left unfinished when DIY-ers get bored and lose interest.

Apparently around four out of ten of us have unfinished DIY projects and over half of those outstanding jobs were started over three months ago!

So bear this in mind – and maybe consider employing a professional local tradesman to undertake the work – at least this way you can be sure of getting the job done!

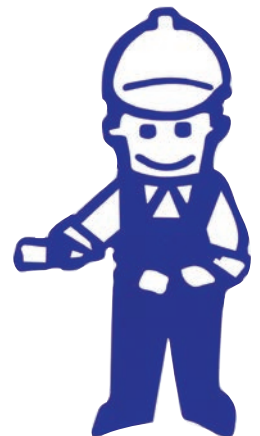
SYDENHAMS HIRE CENTRES

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT TOOL & PLANT HIRE SPECIALIST



WIN!!!

**GRAB YOURSELF A PAIR OF
BOLLE SLAM SAFETY GLASSES
(PICTURED, LEFT) ABSOLUTELY
FREE IN OUR COMPETITION!**



ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS...

**TELL US THE CORRECT NAME OF THE
TOOL SHOWN ON THE RIGHT!
THE FIRST TEN PEOPLE TO WALK INTO
SYDENHAMS IN SWANAGE AND 'NAME
THAT TOOL' CORRECTLY GET A FREE PAIR
OF BOLLE SLAMS!**



Sydenhams Hire Centre, Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, Swanage. Tel: 01929 426677

FITTED FURNITURE FROM JUST £795



What you might have **Before**



What you could have **After**



What you could have **After**

3 2 years making quality yet affordable fitted furniture, with prices starting at just £795, including VAT and fitting for our 2-door sliding door wardrobe. Our prices include interiors and a full 10-year-guarantee. Custom World offer an unrivalled local service and quality of product. Our furniture **always** gives you more storage space compared with free-standing furniture, which can be as much as 50% more.

"Absolutely excellent. I would recommend."

Client in Christchurch

0% INTEREST FREE CREDIT FINANCE ON ALL OUR FITTED FURNITURE*



Call For Our FREE Brochure

01202 896816

Custom
WORLD

EST 1982

Showroom Open 6-days
38 Cobham Road, Ferndown Ind. Est.
Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7NP
W customworldbedrooms.co.uk
E office@customworldbedrooms.co.uk

*Terms & Conditions Apply

Sherborne | The Home Of Relaxation

Sherborne is one of the country's leading Upholstery Manufacturers. Exuding Comfort, Class & Convenience, all Sherborne products are manufactured entirely in the UK.

Offering:

- Lift & Rise Care Recliners
- Sofas & Chairs
- Fireside Sofas & Chairs
- Manual & Powered Reclining Chairs

Available in 150 Fabric & Leather Covers



A great selection available to see & try for yourself at M&J Furnishing in Wareham - one of the largest Sherborne Stockists in the South!



- Free 5 Year Guarantee
- Free Delivery & Installation
- Express Delivery on all Lift & Rise Recliners



**NEW
FOR
2013!**

M&J furnishing
15 West Street
Wareham

01929 552 773

Introducing the
Dorchester Adjustable
Bed, new for 2013.

Why not come and try it
in store?



Don't just go to bed... go to **SOMNUS**

Diplomat 5550

NOW £1,595 (150cm bed size) RRP £2,119

Somnus quite simply has one aim and that is to make every Supremacy handmade bed the ultimate in luxury.

We lovingly nurture our very own sheep flocks on the Somnus farm to create unique blends of 100% natural upholstery fillings, to deliver the very best sleep comfort for the rest of your life.

Diplomat provides total support with no less than 5,550 state of the art Sensa iP Intelligent Pocket springs, combined with the unique Somnus Supreme fillings blend, which includes Cotton, Hemptex fibre and Herdwick Eco wool delivering luxurious comfort.

www.somnus.co.uk

S O M N U S

For the rest of your life



MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN SINCE 1980

M&J FURNISHING LTD

15 West Street, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4JS
Telephone: 01929 552773 mjfurnishing@hotmail.com

PURBECK ELECTRICAL

61 High Street, Swanage (next to Red Lion). 01929 424177

*Look at all these lovely things
I've collected from Purbeck Electrical
to improve my home...*

*New lamps, a kettle.... they have such
a selection of super things!*

*Vintage lighting, Modern lighting,
Lovely kitchen goods,
Radios, phone chargers,
a huge range of lightbulbs
and batteries
and so, so much more!*



Come and be amazed!

You CAN get everything you want with your new bed...

- FREE Delivery 
- FREE Set-up 
- FREE Disposal of your old bed 
- FREE Honest advice 



We tick all the boxes, so you can buy with confidence

On all our Divans, Mattresses, Electric Beds and Frames

WE'LL BEAT ANY PRICE*

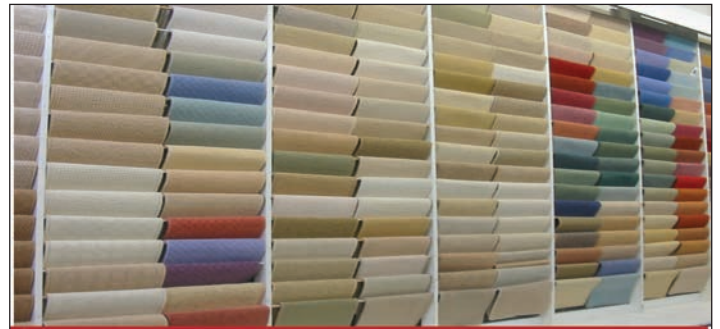


Tel: 01929 422703

61 Kings Road West, Swanage, BH19 1HQ

*On a like for like written quote from a high street retailer

Carpets : Vinyls : Karndean : Beds : Curtains : Recliners



The Spring Sale

80/20 Wool Twist Carpet

Only £24.99 sq mtr

With Free Underlay

&

Free Fitting

only at

Purbeck Furnishing

61 Kings Road West Swanage BH19 1HQ

www.purbeckfurnishing.com

01929 422703

LOCAL BUSINESS ACHIEVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Steve Wheller receiving the award on behalf of Carpets Select

Carpets Select is a local company which employs skilled, local labour, and is a member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

Membership was granted by the Guilds' Council of Management in recognition of both the company's commitment to working with skill and integrity and its agreement to abide by the Guild's publicly declared aims and objectives.

Carpets Select Director, Steve Wheller, says 'We are honoured to have received such high recognition from the Guild. We strive hard to deliver a personal, quality

service and all at Carpets Select pride themselves on their workmanship.' He went on to say 'It goes to show, that in these days of impersonal superstores, you can't beat personal, friendly, high quality service and workmanship from people who really care about their work.'

With their home selection service, Carpets Select can make choosing your floor covering a stress free experience. So, if you're in need of carpet, vinyl or laminate flooring, call Steve or John at Carpets Select 01929 460005 or email carpetsselect@tiscali.co.uk and they will be happy to help you.

CARPETS SELECT



- **SIT BACK**, relax, put your feet up and choose a carpet, vinyl or laminate flooring away from the crush of the high street ... You can with Carpets Select ... the carpet store that comes to your door!
- With over 45 years combined experience Steve Wheller and John Cropp are sure to meet all your flooring needs.
- As members of the Guild of Master Craftsmen Carpets Select pride themselves as being able to provide both quality workmanship and outstanding service, as well as extremely competitive prices.
- Call Steve or John the Master Craftsmen of the carpet world.

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

01929 460005



Get Ready Before Winter!



Purbeck Fireplaces was first established in 1996 with premises in the High Street, Swanage, we have since relocated to 21 Commercial Lane (near Chococo) where we have a fully stocked showroom complete with a Villager Esprit working display stove.

We can also, if required, provide a fully Hetas approved installation service for our appliances.

All our stoves are from British manufacturers with the exception of

Dovre, a Norwegian company, who have been manufacturing cast iron stoves for sixty years and who are able to offer a five year guarantee on their castings.

From the South of England we are able to offer woodburning and multifuel stoves and fires from Stovax based in Exeter and from sister company Gazco we can supply a full range of gas fires and stoves.

Arada producing Arrow and Villager Stoves have a superb range of locally produced stoves, with both companies keeping a comprehensive range of

Purbeck Fireplaces est.1996

Stockists of: Woodwarm, Dovre - Yeoman, Stovax, Villager, AArrow, ESSE, Jetmaster, Gazco

Also supply & fit Purbeck Stone Hearths and Fireplaces



21a Commercial Road, Swanage, Dorset

Tel: 01929 426770 / 07800 843399

www.purbeckfireplaces.co.uk



spares, even for their out of production models, ensuring their stoves are kept working long after others have become obsolete.

Arrow are also currently the only manufacturer to offer a lifetime guarantee on the body of their stoves. Woodwarm in Cullompton, Devon produce the premium range of Fireview stoves, each hand-built to order.

These fantastic stoves will always give a clear view of the flames, thanks to their large double glazed doors and pre-heated secondary air system.

Jetmaster open convector box fires are also available, for those who want a traditional open fire with the improved efficiency of a convection system.

They have been making fires since 1951 with over 750,000 sold worldwide. They're based in Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Do pop in for a chat and see if we can help you.

Nigel Carpentry & Renovation - Interiors



- ORIGINAL FURNITURE FROM NEW & RECLAIMED WOOD
- BESPOKE FITTED STORAGE
- REPAIRS & RESTORATION
- INTERIOR DECORATING (DISTRESSED & OTHER FINISHES A SPECIALITY)
- DESIGN ASSISTANCE
- OLD FURNITURE & FITTINGS IN STOCK OR SOURCED



01929 426477

Sometimes Design Requires "Outside the Box" Thinking

07986 626522

NEW IMAGE

Wall Tiles • Floor Tiles • Bathrooms

Come along and see our fabulous new showroom in Wareham

We provide a tile and bathroom fitting service and offer a free no obligation visit to measure up and advise on your requirements.

Bring this advert to receive 10% OFF all stock tiles, adhesives and grout.

New Image Unit 2 Sandford Lane Industrial Estate.

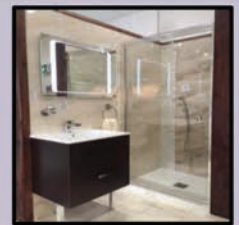
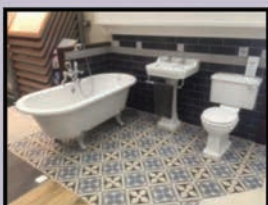
(Near The Post Office Collection Office)

Wareham, BH20 4DY

Tel: 01929 552941

Email: newimage@castletiling.co.uk

www.new-image-tiles.co.uk



Make Ivamy Designs Your First Choice...



From the initial design to the finished project... whether it's a KITCHEN, BATHROOM, BEDROOM or STUDY... we care every step of the way.

We have a wide range of units, worktops and tiles for you to choose from, together with many makes of appliances, sinks, taps and glass splash-backs.

For your bathroom we can supply and install a wide range of sanitary ware, showers and wet rooms, together with all the accessories you may need.

We are part of the Dorset County Council 'Buy with Confidence' scheme,

so you can be assured of a professional company for your needs.

More information and monthly special offers can be found on Ivamy Designs facebook page.



KITCHENS BATHROOMS INTERIORS



PLUMBING TILING BEDROOMS

Check out our special offers on Ebay



60 High St, Swanage 01929 475793

15% OFF

CURTAIN & SOFT FURNISHING CLEANING WITH THIS ADVERT THROUGHOUT APRIL 2015



Purbeck Valet

FULL ALTERATION & REPAIR SERVICE IN-HOUSE FOR OVER 40 YEARS

'PURBECK'S PREMIER REPAIR & ALTERATION SERVICE'

- LEATHER & SUEDE - We clean, re-oil and repair all leather jackets and coats
- WAX JACKETS - We clean and re-wax all wax jackets and coats, including Barbour
- WEDDING DRESSES - Full cleaning and processing of all types of wedding dress
- DUVET CLEANING - Any size - synthetic or feather
- SERVICE WASH - We offer a full service wash service (wash, dry & fold)

Your local Dry Cleaners, for all your laundry needs.

73, High Street, Swanage, Dorset. 01929 424900 www.purbeckvalet.co.uk



NGPS Ltd
ELECTRICAL & RENEWABLES CONTRACTORS

49 Evering Avenue
Poole
Dorset
BH12 4JF

01202 736812
07738 017377
nick@ngps-ltd.co.uk
www.ngps-ltd.co.uk

w i n n e r s

[e] awards
enphase ENERGY
ADVOCATE 2014
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST

2014 has been another amazing year for NGPS and its customers.

We have helped hundreds more homeowners overcome their fear of rising ENERGY BILLS.

We have won yet another prestigious Installer Award for the South West.

And we want to help even more Dorset homeowners like you...



Follow us on

Solar Electricity

A Solar Photovoltaic Panel System has never been more affordable.

While still qualifying for a 20 year government grant in the form of the Feed in Tariff (FIT).

Prices have reached their lowest point as manufacturing requirements cap further reductions.

To take advantage of a 50% reduction in electricity costs and government payments before they run out, the time is right to end the misery of energy price rises and reap a 10-12% return on your investment.

Enphase Micro Inverters as Standard on all NGPS Systems

A breakthrough in solar technology has seen the use of Enphase Energy UK micro inverters increase in recent years.

With a 25 year warranty, Enphase micro inverters are our preferred solution for optimised energy generation to speed up payback on your solar energy investment.

Looked at solar before? Enphase is the answer for small roofs and those prone to shading or dust.



Do you generate excess Energy from existing Solar Panels?

For just £375 we will fit an i-Boost to your system, diverting excess energy into the generation of FREE hot water.

Renewable Energy Heating & Hot Water

With the launch of the government's Renewable Heat Incentive RHI grant, payable over 7 years, there has never been a better time to replace your boiler with renewable energy options such as Air Source, Ground Source or Biomass Heating. These highly efficient systems will outlive a traditional boiler several times and offer the most intuitive and highly efficient solution for 24/7 heat and hot water.

Solar Thermal

Install one of the oldest renewable energy systems in the UK - Solar Thermal, for nine months FREE Hot Water.

Why customer's have put their trust in us for over 20 years

We provide local support. We operate under strict code of conduct for the electrical & renewable energy industry. We have a Technical team, not salesman. We do not cold call. We don't sell on the day or take deposits. You receive a quote in the post and pay at the end of your installation. We do not use Contractors, our installation teams are all employed and have been with the company for several years. We sit on a government advisory panel.

CONTACT US TODAY We offer no nonsense advice - and an end to rising energy bills.

For an appointment call **01202 736812** You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain!

PURBECK HOME IMPROVEMENTS & DEVELOPERS LTD

Proud members of **Checkatrade.com**
Where reputation matters

LOCAL FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS - 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

All aspects of roofing and building works undertaken

ROOFING SPECIALISTS:

- NEW ROOFS
- LOFT CONVERSIONS
- EXTENSIONS
- LEAD WORK SPECIALIST
- FLAT ROOFS
- UPVC FASCIA, SOFFITS & GUTTERING
- CHIMNEYS REMOVED OR REPAIRED
- CONSERVATORIES
- PURBECK STONE ROOFS

All works guaranteed & Fully Insured
FREE estimates & surveys

Rated
9.5 out of 10
on Checkatrade

Call: 01929 472809 Mobile: 07799 261105
email: purbeckhomeimprovements@live.co.uk
REPUTATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR BUSINESS

Perfect Bathrooms!



Purbeck Bathrooms & Kitchens is a small family owned business run by Bruce and Tricia Rimmer. We have over 24 years of practical experience in both design and installation, and have a tried and tested team of installers and tradesmen.

In addition to our extensive range of furniture, appliances and sanitaryware, we are delighted to now add to our portfolio Ambience Bain bathroom furniture, both as a fitted option or wall mounted units to complement our Villeroy & Boch ceramicware for those preferring a more modern look. Brassware by Grohe provides the icing on the cake, together with a wide range of tiles in our dedicated Porcelanosa room.

Our superb kitchen range by Beckermann of Germany sees more new colours this year, though the ever-popular gloss cream reigns supreme, either on its own or matched with a contrasting wood colour. We love helping our clients to put a colour scheme together which is unique to them, incorporating worktops such as Silestone, Karndean flooring, and tiles or glass splashbacks.

We look forward to welcoming you to our showroom whether for an initial browse or a more in-depth discussion of your requirements. We are open Monday to Friday 0900 - 1700 hrs and Saturdays by appointment.

Purbeck Bathrooms & Kitchens

Unit 5, Glenmore Business Park, Blackhill Road,
Holton Heath, Dorset. BH16 6NL.

01202 622 916
purbeckbathrooms.co.uk

HOUSE CLEARANCES

*Property Maintenance
Painting & Decorating
Gardening
Rubbish Clearance & Removals*



We can provide all you need to get your house ready for sale, completion, redecoration or renting. We also offer a wide range of general property maintenance services including gardening, odd-jobs, painting & decorating services and a full removal service. Best of all, we're local!

07767 479438



Fully Qualified Engineers
For Installation, Service & Maintenance



Intruder Alarm Systems

IP & Analogue CCTV



Fire Alarms & Extinguishers

Access Control & Door Entry

Wired & Wireless Networks

Home or Business Premises

Free Quotations 24/7 Response



Protect your home this April with a fully fitted, insurance approved alarm system from £399.00.

01929 554145

REGISTERED MEMBER



R.U Secure Systems Ltd.
Unit 3, Sandford Farm
Sandford Lane, Wareham
Dorset. BH20 4DY
Established 1991

www.rusecuresystems.co.uk



Fed Up with Night Storage Heating?

Now You Can Take Control Of Your Heating With An

Electric Central Heating System



German Made Electric Radiators



- 100% Efficient
- No Plumbing or Pipes
- Uses Existing Storage Heater Wiring
- 100% Controllable
- 30 Year Warranty
- Optional Radio Frequency Controls
- No Maintenance

For further
information or a catalogue please contact

A R HARRIS & SON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LTD

Tel: 01929 424518 Or email office@arharris.co.uk

INDEPENDENT SUPPLIERS & INSTALLERS OF THE ELECTORAD HEATING SYSTEM

Stewart's House of Fabric
 24 North Street, Wareham,
 Dorset, BH20 4AG
 01929 551191

www.stewartshouseoffabric.co.uk

Check our website for new lessons
 and workshops.
 Follow us on Facebook!



