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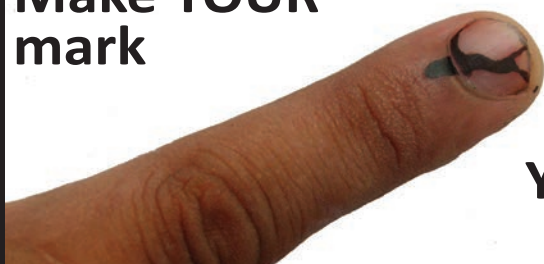
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## Editor's note...



**W**elcome to the May edition of your Gazette!

Summer is now officially here, shorts and t-shirts are the order of the day, and scarves and hats have once again been banished to the back of a cupboard.

In this month's edition we celebrate art, with a fantastic four-page pull out for Purbeck Art Weeks, detailing all the open studios and galleries for you to go and visit during the festival. There's tons of events on, celebrating everything artistic, so there's no excuse for 'being bored' this May!

We also have our Election Special this month, where candidates and parties come together in one place to make their case for your votes. This election is hotting up to be one of the most exciting for decades, so have a look at what's on offer and make your choice. Let's see if we can get a really high voter turnout for Purbeck this year - there's a lot at stake!

Final preparations are underway for the D-Day Commemoration event on June 6th at Leeson House. This will be a truly special, one-off event, which will not only grant you access to the beautiful and historic Leeson House, but which will also give you an opportunity to meet and talk to the brave local men who fought (often with no choice) to retain our way of life, our freedom.

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31	02.38	08.09	14.55	20.23	--

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

#### Swanage Town Council Meetings - May 2015

Council	Mon 11th	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 18th	7pm
Transport	Wed 20th	2.15pm

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Planning & Transport	Wed 22nd	7pm
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Council	Mon 21st	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 27th	9.15am
Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review	Mon 28th	7pm

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## Incensed By Complaints

Dear Editor,

I do not usually react to letters in newspapers but felt so incensed when I read that some people in Swanage had been complaining about the Big Issue seller, that I am forced to respond.

Although I do not live in Swanage and do not know the nature of the complaints, my experience of Big Issue sellers is that they are always extremely polite, do not thrust the magazine on you and have great stamina to stand for hours on end in all weathers earning a living. I say 'earning' because this is what it is, a hand up not a hand out, a means of lifting themselves out of the difficult circumstances which life has doled out on them.

They deserve all the support they can get, not complaints. I certainly couldn't do their job; I doubt if many others would be prepared to do it either. So I really hope that another business has come forward offering this hard working person a pitch to sell what is a very interesting magazine.

Yours sincerely, Judith Holmes (Wareham)

## Help Adoption UK

Dear Editor,

I am privileged to join Adoption UK as Head of Fundraising and have already been very moved by the positive impact the organisation and its members make on children and families.

More than 90,000 children are looked after in the care system. Last year 5,000 children were adopted and there are currently 6,000 waiting to find a permanent, loving home. Adoption UK helps prospective adopters through the adoption process and is a constant resource once a child has been placed as issues can present themselves post adoption, even several years later. We provide an invaluable helpline, advice, training and support. We also campaign and lobby for change and together, with the voice of our members, we help influence policy makers and obtain support and legislative change for adoptive families.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in fundraising for us. Support comes in many formats whether that be organising an event with family, friends and colleagues, asking for donations instead of gifts on special occasions or personal sponsored challenges such as giving up chocolate. We would also like to hear from anyone that has signed up for a full or half marathon, fun run, bike ride or other challenge events anywhere across the UK (or indeed globally) and is looking for a charity to support or is interested in securing a guaranteed place in events that we have access to.

For more information please visit [www.adoptionuk.org](http://www.adoptionuk.org) or call the Fundraising Team on 01295 752240.

Your support really will help make a difference to thousands of children and families.

Yours sincerely, Graham Brogden, Head of Fundraising Adoption UK

## A Bit Chauvenistic?

Dear Nico,

A note to local church people (and others).

Whilst welcoming the church's recent decision to at last appoint a woman bishop, I can't help feeling that it is still guilty of sexism in not allowing women to be archbishops. I don't think that this kind of discrimination would be allowed elsewhere in our society and it is particularly ironic in



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an institution with egalitarian principles such as 'the first shall be last' etc.

Thinking further on the subject, I'm actually surprised that women want to belong to the church at all in view of the sexism and misogyny of the Bible (written by men) whereby, for example, female adulterers should be stoned, women should not be allowed to enter 'The Temple' and one woman (Eve) was supposedly responsible for the entire fall of man from paradise!

On a smaller scale, women are often given subservient roles in the church, such as cleaning, arranging the flowers, making cakes and jams for fetes etc. Doesn't it all seem a bit chauvinistic?

Name and address supplied but withheld on request.

## Disappearing Dog Bins



Dear Nico,

Sadly this important and well used dog bin on the Ballard Estate has become a casualty of the impending removal of dog bins throughout Dorset. I was told that the public were involved in coming to this radical and unpopular decision.

Does anybody know about this meeting having taken place? Nobody I have spoken to knows about it! Dorset Waste Partnership stopped servicing this bin, which was left to fester for two weeks without informing the estate of its decision not to empty it.

I am pleased to say that they did eventually remove the build-up of doggy bags for the last time. Sadly, I think this is a bad decision. Your thoughts please and try not to put your foot in it.

Ray Passmore, Swanage

## Tools Across The World

Dear Editor

Swanage is still sending tools across the world – Next Collection Day, Saturday 9th May, Co-op car park.

A big well done, from Swanage Lions and TWAM\*, to all the fantastic folks who have donated work and craft tools, over the last year. What a haul – from a set of manual typewriters to whole carpentry tool kits, from loved sewing machines to an enormous saw, which a tiny, elderly lady used to wield as a young child!

The collecting continues...for example TWAM recently sent a container of 144, sewing machines, 7 knitting machines, 10 bags of wool, 15 builders kits, 20 car mechanic kits and 22 bikes out to Uganda. Win win – less land



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fill for us and more self-sufficiency for others.

So, if you or anyone you know has any tools that are no longer used please give them a new home and drop them off on 9th May from 9.30 – 3.30, we'll be very happy to see you. If this is not convenient Nixons, Travis Perkins and Sydenhams have kindly sited drop off bins in their stores. For collection of bigger stashes or more information please contact Kim on 427828.

Thank you in advance for your donations - they will make a world of difference.

Kim Gallagher, Swanage Lions

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## Running Rumours Running Riot

Dear Ed,

It has come to our attention that there are a couple of rumours running riot around Swanage at the moment regarding The Purbeck Marathon. So just to clarify once and for all, The Purbeck Marathon is definitely going ahead on the 20th September 2015, as is The Purbeck 16. In fact we currently have over 200 entrants, more than we have ever done at this point in previous years! So best get your applications in quick.

Next is a rumour that we are 'paying' our volunteers. Where that has come from we just don't know. The truth is that our volunteers this year are able to nominate a charity or good cause that they want to support and we will donate to that charity or good cause on their behalf. This allows the people that help us have a say in how the funds raised are distributed.

We already have several organisations that we are working with such as EDP Swanage, Margaret Green Animal Rescue, and NCI Swanage to name but a few. If you would like to take part in one of our races, or if you or your organisation would like to know more, please visit our website [www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk](http://www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk) or email us [info@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk](mailto:info@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk)

Regards, Jason Haiselden, Logistics Manager

The Purbeck Marathon Team.

## Vote For Animals!

Dear Editor,

Whether you love or loathe politics, the General Election on May 7th is a matter of life and death for many animals. The badger cull may be halted, continued in the two pilot zones or rolled out across the whole country depending on the outcome.

Similarly, the Hunting Act may be strengthened, remain as it is or be scrapped altogether.

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To help animal-lovers decide where to place their cross, Animal Aid has launched a new website, [www.VoteForAnimals.org.uk](http://www.VoteForAnimals.org.uk). Visitors can find out the parties' animal-related policies, how their own MP has voted on key animal issues and what campaigns he or she has supported.

They can contact their MP directly, and also find out who the nearest rival is. We hope voters will remember animals as they vote this May.

Kate Fowler,

Head of Campaigns, Animal Aid

## Purbeckian Hug Guru

Dear Nico,

The Roman Catholic Church's view about hugs is that it is alright to hug a married person as long as you are both fully clothed and have no impure thoughts.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher, Swanage

## Aquarius Ladies Success

Dear Gazette,

More than £700 was raised for The Friends of Swanage Hospital at a Coffee Morning recently organised by Aquarius Ladies' Club in Corfe Castle.