Haberdashery Sewing Machines
 Lessons Patchwork Alterations

New stock of wool just arrived

Join us on Friday 10th April any
 time between 10am & 3pm for
 demos of Brother machines
WIN A SEWING MACHINE!!

***So – you've decided the time has come to redecorate.
 Now is the time to contemplate a whole new colour scheme – but
 what will you choose?***

We had a (very) quick trawl around the internet to see what the experts are predicting as this year's colour trends, and here is a small selection of their quotes:

Bright clashing colours are going to be one of the key trends – with blue the most talked about.

Blue will be the most popular colour for interior decorating.

Midnight hues and bright cobalts – blue will be the new grey for walls.

Warm earthy colours and shades of grey will be big this year.

Dark grey is a very trendy colour for living rooms.

Grey will be the nation's favourite choice for decorating kitchens.

The colour palette for 2015 will bring a warmer spectrum of pinks, reds and oranges.

Looks to us like it can be 50 shades of practically any colour that rocks your boat!

Nixons homehardware



Choose your
 Colour, Function,
 Finish, then Mix

25% OFF

AVAILABLE HERE
 WHILE STOCKS
 LAST

**Dulux
 Colour
 Mixing**



26 Station Road, Swanage. Tel: 01929 426377

Business Matters

Virtual Swanage
Promoting Swanage and the Isle of Purbeck



www.virtual-swanage.co.uk

CHARLES STANLEY

The personal investment service

Happy New Tax Year!

April 6th 2015 marks the beginning of the 2015/16 tax year and a chance to look at your finances and potentially take advantage of the various allowances that are available. The first thing that a lot of people look at is the ISA allowance. A total of £15,240 can be subscribed to ISAs in the 2015/16 tax year and this can be any combination of Cash ISAs and a Stocks & Shares ISA up to the £15,240 limit.

The interest on cash deposits in ISAs is received free of income tax. All capital gains within a Stocks & Shares ISA are free of Capital Gains Tax. In the case of income, the tax treatment varies depending on the source of the income. In the case of dividend income, the 10% tax credit is still deducted so that dividends are received net, but in the case of higher rate taxpayers, no further income tax is payable.

The treatment of interest style payments (for instance income from some corporate bonds and gilts and some corporate bond funds) is even more generous, as they can in effect be received gross within an ISA with no tax payable. ISAs can therefore be particularly attractive to a higher rate taxpayer and/or those with substantial assets that could potentially be subject to Capital Gains Tax in the future (investments and for instance second properties) who have at least part of their investments sheltered from Capital Gains Tax.

It is also possible to use a 'Bed & ISA' transaction to sell investments from your ordinary account and buy them into your ISA within the ISA allowance, thus allowing an individual to build up a good sized tax free pot over time. However, there is one word of warning in that you have to make sure that the ISA charges do not outweigh the tax benefits and I would, therefore, advise that you consult your financial advisor/investment manager about your position.

In the case of ISA style investments, there are also Child Trust Funds and Junior ISAs to consider and these have a subscription limit of £4,080 for the 2015/16 tax year.

The start of the new tax year also starts the clock ticking again for Capital Gains Tax and for the 2015/16 tax year the allowance is £11,100. Losses can be carried forward, but only if registered via your tax return or directly with the Inland Revenue.

Taking advantage of the various allowances can be beneficial, but I would suggest discussing any proposed action with your investment manager or financial advisor. Current legislation suggests that a Stocks and Shares ISA may be less suitable for you if you are a nil or low-rate tax payer. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and other investments, and the income derived from them, may fall as well as rise and the amount realised from an ISA may be less than the original sum invested.

Kate Spurling is an investment manager in the Dorchester office of Charles Stanley (01305) 217404 kate.spurling@charles-stanley.co.uk Charles Stanley & Co Limited is authorised and regulated by the FCA and is a member of the London Stock Exchange



New Tax Rates/Allowances for 2015/16

Personal Allowances

Born after 05/04/1948 - Increase from £10,000 to £10,600

Born between 06/04/1938 & 05/04/1948 - Increase from £10,500 to £10,600

Born before 06/04/1938 - No change - £10,660

Tax Bands

Basic Rate - £0 - £31,785

Higher Rate Tax Band - £31,786 - £150,000

Additional Rate Band - Over £150,000

Capital Gains Allowance

Annual Allowance - Increase from £11,000 to £11,100

SSP - Statutory Sick Pay

SSP has increased from £87.55 per week to £88.45 for the 2015/16 Year

New Transferable Marriage Allowance

You will be able to claim Marriage Allowance if all the following apply:

You are married or in a civil partnership

You have an annual income of less than £10,600 - including pensions, savings and investments

Your spouse or civil partner has an annual income of between £10,601 and £42,385

You were both born on or after 6 April 1935

MKL Accountants Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants
Herston Cross House, 230 High Street
Swanage BH19 2PQ

T: 01929 425552

E: mail@mkla.co.uk

W: www.mkla.co.uk



- PC and Laptop support & repair
- Virus removal and prevention
- Internet setup (wireless/wired)
- Microsoft Windows issues resolved
- Computer hardware sales & upgrade
- PC Health & security checks
- Data recovery & backup
- 1-2-1 Tuition



Call Pete on:

01929 421989

or **07900 992110**

Email: info@whizzbits.co.uk

www.whizzbits.co.uk

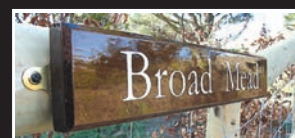


ADVERTISING

**HELPING PEOPLE
SELL STUFF TO
OTHER PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE**

Quality Signs

Traditional and Modern methods and styles.



01929 481215

kevin_vicars@outlook.com

Humphries Kirk solicitors firm strengthens its team

Dorset and Somerset solicitors firm Humphries Kirk has expanded its private client team in Swanage by welcoming experienced solicitor Ann Corke as a partner of the firm.



Humphries Kirk private client team - from left to right: Paul Griffin with Ann Pond, Julie Dyer and Ann Corke.

The team now comprises Ann Corke, Ann Pond and Julie Dyer (nee Burgess), ably supported by Paul Griffin, and is based in Humphries Kirk's office at Rempstone Road in Swanage. The team's expertise lies in all aspects of private client law, including the preparation of Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney, estate administration (Probate), providing advice for older people, the housebound or incapacitated, creation of trusts and advising on inheritance tax planning and Will disputes.

Ann Corke boasts more than 30 years' legal experience focusing on acting for families with issues such as succession planning and Wills. She is a Swanage resident and her husband Andrew Corke is vicar at All Saints Church, Swanage.

Ann Pond brings more than 30 years of law expertise in all areas of private client law and Julie Dyer has more than 15 years' experience specialising in administration of estates and will preparation.

The team is assisted by Paul Griffin, a notary public and solicitor with more than 38 years' experience, and he now specialises in residential and commercial conveyancing.

Ann says: "The team here in Swanage has a huge amount of expert knowledge and experience of law and I am thrilled to be joining Humphries Kirk and working with local clients in the community."

Humphries Kirk provides legal expertise to private and commercial clients, with offices in Parkstone, Poole, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Crewkerne, Swanage, Wareham and consulting rooms in Wimborne, Yeovil and London. The firm is a member of the HKI network of international lawyers.

If you would like to book an appointment, please call the Swanage office on: 01929 423301 or simply drop into the office - we look forward to seeing you.

Swanage
4 Rempstone Road, Swanage, BH19 1DP
t: 01929 423301 f: 01929 427163
e: swanage@hklaw.eu



Humphries Kirk
solicitors and arbitrators



Offices at: Bournemouth Crewkerne Dorchester London Parkstone Poole Swanage Wareham Wimborne Yeovil

Trading Standards



Investigating problem traders – the whole picture

I was recently at a meeting about problem traders. One of the key messages was that for every person who reports a problem there would be others that didn't report it out of embarrassment and problems reported would only be the tip of the iceberg.

I thought how saddening it was that we find ourselves in a situation where we become the victim of a crime but dare not report it because we feel embarrassed.

When Trading Standards look at what action to take during an investigation there are numerous things we have to take into consideration. One of these is the number and gravity of the complaints.

For example, if we only receive one complaint and the trader isn't known to us it might appear to be an oversight on the trader's part or simple mistake. In reality however, there may be a regular pattern of repeat offending by the trader but because the others haven't been reported we don't know about it. If we are only ever seeing the tip of the iceberg we are never getting the full picture.

Trading Standards do not act upon all complaints received but they are all recorded and used as intelligence to help focus our work. It is all these little pieces of information we receive over time that make up the whole picture enabling us to protect consumers.

Many problem traders are plausible and believable, that's why they can make a living from it. Please, if you think you have been a victim of a scam or a problem trader then let us know by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06

If you want to find a local trader who is legal, honest and fair then call a Trading Standards approved Buy With Confidence trader. We don't give our approval lightly.

We check, approve and monitor our members to ensure they remain up

Trading Standards check and approve businesses, so you don't have to...



For businesses you can trust, Buy With Confidence
Visit buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 08454 040506

Dorset County Council

to standard. If they carry out work in or around consumer homes they will also have undergone criminal disclosure checks.

To find a local member visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 03454 04 05 06.

**Book advertising at:
www.purbeckgazette.com
or call 01929 424293**

Computers

I.T. sales and support for homes and businesses

Web Design - Photography
PC and Server support

Unit 9, Purbeck Business Centre, Swanage

01929 475828 07974 120492

info@ptnsystems.com - www.ptnsystems.com



Councils Invest In Future Of Purbeck Employment Site

Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council are to invest £927,000 each in the Dorset Green employment site at Winfrith Newburgh. This will help to secure the future of one of Dorset's strategic employment sites.

Previously a nuclear facility, the site is now home to a range of businesses, including two key defence-related advanced engineering businesses.

The District Council and the County Council have been working with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), which is the freehold owner of the site, to acquire 6.2 hectares of land on the 40 hectare site.

The current leasehold owners of the site recently went into receivership so investment is needed in the site to provide reassurance to existing businesses and kick-start future employment development on the site to build further confidence.

This investment is in addition to successful Local Growth Deal funding of £600,000, which Purbeck District Council applied for through the Dorset Local Economic Partnership (LEP). The LEP had identified Dorset Green as a strategic employment site and a high priority for investment through the government funded growth deal.

Bruce Voss, Area Manager of the Homes and Communities Agency said: "The HCA is working tirelessly to bring new investment to Dorset Green. We are delighted to support this public sector partnership approach to kick starting investment in the site, which will herald the first significant new building investment here for more than 20 years."

It is proposed that the first phase of development in the south eastern corner of the site will commence at the earliest opportunity. A planning application will be submitted by May 2015. This would include building 1,800 square metres of modern functional workspace for small business use on 1.3 hectares of the land and a new site road to enable future sales of the remaining 4.9 hectares. Development could commence on site as early as October 2015.

In total, the site provides 40 hectares of strategic employment land. A large part of the remainder is being marketed by the Receiver which aims to identify a private sector operator who will be required to invest in the employment future of the site.

FULL COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE
for only £75.00

Yes it is that cheap!

No excuses- we don't fix you don't pay.

FirstService™
TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

We fix PC's and MACS, Smartphone's and Tablets.

Regular Services:
System Tune up/Service Software/hardware issues
Virus Removal System recovery Data Backup

The Swanage FirstService TechShop
Phone: 01929 288008 www.fstmuk.com
Unit 6, Daisy May's Arcade, 2 Kings Road East, Swanage

Yes I live here.
And I can read..

The **Purbeck**
Gazette

www.purbeckgazette.co.uk

Friendly, local and approachable with decades of experience



Ellis Jones has the brightest legal minds working in specialist departments that offer the full spectrum of legal services. We are here to support you to make the most of every opportunity and help you navigate through all of your legal issues. We look after our clients at every step of their lives.

Ellis Jones Solicitors LLP
55 High Street, Swanage
BH19 2LT

T: 01929 422233

E: swanage@ellisjones.co.uk
www.ellisjones.co.uk



...Looking after you

AMAZING PRINT
AT MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL COST

GIVE YOUR BUSINESS THE BOOST IT DESERVES

Superb quality, cost effective
eye-catching design and print

**Get the word out and watch
your sales soar!**

- Leaflets • Company brochures
- Publicity material
- Full design service

blackmore
superb print - naturally

01747 853034
sales@blackmore.co.uk

Longmead, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8PX
www.blackmore.co.uk

Food

The Gourmet Peddler



Brilliant Baked Beans

The baked bean... yeah sure they are good, a reliable quick topping for toast, food saviour of students, and a critical ingredient in the great British fry up and also crucially the best scene in the film "Blazing Saddles". But surely they haven't always come in a can, and I was certain there must be a deluxe baked bean recipe somewhere.

I was recently in Minnesota USA, a bizarre colonial world where the temperature is between -10c on a nice day and -35c on the really dramatic days.

A place where your beer freezes solid before the third swig. A place where big bearded men will give you advice on this problem; "The mistake you made there Charlie, is you brought summer beer to a bike race on a frozen lake, at midnight! You need winter beer, it's easy to identify, on the label it says whisky."

It was here that I was tipped off on this classic mid-west American recipe.

Ingredients:

Pinto beans (health food shop) -IMPORTANT, these are supplied dried, you need to soak them in a lot more water than you expect for at least six hours before you start cooking.

Pork belly (butchers).

Smoked sausages (butchers again).

Chicken legs.

Can of organic plum tomatoes.

One big onion.

A good dash of Cayenne pepper.

A tablespoon of Black syrup (the yanks call it "molasses").

A teaspoon of brown sugar.

A dash of good salt.

Fresh or dried rosemary and thyme.

1 tablespoon of soy sauce.

A good dash of sweet smoked paprika.

Chicken stock.

Topping ingredients.. Chopped garlic, bread crumbs (easily made by putting cool toast in a blender), and a tiny amount of lemon zest.

What to do:

Soak the beans for at least six hours in plenty of water. Place them in a

casserole dish.

Trim the pork belly. Maybe save the fatty skin side for pork scratchings? Chop into large cubes. Fry the pork with olive oil in a frying pan 'til it's brown and golden.

Add the chopped onion until browned slightly. Transfer to the casserole dish. Everything else (excluding the sausages and chicken, and the topping) goes into the pan, bring to a simmer, squish the tomatoes, add it all to the casserole dish.

Place the chicken on top of the stew, lid on, cook for around 90 minutes at around 170c, adding more stock or water if it starts drying out. The beans will still be soaking up the water so keep an eye on it.

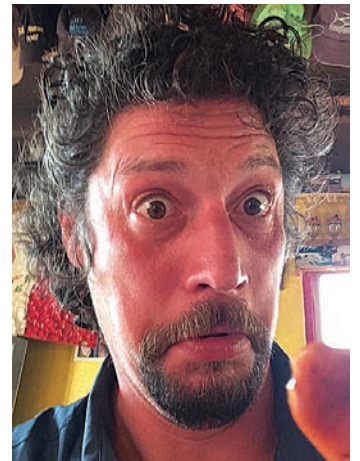
Remove lid, place sausages on top, and give the sausages and chicken 40 minutes to crisp up.

Stir it up (and pop some Bob Marley on the stereo). Cover the stew with a mix of breadcrumbs, chopped garlic and lemon zest. Lid off, once this is golden, it's ready.

The pork is amazing, falling apart as you eat it. The smell is awesome, and the taste a lovely rich, spiced, tangy delight. Trust me; this recipe is going to become a frequent favourite in your kitchen.

Perhaps I should do a vegetarian recipe soon? Actually, last minute brain fart - this recipe, with big mushrooms, sweet potato, sweetcorn, and no meat, might be really, really good.....

The Bikemonger Cooks....



Charlie the
Bikemonger

Probably the best bike shop in Swanage.

Sales, repairs, and **quality** bike hire...
Charlie the bikemonger.com - 01929 475833

5 Queens Rd, Swanage, BH19 2EQ.
Behind Arkwrights Store, near to Black Swan, off High street,
next to Eddie's bizarre warehouse of creepy mannequins!

Purbeck Products



As I'm writing this we are in full swing with our main lambing. The sheep have had an easier winter this year so the lambs seem to be coming much bigger, which can make life a bit tricky for them and for us to lamb them.

To me lambing is the start of the year, I enjoy every minute of it even when it gets tough and I have sleepless nights, but I always have Mike to help if need be.

The ewes come back to our farm at Church Knowle after spending much of the winter away on keep at other farms, helping graze and fertilize pastures that have been cut for silage earlier in the year and giving our fields a rest.

They are fed on hay and haylage we have made for them, then when the lambs are strong enough they go out into the field to skip and play, it's a great sight to see them racing each other in the evenings in their own little gangs.

We also lamb some ewes in October as we have Poll Dorset sheep that will lamb naturally at any time of year. These lambs are the Spring lambs you have for Easter they are out on grass their whole lives to give you naturally reared grass fed lamb, which can be bought at our Purbeck Products markets from April onwards together with hogget (lamb over 1 year old) mutton (at least two years old) sausages and burgers. All our products are from our animals at Church Knowle- how's that for local.

I look forward to seeing you at our markets, please ask any questions you may have about our sheep, or products. I can also tell you about our other rare breed sheep, and our shepherd's hut.

Support your local Purbeck product producers, see you on the 4th and 11th of April and try some Besties Lamb.

Kath Best, Purbeck Products

PURBECK PRODUCE FARMERS' MARKET



Our next markets are on

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 9AM-1PM

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 9AM - 1PM

COMMERCIAL ROAD, SWANAGE

Spring Lamb now available!

LOCAL PRODUCE FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS

www.purbeckproducts.co.uk

JURASSIC HOG ROAST

Catering for all occasions

Contact: 01305 852914 or 07919 915241

EASTER SPECIALS

B.CURTIS & C.HALLETT FAMILY BUTCHERS

Local Farm Poultry
Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens

Local home/dry cured bacon & gammons
(on the bone or boneless)

Succulent Purbeck Spring Lamb
Scottish Steer Beef
(direct from Aberdeen)

Local Purbeck Pork
Homemade Sausages, Pates & Pies

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY AT:

B.Curtis
19 West Street
Wareham

Tel: 01929 552479
Local deliveries

C. Hallett
25 North Street
Wareham

Tel: 01929 552022
www.bcurtis.co.uk

CLAVELL'S



CAFÉ AND LICENSED RESTAURANT

April Opening Hours

10am-4pm Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm Sat & Sun
For Morning Coffees, Lunches & Cream Teas

Thursday Fish Night eat in or take-away
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Weekend Breakfasts from 10am

Open every Saturday Evening for our
Evening Menu

SUNDAY ROASTS - Available every week

Book now for Easter Sunday 5th April

Buy 1 main course get 1 for a £1
(lunchtimes only)
Valid 14th April - 1st May Tue - Fri
Must include a purchased drink
Max 6 guests
1 voucher per couple

We are looking for Weekend staff to join our friendly team!

Must be over 18 yrs. Call Emma on 01929 480701

www.clavellscafe.co.uk

Kimmeridge (Nr Wareham). Tel: 01929 480701

FORTES Gelateria
Est 1926
 ICE CREAM PARLOUR
 Handmade artisan gelato made to a traditional family recipe

FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
salted caramel
 A lightly salted caramel gelato with salted butter caramel ripple

All our gelato is made on the premises exclusively for our shop



THE MOWLEM, SWANAGE

Community Cafe Needs YOU!

At Not Just Sundaes we are very proud of our team of fantastic volunteers. During the day, our team contributes in a number of ways from baking cakes, serving customers, washing-up and giving our customers a great welcome. During a Friday night, when the space transforms into a youth drop-in for Year 10+, another team of volunteers are there as a friendly face for those who wish to pop in and have a chat, play pool or just hang out.

But volunteering at Not Just Sundaes is more about what you can give us. We believe that it is a two way relationship and we want to thank our team and spend time getting to know them more. Since we opened in May 2013, we have held a number of volunteer evenings and dinners, an annual general meeting, shared news through our volunteer newsletter, training events and coffee mornings, so that the team can spend time getting to know one another and make new friendships. We were delighted to have our teams work acknowledged in the Dorset Volunteer Awards 2014, picking up awards in the Individual Volunteer, Young Volunteer and Volunteer Team categories.

But we are still on the lookout for more volunteers to help to grow our team, particularly on a Friday night and Saturday morning. We can give you a wide range of training from serving our customers, using the coffee machines, helping out in the kitchen and other activities that happen in the space. All we ask of you, is for a regular commitment to helping out (even just a couple of times a month).

If you would like to know more about the volunteering opportunities at Not Just Sundaes, why not pop into the café and speak to Felicity (our café manager) for a no obligation chat? You've got nothing to lose, but maybe a whole lot to gain!

For information about other opportunities and events that are happening in the space, take a look at our website (www.notjustsundaes.com), our Facebook page (Not just sundaes Community Café), or pop in and see us in South Street, Wareham (opposite the library).

CHOCOCO
 THE PURBECK CHOCOLATE CO.

Celebrate with fine chocolate this Easter!



Kid's Easter egg decorating workshops 31 March - 2 April.
 Our Shop & Café is open 7 days a week (incl. Easter weekend)

Find us at: Cocoa Central, Commercial Road, Swanage
 Workshop bookings: 01929 422748 www.chococo.co.uk

SUBWAY Open early to late 7-days a week.

8 Station Road, Swanage
 BH19 1AE (near beach)

CHICKEN PIZZIOLA



Limited Time Offer

£4.00
 6-INCH SUB & A DRINK



T&Cs apply, see in-store for details. Participation may vary.
 All third party trademarks are the property of their respective owners.
 ©2015 Doctor's Associates Inc. SUBWAY® is a registered trademark of Doctor's Associates Inc.

SUBWAY TWO CAN DINE FOR £6.99 EXPIRES END MAY 2015

ANY 2 x 6" SUBS - 2 x DRINKS*
 2 x COOKIES

upgrade both to Footlongs £9.99



* Tea, coffee or vended soda. Not valid with any other voucher/offer or SubCard redemption. Limit one offer per customer per visit, subject to availability. SUBWAY® store to retain the coupon. This coupon has no cash value, is not for sale and is only valid at SUBWAY® store, SWANAGE
 © 2015 Doctor's Associates Inc. SUBWAY® is a registered trademark of Doctor's Associates Inc.

SUBWAY FREE SUB

GET A FREE 6-INCH SUB WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY SUB & A DRINK

FREE



Lowest price sub free with purchase of any 6-inch or footlong sub and a drink. Cannot be used in conjunction with an other offer. Limit one offer per customer per visit, subject to availability. SUBWAY® store to retain the coupon. This coupon has no cash value, is not for sale and is only valid at SUBWAY® store, SWANAGE
 © 2015 Doctor's Associates Inc. SUBWAY® is a registered trademark of Doctor's Associates Inc.

EXPIRES END MAY 2015

Easter Beerex At Wareham



Wareham's traditional Beer and Cider Festival on Easter Friday/Saturday 3rd and 4th of April The Masonic Hall, Wareham (behind the Post Office in North Street, Wareham).

Opening times 11am to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm each day and the entry fee is just £5 including a souvenir glass. Thanks to our many sponsors over £10,000 has been raised for local charities and organizations

This year our beneficiaries represent "The Youth of Wareham" where 50% minimum of funds raised will be donated. We will assist Mini Rugby and football, Cubs, Scouts and Guides to name just a few. If you are involved with such an association, please let us know so your club can be considered for a donation from the profit of Beerex.

There's a great selection of real ales and proper cider from all over the Country, many local, with a name theme of the Rugby World Cup coming in England later this year. For ales, ciders, entertainment and good fun raising money for excellent causes come and join us! Tickets are on the internet (www.beerex.org.uk), from Bullock and Lees, North Street, Wareham 01929 552632 or Wareham Tourist Information Office.

Picture: Martin Cypher (Wareham 41 Club) presents David Evans of The Rex Cinema with a cheque for £2,750 from Beerex 2014

EASTER BEEREX

AT WAREHAM

3rd & 4th APRIL

Raising money for the 'Youth of Wareham'

The Masonic Hall, Wareham
(behind Post Office in North St)

11am - 3pm / 7pm - 11pm
Entry just £5, which includes
a souvenir glass

Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk
or from Bullock & Lees, North St,
tel: 01929 552632 or from
Wareham Tourist Information Office

drink in the view...

kingston
nr Corfe castle

Proud to be one of
THE TIMES
Top 25 Best
Country Pubs for Food

Open every day 11am till 11pm.
Lunch 12 - 2.30pm & Dinner 6 - 8.30pm

West Street • Kingston • Corfe Castle • Dorset BH20 5LH
01929 480270 • www.thescottarms.com

We are open everyday, lunchtimes
& evenings. Our website has regular,
seasonal opening times, menus
and events listed:
www.villageinn-swanage.co.uk

For reservations/enquiries, call 01929 427644
during open hours or 01929 422823

GRAND HOTEL

SWANAGE

☆☆☆

Spring into action and book
either lunch or dinner from our
Spring Set Menu (served in the
conservatory only) at just £10.95
for two courses during April &
May. It is essential to book in
advance due to popular demand.

Call quoting Spring set Menu to
book your table now.

We still have tables
available for Easter
Sunday Lunch-
Hurry don't delay
book your table with
views to Dine for...

There is an 'Eggstra'
special surprise for one
lucky person who has
booked our Easter
Sunday Lunch...

Spring Set Menu
2 Courses for £10.95 using this Voucher
Valid during April & May 2015
1 Voucher per couple

The Grand Hotel, Burlington Rd, Swanage, BH19 1LU
Tel: 01929 423353
Email: reservations@grandhotelswanage.co.uk

Fully
licenced

WORTH MATRAVERS
Tea & Supper Room

Lunches, Afternoon Teas and Suppers

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am - 5pm.
Also open Friday and
Saturday evenings for supper.

During the Easter holidays we will be open on
the Bank Holiday Monday and Thursday evening.

Please call to reserve tables. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Tel: 01929 439368 By the duck pond at Worth

Swanage Bay Fish



*Friendly family-run fishmongers supplying local
fresh fish and shellfish straight off local boats.*

48 High Street, Swanage. Tel: 422288

DORSET FOOD & VENISON FESTIVAL



Easter Saturday (4th April 2015) will see the inaugural Dorset Food and Venison Festival taking place at Post Green in the village of Lytchett Minster, Poole.

Dorset watchers will be well aware of the marvellous range of food produce originating in the county, and may well know of the exciting food events which brighten our summers, but why a Venison Festival?

Well, deer in the landscape are delightful creatures and valuable parts of our ecosystem, but it turns out that it is possible to have too much of a good thing, and deer numbers in Purbeck have got so big that they are damaging farming and woodlands as well as the wild areas and cause traffic accidents. This means that the deer numbers have to be managed, and that means that venison will be produced.

So it's local, healthy, (venison is very low in fat), and tastes good. We thought that this was worth celebrating, and on 4th April we will be giving people the opportunity to discover how good it is and how well it goes with our other excellent Dorset foodstuffs.

Local chefs will be providing food demonstrations throughout the day including Mark Harstone from La Fosse Restaurant as well as The Salt Pig. Dorset Charcuterie will also be showing off their skills.

The event is being supported by Dorset Food & Drink, Wild Purbeck, ANOB and NFU.

There will be information about deer, other wildlife and the local ecology, live music during the event, Morris Dancing to entertain, horse-drawn carriage rides and children's activities including stag racing plus many, many local traders selling their hot and cold food produce and of course local Cider!

All this in a charming rural setting at Post Green, Lytchett Minster.

The event starts at 10am, FREE parking, Adults Entry £2.50 – Under 12 are FREE.

www.dorsetvenisonfestival.org

Like us on facebook: Dorset Food & Venison Festival



Dorset Food & Venison Festival

April 4th 10am - 5pm

**Post Green, Lytchett Minster
BH16 6AP**

Join us for the first Dorset Food & Venison Festival, a celebration of the best of Dorset produce, but with an emphasis on local venison. We have a superb rural setting in Lytchett Minster, with a backdrop of Post Green House. We have easy access from the A35 and plenty of adjacent parking.

A HUGE range of local food producers will be exhibiting during the day

**Demonstrations
Stag Racing
Anonymous Morris
Wareham Whalers and MORE!**

www.dorsetvenisonfestival.org

Natural Matters

Trust Shocked At Lack Of Protection For Studland Bay



Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) is shocked and bitterly disappointed that Studland Bay has not been included in the latest MCZ (Marine Conservation Zone) public consultations.

Twenty-three other sites around England are being considered, as well as additional conservation features for the Chesil Beach and Stennis Ledges MCZ and the South Dorset MCZ, which were designated after the last public consultations.

DWT's Marine Awareness Officer, Julie Hatcher said, "Currently there is still no protection in place for Studland Bay, despite clear ecological evidence in support of the designation, and Natural England identifying it as a site at high risk of damage.

During a survey carried out in 2013, 88% of boaters questioned expressed support for protection for Studland Bay."

Studland Bay is home to a large seagrass meadow, which is a priority conservation habitat and important for both UK seahorse species – the spiny seahorse and the short snouted seahorse. It also provides a nursery area for a range of commercial fish species such as bream, plaice, sole, pollack and bass, and for the endangered undulate ray.

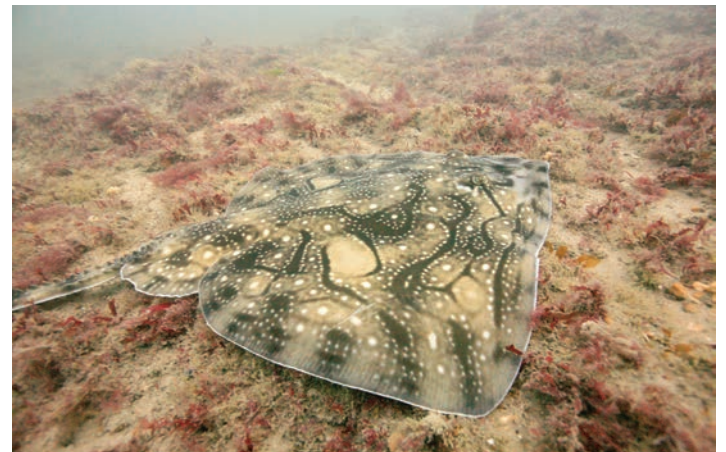
Julie adds: "DWT believes that management measures are available that will allow recreational boaters to carry on visiting the bay and strengthen the local economy. Defra has not taken into account that there are potential economic benefits of designating the site and restoring it to its full health."

DWT is looking for as much support as possible to get Studland Bay considered in the next set of public consultations.

To send an email to Defra asking them to consider this important site for protection, visit <http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/saveMCZs>.

To sign up to become an MCZ friend at www.wildlifetrusts.org/MCZfriends.

Picture credits: Seahorse © Julie Hatcher, Undulate Ray © Peter Tinsley



Swanage Garden Society

Weds 15th April
Spring Supper

Herston Hall, Swanage at 7.30pm
All welcome!

BURNGATE STONE CARVING CENTRE
KINGSTON ROAD, LANGTON BH19 3BE

SCULPTURE GALLERY

LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS

BARGAIN ART WORKS

Easter Art Market

Sat 4th & Sun 5th April

REFRESHMENTS

VINTAGE BRIC-A-BRAC & CLOTHES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Booking essential for courses

Tel: 01929 439405

E-mail: info@burngatestonecentre.co.uk

CHARITY NO. 1135118

Give your kitten a great start in life
with tailored nutrition for all their needs.

ROYAL CANIN

Special Price

£2.99

on stickered 400g bags
from the kitten ranges*



£3 off email voucher
against your next purchase**



Available from your local pet food stockist:

Purbeck Pet & Equestrian

8 West Street
Wareham BH20 4JU
01929 552568



for more information call us on 0845 300 5011 or visit our website

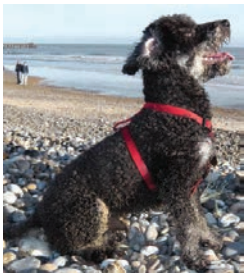
royalcanin
.co.uk

*Terms and conditions apply: Stickered 400g bags from the ROYAL CANIN® kitten ranges only. While stocks last. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

© ROYAL CANIN SAS 2015. All rights reserved.

**Terms and conditions apply: £3 off email voucher against any 1.5kg bag or larger from the ROYAL CANIN® feline ranges. Internet access, use of a valid email address and use of a printer required. Maximum of one voucher per purchased stickered bag, up to two vouchers per person. Registration ends 31/12/15.

Harvey's Law PASSED!



In our February edition, we printed an article on dog theft. Part of the article encouraged you to go online and sign the petition for 'Harvey's Law', to ensure owners are informed by the Highways Agency if pets are sadly found dead on the road. Thankfully, Harvey's Law was passed in March after a government u-turn.

Harvey (pictured left) was a three-year-old miniature poodle, who went missing (with a tagged collar and microchip) on the evening of 23rd November 2013. His owners started a massive search. Facebook attracted over 6000 followers to help search (Harvey's Army), thousands of leaflets were printed and distributed, and over £8000 was spent over the following weeks and months in a desperate attempt to find Harvey.

It was all completely in vain. In February 2014, a Highways Agency Patrol Officer got in touch via Facebook to say that a poodle-type dog had been hit on the M62 shortly after Harvey had gone missing. His body was collected and cremated by HA staff in December 2013.

Despite HA procedures stating that a description of the dog should be recorded and this should be passed to the local police and dog wardens, this did not happen, and the owners were continually told by HA and the dog warden that there were no reports of a dog being hit or picked up around that time. Harvey's body was also obviously not scanned at the time of collection by the HA, despite HA vehicles being equipped with scanners, with set procedures to follow when collecting the bodies of domestic pets from the highway.

Since the petition gained the required number of signatures, the government has now decided to scrap plans to end the requirement to scan domestic pets when found on the highway, and owners should be informed if their pet is found on a public highway.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FINDHARVEY/>

Loss Of Local Wildlife Sites Causes Concern

A new report about Local Wildlife Sites around the UK has revealed that the habitat quality of 118 (9%) of Dorset's Local Wildlife Sites have deteriorated significantly in the last five years.

Dorset Environmental Records Centre (DERC) records also show that in the last 10 years, 34 Local Wildlife Sites (called Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI's) in Dorset) have been wholly or partially destroyed.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) contributed to the report, called 'Secret Spaces', which has been published by The Wildlife Trusts, and describes a variety of reasons why wildlife sites are lost or damaged, including development, re-planting, ploughing and use of fertilisers.

Many sites, such as heathland and unimproved grassland, whilst not deliberately damaged, become smothered in scrub and bracken, which contributes to degradation of the wildlife habitat, if left unmanaged.

Local Wildlife Sites are vital wildlife hotspots and provide important 'stepping stones' for wildlife between protected sites like SSSI's (Sites of Special Scientific Interest).

The Wildlife Trusts both locally and nationally will be urging local authorities and developers to fully recognise the importance of these sites in the planning process, and the Government to prioritise land management funding and advisory schemes to help landowners manage these important sites for the benefit of wildlife.

If you want to find out more about how to care for a local wildlife space in Dorset, contact DWT's Sharron Abbott on 01305 264620.

To read the 'Secret Spaces' report, visit <http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/localwildlifesites>.

DURLSTON



COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Spring Wildlife

After a winter at sea, Guillemots are back on the cliffs, renewing their bonds as they prepare to breed and forming straggling lines on the sea.

The meadows are starting to come back to life, with Cowslips filling them with colour, with Early Spider, Early Purple and Green-winged Orchids also in bloom.

Migrant birds, like Wheatears and Yellow Wagtails, may be seen feeding on the ground while scrub may conceal a Redstart or a singing Nightingale.

Overhead the glorious song of the Skylark contrasts with the simple piping of the Meadow Pipit. Both are ground-nesting and particularly at risk from disturbance, so please keep to the waymarked paths.

'40 Years, Man and Boy': The Artwork of Peter Rush

Do come along and see our current exhibition, featuring a look back at the varied career of 'Jackanory' artist Peter Rush, who has created an astonishing range of witty, beautiful and unique work.