There was fun to be had at the chocolate tombola, bargains galore at the stalls and of course, delicious cakes and teas. The Friends of Swanage Hospital is the Aquarius charity for 2015 so they are off to a brilliant start and hope to raise a considerable sum by the end of the year.

Jan Turnbull, Chair of the Friends said: "Thanks so much to Aquarius for choosing us as their charity this year. We hope to see new services and equipment provided at our hospital in the coming months."

Yours sincerely, Gerry Norris

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## Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow



Dear Nico,

Through your paper, please could you say a very BIG thank you to everyone who generously donated to my fund-raising head-shave in aid of Heroes Haven, which I did last year. We now have the final figure, including the Gift Aid, which is £2,183.

There was also £100 donated to the Little Princess Trust. I donated two lots of hair to The Little Princess Trust, as I also donated the hair that I had cut off when I was 11 years old as well as the hair that I shaved off for this fund-raising effort. Once again, thank you all so much for your kind and generous support.

Kind regards, Kirsten Jennings

## Losing The Plot!

Hi Nico,

I thought you might like to know what we have to do if we lose something. Do not report it to the Police, if you can find a desk that is still available! We have to use [www.reportmyloss.com](http://www.reportmyloss.com).

Outside Dorset you have to pay £3.98. So much for our £180 per household Community Charge in Swanage for Policing! What do we get for our money?

The budget for the Police Commissioner 2015-2016 is £900.000 that is lot of policeman that are not on the streets, but hey crime is going down. Nowhere to report it!

Regards, Peter Wakefield, by email.

## Shelterbox Appeal - Thanks

Dear Nico

CYCLONE PAM - VANUATU

I am writing to thank, through The Gazette, all those who have very generously supported our Appeal last week in Swanage for the above disaster.

Thanks to the support we received we have sent a cheque for £1,180.00 to ShelterBox, a Rotary Charity Partner, which will buy two ShelterBoxes. We have also received a separate donation from a supporter, who wishes to remain anonymous, for a further £200.00 which will also be sent to ShelterBox. Each ShelterBox contains a very durable tent, a water purification system and survival tools for a Family of ten persons.

ShelterBox has already sent 1,000 ShelterBoxes with the help of The Australian and New Zealand Air Force and Rotary Internationally will be supporting the victims with further donations of equipment and help.

Yours sincerely, David Chalcraft, Chairman - International & Foundation Committee - Rotary Club of Swanage and Purbeck

## Studland Flower Festival



Dear Editor,

Studland Flower Festival - Every Day from Friday 22nd to Monday 25th May  
A wide range of people in Studland are busy getting ready for the village Flower Festival at St Nicholas Church.

Looking out over Old Harry rocks, the thousand year old church is always a wonderful place to visit, even more so when decorated throughout with flowers. We are hoping that as many people as possible can visit the church and view the displays. There will be a preview on the Friday evening at 6:30.

Every other day the doors open from 10am to 6pm, except on the Sunday when we will hold a Morning service from 10am and everyone will be very welcome, with the Flower Festival starting from eleven. Refreshments will be served every day and there will be interludes of live music in the church.

All proceeds will be split equally between Swanage's Cancare cancer support group and Cancer Research UK.

We look forward to seeing you.

Tony Higgins, 01929 450691

## Windfarm - An Election Issue?

Dear Nico,

The examination of the Navitus Bay wind farm closed in March and I would like to thank all who supported Challenge Navitus through it. It was an intense six month period and the introduction by the developer of the smaller, 630MW proposal part way through gave us no choice but to respond on two options at the same time (the original 970MW scheme is still on the table).

Having considered all the evidence, Challenge Navitus, with many others, is still opposed to the proposals of EDF and Eneco. Our coast, from Portland to the Isle of Wight, is a valuable national asset like the Lake District or Snowdonia.

All these assets are worth taking care of for future generations and any developments, renewable or otherwise, must be sited appropriately. We have choices nationally about where to develop and it would be negligent simply to build every proposal that is put forward without weighing up the costs and benefits.

It's not just about natural beauty, either. As one example, the sea in our area is highly productive, not a barren wasteland. The sea-bed is vulnerable to permanent damage from construction because of exposed bedrock and reefs in the designated area. Dumping a million tons of rock does not enhance a natural eco-system, and it is not the right way to create a "fish refuge".

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Being closest to the development and with a dependency on tourism, Purbeck is the area most at risk economically from negative sentiment towards a wind farm - significant visual impact has been assessed by Natural England and the developer on parts of the Purbeck coast.

A realistic outcome, if consent were given, would be up to 140 operation and maintenance jobs based in Poole, Yarmouth or Portland. The often-quoted "1700 jobs" could only arise locally (mostly at Portland) under the most optimistic assumptions and then only as a peak in one year of the 4-5 year construction period.

By comparison, tourism alone in Dorset and Hampshire employs tens of thousands of people. Even a tiny reduction in the attractiveness of the region to visitors would offset any local economic benefits of the wind farm and that risk is borne by our community, not by EDF or Eneco.

These and many other issues were discussed in the exam. We are unlikely to get a decision from the Secretary of State until early September. In the meantime, the wind farm may be an election issue - you could question your candidates' positions on the plan.

Andrew Langley, Challenge Navitus

## Pre-School Super Heroes



Dear Nico,

Our pre-school children and parents really made a huge effort this year raising a massive £702.30. The children and the staff members all came into Little Birds pre-school dressed as superheroes for the whole week leading up to Comic Relief and we asked for donations to this cause.

The children also took part in a sponsored bike ride, which they all loved and the parents, friends and families of the children were very generous with their sponsorship. Children had fun all week making cakes and the parents also baked cakes for a bake sale on the Friday of Red Nose Day to raise even more money.

We also sold tickets for a 'funny red nose face' picture competition in which people paid £2 and chose a funny face which were all put in a hat and one was picked at random. The winner won half of the money.

The two ladies pictured with red noses on are Elaine Marsh and Amy Beech.

Katie James, Administrator

St Mark's Pre-School.



## Wool Station Artwork



Dear Nico,

The Friends of Wool Station have been working on art projects with the two primary schools in the village, and the results are pictured.

The two pieces of artwork went on display at the station just before Easter and have been much admired by both station staff and rail users.

Inside the Waiting Room you will find 'Regatta at Cowes' a work

inspired by a painting by Raoul Duffy (1934) and drawings and flags by Sycamore Class (Year 2) of St Mary and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wool.

On the goods shed window is 'Jurassic Coast Ammonite', nine panels, each by a scholar in Pine Martens Class (year 5/6) of Wool CE VA Primary School. The children had been learning about our coastline in the term's topic 'The Creeping Coast and Deep Seas' and chose to produce a piece of artwork relevant to the local area and their learning.

Tony Smale, Friends of Wool Station



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## You Know Who You Are...

*David Hollister writes...*

**Or "If you haven't got any money, Purbeck doesn't want you"**

We had a lovely Bank Holiday Monday in Swanage. Hot, sunny, happy and glorious, hordes of holidaymakers thronging the streets. Made me wonder why none of the Estate Agents were open; judging by the numbers crowding around their windows, I'm sure they'd have had loads of enquiries for property! Normally when I go into a shop and they're playing 'music' I walk straight out again, but in one particular shop the music (blues and soul) was so good that Tina had to drag me away... you know who you are!

Weird to see the ridiculous government regulations about the display of cigarettes coming into force around Purbeck. Some of the ways that retailers are handling this are downright daft involving curtains, venetian blinds, etc. By far the best I've seen is Corfe Castle Village Stores who have an 'overhead' cigarette gantry clearly visible to staff but not to customers. But do the government really think that this legislation will actually deter kids from starting smoking? When I was fifteen it wouldn't have stopped me. We smoked for the hell of it, because our parents made such an issue of it, and because we were eager to prove we were rebels. We drank until we were old enough, at which time it lost a lot of its appeal. I stopped smoking when my son was born; I had better ways to spend my money.

At a recent meeting, I was loudly harangued by a Councillor from Langton Matravers on the subject of 'affordable homes' being 'unaffordable'. Having taken the time to investigate her claims, I read that 'affordable' is defined as "housing of a reasonable quality that is affordable to people on modest incomes... affordable housing may be in the form of social rented accommodation, mid-market rented accommodation, shared ownership, shared equity, discounted low cost housing for sale including plots for self-build, and low-cost housing without subsidy" provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices.