From illustrations, oil paintings, to puppets and paper sculptures, the exhibition will also include an ongoing live demonstration of sky and seascape painting, for which Peter is nationally renowned.

The exhibition will be open daily until the 20th April and entry is free. For more information, visit www.peterrushart.co.uk.

Easter Events for Kids and Families

If you are looking for something to do with the children, grandchildren or your grown-ups, there is lots going on at Durlston this Easter.

Our ever-popular Easter Egg Trail (this year inspired by Victorian adventurers) runs every day throughout the Easter holidays and is sponsored by the lovely people at Chococo hand-made chocolates, who have provided this year's prizes. £3 per treasure hunter.

On Thursday 2nd April, kids can discover more about 'Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils' or take 'A Wildlife Wander' with Park Dog Widget to sniff out some wildlife on the 9th April (booking required for both events).

Meanwhile, on Wednesday 1st and 8th April, there will be free drop in activities at the Learning Centre between 11.30am and 3pm.

Discover Wild Foods

If you want to find out more about what edible wild plants are starting to appear, foraging expert James Feaver from 'Hedgerow Harvest' will be leading a 'Spring Greens Foraging Walk' on the 11th April at 11am. Learn what you can gather and how you can use it in the kitchen, followed by a light lunch based on wild food. Booking is required and the event costs £20.

For more events and wildlife, visit www.durlston.co.uk or [Facebook.com/Durlston](https://www.facebook.com/Durlston)



Margaret Green Animal Rescue

All Together for Animals!

Margaret Green Animal Rescue needs you! Readers of the Purbeck Gazette, please help us by supporting the first ever Margaret Green Day on Wednesday 20th May.

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, and in memory of Margaret Green (pictured below left, in 1966) who ran our charity for 35 years, we have launched a brand new fundraising day.

On what would have been Margaret Green's 100th birthday, we are inviting members of the public, businesses, schools and groups to organise a fundraising event or activity to raise money for our rescue animals.

Whether it's a sponsored walk, cycle or swim, dress down day or bake sale, the possibilities are endless. Why not get your colleagues together and dress up in animal onesies for a day, or organise a raffle at your local community centre?

To get involved, call us on 01929 477074 to request your free fundraising pack.

Keep in touch regarding your plans and we'll share your success on our website and Facebook page. Fundraisers will be invited to a celebration at our Sanctuary at Church Knowle on 23rd May.



**Rescuing & Rehoming in
Excess of 1,200
Animals Every Year**

**Margaret Green
Animal Rescue**

50 years Caring for rescued animals

Our Church Knowle Animal Sanctuary and Visitor Centre is free to visit everyday (except Christmas day) between 10am and 4pm.
Come and meet the animals!

Church Knowle Animal Sanctuary & Visitor
Centre, Church Knowle, Wareham, BH20 5NQ
01929 480474
ck@margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

Lincoln Farm Rescue & Rehoming Centre for
Dogs, Bere Road, Blandford, DT1 9BP
01929 471340
lf@margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

NOW AVAILABLE!

For many years the NFU have taken this prime advertising spot as sponsors of John's column. The space is now being offered to a new sponsor.

Would YOUR business like to sponsor John's column in the Gazette each month? In return you get excellent advertising space each month and will be the only advertiser on the page.

Minimum 3 month booking - call Joy on 01929 424293 to enquire!

Further Afield To A Field Of Boulders

by John Garner



Up until the last few months a field of boulders would have registered as only a mild distraction to a pleasant meander through the countryside at best. It has now most definitely upped its status and has become a playground of epic proportions suggesting, as it does, an area of boulder problems that need to be solved.

Bouldering makes you concentrate on the little things. I have already spent upwards of five hours on a single problem in the climbing gym just attempting to make a sequence of interconnected moves that result in the success of completing a problem. With mixed results. When I started at theclimbingproject.co.uk I was merely curious to see

what this sport had to offer. It was a stop off on the way home that looked like fun and was a decent means of keeping fit. It's now become a minor obsession, probably in a good way, that has inevitably led to me trying out bouldering in the real outdoor world where boulders exist without the reassuring presence of crash mats and an excellent café upstairs.

When you go bouldering outdoors you need to bring your own café and your own bouldering mat for that matter. Well, you do if you want a drink and to not to end up in traction. You decide which you think is more important.

To Portland and an area known as 'the cuttings', the home of bouldering in this part of the country. Limestone blobs of stone scattered about with the sole purpose of providing fun for people like myself. Or rather not like myself. That is people who know how to find a way up, over and around a lump of rock. The first thing to come to terms with is the reality of the whole thing. The climbing gym is fantastic and I think I'm going to feel the same about bouldering outdoors. But even a novice like me can see it's very different. I intend to do both.

Portland stone is a precious thing. It has been used to help construct such monumental structures as the United Nations building in New York and our own St Paul's cathedral. It is limestone. This is all I know about Portland stone other than it is great to scramble over.

I imagine there are very many types of rock that are great to scramble over. My own grandfather used to head off into the Lake District back in the day and spend happy weekends scrambling over its crags with nothing

more than a dodgy old rope lashing him and a mate together and it heartens me that I am now doing the same sort of thing albeit on a miniature scale. And without the dodgy old rope. In fact I've not made a decision about climbing with ropes yet, but if I decide to go ahead I'll be wanting the ropes that are, as far as possible, at the other end of the dodgy rope spectrum. I want indestructible, totally trustable ropes. I'm going to buy my ropes from the totally trustable and indestructible rope shop.

My Grandfather was a geezer! He was a real outdoors man and made the most of the free resources available to him here and all over Europe. Definitely a get out there and do it sort of chap when transport made it quite difficult to get out there and do it. I like to think some of those genes are in me as well.

A beautiful, sunny, February day messing about on rocks. Bloody brilliant it was. The views out to sea were great and the journey in and out of Portland takes you past the (I still find it an astonishing phenomenon) frankly amazing and bizarre Chesil beach.

Chesil is an old English word for gravel and gravel is what it is. An eighteen mile bank of gravel with a lagoon on the inside sandwiched between it and the rest of the mainland all the way to West Bay. And, get this - the pebbles are graded in terms of size. The biggest are at the Portland end at Chiswell and they get progressively smaller as you head west until they become very small indeed. How amazing is that? Now no one can see the pebbles organising themselves so they presumably shuffle around under cover of darkness as rarely is a pebble in the wrong place, which is also quite an amazing thing if clearly not true. Typically Chesil stands about 11 metres above sea level for its length.

The rock we climbed had an incredible amount of friction. This was good for your climbing as it meant your climbing shoes clung to what seemed like impossibly small imperfections in the rock. It was bad for climbing in that it removed lots of skin from the tips of my fingers and at one point part of my shin. That said it was a brilliant experience and one I hope to repeat on as regular a basis as I can get away with over the next few months.

From sand to gravel to pebbles to boulders. There were also people climbing the cliffs. Underrated is Portland and whilst I realise it's not in the domain of the Purbeck Gazette distribution zone, it's good to go explore once in a while.



Rieke and Bulu Meet At Monkey World



Primate Care Staff at Monkey World – Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset have welcomed a second baby Sumatran orang-utan (*Pongo abelii*) to the park – the second in the last two months. Six-week-old baby girl, Rieke, arrived recently from Berlin Zoo and was introduced to her new adopted brother, five-month-old Bulu Mata, who came from Budapest Zoo in December after his mother sadly died unexpectedly.

Rieke, a tiny baby girl, was born at Zoo Berlin in Germany on 12 January 2015. Her mother, Djasinga (aged 11), rejected her at birth and so the team of zookeepers had to intervene to care for the critically endangered infant. Having gained over 800g since birth, she was strong enough to make the big move to the orang-utan crèche in Monkey World, where specialist Primate Care Staff can take over her care.

Monkey World is home to the European crèche for orphaned orang-utans and, as such, provides sanctuary for any infants or youngsters that are not cared for by their mothers. The specially designed nursery building has a gymnasium-sized playroom fitted out with climbing frames, hammocks, and ropes to encourage natural, arboreal orang-utan behaviour. Most importantly there are 6 other orang-utans living there that include orphans from UK, Spain, Taiwan, Hungary and South Africa.

Rieke will be introduced to her new adopted family of orang-utans at Monkey World over the coming months and it is possible that adult female orang-utan, Hsiao-quai, will not only adopt the new arrival, but will also feed her. She is a wonderful mother, who has already raised two sons of her own and is currently breast-feeding another adopted three-year-old female, Awan. The team at Monkey World are hopeful that, given some time, Hsiao-quai may take on Rieke as well. Regardless, the two infants will start meeting some of the other Orang-utan Creche residents that are younger and very gentle.

Until then, Primate Care Staff will feed and care for both Rieke and Bulu Mata around the clock, taking them both home each evening to their very own nursery at the park. Like human babies, orang-utans are entirely dependant upon their mothers for survival. They have the longest “childhood” of all the great apes, with infants staying with their mothers for up to seven years. During this time the young learn all the skills they need to survive in the wild and to get on with others of their own kind.

For this reason, it is critical that the babies are able to live and grow up with other orang-utans, and so Rieke and Bulu Mata are in the best place at Monkey World.

Monkey World’s Director, Dr Alison Cronin, said “It is an amazing international effort to provide two orphan orang-utans with the very best opportunity to grow up with others of their own kind. Zoo Berlin and Budapest Zoos have done a wonderful job in caring for these very vulnerable infants and we are pleased to be able to offer specialist care and facilities throughout the rest of their childhood.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Readers can help us with the following:

Infant supplies of milk, nappies and baby oil – specific items needed for Rieke and Bulu Mata are listed at the Monkey World Wish List on Amazon.com at: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=A13VVEKL02T331>

Download this charity fundraising music video featuring the orang-utans from Monkey World at: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/music-video/i-say-save-orang-utans/id968092675>

Pictured: Top and below, Rieke and Bulu Mata. Bottom left: Andre Schule, baby Rieke, Keeper Dat Driver, Monkey World Director, Alison Cronin, baby Bulu Mata and Zoo Berlin Keeper, Christian Aust.





Holme for Gardens Plant Centre

With friendly, knowledgeable staff

Farm Shop

Local Produce at its best

Orchard Café

Delicious Holme-made cakes,
Cream teas and lunches

Come, see and enjoy our new

Landscaped Pond Area and

Mulberry Terrace

Available for private hire

Plant Centre OFFER for April

While stocks last. 1 voucher per person per day.
Selected Plants only. Advert must be presented for offer

9cm Sweet Peas

many colours to choose from

Buy 2 and get

1 FREE



Holme Nurseries Ltd West Holme Farm, Wareham BH20 6AQ Tel: 01929 554716

Only 3 miles from Wareham (B3070) www.holmeforgardens.co.uk office@holmeforgardens.co.uk



Gazette Gardening with Simon Goldsack

Plant Hunters

April is the month when gardens come alive with the greatest variety of flowering trees and shrubs. We are particularly lucky in the UK to have an enormous assortment of plants to enjoy, thanks to plant breeders and nurserymen.

A lot of garden plants are improved forms of wild plants that have been selected and cross-bred to enhance a certain feature such as flower size and colour, length of flowering, height etc.

Most are either collected from the wild or bred from plants collected from the wild. We really need to thank the Plant Hunters of yesteryear who travelled to areas of the world that were often unexplored, risking starvation, disease, injury and violence from animals and unfriendly natives to bring us back new species.

What motivated them was not personal gain – very few became rich – or even fame. Their names, commemorated in the plants they bequeathed to us, are only really familiar to keen gardeners. Their driving force was a passion for their subject. Brave and intrepid men like Reginald Farrer, E H Wilson, Sir Joseph Hooker, David Douglas and George Forrest may not be household names but nearly every garden contains plants that they were responsible for introducing to the UK.

Plant Hunters at Holme

Here at Holme, we may not have to battle through thick jungle, climb high mountain passes, avoid cannibals or fight off Malaria like the plant hunters of old... nonetheless the Holme plant team are just as passionate about bringing you the best garden plants from Dorset, England and as far afield as Holland, Germany and Italy.

Over the past few weeks we have been scouring Britain and Europe to assemble an amazing array of plants which is now on show at Holme.

All our expertise and knowledge is available to you so why not make use of it this spring and visit the vast selection of plants at Holme?

Pictured below right is George Forrest who introduced over 100 varieties of Rhododendron.

Below left: Holme Nursery staff along with Simon show off some of the fantastic shrubs available at Holme right now.



Arts & Entertainment

Purbeck DJ Wins Scholarship Award

Local mobile DJ, Iggy Davis of Corfe Castle (trading as Iggy Events DJ - pictured below), has won a prestigious Scholarship Award from the National Association of Disc Jockeys (NADJ).

NADJ ran a nationwide search to find a DJ who they thought would make the most out of a package of training and educational opportunities from the leading experts in the industry on all aspects of being a mobile DJ.

The NADJ Chairman, Alan Marshall, said that he was "ecstatic at the calibre of entries. Many congratulations to Iggy from our team of volunteers at the National Association of Disc Jockeys! We know from the glowing report on your application that you are sure to use all the different parts of the programme to the full potential of your performances and your DJ business."

The judges (Mark Walsh, from BPM and Eddie Short, from Pro Mobile magazine) outlined their reasons for Iggy ticking all of their boxes: "Iggy stood out as a recent convert to full-time mobile DJ'ing.



"He has used 'New Enterprise' grants to help build his business and has also invested in books, DVDs and training to help build his business."

"He cites the NADJ as helping raise his personal standards. His outlook is 100% positive and his application really hooked both Eddie and I with his determination to make his business work."

"He seems to be in control of all aspects of his business."

One of the highlights of the package is the chance to attend the Pro Mobile Conference. The two-day conference is for anyone who

The next
Rock 'n' Roll Dance
 will be on **October 24th 2015**
Put it in your diary!
More details later - 01929 421401

wants to take a proactive approach to developing their DJ and business skills. Each of the main speakers hosting educational content at the conference has a different specific area of expertise, from creating fun and entertaining wedding receptions, to sharing important lessons learnt from a lifetime of working in the industry.

Iggy will also receive VIP tickets to the 3-day BPM show at the NEC in Birmingham: a mini-city of interactive displays from over 100 exhibiting companies, educational sessions, chilled-out networking areas, and incredible live performances from world class DJs.

As well as these amazing experiences, Iggy will gain a recognised qualification from the London College Of Music: DJ Dynamics (Level 1). In this course Iggy will learn about the techniques and processors that underpin DJ mixing. He will also receive regular ongoing one-to-one training with his own DJ mentor, Derek Pengelly, mobile DJ & MC of over thirty years experience and author of *Wedding Day Secrets*.

Iggy said, "I'm over the moon about being chosen for the scholarship! At every event I do, as well as bringing professional quality equipment and playing the right music, I try and think of ways I can add something extra to improve the party for the host and the guests; with this training I'll be able to do an even better job!"

Well done Iggy from all of us at the Gazette!

' TALKING TREES '
 Visual Art Installation
 24th - 28th May 2015 @
 Kingston Country Courtyard



JAIO
 Fine Art, Visual Arts,
 Photography, Sculpture,
 Pottery & Creative Sculpture

Speech and language of nature takes on a creative form and imagination abounds.

Within this indoor woodland glen, find gems in observation, thoughts in leaves, designs in bark and words in everything. Walk in the footsteps of the lovers of old and read their sonnets of devoted love that seem to have bypassed the ages and been reborn into a modern guise.

Re-live the experiences of various sojourners etched upon the very surface of all creation as birds and wildlife manifest out of paper before your very eyes.

Continue in their legacy by adding to this installation with a story, response or reflection of your own.



...with Lytchett Minster School Dancers, presents

Magnificent Mozart



Saturday April 25th 7:30 pm

Lady St. Mary Church, Wareham

Coronation Mass, Ave Verum Corpus, Laudate, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, and Coronation peal of bells finale

Music director – Nigel Groome

Tickets £10 from Joys Outfitters
Tel: 01929 552272 or on the door
www.freewebs.com/warehamcs



Purbeck Art Weeks Festival 23rd May ~ 7th June

Festival Events for 2015

As a full arts Festival we celebrate and showcase some of the artistic talent that exists in Purbeck and encourage young people to get involved in workshops that inspire them and develop their abilities. We also like as many as possible to experience performers who are at the top of their field in a wide range of art forms and at prices which they can afford.

Saturday 23rd May

11.00am-1.00pm, St Edward's Catholic Church, Swanage
Workshop with The Fieri Consort for experienced singers

Saturday 23rd May

7.30pm St Edward's Catholic Church, Swanage
Out of the Shadows: The Fieri Consort

Sunday 24th May

6.30pm St Mary's Church, Swanage
Celebration Evensong with singers from across Purbeck

Tuesday 26th May

7.30pm Harman's Cross Village Hall
From the Jurassic Depths with local fossil experts Charlie Newman and Steve Etches MBE

Wednesday 27th May

7.30pm Harman's Cross Village Hall
Helen Muspratt: A Pioneering Swanage Artist & Photographer with Jessica Sutcliffe, Pennie Denton & Cath Newman

Thursday 28th May

6.00pm, Not Just Sundaes, Wareham
A Colourful Partnership: celebrating art with young and old and those with special needs

Friday 29th May

7.30pm, Harman's Cross Village Hall
Five chairs, a clock and a harpsichord...a celebration of beautiful handmade wooden objects to use, look at and listen to. Craftsmen show and talk about their work

Saturday 30th May

6.30pm St Nicholas' church, Worth Matravers
The Fantastic Harpsichord recital by Colin Booth

Sunday 31st May

7.00pm Lady St Mary Church, Wareham
Of a rose is all my song a concert by The Gabrieli Consort

Monday 1st June

7.00pm Smedmore House, Kimmeridge
Inside the Court of Napoleon illustrated talk by Dr Philip Mansel with buffet supper

Wednesday 3rd June

7.30pm St Mary's Church, Swanage
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Wind Ensemble

Friday 5th June

7.30pm St Edward's Catholic Hall, Swanage
Purbeck Artists and the Great War illustrated talk by Bob Field

Saturday 6th June

7.30pm United Reformed Church, Swanage
Making music with Beethoven musical journey with Miranda Fulleylove and friends

Sunday 7th June

10.15 for 11.30am Encombe House
Kingston, Mozart and Beethoven - coffee concert with Miranda Fulleylove and friends.