The highest affordable housing need in Purbeck is for social rented accommodation. However, all registered providers with development contracts with and in receipt of grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency are required to charge what are known as affordable rents on new properties. These are 80% of market rents. This will mean that in the future, stock will become increasingly subject to affordable rent, rather than social rent. And also means that 95% of people who can't afford market homes can't afford affordable homes either. It's total humbug and we all know it.

I have to confess that the Councillor did have a very valid point. One of which I was not actually unaware. I have been banging on about affordable homes in this publication for many years as anyone would know who actually took the trouble to read it.

So what's an 'affordable home' in Purbeck? Assume we're looking at a young couple trying to get started. My mortgage adviser tells me they can borrow a maximum of 5 x income but if they aren't in 'gold plated' jobs and if there's any other borrowing whatsoever (i.e. credit cards like we all have) it's more like 4 x income. And they need a 10% MINIMUM deposit for which they will get an 'over base rate' mortgage; the higher the deposit

the lower will be the rate. Under the Government "help to buy" guarantee scheme you can borrow 95%; the Government underwrites the loan but the lender charges an even higher rate of around 5%. Let's not forget that the current base rate is 0.5%. Right? That's help with a very small "h".

A couple working forty hours a week on the Minimum Wage (£6.50) will gross £520 per week or £27,040 p.a. 4 x this is £108,160. That's 90% of the cost of the 'affordable home' after the deposit. The 'affordable home' is therefore £120,000. Now tell me that any developers are going to build a bunch of homes for £120,000 and I'll fall over in total disbelief.

The Councillor went on to talk about 'Community Land Trusts' like they have in Worth Matravers. Community Land Trusts are powerful examples of communities taking control and transforming the future of their local community. They are non-profit, community-based organisations run by volunteers that develop housing, workspaces, community facilities or other assets that meet the needs of the community, are owned and controlled by the community and are made available at permanently affordable levels. Apparently, Langton Matravers are looking into this and I genuinely wish them luck. Keep us posted. Please.

Strange as it will seem to anyone from Langton Matravers who is still reading this column, I do appreciate their concerns about flooding and about the ridiculous access into High Street. However, the Highways Department has decreed that an additional vehicle use would not cause a significant problem and that the scheme 'met all their requirements'. Well, that's all right then. Their most important requirement seems to be the financial contribution which the developer must make. And as regards flooding – if the problem can't be permanently and properly solved, the scheme's a non-starter. But if not there – then where? And if not now – then when? Answers on a Planning Application please.

I hope that Langton Matravers Councillors are lobbying DCC for a '20 limit' in the village – desperately needed for cars and cyclists alone. But that's another story.

Each year about a week beforehand, I put up signs for our annual village fete. I take them down the day after the event, come rain or shine. Which is why it really annoys me to see event posters left up for weeks on end, as people are too idle to take them down. And even more to see that whilst some people are obliged to pay to put their horrible advertising on Council-owned roundabouts, others leave their commercial boards at the roadside for months, apparently without fear of being charged or having their boards removed. Might be good for business ..... but is it really fair? You know who you are!

And finally, isn't it good to learn that Corfe Castle appears to be going to keep its post office, probably situated in Corfe Castle Village Stores from mid-summer, when the hard-working postmaster Ian Tarbotton retires. I wish him a long and healthy retirement and wish Corfe Castle Village Stores every success with their expanding business. Haven't you been in there recently? You really should! No trace left of that awful ginger-haired woman off the TV who managed almost single handedly to ruin a perfectly good village store!

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Since the partial collapse of the steps during the summer of 2012, followed by complete collapse in early 2014, access to this famous landmark has been severely restricted, with only the most agile able to negotiate the slope leading to the beach.

Since the cliff falls of 2013-14, which also closed part of the South West Coast path, the Lulworth Estate have been in talks with national and regional agencies responsible for coastal access in an attempt to find a solution.

Following a meeting held in January between the Lulworth Estate, Natural England, Dorset Countryside and the World Heritage Team, the Estate have taken the decision to reinstate access to the beach by funding and rebuilding the steps to Durdle Door themselves.

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## Will YOUR School Send Books To These Children?



### South West schools invited to donate books

Schools in the South West are being invited to donate books to schools in rural parts of South Africa, as part of a competition to learn about farming in the country.

The 2015 Help a South African School competition asks children in years 1 through to 11 to learn about fruit farming and the difference it makes to the lives

of families in South Africa, and to produce a collage of their learnings. There are two top prizes of £1,000 for winning schools in two school year categories to spend on resources; there are also prizes for two second and two third placed schools.

All entrants will receive a certificate signed by the South African Ambassador to the UK.

Schools are asked to submit their entry alongside a donation of used books. These will be collected from schools free of charge by courier company myHermes, and shipped to South Africa using donated services by Damco and partner shipping line Maersk.

Schools who do not wish to enter a collage can also choose to donate books only.

The competition is run by South African fruit farmers and is supported by the South African High Commission, based at South Africa House in Trafalgar Square.

Schools can register to be a part of the Help a South African School project for free at <http://www.helpasouthafricanschool.com/>

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## Report My Loss!

**D**orset Police have reviewed the way in which lost property is reported. A new service, which started on 6 April 2015, has been implemented to make reporting lost property quicker and more efficient.

Report My Loss ([www.reportmyloss.com](http://www.reportmyloss.com)) is a website which allows the public to report lost property quickly and easily without the need to telephone or visit a local police station.

The information provided in any loss report is viewable by police forces nationally.

Members of the public reporting lost property will be asked to complete an online form. A lost property reference number will then be issued for use when making an insurance claim.

The Report My Loss system was originally developed in 2008. Avon and Somerset were the first force to adopt it and have since improved their service to the public while improving the repatriation of lost property.

Head of Contact Management, Superintendent Caroline Naughton said: "Currently Dorset Police receive around forty three calls per day in relation to lost property, which takes up valuable time that Force Command Centre staff could be using to respond to other 101 and 999 calls.

"The implementation of Report My Loss will reduce the number of lost

property calls into the Force Command Centre and improve call waiting times for the 101 service.

"The cost to report lost property to Report My Loss is £3.95. In Dorset the use of this service is subsidised by the Force making any reports of property lost in Dorset free."

The benefits of using the Report My Loss system are:

- More efficient reporting
- Improved accuracy
- Reports are searchable nationwide rather than being restricted to station or force-specific systems
- Call operators are able to answer more 101 calls
- Recovered property is more easily identifiable and returned to people. Loss report numbers are independently verifiable by insurers enabling more efficient claims processes
- Serial-numbered items reported lost are prevented from sale at responsible traders nationwide

Chief Operating Officer of Recipero Ltd, Les Gray, who operates the Report My Loss site, said: "The process consistently delivers measurable savings, while improving services and recovery rates for members of the public that have lost items of property."

You can log in at any time to Report My Loss to record or update lost property reports. If the item is recovered, the appropriate authorities will contact you.

## Out Of The Blue



**A**fter experiencing a lovely Easter weekend I am sure many people took the opportunity to be out in their gardens; mowing lawns, weeding beds, planting seeds, cleaning patios and decking, painting fences – to name a few tasks. However, did any of you take the time to look at your garden shed? How has this dark and mysterious place – filled with cobwebs and tools – fared

through the winter? Crucially, is the shed as secure as it could be or is it an invitation to some nefarious characters to come and help themselves?

Not only is theft from sheds is an extremely common crime for Dorset Police but it is also a very difficult one to solve. The inconvenience and cost to you the gardener is also considerable – but it is a crime that can be easily prevented by taking a few simple precautions.

We would encourage people to undertake 5 simple checks / changes:

- Make any windows are secure – put rigid wire across, secured to the inside of the shed
- Think about the padlock you are using – how easy is it to break (a small investment in a decent hasp and padlock that cannot be easily bolt-cropped ultimately saves you money)
- Can the door hinges be unscrewed and therefore the door removed – if so consider "stripping" the screw heads or changing for more robust, tamper-proof hinges
- Secure bicycles, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers etc. to a strong ground anchor
- Consider adding security lights and / or uncomfortable planting next to vulnerable areas of the shed; both of these are effective deterrents

There are many opportunities for you to gain some handy, easy tips on shed security during the up and coming "Meet The Team" events – details can



## Partners And Communities Together

be found via this link: <http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=292>

I know this was included before but unfortunately 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".

This is a scam and we would encourage all people to contact ANYONE they know over 65 and warn them against this.

<http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=8318>

A recent incident which involved theft of prized cockerels being stolen to take part in illegal cock-fighting was successfully thwarted through good team work of patrol officers, National Police Air Service, dog handlers and excellent timing of the call from the victims. Two males are currently assisting police with their enquiries. Another example of how crucial the call is to the Police when the crime is happening at the time.