For more details on our events and to book tickets on-line please visit our website and keep an eye open for our special Festival Programme - profits from this will go to support our charity and, in particular, our Bursary Scheme which helps artists take their next step. You will also find our free brochure in Swanage and Wareham Tourist Centres and elsewhere.

purbeckartweeks.co.uk



PURBECK VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

27-30th Aug 2015



FOLK LEGEND - GUITAR GOD:
RICHARD THOMPSON SOLO

DEL AMITRI's
JUSTIN CURRIE

BBC Folk Awards Musician of the Year 2013

SQUEEZE's
CHRIS DIFFORD

Double Ivor Novello Award winner

KATHRYN TICKELL
& the Side

BBC Folk Awards Best Duo 2014

MEGSON

3x Spiral Earth Award winners

PHILLIP HENRY & HANNAH MARTIN
with their new band

MOULETTES **MARTHA TILSTON**
& the Scientists

+ more headliners to be announced soon...

O'HOOLEY & TIDOW - CROSSHARBOUR
NAOMI BEDFORD & PAUL SIMMONDS
CARAVAN OF THIEVES - STEVE TILSTON
COCO & THE BUTTERFIELDS - KADIA
KESTON COBBLERS CLUB - RANAGRI
WAREHAM WHALERS + loads more

BH19 / BH20 RESIDENTS OFFER
20% OFF
USE OFFER CODE: BH19 or BH20 WHEN BOOKING
*Proof of address required on entry

FATEA's Best Countryside Festival 2012 & 2013
4 Stages - Open mic - Sessions - Workshops - Poetry - Kids' fun
Massive range of real ales and ciders - GREAT VALUE FESTIVAL

www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk



Purbeck Valley Farm - Corfe Castle, Nr Swanage, Dorset

Donato Forte - A Gift Of Creation



Renowned Swanage-based artist and choreographer, David (Donato) Forte, sadly died on December 13th 2014, aged 90. Donato was son of Alfonso Forte and Adeline Mezza, and was brother to Giulio Forte and the late Amedeo, Gerry and Ettore Forte. Purbeck artist and sculpturist, Carlotta Barrow, recounts her memories of Donato, below....

Donato burst into my life in my late teens. I was home from ballet school and my mother gave a birthday party, at which there was a treasure hunt for which she had written amazing rhyming clues. Donato claimed to have a headache (I think it was because he didn't want to scabble over the rocks at Peveril Point with all of us teenagers!). As he was my treasure hunt partner I took him to rest in the sitting room, but he was soon up leaping around to loud ballet music, with no sign of the headache! He invited my mother and I to supper in the Forte family home above the shop on Shore road — he was a very good host and cook.

We danced together in a charity concert at the old Mowlem Theatre, which housed the library in front and featured a huge ammonite in the fireplace. Donato choreographed Tchaikovsky's 'Caprice Italien' and at the curtain call I received a huge bouquet of flowers.

He opened a ground-floor espresso coffee bar on Station Road, with the first Gaggia espresso machine to reach Swanage. It blew up one day and he was found hiding behind the fridge. His artistic style flourished on the floor above, where he transformed the front room into the 'Florentine Tea Room' decorated accordingly, and featuring a gilt cake trolley highly embellished with ostrich feathers and ribbons. The room behind was his art gallery; my aunt had an exhibition of her Nigerian portraits there, and in true Donato style there were roped gilt stands and a printed programme with a golden tassel.

We had a beautiful blonde French girl, Danielle, staying with us at the time. She was soon working in the cafe and I am sure attracted many customers.

Our paths crossed again in London when I was dancing. I was staying at the Theatre Girl's Club in Greek Street, Soho. Donato was living in style (for free) at one of his cousin's hotels, the Waldorf Astoria in the Aldwych. He complained that toothpaste was not provided.

He had met Margot Fonteyn through his friend Peter Wright, and she came to see some of his choreography, with a view to him working on a ballet. He asked me to dance the pas-de-deux with Tom Slevin, a Canadian dancer he knew. This was very exciting and as we had no money we rehearsed where we could, including the stage at the Winter Garden Theatre, Drury Lane where I was dancing in Alice in Wonderland.

We used the stage between the matinee and evening performance but Frankie Howard (who was playing the Mad Hatter) complained of the noise as he was trying to rest. So we moved on to The Talk of the Town, a theatre restaurant owned by another cousin. Whilst Tom and I were dancing on the stage, the press



arrived and thought we were the principal dancers. Donato's cousin treated us to a meal and show there, but being penniless we had no money for a tip.

The piece was coming together really well and I was excited about dancing for Margot Fonteyn, but unfortunately Donato met another girl who had a rich father who could fund him. So I was dropped and she danced with Tom at the Café Royale (owned by another cousin) in Regent Street. Fonteyn did come to see the piece but I never heard more about Donato choreographing for her.

Tom Slevin became a friend and we used to go to classes together until he left for New York. At this time I was interested in American freestyle jazz dance after doing classes with Gary Cockrell, who came over to London with West Side Story. I decided to go to New York to train with Gary's teacher Mat Maddox. Tom by this time was married and living in Manhattan, and he kindly sponsored me and arranged for me to stay with a friend (who worked with him for NET Television).

Years later, living in Covent Garden, I was invited to a private view of Donato's costume designs in the crush bar of the Royal Opera House. He was an excellent artist and painted what he called his 'floating ladies', male and female dancers in the most amazing costumes he designed. It was a champagne reception with many celebrities.

I had to give up dancing after a knee injury and started painting and creating kinetic art, which led to a life in film and television as art director and set designer. I had my daughter Anna in 1981 and returned to Swanage for the first six months of her life. Here I re-connected with Donato and his friend Richard, who worked at the estate agents, Miles & Son. There was a group of us, Donato, Richard, Al Tartar (an American artist) and his wife Sylvia and myself who used to take turns to host dinner parties. Anna as a baby was at the stage she could come in a carrycot and sleep in a bedroom.

Donato, true to his style, had completely transformed a small house in Argyle Road into an Italianate boudoir! In the dining room, elaborate screens, huge gilt picture frames, small gilt tables with marble tops, gilt candle sconces and an elegant table and chairs with candelabra completed the scene. Al and Sylvia lived in the Old Water Works, filled with his paintings. They were very good cooks. I remember my turn, everything was set, meal in the oven, table laid, we were standing in front of a blazing fire raising our glasses for a toast when all the lights went out. Luckily I had enough coins to hand to feed the meter.

It was at this time the idea for The Balletomanes Cook Book was born, with famous dancers giving their favourite recipes, together with a photograph and short biography. I interviewed Antoinette Sibley and my dancer friend Anitra Shaw. Rosy Barlow designed the cover but when I approached publishers, the Opera Lover's Cook book had just come out so it was rejected.

I particularly remember one New Year's Eve in Swanage, with the roads closed and everyone in fancy dress. Chris, my husband, as an Arab, Anna (then eight) in one of my costumes and myself dressed as a principal boy, Aladdin! There were a party of ducks quacking down the road with their yellow feet, a family as snowmen, Fiona in Hawaiian grass skirt and lei and many more. Then out of the shadows appeared Donato in flesh-coloured body suit and long blonde wig as Lady Godiva, with Richard as Peeping Tom.

Time passed and I was working as Set Decorator on Agatha Christie's *Poirot*. We were filming in Eastbourne and the production office phoned me to say there was a gentleman who wanted to see me. It was Donato! He was then living in St Leonards and running an antique shop with a friend. We took him for a meal and he was his old hilarious self, telling jokes; one was quite outrageous about the Catholic church, when we noticed the table behind consisted of four priests. However, they were in gales of laughter!

Donato could certainly be the life and soul of a party and was brilliant at telling stories and laughing at himself. I feel his light is still sparkling and he will never be forgotten.

Carlotta Barrow

Pictured: Top: Donato, from Carlotta's collection. Left: Carlotta in the late 1950s, aged 17, when she was dancing at the Mowlem with Donato. Right: One of Donato's famous costume designs.



Oasis? Here? No! IT'S OASISH!

On Saturday 21st February, we headed down to the Mowlem Theatre in Swanage in the hope of being entertained by Europe's leading Oasis tribute act, Oasish (great name!).

Oasish were supported by Purbeck's very own 'Social Affair', led by Frankie Rudd, who organised the night.

Tribute acts used to be pretty hit and miss to be honest, but as Mr Kyps in Bournemouth are finding, times have changed and many tribute acts these days are almost as good as the original act.

The tickets were a sell-out, with a packed theatre of Oasis (and Rudd) fans, ready to let their hair down.

Social Affair came on-stage accompanied by some impressive purple smoke and a worthy light show to a rapturous local welcome. Not having seen them perform for quite a while, I was pleasantly surprised by the relaxed, polished, entertaining performance.

Frankie, as front man, has really grown into an accomplished performer, backed by a band which hangs together extremely well, offering a tight performance throughout. There's nothing quite like seeing a band who really enjoy performing together; the atmosphere draws the audience in, and smiling becomes the order of the day - with the band leading the way.

Following Social Affair were Oasish - billed as Europe's top Oasis tribute act. Headed-up by Paul as Liam, with Phil as Noel (surnames seem to be a state secret), this Reading-based tribute act exploded onto stage just like - well, Oasis, actually.

Offering-up the full repertoire of Oasis hits, Oasish were pretty bloody splendid, to be honest, and highly entertaining. A huge amount of work has obviously gone into their act, with everything perfected to mimic the real thing. In fact, it would be interesting to see them on stage performing next to the real Liam and Noel as you'd be hard pushed to choose a winner.

Only slight downside to the night was the Mowlem's continued inability to remove the front couple of rows of seats in order to allow people room to dance - other small theatres manage it easily, it is physically possible (I checked), so come on - let's at least give the audience the chance to fully enjoy musical acts when they're here - dancing is not dangerous, and nor are people having fun - lose the fear and let's bring the Mowlem's facilities up to the modern day a little when needed - it won't even cost a penny!

Nico Johnson - thanks to Social Affair for the review tickets!



Above: Oasish rock the Mowlem stage



Purbeck's own ever-popular 'Social Affair' as support band

The Bishop Reviews

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

Freewheelers Save The World by Eric Johns

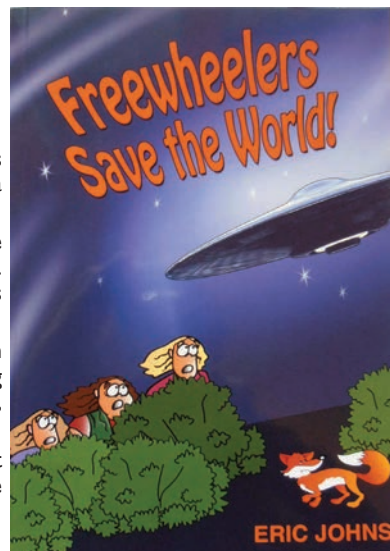
Eric Johns is a prolific local author with a wealth of titles in various genres, and over twenty children's books to his credit. Readers of this column might remember I reviewed the excellent Prisoners of a Shadow World last August.

This book is the second in the popular Freewheelers series for children featuring Gina, Mandy and Claire the founder members of the very exclusive Freewheelers club, dedicated to good deeds and saving the world. In this instance they are saving the world from 'aliens' and, of course, nobody - especially grown-ups - takes them very seriously.

At the end we find this is a clever play on words and that the 'aliens' the girls do succeed in their own bumbling way in having arrested are of the 'illegal' variety. Whilst maintaining the fine tradition of defining right and wrong for children in clear and simple terms the book still manages to be very fresh and modern, and readable even to an old fogey like me.

As the author lives in Swanage, and the book is set in 'a seaside town', it makes spotting the locations a most intriguing diversion. Available as a paperback from bookshops or online booksellers at £7.99, or as a Kindle e-book for £2.99. ISBN 9781291930870.

David Bishop



Health & Beauty

BACK PAIN Change Your Brain!



We are in an age of information and technology:

You have back pain worse than in the past and this was initially so severe that you could not straighten. Usually you are okay after a

week but this has hung around in your back well over a month and this time you are worried.

X-rays show some wear and tear - maybe a narrow area suggesting that the disc has worn. You stop your hobbies, look after your back, keeping it straight as you are advised and still there is pain. MRI scan shows narrowing and wear - but they say it is fine - nothing to worry about.

You search the internet -What are they not telling me? Why isn't there anything they can do? It is now awful sitting- car journeys are a nightmare, walking uphill is dreadful. You are constantly aware of you back and you are not sure about those physiotherapy exercises because they hurt.

Surprisingly it has been found that many of us who haven't got pain actually have pretty dreadful X-rays and scans. Your back probably looked just the same on scans well before you had pain.

Anxiety can cause the area of your brain which "feels" your back to become LARGER and more SENSITIVE. It senses danger, tenses the back muscles and compresses the nerves further. This is a simplified explanation of "central sensitisation" and to change it you have to take charge and BELIEVE that there is nothing DREADFUL wrong with you.

To reverse this sensitisation often needs your belief, a graduated exercise programme to help you help yourself and some hands on treatment. At Swanage Therapy Centre we understand these conditions and assess and treat all individually. We offer treatments which may involve massage, acupuncture, mobilisation or manipulation and a customised exercise and self-care programme.

Don't let your pain become chronic.

Come and talk to us and we will advise who in our team could help.

For more information or to book an appointment please call in to Swanage Therapy Centre, 5 Court Road or phone us on 01929 426506

Swanage Therapy Centre

Back pain? then let us help

at Swanage Therapy Centre

5 Court Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1JB

T: 01929 426506

www.swanagetherapycentre.co.uk

CHIROPODY

Rachel Ciantar

Home Visits & Clinic Appointments

**Comprehensive foot care - Diabetic Patient's Care
Biomechanics & Orthotics**

Registered with Society of Podiatrist & Chiropractors, HPC Registered

Contact 07979 840542

NEW PATIENTS £5 OFF FIRST TREATMENT

ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM PAIN OR DISCOMFORT?

We can help to heal your:

Back & neck pain..Sciatica..Tension..Headaches..Arthritic pain
Frozen Shoulder..Sports Injuries..Muscle Strains..Repetitive Strains
Poor Posture & much more

Practices based in Swanage & Wareham



01929
766008

Guy Ryder
Registered Osteopath

www.purbeck-osteopathy.co.uk

Your hearing is our passion

Professional independent hearing care in the comfort of your own home.
Call Keeley on 01202 511386



Key to Hearing

www.keytohearing.co.uk

SHIATSU

Japanese Acupressure Therapy

by

Nichola Morgan

B.A. Dip. Seitai Shiatsu (Japan)

For Wholeness & Wellbeing

SWANAGE (01929) 427289



ADVERTISING



**HELPS YOU SELL
STUFF TO PEOPLE**

SARAH TITMAN REFLEXOLOGY

Feet, Face And Hands
To Help Relieve Aches,
Pains & Stress

Centre Of Wareham
Parking Available
01929 550 394



Advertise your Health or Beauty Service HERE!
See www.purbeckgazette.co.uk for rates

Kate Smith, ITEC **NEW TREATMENTS!**
Eyelash & Eyebrow Tinting - Eyelash Perming & Lifting
Kaesoo Natural Facials

HOLISTIC MASSAGE THERAPY, WAXING, FACIALS,
 MANICURE, PEDICURE, SHELLAC, EYELASH & EYEBROW TREATMENTS

Kate Smith is available at:
Ruby Tuesdays Tilly Mews, Swanage
Call Kate for details on 07505 313179

AROMATHERAPIST 

Edith Mason-Hubacher
 I.T.E.C. M.I.P.T.I B.A.U.K.

Qualified Bowen Practitioner
Indian Head & Neck Massage

Gift vouchers available

Telephone: 01929 424956 or 07967 978 695 for details

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



NOVASURE AND MYOSURE GYNAECOLOGICAL PROCEDURES

I thought that you would be interested to know that the Friends of Swanage Hospital have very generously supported the Day Surgery Unit by investing in the future of our gynaecology service. Paula Beesley, Sister at Swanage Day Surgery Unit, explains:

"We asked the Friends for new equipment that not only helps us to keep up with the latest surgical advances but is also recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). This means that we can offer our local ladies procedures that remove small uterine polyps (Myosure technique) and help to control menstrual problems (Novasure technique). The Novasure procedure is currently undertaken using a quick general anaesthetic and the Myosure under local anaesthetic. This reduces hospital stay and ensures a quick return to normal daily activities.

We acquired the equipment at the end of last year and, after training, we undertook our first Myosure procedure in January. During February we continued by performing two Novasure procedures. Our consultant

gynaecologist, Mr Tyrone Carpenter, has been very supportive in helping us to deliver this service at Swanage.

With the addition of this equipment we are able to offer greater choice and add to the existing services that we provide.

We appreciate the continued commitment of the Friends in helping to make Swanage Hospital the best it can be."

The Friends is a group of people who give their time, energy and wisdom to support the work of the hospital in Swanage.

We also have a similar group that supports Wareham Hospital. I regularly meet up with both organisations to keep them updated on hospital projects and to discuss how we can work together to benefit our patients and staff.

If you would like information on how to join our Friends please contact the main reception at either hospital.

Until next time, take care!

Matron Donna



Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit
Open 7 days a week from 8am - 8pm
If you have an injury, we're here to treat it!
Call us on 01929 421329.
We're here for YOU, so use our services!

Donate Your Brain!

Charity calls for more people to consider brain donation. The UK's first dedicated brain and tissue bank for epilepsy is calling for more people to consider joining the brain donation register.

The charity Epilepsy Society, founders of the Epilepsy Society Brain and Tissue Bank, are hoping to raise awareness of the value of brain tissue for epilepsy research. More than half a million people in the UK have epilepsy and a third have seizures that cannot be controlled with anti-epileptic drugs.

There are around 1,000 epilepsy-related deaths each year. Professor Sanjay Sisodiya, who leads the genetics research at Epilepsy Society, said: "Other conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's have large tissue banks dedicated to research which have proved extremely valuable. Brain Awareness Week marks the first anniversary of the Epilepsy Society Brain and Tissue Bank.

"We have already had a good response from people wanting to join the brain donation register - but the more we can raise awareness, the faster we may develop new treatments and cures. You do not need to have epilepsy to join the register - we need to be able to compare and contrast the brains from people who had epilepsy with brains from people who did not."

The facility, at the Institute of Neurology in London, is overseen by consultant neuropathologist Dr Maria Thom.

Dr Thom said: "We've also been promoting awareness of the facility

Virginia Claridge M.Inst. ChP, D.Ch.M
Chiropodist



Registered with the
Health & Care Professions Council

Home visits in Swanage and surrounding areas
Telephone - 01929 423056

with pathologists and coroners. In many instances valuable brain tissue is not collected at the time of death because there is a lack of information regarding a route for donation."

"We have had considerable interest from coroners and pathologists in our first year as well as families.

In addition our tissue resource is being used by many research groups in the UK and beyond and in projects as varied as understanding the electrical activity of neurones in epilepsy to alterations in the brain that could be related to sudden death."

More information about the project is available at www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/brainbank or email epilepsybrainbank@ucl.ac.uk

Wrinkles Begone!

We Try Dermal Fillers



Editor Nico Johnson being treated by Dr Claudia Morley at The Bay, Swanage.

I've held an interest in modern-day cosmetic surgery ever since I stood next to rock legend, Liam Gallagher, and almost immediately my excitement at meeting him melted away, replaced by a fascination of his skin - baby-smooth and wrinkle-free, but not frozen. I just couldn't stop staring - he looked amazing. In the past two years, a huge number of people from all walks of life are opting for modern cosmetic procedures - it is becoming the 'norm', with everyone taking-up the celeb culture of holding back the years.

Eighteen months ago, I was relatively wrinkle-free and laughed in the face of ageing, holding on to the teenage belief that it 'would never happen to me'. I turned forty recently, and much as I hate to admit it, things have changed - namely a few deepening furrows on my face and a grudging acceptance that I am not, after all, immune to slackening facial muscles and the rich tapestry life will eventually carve on one's face from middle age onwards.

So, when Dr Claudia Morley, a private GP and non-surgical cosmetic expert, popped in to the Gazette Towers to discuss advertising, we ended up having a conversation about how, despite the fact 'everyone's doing it', people still don't talk openly with friends and family about what procedures they've had done. This means it is difficult for clients to discuss their experiences, recommend safe, qualified practitioners, compare prices and so on, keeping this now-accepted area of the beauty industry with a slightly mysterious edge to it - which can be off-putting to newcomers.

Dr Morley and I made a deal; she'd rid me of two new persistent companions - deep lines either side of my mouth, and I in turn would tell our readers openly and honestly exactly how it felt, and show you how I looked before and after the treatment.

The day of the appointment came and we sat and chatted about my medical history, what concerns I had about my skin, and how the procedure would go. During the consultation, I pointed out that my top lip was also suffering (being a smoker), so that was added to the list. Anaesthetic cream was applied to sensitive areas to lessen any pain from the needles being inserted.

I had a natural filler injected into the fine lines around my top lip, and yes, I did feel it - it's a sensitive area. However, although a couple of the injections were a little uncomfortable, they could not be classed as painful. The filler itself also has anaesthetic in it, which obviously numbs the area even more as the doctor works along the lip. A thin line of filler was injected along the top of my lip, smoothing it out. Finally, the lines either side of



Above: before - smokers lines on top lip and deep nasolabial lines to either side



Two weeks after - smokers lines on top lip smoothed out with lip enhancement and deep nasolabial lines to either side have been filled - they've gone!

my mouth were injected with filler. I felt a couple of the injections, but it was pretty much pain-free. Then we were finished.

I was told that there may be some slight bruising (as you'd expect). Immediately after having the injections, there were a few small holes visible on my upper lip, and there was some slight redness and swelling, again, as you'd expect.

Over the following week as the minor swelling around my top lip subsided, I had several long conversations with people who know me well (including family), and no one mentioned anything other than I was 'looking much better' (having been ill recently).

The filler I had injected into my nasolabial lines (either side of the nose/mouth) and my top lip (vertical lines) was a dermal filler - tiny injections of a naturally-occurring protein found in skin, with hyaluronic acid (which naturally diminishes with age), giving the skin its volume and fullness. It literally smoothes lines out of targeted areas.

Dermal fillers can be used on target areas such as smoker's lip lines, smile lines around mouth and nose, for lip enhancements and the removal of stubborn frown lines. The charge levied generally equates to how much product (in syringes) you require.

Older ladies (and men!) with more stubborn wrinkles around the mouth, chin and lips, (dependent on how deep the wrinkles are) may need an initial treatment with three syringes of dermal filler (£720) and then one syringe as a top-up (£240) every six months (thus becoming £40pmth).

Treatment examples with prices: Dermal filler (smokers' lines, smile lines, lip enhancements, stubborn frown lines): one syringe costs £240. The first treatment on my nasolabial lines involved two syringes (£480). My top-up after six months would involve one syringe (£240), making it an affordable £40 per month to continue looking fabulous!

The effects will last approximately six months, and then I will have the option to have a 'top-up', which will be significantly cheaper due to smaller amounts of filler being required. Am I happy with it? Yes, I really am. I'm surprised to admit that I am very likely to return in six months for my top-up!

NEXT MONTH - worry lines on the forehead and deep frown marks - will botox help? I find out!

DR. CLAUDIA MORLEY IS AVAILABLE AT THE BAY, TILLY MEAD, SWANAGE.

CLINICS ALSO AVAILABLE IN BLANDFORD, WEYMOUTH, SHAFTESBURY, SALISBURY & FORDINGBRIDGE

WWW.MORLEYAESTHETICS.CO.UK - 07866 482766

EMAIL: CLAUDIAMORLEY@DOCTORS.ORG.UK

THE BAY, SKIN & BODY CENTRE, TILLY MEAD, SWANAGE. 01929 423313

Sport



Let The Scilly Season Begin!



After a winter of hard training on rowing machines and on the water, as well as gym sessions, running and cycling, Swanage Sea Rowing Club is ready for the racing season.

The major event of the early rowing calendar is the World Pilot Gig Championships (1-3 May).

The Bank Holiday weekend sees around 140 pilot gigs and 2,000 rowers descend upon the idyllic Isles of Scilly for three days of fierce competition, camaraderie and celebration of gig rowing.

On this beautiful archipelago, twenty-eight miles off the coast of Cornwall, over this particular weekend, you will never see such a high concentration of lycra!

Our Swanage Gigs will be on the mile-long start line amongst 140 other competing crews. The sight of these beautiful wooden gigs, some over 100 years old, others brand new and all providing a wonderful spectrum of colour is truly awesome. And the noise of hundreds of oars bashing against

their thole pins at the start of the races can be heard across the islands.

The first race takes place on the Friday evening with men's and ladies' Vets (40+) and Supervets (50+) races taking place. The two mile race runs from St Agnes to St Mary's Harbour. On Saturday, the ladies are first out to row the same two mile race, with the first men's race taking place in the afternoon.

There are then two shorter heat races (from Nut Rock near Tresco to St Mary's Harbour) for the ladies and the men in groups of twelve gigs, culminating in the finals on Sunday afternoon...and then the party commences.

This championship event, which has taken place for over twenty-five years, is a wonderful experience for rowers and non-rowers alike. A good flow of passenger boats follow the races and the shouting and cheering from supporters really does help rowers to keep going (often in very choppy seas!).

If you'd like to listen to the race reports over the May Day Bank Holiday – and to cheer for Swanage – please tune in to Radio Scilly.



Swanage Tennis



Back row from left to right, Mike Angell, Graham Ward, Andy Mutter, Nathan Fowler. Front row from left to right - Sue Tindale, Meg Mutter, Jo Kiddell and Deborah Miller

It has been a truly nail-biting end to a great season for Swanage's Mixed 1. The strong squad have performed well throughout the winter season and have been in the mix for promotion throughout. Their meeting against Victoria Avenue was to prove a decisive one in their attempt to move up to Division 2.

Swanage fielded a really competent team, Jo Kiddell and Andy Moore playing as Swanage's first pairing and Deborah Miller and Mike Angell as their second. Victoria Avenue were always going to present a challenge and they certainly didn't disappoint.

Jo and Andy started with a very tough match against the Victoria Avenue first pair. The battle eventually went to a tie-break in which every point was hard earned. Despite every effort on Swanage's part - Victoria Avenue claimed this important match, 6:4, 3:6, 0:1.

Meanwhile on Court 2, Deborah and Mike had to produce some very good tennis to compete with their opponents. They started well, gaining the first set but the calibre of Victoria Avenue was fully realised in the second when they proceeded to dominate the match, eventually winning 6:3, 0:6, 0:1.

It was down to Swanage to win the other two rubbers to ensure their promotion to Division 2. Jo and Andy did just this winning 6:4, 6:1 but despite a valiant effort and excellent tennis from both sides, Deborah and

Everyone is welcome to our Open Day

Join us at Beach Gardens
11th April 2pm - 5pm

Try tennis,
enjoy fun games,
see if you can beat
the Club Coach,
play against the ball machine

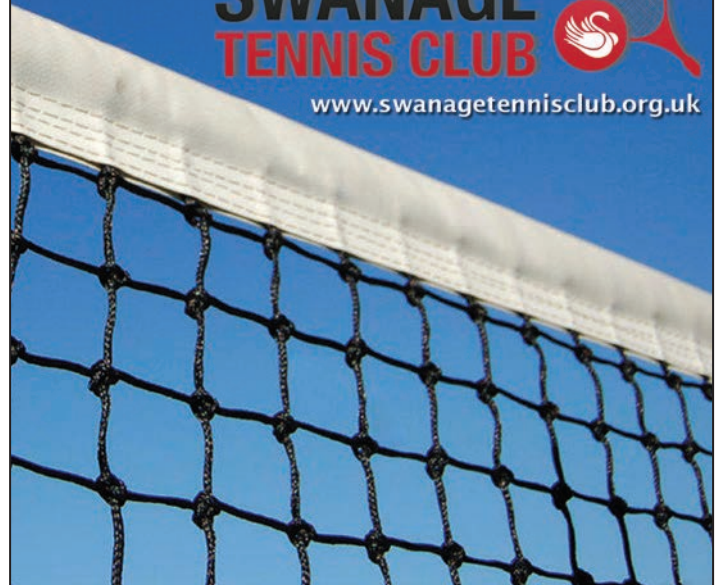


Fun for all the family, refreshments available

SWANAGE
TENNIS CLUB



www.swanagetennisclub.org.uk



Mike just lost out again in another match tie-break, losing 6:4, 3:6, 0:1. Both sides had 39 games a piece and although not enough for Swanage to claim victory on the day, it was just enough in terms of games to claim second place in the league and promotion!

Swanage Bowlers

Indoor Bowls News.

On Thursday mornings the men play a series of matches against East Cliff Casuals with a cup awarded to the winners at the end of the season. The Isle of Purbeck club has sufficient wins to clinch the cup with 2 games still to play.

Matches have been completed in the Men's 60-plus League B and the Isle of Purbeck finished the season in 2nd place, only 4 points behind the winners Dolphin. In the only match they lost all season (against Dolphin), the score was 36-32, so just another 5 shots would have clinched promotion.

In the Ladies Indoor Bowling League Division 2, Isle of Purbeck currently lie in 4th place but with 2 games to play they are too far adrift to catch the leaders.

Club competitions have reached a critical stage with semi-finals being played. Finals take place in early April.

Outdoor Bowls News.

It's all systems go for Swanage Bowling Club's outdoor season which swings into action on 11th April with lunch at the club followed by a friendly mixed opening-day game between club members.

The previous day, Friday 10th April is the Presidents Coffee Morning which is open to both members and non-members and takes place at the pavilion in Beach Gardens from 10 a.m. to 12 midday, so do come along for a coffee and a natter and perhaps to buy something tasty from the cake stall or some reading material from the book stall.

The following week (18th April) the men play the annual friendly fixture at Pelhams, then competitive matches start in earnest with the first Bournemouth and District League match at Wimborne on 25th April and the first Dorset League match at home to West Moors two days later.

First match for the Ladies in the Dorset League is on 21st April against Greenhill at Weymouth.

To all our bowlers we wish you an enjoyable and successful season on the green and let's hope for a warm sunny summer.

Advance notice for prospective new bowlers. If you fancy trying your hand at bowls at Swanage's friendly bowls club you will be made most welcome.

In May the club will be holding a couple of 'Open Days' when new bowlers can come along and have a go on the green.

Bowls and instruction will be provided.

The dates for these 'Open Days' are Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th May from 10 till 12, so if you are interested put one or both in your diaries now!

Any enquiries about bowls to Jean on 426795 or David on 450405.



Wareham Croquet

The new season of the Wareham Croquet Club starts on Thursday April 2nd.

We play very friendly and informal Golf Croquet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - 5pm.

New members would be very welcome. Please come along and visit us at the recreation ground.

SHELL BAY SAILING CENTRE

Dinghy sailing courses and boat hire
Ferry Road, Studland BH19 3BA

Adult RYA dinghy sailing courses Tuesday and
Wednesday evenings - £175 for six sessions

Junior Onboard club every Saturday morning
£15 per session or 6 sessions for £75



www.shellbaysailing.co.uk

01258 880512

The Purbeck 16

In just three years The Purbeck Marathon has established itself as not just one of the most unique distance races in the UK but also one of the best. In each year it has been rated amongst the top three Marathons in the UK by a leading running magazine and the sixth best race of any distance in 2014.

New for 2015 is The Purbeck 16. It may be ten miles shorter than The Purbeck Marathon but it is still a challenging race. It takes in much of the same route as The Purbeck Marathon, the beautiful Purbeck countryside, the Victorian seaside resort of Swanage with its pier and award-winning beach, Durlston Country Park as well as great views of the Isle of Wight and the Isle of Portland, weather permitting. It is certainly not an easy option!

The Purbeck 16 also passes historic places such as Corfe Castle, the Square & Compass in Worth Matravers, Kingston – home to our favourite ice cream – crossing the Swanage Railway where runners might see a working steam locomotive. Like The Purbeck Marathon, runners finish on the seafront in Swanage with a chance to cool those tired legs in the English Channel.

The race will use Chip Timing to ensure runners receive an accurate time. The race will start 30 minutes after The Purbeck Marathon to ensure there are no runner jams at the start of the course. The route will be largely the same as The Purbeck Marathon except that it will cut across from Kingston to Corfe Castle.

The Purbeck Marathon and The Purbeck 16 are organised totally by volunteers. A committee works all year to develop and improve the event and many more volunteers are required on the day for tasks such as marshalling, baggage tent, first aid, etc. The Purbeck Marathon is always looking for people who wish to join us and be part of the wonderful and unique event. If you would like to become involved, please contact info@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk.

The organisers have announced that entries for The Purbeck 16 2015 on 20 September are already open with details available at www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk.

Swanage Cricket

Swanage Cricket Club is pleased to announce that this year's AGM held at the newly re-furnished Days Park Pavilion on Friday the 27th of February was a success (thanks again to Andy Dunster and Matt Forbes in particular).

The club was delighted to announce the continued, much-appreciated support of principal sponsors - Land & Wave, Gee Whites Restaurant, Golden Bengal, Harrow House, Masala Indian Restaurant, PJC Accountancy Services, PTN Systems and Suttles Quarries.

The club will continue to provide cricket for the flourishing youth section between the ages of 7 and 15 during the season with fully qualified coaches.

The training sessions for the various age groups are as follows:-

- * Under 9s (soft-ball) 17:30-18:30 on Friday evenings
- * Under 11s 18:30-19:30 on Friday evenings
- * Under 13s 09:30-10:30 on Saturday mornings
- * Under 15s 10:30-11:30 on Saturday mornings

The club will again enter two teams into the Saturday leagues - the 1stXI can look forward to their 3rd season in the Premier Division and the 2ndXI will play in Division 3 following another promotion.

The club will also provide a variety of fixtures on Sundays during the season for both the experienced club members as well as the youngsters.

Anyone interested in playing for, or sponsoring the club in any way, please follow the links on the club's website:- www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk

Mike Nash (Press & Media Officer)

"Rated in top 3 Marathons, 3 years Running"



THE PURBECK MARATHON

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SCENIC MARATHONS

SWANAGE, DORSET, ENGLAND.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2015

For information and entry details: www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk

Follow us on



@PurbeckMara262



/PurbeckMara262

"Great morning, great course, great marshals, Cheers!!" - Steven Way

Sponsored & Supported by **bluelevel**

Near Wareham
The **DORSET** GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
5 Star British Tourist Board Venue
t: 01929 472244 www.dorsetgolfresort.com



27 Holes of Championship Golf on your Door step!

- Membership Starts from £420 per year
- Weekly Club Competitions
- Active Mens, Ladies, Seniors & Juniors section with daily priority Tee Times!

Present this original advert and get a Round of Golf HALF PRICE and a FREE cup of Tea/Coffee with a Bacon Roll to try the Course and our Facilities. This WILL BE REFUNDED if you join!

(One advert per 2 persons valid until May 31st 2015)

Swanage Football Club

We have two youth teams who have just been crowned champions, firstly our U12 side have become champions for the second successive season (see photo).

This means that in two whole seasons they have lost just the two league games, one last season and one game this season at home to local rivals Wareham Rangers. Manager Dean Slavin along with Coach Bruce Jones have nothing but good words to say about their young team. "It's been a long season and every player has played his part."

"We have some talented players in our side but football is a team game and every boy has been exceptional this season. We are really looking forward to next season as we are progressing to 11 a side on full size pitches; at the moment we are playing 9 a side on intermediate pitches. We have every confidence in the boys and they are looking forward to next season already!"

The other youth team who have become champions are the U14s. (see photo) They boast an equally great achievement as they managed to go the whole season unbeaten in the league. This went right down to the wire. The U14s last game of the season was at home to Ringwood Town, a team they had only managed to draw with, so they knew it was to be a close game. Close being the operative word. With only seconds remaining on the clock and the young Swans losing 2:3 it looked like they were going to lose the unbeaten record, then up stepped Tommy Battrick to fire home from just outside the box. The 60+ crowd's cheers were said to be heard as far away as Station Rd.