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

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# New DVD For Museum



**W**areham Town Museum, in the heart of Wareham next to the Town Hall, has once again opened its doors to visitors for another season.

In 2006 the then Curator, Michael O'Hara, collaborated with a local film-maker and museum volunteer to produce a short introductory video which museum visitors could sit down and watch. The video has stood the test of time and has been in continuous use until 2014.

With its 2015 opening, Wareham

Town Museum has launched a brand new nineteen minute video which will now be shown to visitors on a large wide screen display within the museum.

The ambitious production, for which shooting started last summer, took some four months to research and edit. It was again made by ex-BBC film-maker John Hale who has been on the museum committee for the past nine years.

The production involved a number of museum volunteers, most of whom had never been professionally filmed before, who tell us about various key artefacts in the museum. At one point, even a past Mayor of Wareham makes an appearance during the dramatic story about the Great Fire of Wareham in 1762! Many other volunteers collaborated in the production.

The descriptive sections are interspersed with graphics and commentary about the history of the museum and the history of the town of Wareham through the ages.

You can preview the video by going to the Wareham Town Museum website Home Page at [www.wtm.org.uk](http://www.wtm.org.uk) and scrolling down to the video.

You can also see it on YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EFBo\\_yEtWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EFBo_yEtWE)

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# My War-time Memories.

## By Brian Guy



*To make sense of the sequence that follows, I have to reprint some of what I posted some eighteen months ago. Otherwise the tale gets completely out of kilter.*

### Good Night Nurse!

**H**aving been wounded back in Normandy I had the feeling that I was now safe, lightening never strikes twice does it? I had volunteered to do part time dispatch duties beside my normal active duties. Being one of the more experienced 19 year old soldiers, I had been entrusted to collect the next day's battle orders from HQ back at Venraij, leaving at about midnight, or one in the morning. At that time there was

in operation a bank of searchlights set to illuminate the countryside, a sort of artificial moonlight shining in the direction of Overloon and the enemy, making night driving much easier.

The first night I took an armoured half-track to collect the orders. Much safer at that time to have some protection when on your own and carrying sensitive material. I had collected the water proof sealed case containing the battle orders, and was on the return journey, when I took the wrong turning and drove into a tank road. (They were kept separate, some roads had to be for wheeled vehicles only) The half-track sunk into the mud churned up by the tanks, right up to the doors in deep sticky Dutch mud. Try as I might, I could not get the thing out.

The thought occurred to me that I was in danger of stopping the war. How to get out? Then I thought, those searchlight boys ought to have something big enough to drag me out, with time getting short, I scampered off in the direction of the nearest searchlight. As I approached a voice called out "halt who goes there" when I answered "friend" he called out "hang on, I know that voice" "Come in!" this man from my home town, had our typical country way of speaking, he invited me into his tent and made me a very generous mug of rum and strong tea, plus a yarn. He got a very large Scammel truck with a winch on the front, drove down to where it was stuck and pulled the half-track out like a cork. Luckily the war was able to continue. (Mr Burgess? That is the name that comes to mind.)

After that shambles I decided to take a motor bike the next night. No trouble going, but on the way back disaster! In the vicinity of the Molen beek that had caused so much trouble for the R.E earlier, I was about to discover that lightening does strike twice. There was a dark red flash and violent explosion and blast, I was sent tumbling down the road over and over, the bike had parted company with me and shot off somewhere else. What caused the explosion? I do not know, nor ever will, whatever it was, it caused a great deal of damage, and for many years after, I spent time picking bits of shrapnel out of my body as they came to the surface.

I still have some floating about, just to remind me, one under my watch strap, never had it removed. Oh dear! Laying in the deserted road, unable to move and all was quiet, it really did look as though I was going to stop the war this time. How long I lay there? I do not know. Time had little meaning when you are badly wounded. Found by some soldiers that had been in a lorry and had collided with the bike, they realised that there must be someone on the road. They found me and stayed with me until a medical officer came to deal with me. While we were waiting it started to snow, I remember the gentle feel of the snow softly falling on my face. The doctor told me "This will hurt a little" one of the soldiers lit a cigarette and put it in my mouth, when the doctor started to tend to me I bit the cigarette off and it went down on my chest and

was burning me, the soldiers were searching for the fag while the doctor tended to my wounds.

Taken back from the front line, I found myself in a school, my stretcher balanced on top of a school desk with a large window alongside. Unable to move and partly deaf, to my amazement a young English nurse came to give me some treatment, "Are you an English nurse?" "Yes, of course I am" She walked across the room with a hypodermic syringe that looked like a knitting needle on the end of a half pint milk bottle, a huge thing full of green liquid, "You're not going to stick that in me?"

"Got to" she said, "Anti gas gangrene injection, stops you getting gangrene in your wounds" after, I had this very large green swelling on my arm to add to all my other disfigurements. What followed next, can only be described as a living nightmare, a nightmare of sheer agony. Put into an army ambulance with other wounded in racks on each side, and in a very confined space. The inside had been blacked out so that we had to lay there on our stretchers in pitch black darkness. The journey in this square box of an ambulance took us over the uneven and cobbled roads, all the way to Eindhoven in the South of Holland.

This journey was the nearest thing to hell on earth that it is possible to imagine, with my broken bones grating and the indescribable pain of my back injuries. In the beginning, I had been determined not to join in the moaning and groaning with pain, but it was not long before I was crying out in pain just like the other wounded, so much pain that it was not possible to talk to the other five men. Hell and back is not an exaggeration. Nor is the term Nightmare, I still find it very difficult to convey just how ghastly that journey was. I never knew who the other wounded were, and I do not think it was possible for the others to have survived the journey, as we drove on, the groans had become fainter and fainter and eventually stopped.

This is the other side of war, being badly wounded, a side that nobody wants to know about. Arriving at what I think was Eindhoven? I was put into a little room full of cardboard boxes with my stretcher balanced on top of them, with just enough room. Still lying on the same stretcher that I had been on for many hours, during the journey the blood had soaked through everything, even under my back and into the stretcher. So bad, that thick congealed blood stuck me to the stretcher. By now the pain had become unbearable, given morphine the pain would still not subside and a nurse told me, "You must not have more, you will become an addict". I transferred later to a small ward with beds crammed all round the room, several other wounded were there. Trying to get to sleep was impossible, the pain being bad enough, some of the other men kept waking up, screaming.

Picture this scene, if you can! A small dark, square shaped ward, with all the curtains drawn, dimly lit from a small red light in the centre of the ceiling. The overpowering, sickly warm stench of human blood pervaded everything, with beds crammed in and almost touching. Men with terrible wounds and with limbs missing. Some men, motionless, wide eyed, still, silently staring at the ceiling. God knows what thoughts held them in this silent manacled iron grip. Blood stains everywhere, some men had thrown the covers off the beds in their agony, some sitting up leaning on an elbow, silently gazing into space, the low moaning of men in great pain, your own continuous and unrelenting pain of back, leg, and knee injuries. Some men talked in their sleep, often in a conversational tone, ending with a scream or a loud shout of pain, or despair.

Sleep, because of pain, was only possible for very short periods when exhaustion overtook us, then! To be wakened by the blood curdling screams and shouts of men who had suffered the agony, not only of body, but also of mind. Men who had seen the worst of the hell of war. Dante's Inferno had nothing on this. For here, was a glimpse into what lay beyond the Gates of Hell.

For me, there is no escape from that vision. For many years I dreamed about, and relived the memory of that dimly lit ward, that ward that still exists in my mind, still there on the mental pathway that leads to the Gates of Hell. Even today, some seventy years on, that ward still remains with me, every detail, sharp and clearly defined. It was a place that any sane person would run screaming from, saying "For God's sake! Don't make me go back in there."

*Next month the story continue afresh with unpublished articles.*

**PLEASE JOIN MYSELF AND MY SURVIVING D-DAY AND WWII VETERANS**

**on D-Day, Saturday June 6th, from 2pm - 4pm at Leeson House, Langton Matravers.**

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# SWANAGE CARE NEWS

## Agincare

Caring in Your Community



**B**y the time you read this article Easter celebrations, including our Easter egg hunt, making and decorating Easter biscuits will be long gone, but not forgotten. Signs of seasonal changes will be evident with colourful fresh flora springing into life, buds on shrubs, leaves on trees and the birds breaking into song.

Nutrition and Hydration week 16-22 March 2015



On 17th March our residents enjoyed a cream tea in support of Nutrition and Hydration week.

This week gives us an opportunity to raise a better awareness about the importance of good hydration and nutritional care both to our staff and our residents within Gainsborough Care Home.

### FORWARD THINKING.....

29th March saw the clocks spring forward and it is now officially British summertime.

Hopefully in April and going on into May, weather permitting, Gainsborough's activities programme will include some "out and about" trips in our residents' mini bus (pictured) and the occasional seasonal BBQ in our lovely enclosed garden.

This is a good opportunity to let you know that we will be holding a:-

*Garden fete on Friday 22nd May 2015 at 2.30pm*

Come and join us for a lovely afternoon. We will have a selection of stalls, raffle and musical entertainment by The Pastimers. All proceeds

will go towards our Residents' Amenities Fund.

### RECRUITMENT – A WARM WELCOME

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



### Brian Wright, Souvenir Secretary of Swanage RNLI Fundraisers

**B**rian became involved with the RNLI in December last year, when after retiring, having always been involved in volunteering, he wanted to put something back into the community. He chose to give his valuable time to the RNLI as a charity he's supported for many years.

Brian says; 'The RNLI provides such an important service and the thought that I am helping gives me a great sense of satisfaction.'

Brian's role involves both the sale of souvenirs from the Swanage RNLI shop and at the outdoor events the fundraising team have planned throughout the year. In previous years they have raised an income of over £50,000, a wonderful achievement for the army of volunteers who

help man the shop and to whom Brian pays enormous credit;

'All the money we raise goes towards supporting our lifeboat and the volunteer crew. It is only possible with the help of the dedicated volunteers who work in the shop for up to three hours a week. My huge thanks to them, some of whom have spent in excess of twenty five years raising money for the RNLI, and all of whom I would be lost without.

Needless to say just like any other charity we can always do with more volunteers, and I would encourage anyone interested in giving a few hours of their time to get in touch.'

Having started his role with the RNLI in the quiet month of December, Brian is looking forward to seeing the effect of the better weather arriving, and the town filling up with visitors, especially to the shop!

Like the rest of the volunteers at Swanage RNLI, Brian is looking forward to the arrival of the Shannon class lifeboat which will enable the volunteer crew to respond that much faster to any incident, with the new boathouse providing them with the best facilities for training and honing their skills.

#### Enjoy exclusive access to the Highwood Garden on the Charborough Estate with the RNLI

**T**he private Charborough Estate in south Dorset is opening its gates and offering exclusive access to the magnificent Highwood Garden, established by the late Admiral Drax, on Monday 25 May 2015. The event will raise funds towards the Swanage RNLI's Lifeboat Station Appeal. Events like this allow people to enjoy a splendid day out while providing funds for the RNLI, and specifically towards the cost of new Swanage lifeboat station which is currently being built, and will house the station's new state of the art Shannon class lifeboat.

The Estate will be open to the public between 2.30pm - 6pm on Monday 25 May. Admission on the day is free to the car park, and access to the stalls and refreshments. There is a charge of £5 per adult and £2.50 for children (aged 6-16 years) to visit the actual Highwood Garden area around the Charborough Tower. Please note that the event is open air only and weather dependent.

Only Guide Dogs are allowed on the Estate.

# Young Warriors Wanted!



## Vikings and Saxons clash in Corfe Castle

**V**iking and Saxon armies march into Corfe Castle in May seeking brave young recruits.

Saxons and Vikings – Siege of Wareham over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday May 2 - Monday May 4) takes us back to the year 876 when marauding Vikings captured the nearby town.

Watch as King Alfred the Great's Saxon army battles the invaders in full scale re-enactments, visit King Alfred's Court, meet craftspeople in the Saxon Village and sign up for Young Warrior Training if you dare.

There are more chances to join the ranks in Saxon and Viking Academy (Sat 9 - Sun 10 May, Sat 16 - Sun 17 May, Sat 23 - Sun 24 May).

Become a Saxon or Viking warrior, find out what it was like to wear the armour, see the weapons and learn the skills in interactive sessions.

Entry to the events is included in the normal price of admission to the castle.

*Pictured Warrior Battle at Corfe Castle.- National Trust/Martin Franks*



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**Saxons & Vikings**

## Corfe Castle

### Siege of Wareham

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# Update On The Swanage Local Plan Consultation

**P**urbeck District Council is planning to consult on the Swanage Local Plan later this year.

A report is due to be presented to the District Council in the summer which will set out plans for a six week consultation in the autumn.

A consultation was originally due to take place on the Swanage Local Plan at the same time as the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review consultation in early 2015.

However, the District Council decided to explore further the issues highlighted by some members of the Swanage Local Plan Steering Group, made up of the District Council, Swanage Town Council, Swanage Town and Community Partnership and community representatives.

In 2014, the District Council sought views on a number of issues in Swanage, including preferred locations for new housing, affordable housing for local people and improved shopping facilities.

The consultation proposed for the autumn will ask people to comment on a final draft plan which will set out the vision for the town and will include policies to guide future development.

The final document will be submitted for an independent examination by a planning inspector. The Local Plan for Swanage will then become the formal guide to development in Swanage under the umbrella of the Purbeck District Local Plan.

In line with all public consultations hosted by the District Council, there will be local media publicity and events will take place where residents and business can talk to planning officers about the Swanage Local Plan.

Further information about the Swanage Local Plan is available at [www.dorsetforyou.com/swanage-local-plan](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/swanage-local-plan)

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### Give Us A Call on VHF 65

Firstly, many thanks to all of you who took the time to visit us during our open afternoons over Easter – I think I can safely say that the tea and cakes were very much appreciated and that many people found the visit very interesting and entirely worthwhile.

If you were unable to make it over Easter, please remember that we will love to see you at any time the Lookout is manned.

In May we will be around the town on the 16th and at the Swanage Fish Festival in Prince Albert Gardens on June 6th and 7th so please come and say Hi!

May I take this opportunity to remind all waterborne members of the community, that the NCI now have a dedicated VHF channel throughout the network of lookouts from North Wales to Sunderland.

This is VHF CHANNEL 65 and we would ask all of you to call us on this channel for radio checks, etc., rather than bother the Coastguard at Southampton.

It also gives many of our volunteers much appreciated practice in the use of the radio, as well as correct terminology and procedures. It also helps us to look after you.

For example, because the Swanage Sea Rowing Club's boats launching position is not visible from the Lookout, they call us when they get on the water and when they return to base.

The Sailing Club follows a similar procedure for the same reasons. It is good for us and gives the crews of the boats the assurance that they are tracked whilst on the water. Safe and enjoyable sailing to all.

If you would like to join us or find out more, call the Lookout on 01929 422596, visit [nci.org.uk](http://nci.org.uk), call us on VHF 65 or come on in to the Lookout on the open days or at any time from 0900 - 1800 daily, we would love to have you on board

**Bob Clark, NCI Swanage.**



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## Wareham Guides Support R.N.L.I.



The picture shows Wareham Guides taking a breather before their Bring and Buy Sale in March in aid of the RNLI. The Guides made cakes and scoured their cupboards for books, toys and bric-a-brac, and managed to raise over £100 in an hour at their Guide meeting.

The event was the last part of a Girlguiding SW Region challenge based on the Fastnet Race which will take place in August and will have a national Girlguiding team in the race for the first time.

The Guides have had a great time learning about ships, lighthouses, singing sea shanties and finding out about the work of the RNLI.

**For more information about Wareham Guides please phone 01929 552235**



## Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community

'Dementia Friends' give an understanding of dementia and the small things we can do to make a difference

### National Dementia Awareness Week

18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May

\*\*\* We have the use of Beach Hut No. 21 for the week \*\*\*

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### 'Making Swanage Dementia Friendly'

Presentation and film with Mo, Sue & Jean

at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Ave, doors open 6.30pm for 7pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

#### Grand Launch of Swanage Dementia Friendly Community

at Swanage Library from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Entertainment - Music - Information - Refreshments -

### \*Beach Hut 21 Activities\*

- ❖ Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Drop in for Cream Tea and information - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Weds 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Drop in for information 10.30am to 2.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Art Workshop with Suzanne Dominey - 10.30am to 2.30pm



# Swanage Fire Station Update



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

- Four fires involving people's homes; two of which were caused by the house occupiers leaving combustible materials on or near the log burner and then going out

and leaving them unattended. From a safety point of view can I ask that if you have either an open fire or a log burner, please always ensure that you never leave anything that could ignite close to the heat source. Thankfully on both occasions the smoke detectors in the properties alerted neighbours or passers by who phoned us.