So the game finished on the restart and the unbeaten run was intact. Manager Andy Dunster & assistant Geoff Willcocks have done an amazing job this season and were absolutely delighted with their team's efforts this season and praised every one of their players. Andy being a keen Arsenal supporter was delighted his young side have emulated the 'invincible' Arsenal team of 2003-04.

When asked about the feat Andy said "With a number of games to go we had a feeling we could go the season unbeaten, but didn't want to put too much pressure on the team. It became obvious though they wanted this as much as we did and to do it in the way they did, with practically the last kick of the game in the final match of the season, was a fitting finish to an absolute fantastic season" From the youngsters to the Old ones.



The Swans Walking football team had their first competitive match a couple of weeks ago. They were invited away to play Ferndown Leisure Centre and although they lost the game quite heavily, they made some new friends and have invited them back to Day's Park for a rematch. Regular readers of this column will know that our First team has been going through a fairly sticky patch since the turn of the year. In saying that, the team has been very unlucky in the majority of games only losing by the odd goal in a number of the matches. The Dorset Premier League is a very tough league in as much as teams from the bottom half can very often beat the sides from the top half. This proved the case recently as we welcomed Hamworthy Recreation to Day's Park.

Ham Rec are serious title contenders, if they were to win their games in hand they would top the Division. Prior to this midweek game last week (early March) we had beaten another club in the lower half of the table, Cranborne 1:0 in a scrappy affair. Ham Rec came to us full of confidence maybe a little over confident and Alan Lay's side battled with the table topping side throughout, not giving them any time to play their normal game and eventually ran out worthy 2:0 winners. This victory will hopefully give the team the confidence and belief in themselves that they are as good as the best teams in the DPL and start to climb up the table.

Last month at Day's Park was Fight Night. This is where local lads (and ladies!) challenge each other in a professionally staged boxing match. This was in our hall and was expertly run by local man Callum Lovett. Tickets were sold out weeks prior to this event being staged. I'm sure this won't be the last time this popular event is staged at the Club. Another event we are hosting in the very near future is a roller Disco once again in the Hall. This is a local school's PTA raising important funds for the children attending their school.

This shows how the Football Club is at the centre of the community, staging all these different events. If you would like to have a party be it a birthday, wedding or any other occasion we would be only too pleased to stage it for you. You can contact us through the website www.swanagefc.com or on Twitter @Swanagefc or just phone our Club Sec. Mari Watson on 07794 116375 or myself on 07919277568.

John Peacock. Come on You Swans!



The Purbeck Gazette - Proudly Supporting The Swans

Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football

Swanage & Wareham continued their bid to become champions of the Southern Counties league and get back to where they belong in South West One next season. On the 7th February they met third placed Sherborne at Bestwall. Fly half Charlie Parish scored a try early on, and then landed a penalty goal, but Sherborne came back at Swans landing two penalty goals of their own. Swans no.8 Joe Desmond added to Swans score sheet. In the final minutes Sherborne managed a consolation try as Swans won by 41pts - 14pts.

The next game, was the crunch fixture of the season as Swans had to travel to Salisbury, who were second in the league, and who had already beaten Swans in the Dorset/Wilts Cup Final. Swans got off to a flying start as after just two minutes Charlie Rowberry went in for the opening try. Tragedy eventually took over for Swans, as Salisbury inflicted on Swans their first defeat in the league as Salisbury took the spoils, 25pts - 18pts. Swans next match took them to Corsham, in Wiltshire, who were near the foot of the table. Swans put pressure on the hosts, and there was time for Charlie Rowberry to score two more tries for him to complete his hat

trick before the end of the match. Corsham did manage a late consolation try giving Swans a 42pts - 5pts victory.

On the afternoon of the 5th March Swanage & Wareham hosted the U11 tag rugby for all the local primary schools. Nine teams turned up, with close to 100 players, and they played a round robin event with every team competing against all the others.

The two top teams, St.Mary's Swanage, and Stoborough Primary school go on to play in the Dorset schools U11 competition in March, so good luck to them!

MAIN GAMES IN APRIL

11th Swanage & Wareham 1st XV v High Wycombe friendly Away 3pm.

18th Swanage & Wareham 1st XV v Dorchester league SC(S) Away 3pm.

Swanage & Wareham 2nd XV v Dorchester 2nd XV league Home 3pm.

Swanage & Wareham 3rd XV v Dorset Dockers league Home 3pm.

Ron Butler (Publicity Secretary)

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 MAY is noon, Fri 10th Apr

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.

APRIL 2015

- Wed 1st
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- * Probus Club of Purbeck Meets at The Purbeck House Hotel. Ffi: 01929 425002
- 09:00 Purbeck Liberation Front - information event. At the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Discover what it will mean when the new Purbeck Passport comes into effect later this year. Displays on the new toll booth for Wareham bridge (including the currently proposed vehicle/passenger charges) and agreed Purbeck Isle boundaries. What will the new passport mean for you, your visitors and your business? Application forms for the gold Purbeck Passport (third generation Purbeckians only) will also be available.
- Thu 2nd
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 19:15 Swanage Trefoil Guild At the Guide HQ, Bell ST. A talk on Sierra Leone, visitors interested in Guiding welcome.
- Fri 3rd
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 11:00 Easter Beerex At Wareham Masonic Hall, North st. Entry £5, to include a souvenir glass. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk or from Bullock & Lees, North St. Tel 01929 552632 or from Wareham TIC.
- 18:00 Purbeck Model Railway Group Running session at The Stables, Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage, BH19 3DJ. Ffi: Robin Brasher 427015.
- 19:00 Easter Beerex At Wareham Masonic Hall, North st. Entry £5, to include a souvenir glass. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk or from Bullock & Lees, North St. Tel 01929 552632 or from Wareham TIC.
- 19:30 Swanage Photographic Society Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: 'Theme Boards' (Prints) - 'Open' and Ken Moore Trophy (Little Camera) - 'Open' Judge: Members Visitors welcome. ffi Colin Brixton - 423841
- Sat 4th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- * Easter Art Market At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Kingston rd, Langton. Holiday activities, local arts and crafts, sculpture gallery, bargain art works, refreshments, vintage bric-a-brac. Ffi: 01929 439405.
- 09:00 Purbeck Produce Farmers Market At Commercial rd Swanage. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
- 10:00 Dorset Food & Venison Festival A Celebration of Dorset's Food producers at Post Green House, Lytchett Minster BH16 6AP. Live cooking demonstrations, entertainment, local producers and food galore. Email: hello@dorsetvenisonfestival.org
- 11:00 Easter Beerex At Wareham Masonic Hall, North st. Entry £5, to include a souvenir glass. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk or from Bullock & Lees, North St. Tel 01929 552632 or from Wareham TIC.
- 19:00 Easter Beerex At Wareham Masonic Hall, North st. Entry £5, to include a souvenir glass. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk or from Bullock & Lees, North St. Tel 01929 552632 or from Wareham TIC.
- 20:00 Dubl Handi Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 5th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- * Easter Art Market At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Kingston rd, Langton. Holiday activities, local arts and crafts, sculpture gallery, bargain art works, refreshments, vintage bric-a-brac. Ffi: 01929 439405.
- 14:00 Dubl Handi Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Mon 6th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- Tue 7th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 19:30 Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Print & PDI of the Year Competition". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- Wed 8th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 14:00 Stoborough WI Meeting At Stoborough Village Hall. Afternoon tea and 'Kurling'. Competition - A stone object.
- 19:30 Studland WI Meeting At Studland Village Hall Studland Annual Meeting. Followed by coffee and cake. Competition: A Brooch.
- Thu 9th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 19:00 Fashion Show At St Marks School. Swanage & Purbeck Rotary with Golden Girl Presents.... Tickets £7 from Golden Girl, Corbens, Corfe Post Office, and Purl-n-Lace, to include a welcome drink.
- Fri 10th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 19:30 Purbeck Railway Circle Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled "Integrating with the National Network" by Frank Roberts. Doors open 7pm. Admission by donation. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE WELCOME
- 20:00 Jack McNeil & Charlie Hayes, Rob Heron & the Teapad Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sat 11th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- 09:00 Purbeck Produce Farmers Market At Commercial rd Swanage. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
- 09:30 Big Book Bonanza At Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage. Entry is free and the books are FREE too!! Come and help yourself to some great books - fact, fiction and allsorts and at the same time, buy some breakfast or cake and coffee at our community café! Everybody welcome ... and don't go away empty handed!
- 09:30 Freebay Tabletop Sale At The United Reformed Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. To book a table call Elizabeth on 01929 422406.
- 14:00 Swanage Tennis Club Open Day At Beach Gardens, Swanage. Try tennis, fun and games, play against the coach. Ffi: www.swanagetennisclub.org.uk
- 19:00 Wareham Town Band Concert At Lady St Marys Church. Wareham Town Band Presents Stage & Screen A medley of Music Tickets £7.50. Email: wentim30@gmail.com
- 19:30 Wareham Town Band - Music from Stage & Screen At Lady St Mary Church, Wareham. Tickets £7.50 available from Farwell's, Wareham. Ffi: www.warehamtownband.co.uk
- 20:00 Orchestra Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 12th
* Easter Holidays at The Tank Museum Bovington. New exhibition open, plus tours, talks, trails and an easter egg hunt. Tracked vehicle rides. Ffi: 01929 405096, www.tankmuseum.org
- Tue 14th
10:00 West Country Embroiderers Meet At Carey Hall, Wareham. Felt Making workshop, tutor Jill Beaufoy. Ffi: 01929 554070 or trevandgill@heritage1.eclipse.co.uk
- 19:30 Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "A Surreal Evening with Mark Mumford". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- Wed 15th
19:00 Studland History Group Meets in the Village Hall for an illustrated talk by Carlton Hobbs. "Larger Than Life" The amazing story of Mabel St Clair Stobart of Studland. This talk looks beyond the well known legend of "The Lady on the Black Horse" to examine her many other talents and deeds and the people and places involved. All welcome. Ffi 01929 439245.
- 19:30 Swanage Garden Society Spring Supper at Herston Hall, Swanage. 3 courses with wine. Membership £5 per year, meetings charges normally £1 (£2 where food is served).
- 19:30 Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc At Wareham Town

- Hall. Talk by Karen Brown: A History of Dorset in metal detected finds. Visitors welcome, £2.
- Fri 17th
* **Spring Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society Meets** in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: Members Travels, including Photographing People With Bob & Jill Hollister. Visitors welcome. ffi Colin Brixton – 423841
- 20:00 **Gren Bartley Band Live Music** at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sat 18th
* **Spring Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- 10:00 **Meeting of Local Microscopists** In the Village Hall, Langton Matravers. Many microscopes in use showing a wide variety of subjects from biological, geological to artistic. Visitors including children welcome. Entrance free. Tea and coffee with biscuit available.
- 12:00 **'Soup and Sweet'** in aid of Swanage Lifeboat From Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers. At the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Swanage. Noon - 2 pm. All Welcome. Raffle.
- Sun 19th
* **Spring Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- 15:00 **'Singing for the Children'** At Lulworth Castle Chapel in the grounds of Lulworth Castle. Canzonetta and The Mayday Singers. Join these popular local groups and enjoy an hour of close harmony singing in this beautiful historic chapel. You are welcome to picnic in the Castle grounds after the concert. Retiring collection for the NSPCC.
- Tue 21st
14:00 **Guest Medium Jean Tanner** At Queensmead Community Hall, Swanage. All Welcome.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club Meets** at Parish Hall, Wareham. "President's Evening". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- Thu 23rd
19:30 **AGM of the Local History and Preservation Society** In the Village Hall Langton Matravers - Members and 'would be members' all welcome . No Charge
- Sat 25th
19:30 **The Mystery of the Rose Bouquet** at Langton Matravers Village Hall. Tickets £8 from 01929 423834 or on the door.
- 19:30 **Magnificent Mozart** At Lady St Mary Church, Wareham. Tickets £10 from Joss Outfitters. Te: 01929 552272 or on the door.
- 20:00 **Mambo Jambo Live Music** at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 26th
10:00 **Purbeck Antiques & Collectors' Fair** At Furzebrook Hall, Furzebrook, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5AR Delicious homemade lunches and cakes. Admission £1 Adults including free entry into prize draw to win a £10 voucher. Free Parking. Disabled Access. Further details:- 01929 761398
- Tue 28th
* **Mayday Singers Spring Concert** At St George's Church, Langton Matravers. Free Admission.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club Meets** at Parish Hall, Wareham. Christine Widdall - "In my View". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- MAY**
- Fri 1st
18:00 **Purbeck Model Railway Group** Running session at The Stables, Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage, BH19 3DJ. Ffi: Robin Brasher 427015.
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society Meets** in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill. AGM and presentation of Trophies, 2014-15 season. Followed by a slide show with Mary Exton. Visitors welcome. ffi Colin Brixton – 423841
- Sat 2nd
19:30 **The Purbeck Singers in Concert** At St James Church, Kingston. Choir combining the talents of local singers with members of the City Consort of Voices from London conducted by Tim Crosley. Free admission. Interval refreshments. Donations requested to help preserve this Grade I-listed church.
- Sun 3rd
* **Wareham-Hemsbach Society Visit** to Norden Mining Museum. Ffi: 427015.
- Thu 7th
19:15 **Swanage Trefoil Guild** At the Guide HQ, Bell ST. Planning meeting for 50th Birthday Party.
- Fri 8th
* **Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- Sat 9th
* **Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- 10:00 **Swanage Garden Society Plant Fayre** at The Catholic Hall, Swanage. Membership £5 per year, meetings charges normally £1 (£2 where food is served).
- Sun 10th
* **Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway.** Ffi 01929 425800.
- Tue 12th
14:00 **Purbeck Parkinsons** At All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell rd, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 425970
- Wed 13th
13:00 **Stoborough WI Meeting** At Stoborough Village Hall. Ploughman's Lunch and stories by members. Competition - Literary Heroines.
- 19:30 **Sturford WI Meeting** Resolutions for the AGM. Followed by "Flower Arrangement" by Pat Pearce. Competition: A flower from the garden.
- Sat 16th
10:00 **Wareham Lions Book, Bric-a-Brac & Plant sale** In the Wareham Town Hall Wareham town cross Donations on the door. Coffee & tea served. Email: wentim30@gmail.com
- Wed 20th
19:30 **Deckchair Gardening and Funny Stories** By Martin Catford. At Herston Hall, Swanage. Membership £5 per year, meetings charges normally £1 (£2 where food is served).
- Sat 23rd
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- 11:00 **Workshop with The Fieri Consort** At St Edward's Catholic Church, Swanage.
- 19:30 **Out of the Shadows: The Fieri Consort** At St Edward's Catholic Church, Swanage.
- Sun 24th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Talking Trees Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Courtyard.
- 18:30 **Celebration Evensong** With singers from across Purbeck. At St Mary's Church, Swanage.
- Mon 25th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Talking Trees Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Courtyard.
- Tue 26th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Talking Trees Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Courtyard.
- 19:30 **From the Jurassic Depths** With local fossil experts Charlie Newman and Steve Etches MBE. At Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- Wed 27th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Talking Trees Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Courtyard.
- 19:30 **Helen Muspratt - A pioneering Swanage artist and photographer** with Jessica Sutcliffe, Pennie Denton and Cath Newman. At Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- Thu 28th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Talking Trees Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Courtyard.
- 18:00 **A Colourful Partnership** At Not Just Sundaes, Wareham. Celebrating art with young and old and those with special needs.
- Fri 29th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- 19:30 **Five Chairs, a Clock & a Harpsichord...** A celebration of beautiful handmade wooden objects to use, look and listen to. Craftsmen show and talk about their work. At Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- Sat 30th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
- 09.30 **Under 2.5 years old group.** Till 11am. 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
- 13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm
- 13.00 **Under 1s and Tums** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm
- 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
- 19.30 **Swanage Badminton Club** at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07986 653219
- 20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 20.00 **Herston Hall Management C'ttee** Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY

- 09.00 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours, or tom@swanagemethodist.org.uk
- 09.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.
- 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** Club Session. Till 11. 426312
- 10.00 **Sandford Toddlers** at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.
- 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: 481000
- 11.00 **Guided Tours of St John The Baptist Church, Bere Regis.** Come and find out why there's a chap with a headache on one of the south aisle pillars! Visiting groups are always very welcome on other days/times, by contacting either Richard on 471339 or John on 471469. Light refreshments can be organised with advance notice. All welcome.
- 12.00 **Nature Tots (0-4yrs)** at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm
- 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: 481000.
- 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
- 18.15 **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: 421913
- 19.30 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at their NEW venue, St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. All singers welcome! 423729
- 20.00 **Sw Regatta & Carnival Assoc Bingo** Herston Leisure, Herston Yards Farm, Sw.
- 20.00 **Carey Hall, Wm Bingo**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 09.00 **St Mark's Toddlers Group,** St Mark's Church, Swanage. Herston, Sw Till 11am
- 09.45 **Corfe Wool Workshop** Corfe VH, East St. Members £1.50; non-members £2.50. Till 12.00. 427067
- 10.00 **Short tennis for adults** at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till noon.
- 10.00 **Breast Feeding Group** at Wareham's Children Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864
- 10.30 **Play and Learn** at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
- 11.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Swanage Library till 1pm. Find our about volunteering to support community groups & charities
- 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
- 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class,** now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 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 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552257
- 19.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club** Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.15 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Crows Nest, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 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
- 20.15 **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: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.

- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play for under ones,** at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **First Dorset Credit Union** is in Wareham at 'Not Just Sundaes' community cafe, South Street, Wm. Until 12 noon.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market D'Urbeville Hall.** Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Sw Tennis Club** 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 our about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.30 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group**
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 11.00 **Sensory Play** for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 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 Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 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 **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 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw

EVERY FRIDAY

- 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 **Swanage Library Rhyme Time,** until 11.30am.
- 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.** Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
- 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 **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

- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice** till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket** till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall .most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw

EVERY SUNDAY

- 09.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.
- 09.45 **Skyscrapers Children's Group** at Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Including a cooked breakfast, games and fun bible stories, ages 0-11. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours, or tom@swanagemethodist.org.uk
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.