- We also attended four heath fires, in different locations around the county. Two of these incidents were attended by a large number of appliances and personnel in order to extinguish the fires.
- Two special services; one of which involved us, Swanage Coastguard team and our special rescue team from Poole Fire station. This was to rescue someone that had become stuck in the mud at Goathorn Point, nr Studland, with the tide coming in fast.

That's all on the operational side of the station, however I would like to send our congratulations to Firefighter Chris Brown and his new wife Helen and Firefighter Liam Blake and his new wife Zoe – all of whom got married recently.

With the summer weather fast approaching I have noticed that there are lots of people out walking, riding their bikes and enjoying our countryside which is great to see.

However, occasionally you do hear horror stories of the heath lands being set alight. This is not only a great danger to firefighters and members of the public but it also destroys the habitat for all the wild animals that live in these areas.

When you are out and about enjoying the countryside, there are some things you can do to protect our beautiful surroundings and keep yourself safe:

- Avoid open fires in the countryside. If you have to have a fire, make sure you're in a designated and safe area.
- Make sure cigarettes and other smoking materials are properly extinguished.
- Do not throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy the surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can cause a fire to start.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Do not try to tackle a fire yourself.
- Make sure you know your location or nearby landmarks so you can direct the fire & rescue service to the right place

Stay safe and enjoy the weather ☺ If you haven't found us yet, we have our own Facebook page where you can keep up to date with what's going on at the Station. Just search for 'Swanage Fire Station' on Facebook.

**Phil Burridge, Station Commander, Swanage**



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# Aerostars Booked!

*Crowds set to be wowed!*



**A**fter months of planning we now have the headline events confirmed for this year's Swanage Carnival. Once again for 2015, we are delighted to welcome the Aerostars who will be performing an acrobatic air display over Swanage Bay on the opening Saturday at 5pm.

The Aerostars are a precision aerobatic demo team. The team performs in the Yak 52TW, a former Soviet-designed, Romanian-built, WWII-type aerobatic trainer.

The deep roar of their 400 horsepower, supercharged, nine cylinder radial engines singing in harmony is set to be a true crowd pleaser.

The spectacular Carnival Procession will return to its original route in 2015. Commencing at 3pm on Sunday 26 July the array of colourful and vibrant floats will pass along the length of Shore Road and through the town. With this year's Superhero theme we hope to have lots of Masked Marauders and Caped Crusaders to save the day!

On the closing Saturday we welcome The Freedrop for the first time to Swanage Carnival. Are you brave enough to take a leap of faith from one of the jump platforms to the air bag far below? Come along on and find out!

**Our thanks go to all our sponsors whose support enables us to put on all these events.**

**If you would like to sponsor or help with an event please get in touch. Email us at: [secretary@swanagecarnival.com](mailto:secretary@swanagecarnival.com)**

## Not Just Sundaes

*Keeping it local with new ice-cream!*

**A**t Not Just Sundaes we are delighted to announce that we have been granted the exclusive rights to sell Craig's Farm Dairy ice cream in Wareham. Café Manager, Felicity Roberts said "We are thrilled to be able to finally stock a local ice-cream that is still affordable for our customers. Craig's Farm Dairies, who are based in Osmington, Dorset share a number of values with our project. It's great to be working with one of the few remaining local dairies, dedicated to serving local homes and businesses".

Trevor Craig, "Our family run farm has been operating for over 30 years and we pride ourselves on the quality of our products, which includes milk, butter and ice cream, as well as offering an extensive range of many locally produced items, such as cheeses, jams and preserves".

"Not only will we be selling Craig's Farm Dairies ice-cream, but we will be looking to use their local quality products throughout our menu, including the milk in our coffees and cheese in our lunches" Felicity added

The hardest part of the process was choosing which flavours we should stock from their huge range. Luckily, we had a number of loyal customers who gave their time for free to help us taste over twelve different flavours of ice cream and decide on the best six for us to stock initially. To find out what else is happening in the space, take a look at our website ([www.notjustsundaes.com](http://www.notjustsundaes.com)), our Facebook page (Not just sundaes Community Café), or pop in and see us in South Street, Wareham (opposite the library).

## SKYDIVE!



**E**ditor, Nico Johnson, along with sister, Nai Kate Allen, and Swanage hero, Charlie Allen (The 'Londonary Hare') will be leaping from a plane in early June at Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury.

Charlie is busily raising money for CanCare, so please do sponsor him if you see him around Swanage over the next few weeks!

We're going for the highest skydive possible, and will be leaving the plane at 15,000 feet, hurtling towards the ground at around 120mph.

If anyone else wants to join us, get in touch via email ([ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk](mailto:ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk)) and we'll liase and try to get all of us on the same plane, on the same day! Arrrggghhhh!!

# THE SWANAGE ARMY LINK

At the time of writing, plans for the summer events continue with most recently, a meeting between the Army, Police and Town Council and then a separate meeting with members of the Swanage Carnival Committee.

Although events on Armed Forces Day, which will be on Saturday 27th June, will not be as involved as we would like (primarily due to military commitments elsewhere) arrangements for the 1100hrs Liberty Parade at the front end of Swanage Carnival on Saturday 25th July are looking very good!

We are also paving the way for the next Army visit to work on the Railway in April, and then a second event in May. Planning is also well under way for the People's Celebration of D-Day which will be held at Leeson House from 1400hrs on Saturday 6th June. Everyone is welcome!

Although I often cite the 1984 Army Exercise as the start of our Link with the Royal Corps of Signals, this is not quite factually correct as that very first 4-week long Exercise was actually called EX CYGNET TRAIN! The link with "Cygnets" evolved as the logo of 30th Signal Regiment, then based in Blandford, was (and is) the swan! There was one military involvement during 1985 which saw a number of different units support a large Swanage Railway (SR) show staged on King George's Field to mark the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the original Railway. The next phase of military visits to the Railway then commenced in 1989, when soldiers from Northern Ireland flew into RAF Brize Norton on a Hercules plane, for onward movement to Swanage.

Work during the early years was very telecom based, allowing Army 'communicators' to take a break from the very restrictive regime induced by the terrorists in the Province. In 1990, fifteen tradesmen arrived to install the

Strowger telephone exchange into the lean-to building on the side of the Goods Shed at Corfe Castle – where it remains today. In addition, all of the telephone poles through Corfe were installed as well as the main 20-pair armoured cable, between Harmans Cross and the new Corfe Castle exchange, which has provided most signalling and communications circuits for the past 25 years.

Perhaps the most crucial Exercise on the SR was held in 1992 when around seventy military and civilians were involved in telecom tasks and a mass spring clean of all three stations on the line for a week. At the time the SR was endeavouring to re-pay a £250,000 loan that had been secured to open up the railway to Corfe Castle, and the new 'Premier Life Membership' was being offered to help pay for it!

That week, eighteen Junior Soldiers joined the SR for life. Whilst some of the soldiers did not manage to continue their payments, well over £30,000 was received from soldiers over the next decade to support the fledgling Railway. This was really the start of the Army Link.

Last month I met with Dave Pascall in the hope that we might put together a Souvenir Brochure in which I hope to capture some of the stories and shenanigans of those early years. Not all were focused on the Railway; some saw soldiers raising funds for Swanage Cottage Hospital, playing football and hockey against some of the local Swanage teams and raising the annual Christmas lights in Corfe Castle.

In the next edition we will focus on the arrangements for the other events this summer linking the Armed Forces into the local community.

If you would like to make contact, I will be pleased to hear from you: [frank@herstoncross.co.uk](mailto:frank@herstoncross.co.uk)

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# Wareham Rotary Supports Roxy

*The Rotary Club of Wareham supports Roxy Berry in her quest to walk.*



**T**he Rotary Club of Wareham are organising another charity Wurzels Gig in Bere Regis, Wareham in May. In addition to the Wurzels they will also have the band The Skimmity Hitchers, plus a bar and hog roast.

The event is to raise funds for Rotary's local good causes and charities and this year they are supporting a young girl called Roxy Berry, age four, who needs a pioneering operation to enable her to walk, something she will never be able to do unaided as things stand now.

In July 2012 Roxy was diagnosed with Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy. The family's world fell apart when the consultant told them she may never walk. At that time Roxy couldn't do anything, she would just lie on the floor trying to roll over and trying to copy Willow her twin sister.

Since then she is able to sit up on her own unaided and crawl on all fours but she can only walk using a Kaye walker.

Roxy needs an operation called SDR - Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy, (an operation pioneered by a doctor in St Louis, USA). This operation will relieve the tension and pain, prevent more invasive surgery later in life and should enable Roxy to walk without her walker.

Currently there is not enough NHS funding available for this operation so the family are trying to raise the £50,000 for the operation and intensive physiotherapy both post and pre op.

You can support Roxy by buying tickets to the Wurzels Gig at £17 each online at [www.warehamrotary.co.uk](http://www.warehamrotary.co.uk) or from Rye Hill Farm, Bere Regis. Alternatively you can donate to Roxy's operation by making a donation through their Justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/roxyberry/>

*The Rotary Club of Wareham is a registered charity and part of a worldwide organisation that supports local good causes and charities.*

*For more information about these events and the Rotary Club of Wareham including how to join or become a friend of Rotary see their web site [www.warehamrotary.co.uk](http://www.warehamrotary.co.uk)*

*Pictured left: Roxy Berry, aged four.*

# The Catwalk Comes To Swanage



## A Fashion Show with a Difference!

**T**he message at our recent fashion show was "Spruce up your washing lines and showcase your assets". The fashion show was organised by Swanage and Purbeck Rotary at St Mark's School, Swanage.

The show raised well over £800 in aid of local youth charities and showcased a range of stunning clothes, lingerie, swimwear, nightwear and accessories from Swanage shops Golden Girl and Purl-N-Lace.

Local florist Bloom helped decorate the catwalk and a local teacher was given a makeover during the evening by sponsors Salon 53 (hair) and Cat Muller Makeup. The models ranged in age from 15 to 70+ and included one male and several brave female members of Swanage and Purbeck Rotary.

The clothes from Golden Girl included smart and leisure wear, Fairtrade products and a skirt made from oil!

They showcased the range of NYDJ slimming jeans that are designed to make the wearer look and feel one size smaller.

A selection of beautiful lingerie was presented by Purl-N-Lace. One model demonstrated the difference between a poorly-fitting bra and one that fits well. Steph from Purl-N-Lace is happy to offer free bra fitting, so do pop in if you're passing.

Swanage and Purbeck Rotary would like to thank everyone who generously supported the event, including St Mark's School, for the hire of their excellent hall and staging facilities.

Special thanks are also due to its sponsors, including the donation of a fabulous selection of raffle prizes to help round off a great evening.





## PURBECK'S RAILWAY

**H**istory will be made at this year's Swanage Railway Diesel Gala and Dorset Beer festival when the 1960s British Railways Class 35 "Hymek" locomotive hauls trains on the award winning Purbeck Heritage Line for the first time.

Now in its 10th year, The Diesel Gala and Dorset Beer Festival runs from Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May with the preview day taking place on Thursday 7th May.

This year's Gala will see an intensive three-train service operate between Norden Park and Ride, Corfe Castle, Harmans Cross and Swanage from 8am to 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday and 8am to 7pm on the Sunday.

The beer festival this year takes place at Corfe Castle station where a variety of local beers and ciders will be available.

"Beerex" and Wessex Belle "Bistro" dining train services will also be operating on Friday and Saturday evening. Advance booking is essential.

For details of locomotives, updates and pricing please visit

[www.swanagerailway.co.uk](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk) or phone 01929 425800

### Purbeck Railway Circle

On Friday 8th May, Dave Waldren will deliver his presentation entitled "The Mid Hants Railway - The Watercress Line Past and Present"

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

The summer outing to the Mid Hants Railway on June 14th is now open for bookings. More details can be found on the PRC website ([purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk](http://purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk)).

For all information regarding the show, the summer outing and/or PRC please contact Gordon Jakes, PRC General Secretary: Email:- [gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk](mailto:gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk) tele:- 01929 554765

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**T**he Old Water Tower was built by George Burt, nephew of John Mowlem in 1886. Burt and an architect friend by the name of Crickmay mapped out his dream of Durlston Park Estate that stretched south from the Ship Inn on the seafront at Swanage to the sea at Durlston Country Park. (At Durlston Castle you will see turrets similar to the one at the corner of the Water Tower.)

George Burt wanted Swanage to have a supply of piped water and gas, and the small carved lettering on the front ashlar panel of the Tower refers to various acts of parliament pertaining to Swanage Gas and Water supply. The 45 foot high tower originally contained two lead lined tanks, holding 5,737 & 22,000 gallons respectively.

Water was pumped to the tanks from an artesian well at Sunnydale, by two 8 h.p. gas engines contained in the attached 'pump room' to the south of the Tower. It is believed that the Tower was only used for a few years when it was superseded by a reservoir built in Ulwell.

On June 11th 1919 the Durlston Park Estate was offered for auction in 55 lots - lot 21 was the corner plot that included the Tower. We do not know if it was sold at this auction, but in 1940 it was in the ownership of Lt. Col. E. J. Burt.

During WWII, the building was requisitioned by the war department to be used as either a machine gun post or a lookout. We believe that the carved lettering was filled in with cement at this time to prevent easy recognition of the location by enemy aircraft.

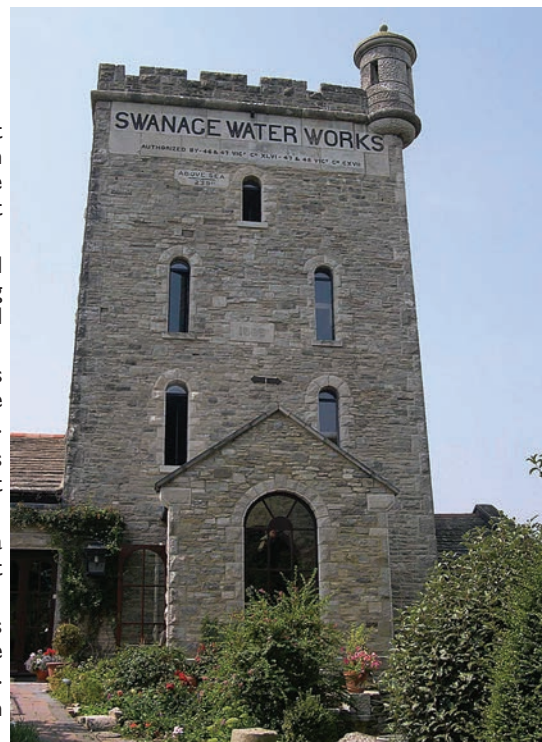
During the ensuing years it apparently served as a storehouse for various large items such as statuary and vintage motorcycles and cars belonging to several owners. We believe it left the ownership of the Burt family in the 1950s. The tower was assigned a Grade 2 listing in 1985.

The current owners bought the Tower in 1991 and have converted it to a five bedroom dwelling.

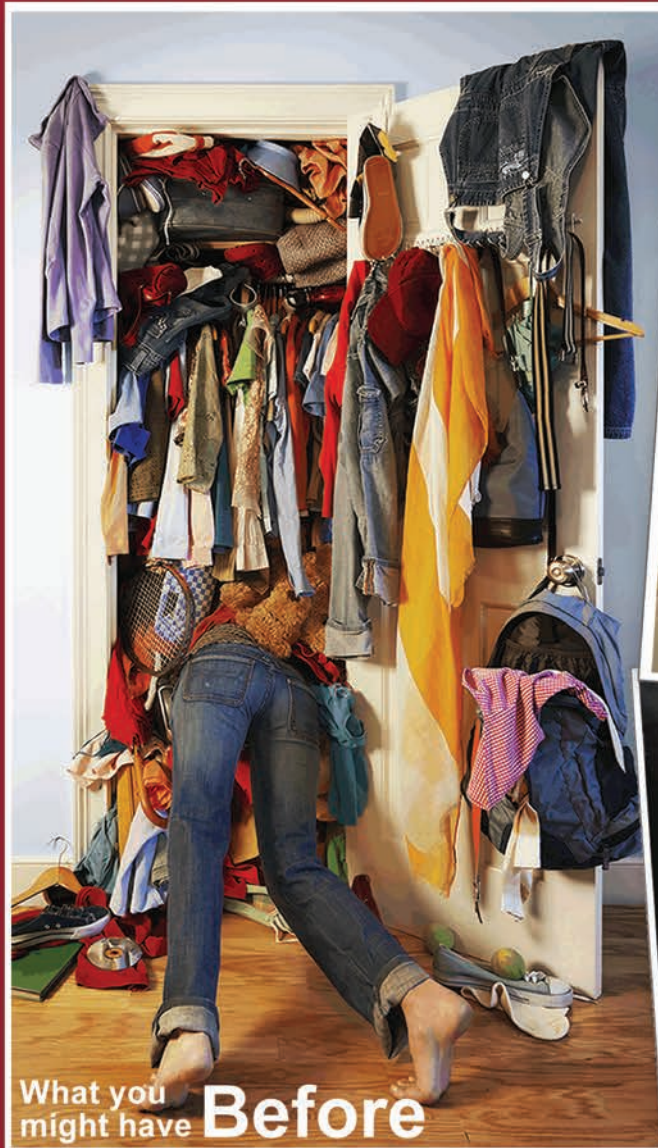
The conversion includes a roof terrace from which there are 360 degree views across Swanage Bay, down the valley towards Corfe and over Durlston Country Park.