Trade Adverts Sponsored by

SYDENHAMS HIRE CENTRES

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT TOOL & PLANT HIRE SPECIALIST

DORSET - SOMERSET - WILTSHIRE - ISLE OF WIGHT - 0845 2600515

SYDENHAMS TOOL SHOP & HIRE CENTRE

Great Range of Tools
and Accessories For Sale
Right Here in Swanage
Not just a Hire Centre...



SWANAGE 01929 426 677
Victoria Avenue Ind Est
www.sydenhams.co.uk
NEW HIRE CATALOGUE OUT NOW!

CM Colin Mowbray Gas Installer

Plumbing, Heating & Tiling

01929 550160 / 07790 056396



Central Heating, Plumbing, Boiler Servicing
Bathrooms & Showers, Unvented Systems

DIGITAL AERIAL UPGRADES

*SKY & FREESAT INSTALLATIONS
*LCD/PLASMA SALES & REPAIRS

*WALL MOUNTING & INSTALLATION SERVICE

For simply a better service contact

REPAIRLINE

7 WEST STREET WAREHAM

Members of Checkatrade.com 01929 554692
Where reputation matters

KITCHENS / BEDROOMS FULLY FITTED

Planning & supply available
30 years experience - Tim Luscombe
01929 289488 Mob: 07889 043965
timluscombe1@hotmail.co.uk

DIRTY OVEN!

Clean Ovens Domestic Ltd
DOMESTIC OVEN CLEANING

NON caustic, fresh solution every time.
Hobs, Extractors and Microwaves
Covering the Whole of Dorset

PHONE 0800 707 6629

Whizzbits

Computer Sales & Support

Virus/Spyware removal • Upgrades & repair
Networking • Windows problems fixed
Wireless set-up • Internet & e-mail

Tel: 01929 421989 or 07900 992110

Call Pete for a prompt & reliable service

from 'Repair to Replacement'

**Purbeck
Conservatories &
Windows Ltd** 24HR EMERGENCY REPAIR
FENSA Registered Company

Windows, doors, conservatories, fascias, glazing
and repairs at 'UNBEATABLE prices'
Free quotation & prompt service 01929 554321

WEATHERBURY ROOFING

Long established family roofing company

ALL ASPECTS

Slating - Tiling - Stone
Flat Felt or GRP Roofs
Leadwork

All guaranteed - Fully Insured

01305 213333
07909 441084

SOOTY THE SWEEP

Local Full Time Chimney Sweep for 30 years

Nacs, Hetas, City & Guilds Qualified

Be safe! Reliable Advice Given

Covering All of Dorset

All chimneys and flues swept
Woodburner Servicing
Cows, bird nets, pots, etc.
Stoves, liners, grates, fire tools
Kiln dried LOGS, CCTV Surveys
Insured and certificates given.



01929 554700/427427

www.sootythesweep.com

PLUMBING & HEATING BLUEFISH

- Complete bathroom design and installation service
- Wetrooms
- Boiler repairs and installation



24 HR CALL OUT

J W Matthews
Tel: 01929 401799 Mob: 07974 689009
Fax: 01929 401799
email: justinmatthews1@hotmail.co.uk
519426 website: bluefishplumbing.co.uk

J.A. CONSTRUCTION

(DORSET) LTD.

Specialist in Purbeck Stone Walling
General Building, Extensions,
Renovations, Roofing, New Builds
and all types of Ground Work.

Also available for Plumbing,
Electrics & Carpentry.



Tel: 01929 554249

Fax: 01929 552294

Mobile: 07973 388190

www.jaconstructiondorset.co.uk

Email: sales@jaconstruction.co.uk

WAREHAM GAS SERVICES

For all your plumbing & heating
requirements

Servicing of appliances available

Contact Steve:

07714 386457 or 01929 288521



A. LAWRENCE DECORATORS

Est. 25 years

Fully Insured

All aspects of interior/exterior decorating
Property Maintenance & Improvements


FREE ESTIMATES

Tel: 01929 400157 Mob: 07970 435881

LOCAL TRADE ADVERTISING

David Chalmers
 Experienced male House Cleaner
 and Interior Painting
 Carpet Cleaning undertaken
 Oven Cleaning
 Fully Insured
 Tel: 01929 424009 Mob: 07961 727724
 Email: wd.chalmers@btinternet.com

Brickcraft Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters
Construction Building Contractors
 • Extensions • Patio/Paving
 • Fireplaces • Landscaping • Garden Walls
 Insurance & General Building Work Undertaken
 Call Charlie on 07973 834175 or 01929 405075
 www.brickcraftconstruction.com

Dorset & Purbeck Energy Assessments
 Energy Performance Certificates
 Green Deal Reports
 City & Guilds Dip DEA Dip GDA  Steve 07977512251
 Free Boiler Replacement
 Free Cavity and Loft Insulation
 RHI For Biomass Boilers & Solar



It's really rather simple you know.
 If you are looking at this space,
 then so are your potential customers.
 Book your trade ad now, there's a
 good chap.
 Please call 01929 424239. Quite.



Lime Frog
 Bathrooms
 01929 424004

Hop on down and see
 our extensive range of
 bathroom & kitchen
 products as well as our
 new showrooms.
 We have Designer &
 Budget ranges for you
 to choose from.



www.limefrogbathrooms.com

PROPOINT
 Call for a realistic quote 01929 421663
 07768 660833
 Re-pointing roofing
 Wall tie replacement
 Cavity cleaning
 Tray & lintel replacements
 facias & Guttering

SANDIE'S
BARBERSHOP
 191 HIGH STREET, SWANAGE
 Open 7 days a week
 01929 426364

R.J. WOOLFORD
 Property Maintenance
 All your property needs,
 inside and out
 Alterations, Refurbishment,
 Plumbing,
 Painting & Decorating,
 NO JOB TOO SMALL - FREE ESTIMATES
 01929 477267
 07889 133727



Ian Michie
 TREE CARE
 Professional & skilled arborists
 Tel: 01929 554281
 Mobile : 07837024558
 www.ianmichietreecare.com

PLASTERER
 CEILINGS, WALLS, RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS
 FREE quotes & advice
 Reasonable prices - Reliable service
 Tel: Rob on 01202 889811 evenings
 07970 174285 daytimes
 www.robtheplasterer.com

Nick Honess
 Plumbing & Heating
 Boiler Installation,
 Servicing and repairs
 • Gas Certificates • LPG
 • Full range of traditional
 plumbing services.
 01929 423379/07702 474 667





BINDON ABBEY
SCAFFOLDING
WOOL - WAREHAM
 Reliable service and competitive pricing
T: 07501 465192
 Email: bindonabbeyscaffolding@outlook.com



Established in Purbeck since 1952

- SPECTUS. PVC-U Aluminium & Timber Framed Windows
- Doors • Patio Doors
- Bi-Folding Doors • Window Repairs
- Misted Unit Repairs • Garage Doors
- 'Kestrel' PVC-U Facia, Soffit, Mouldings etc
- Conservatories • Roof Atriums

~ Fully Qualified ~

FENSA

**All work insurance backed
 guaranteed for 10 years**

We are the 'Spectus' approved installers to the Purbeck
 area and local Neighbourhood Watch recommended

TEL: 01929 481 581
 enquiries@wfsnookandsonltd.co.uk
 www.wfsnookandsonltd.co.uk

L. LANDER
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
 Decorating & Tiling
 Kitchens Fitted - Fencing
 Glazing & D/G repairs
 General Building & Repairs

FENSA

Tel: 01929 481496
 Mobile: 07796 237351
 Email: L.Lander@btinternet.com



NJA Specialist Tree Care
 All aspects of Tree Surgery
 & Hedgework undertaken
 Fully insured and NPTC Qualified
 Free Quotations and advice
 07703 210647 or 01929 481600

TELEPHONE ENGINEER
MIKE HARDY TELECOM
 (Ex-BT)
 Installation & Repair of phone
 & computer sockets & wiring
HALF BT PRICES!!
01929 425252

Purbeck Chimney
Sweep
 TEL: 01929 423244
 MOB: 07974 809779



ICS Always happy to help and advise



It's really rather simple you know.
 If you are looking at this space,
 then so are your potential customers.
 Book your trade ad now, there's a
 good chap.
 Please call 01929 424239. Quite.

LOCAL TRADE ADVERTISING

R&R REMOVALS

FULL / PART LOADS SINGLE ITEMS

Tel: 01202 922532
Mob: 07895 191446

randrremovals@mail.com

Proud members of
Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters



Countryside Tree Surgeons

Professional specialists - NPTC certified tree surgeons
All aspects of Tree Surgery, Hedge Trimming & Fencing
FREE QUOTATION
Established 18 years. Fully Insured. Family-run business
Please call Wayne Pitman

0800 389 3992 (office)
01929 551816 (home)
07979 447777 (mobile)



ROOFING SPECIALIST SPARROW'S

Over 30 years
Membership Federation of Master Builders

NO JOB TOO SMALL

01929 421 156

07974 077885

The Premier Trade Organisation
High Performance Flat Roofing Specialists
Re-Roofing - Slating & Tiling
Roof Repairs - UPVC Facias & Gutters
Chimneys Removed or Repointed
sparrowroof@gmail.com

Purbeck Aerials

SKY LOCAL

RICHARD HARVEY
07976 222887 / 01929 553705

SAME DAY SERVICE

Local engineer - OAP Discount - Free Quotes
SMART TV www.purbeckaerials.co.uk



Roy Osmond Ltd Traditional Forge Works

Light Fabrication, Security Grills, Hand & Balcony
Rails, Fire Escapes & Bespoke Work
To Your Specification

Contact Roy Osmond on: 01929 400520
or mobile: 0779 6044859



It's really rather simple you know.

If you are looking at this space,
then so are your potential customers.

Book your trade ad now, there's a
good chap.

Please call 01929 424239. Quite.

Isles Building Services

Extensions, Loft Conversions, Plumbing,
Decorating, Refurbishments, Carpentry,
Design & Build Services

07931 764799 07932 372235 01929 423979

info@islesbuildingservices.co.uk
www.islesbuildingservices.co.uk

SWANAGE & DORSET SCAFFOLDING

All aspects of Residential & Commercial Scaffolding
Emergency Call Outs - Free Quotations & Estimates
Temporary Roof Coverings - Fully Insured

OUR PRICE WON'T BE BEATEN

01929 424553 01258 858214
07813 346993



Boiler Service & Repair Specialist
Gas Certificates & Installations
All Types of Work Undertaken:
Plumbing, Electrical, Kitchen,
Bathrooms & General Maintenance

Boiler Services

Tel no: 07774 132154 (mobile)
Swanage-based



Reg. No: 510565

SWANAGE & DORSET ROOFING

ALL ASPECTS OF ROOFING WORK

Flat roofing
Re-roofs, Slate or Tile
All repair works
Free Quotations

01929 424553
07813 346993



STAG

PAVING AND LANDSCAPING
CONSULTANTS

Driveways, Patios, Groundwork,
Turving, Fencing,
Hedge Cutting, Tree Care

ALL ASPECTS OF HARD LANDSCAPING

CALL CRAIG: 07440 390030

Michael B. Alberry

DECORATOR

Property Decoration & Renovation

01929 424882

SINGER / PIANIST / KEYBOARDS

EASY LISTENING
FOR ALL OCCASIONS
VOCALS / PIANO

ANDREW CANNON

01929 421401



IDEAL SKIP HIRE

Skips from 2 - 40yds

SAND GRAVEL HARDCORE
SHINGLE & TOP SOIL

Available loose or in 25kg & 1 ton bags
Delivery or Collection

Trade & DIY customers welcome
A Fast, Friendly & Efficient Service

TEL: 01929 422980

JIM BAGGLEY BUILDING SERVICES Ltd

Renovations,
Alterations,
Extensions,
New Cut Roofs,
Loft Conversions,
Upvc Windows & Doors,
Carpentry & Joinery

Tel: 01305 852311 or
07879 817662

Email: jessjim@baggleyltd.wanadoo.co.uk



Swanage based
Window &
Door Company

FENSA

Installers of

Windows - Doors - Bi-fold Doors - Conservatories
Fascias - Soffits - Guttering - Cladding
Garage Doors - Window & Door Repairs
Misted Sealed Units replaced
UPVC - Aluminium - Timber
Ggfi Insurance back guarantee • 10 years guarantee

For a free, no obligation quote contact us on:

Office 01929 424199 Mobile 07538 950 230

Email - redhillwindowsltd@hotmail.co.uk

Web - www.redhillwindowsltd.co.uk

20 years experience working in Purbeck

LOCAL TRADE ADVERTISING

FENCING

All Types Supplied & Erected
FREE ESTIMATES
JL Corbin Fencing Contractors
01929 552 061 07774 207 924

TERMINATOR PEST CONTROL

WASPS • BEES • FLEAS • RATS • MICE • ANTS • SQUIRRELS • BIRDS

All Purbeck areas covered
01929 554898
MOBILE: 07831 351877

www.terminatorcontrolltd.co.uk

Freestyle FLOORING

WOOD FLOORING RESURFACING
CARPET AND TILE SPECIALIST

Ian Campbell

Tel: 01929 554292
Mobile: 07802 667250

CJS LANDSCAPES & Garden Maintenance

Landscaping • Driveways • Patios
Pathways • Hedge cutting • Fencing
Turving • Garden jungles cleared
All Garden Waste removed
Free Advice • Free Estimates • Fully Insured
Over 20 years experience

Call Craig J Smith on:
t: 01929 551660
m: 07534 217032

 **NATURAL PAVING**
Approved Installer

 Cjs Landscapes
www.cjslandscapes.co.uk

Computer Problems?

For prompt & friendly help call Alan on:
01929 480529 or 07710 835905
email: alan@ajvcomputing.co.uk

AJV COMPUTING
www.ajvcomputing.co.uk

Pe PREMIER ELECTRICS

Established 34 years
SERVING THE SOUTH LOCALLY

Guaranteed repairs to all makes of domestic appliances
Same day/next day service
£6 off on production of this advert
Tel: **01373 474707 / 01929 498300**
repairs@premierelectrics.co.uk

DRAINABILITY



- drain clearance
- high pressure jetting
- camera surveys
- gutter clearance
- storm water soakaways

no call out fee Tel: 01929 288013
Mob: 07891 587151

www.drainability.com

Checkatrade.com Before you use them

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Highest standards guaranteed
Fully certified & insured
No hidden charges & no VAT
Call Steve at **Pile-Up** on
01929 553861 or 07974 529017

LYTCHETT MINSTER JOINERY LTD

Specialising in purpose-made hard & soft wood joinery
Staircases, Windows, Doors, Conservatories, Gates, Traditional Skirtings & Mouldings
Over 25 years experience
Call Steve Rawlings: 01202 622441
or email: steve.1226@live.co.uk

Brian & Penny Armstrong

Decorators

Insured & guaranteed
01929 552483 / 07743019590

FLAT ROOFING & RESIN DRIVEWAYS

Fix that leaky roof for good & make your driveway beautiful again.

WE ARE LOCAL!
CALL JULIAN OR DAN NOW for information or a competitive quote,
TEL: 01929 288718 or 07902 480530
Email: resin.products@gmail.com


Advanced Resin Products
FLAT ROOFING & DRIVEWAY SPECIALISTS



Coastal Plumbing & Tiling

For a friendly, reliable service, call Steve on:
07951 249299 / 01929 475632

City & Guilds qualified
23 years experience

TRADE ADVERTISING WITH THE PURBECK GAZETTE

From only **£126** plus VAT for SIX MONTHS, you'll be hard-pushed to find a better deal

Call Joy on **01929 424293** to book your trade advert!

PURBECK AND WAREHAM WINDOWS & FASCIAS

FOR ALL YOUR PVCU NEEDS AND MORE

* WINDOWS • DOORS •
* FASCIA & GUTTERING •
* SEALED UNITS •
* CONSERVATORIES •

25% OFF
QUOTE OFFER NO: W02013/14
Subject to Terms and

Bringing the outside into your home!
WE INSTALL PVCU, ALUMINIUM, AND TIMBER ALL AT COMPETITIVE PRICES
QUALITY WORKMANSHIP AT LOW PRICES WE ARE A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS
A Rated Windows as Standard



www.purbeckandwareham.co.uk

FOR A FREE QUOTATION CALL US TODAY ON
TEL: 01929 556136 MOB: 07754289061
E-Mail: purbeckandwarehamwindows@talktalk.net

Domestic Appliance Repairs

CMS Electrical Repairs

Washing Machines, Dishwashers, Tumble Dryers, Electric Cookers, Fridges, Freezers

Colin Shailer
01929 554809 07711 165062
c.shailer@sky.com



Purbeck Domestic & Trade Waste



Fully Insured - Registered Waste Carrier

Domestic Clearances - Commercial Clearances
Garden Clearance

Waste Electrical & Electronic Disposal

White Goods - Old Furniture & beds - Light Demolition

Evening & weekend collections available by appointment

Telephone: 01929 550 615

Mobile: 07816 456 814

www.purbeckdomestictradewaste.co.uk



Man & Van

available to hire

Rubbish Clearance House Clearance

Half the price of a skip -
and we do all the work!

07767 479438

Fully licensed & insured



Delivering
The Gazette
every month

Need an EXTRA INCOME?

Reliable adult distributors
required in SWANAGE!

Call or email Tudor NOW for further information on:
01202 813630 or mail@tudordistribution.co.uk
www.tudordistribution.co.uk



Steve Peach Purbeck Plumbing & Heating Supplies

For ALL your bathroom & heating products!
at: 3 Institute Road, Swanage. BH19 1BT

Visit our fully equipped showroom!
at: 5 Johns Road, Wareham. BH20 4BG

www.purbeckplumbingandheatingsupplies.co.uk
Email: info@heatingnplumbing.co.uk
01929 426292 / 07812 046026

Please join us for the
People's Commemoration of D-Day
at Leeson House, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU
on Saturday 6th June 2015
from 2pm - 4pm

Exhibitions on Purbeck in the war years, refreshments, war-time
music, service personnel, military vehicles and most importantly,
the chance to meet and talk to our veterans



A commemoration service will
be held at 3pm

We hope to see you there