The current owners are about to put the Tower up for sale, but have decided to hold an 'open day' to allow the general public the opportunity to have a brief look round and enjoy the views from the roof. This will be held on Sat 2nd May 10 - 12 am and 2 - 4 pm.

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So many issues to choose between! Is the E.U. doing us any favours? Do we want out or shall we stay in? Do we, and can we, renegotiate? Who is going to actually get those desperately-needed affordable houses built? Trident: yes or no? Renewable energy: pie in the sky, or an absolute priority? Navitus Bay Wind Farm - want it built in Swanage Bay, or not? Immigration: should we do anything, can we do anything - do we even want to? Education: tuition fees - scrap them, lessen them, raise them?

Cuts, cuts and yet more cuts - who is cutting what, and what will that mean for you and your family? So much to investigate before you make your choice - you are electing who will represent you, so choose well.....

To help you decide, over the following pages we bring you our 'Election Special' feature, where candidates and parties were offered heavily discounted space in order to bring their message to you, the voter, all together in one easily accessible place..... Choose well!




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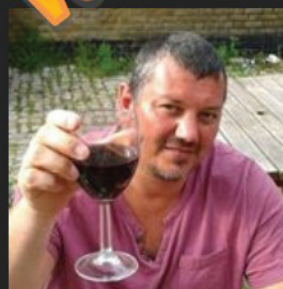
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A good time was had by all who attended with lots of reminiscing whilst making toast by the fire in the Victorian kitchen and afterwards enjoying tasty refreshments. Thanks go to Age Uk for funding most of the event.

On 9th February Carol Turner, our Mayor, welcomed members to a talk from the new Matron at Wareham & Swanage Community Hospital, Donna Kiss, plus our new NHS Locality Commissioning Manager who gave up to date information about healthcare for Purbeck residents.

Homemade soup and roll were served after the talks with a lot of chatting from the sixty four members who attended.

Please join us on 11th May to enjoy tea and cakes. Find out if you are as knowledgeable as you think about your home area.

## Wareham Area Seniors' Forum

Come and take part in our quiz about Wareham!

Discover more about Agatha Christie

Learn how to outsmart telephone fraudsters

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10am to 12 noon Monday 11th May

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We are also hoping to have a quick presentation from our local Community Policeman re: Telephone Fraudsters targeting Purbeck.

Hope to see lots of our members there and, if you are not a member, why not come along and see if you enjoy it?

## Dorset W.I. Centenary

It is time for Dorset WI members to slip into their best dress, add a hat and head for Buckingham Palace. One member from each WI in England and Wales has an invitation to attend the WI's Centenary Royal Garden Party, in the presence of HRH the Duchess of Cornwall, to celebrate a hundred years of the WI. Dorset will be sending over 100 Institute members with members of the Federation's Board of Trustees, Committees and invited guests to London on Tuesday 2nd June 2015. They will be able to enjoy the gardens and feast on an afternoon tea in the company of nearly 8000 like-minded women, who like them, have been inspired to join a WI and develop their knowledge and skills in the friendly company of women from their community.

Dorset Federation's summer celebration will be a Centenary Celebration Dinner, preceded by a short Thanksgiving Service, at Milton Abbey on 4 July 2015. This will be another opportunity to wear the 'best dress' and join WI friends to highlight the success of the WI in Dorset, helped along by a glass of bubbly and a sumptuous dinner in the beautiful setting of Milton Abbey.



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Dementia Friends give an understanding of dementia and the small things we can all do to make a difference.

Purbeck Good Neighbours are excited and pleased to be supporting this new initiative in Swanage.

The Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community invites all residents, organisations, services and businesses to a one hour information session to become a Dementia Friend.

To find out more about Dementia Friends or how to attend a session come along to their launch at Swanage Library from 10.30am – 2.30pm on May 21st to find out more.

There will be information stands, entertainments and light refreshment – I think that means cake!!!

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## 'Making Swanage Dementia Friendly'

**A presentation and film by  
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**Wednesday May 20th at 7pm**

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*'Dementia Friends' give an understanding of dementia and the  
small things we can do to make a difference*

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### **MAKING SWANAGE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY**

**A**t this month's Swanage Area Senior Forum Meeting, on Wednesday 20th May, we are delighted to welcome Forum members, Jean Gibbs, Mo Andrews and Sue McWilliams, who pioneered the Purbeck Good Neighbours' project, and who will explain everything about a new project to make Swanage and the locality a dementia friendly community.

A dementia-friendly community is a town like ours, where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported so they and their

carers can contribute to and engage in community life.

Jean Gibbs said: "Everyone of us can make this happen and our "Forget-Me-Not" logo is recognised nationwide, so visitors know they will be welcomed with understanding.

"The short films we've chosen are made with sympathy and enlightenment to show how simple it is to welcome people with the illness into shops, businesses, churches, doctors, dentists, libraries – everyone everywhere.

"We offer dementia information sessions run by dementia champions to give insight and remove fear – we can all be dementia friends. There are already seven groups across Dorset – we'll be the eighth, with seven more in creation."

Jean concluded: "Do come and support us and find out what you can do to help."

**The meeting will take place at the Emmanuel Church Hall, Victoria Avenue on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm and there is plenty of parking.**



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## Prepare To Be Amazed!

by David Hollister

**N**ot often that I get the chance to bring you good news about recent legislation so sit down and prepare to be amazed!

The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations are amended as follows: "No penalty charge is payable for the contravention where the vehicle has been left beyond the permitted parking period for a period not exceeding 10 minutes" (i.e. over and above what you originally paid for)

So it's fact, not rumour. A ten-minute period of grace! I spoke with Dorset Parking Services who confirmed that all their officers had been briefed accordingly and – probably through clenched teeth – confirmed that this applies even after a fifteen minute paid period of parking! And this also applies to the 'pay and display' car parks operated by our local town councils!

There's been a spate of posts recently on Facebook with local photos of cars parked badly. Two feet out from the kerb; on zig-zags; and – my pet hate – on pavements. Where they are real hazards to disabled or blind pedestrians. I have to confess that – to me – a double yellow line is 'Russian Roulette' with the traffic warden but you'll never find me parked on a pavement. And I still don't think that sixty seconds at the cash machine should be an offence!

It's been announced that the widespread use of static and car-mounted cameras to catch drivers who park illegally in England is to be banned, although I can't seem to find out when this is likely to happen. So-called "spy cars" have been used as a "cash cow" by councils, and the Government wants to end the "plague" of parking fines being sent in the post. Instead traffic wardens will have to fix penalty notices to windscreens.

The government says nine million parking fines are now issued every year by local authorities in England and wants to rein-in "over-zealous parking enforcement practices".

The other measures designed to help local shops, support drivers and give communities a greater say on parking policies, include a possible 25% discount on the full price of their parking ticket for motorists who lose an appeal against a parking ticket at a tribunal; changing guidance so that motorists parking at an out-of-order meter are not fined if there are no alternative ways to pay; and introducing a new right to allow local residents and local firms to demand a review of parking in their area, including reviewing charges and the use of yellow lines.

Let's hope that – whoever is in power – these measures will be implemented.

Last month I was 'having a go' at the filthy state of our verges. And amazingly, some of them at least have been litter-picked. So this month's targets are worn-out white and yellow lines. The council is legally obliged to maintain road markings and make sure all road markings are put on the road correctly. If at the end of double and single yellow lines they are not cut off with a T-Bar, or if there are any breaks in the line markings, then you have a reason for an appeal against a parking charge.

I'd be interested to hear from anyone who has appealed a parking charge in Purbeck on the grounds that the yellow lines were broken and not properly painted!

It's strange how the County Council found the manpower and the white paint to mark the 'parking bays' on Swanage sea front only hours after the new surface had been laid. Yet much of the really necessary white paint is in a dreadful state. Zebra crossings, for instance. Some of them are so worn that they are almost impossible to see, especially after dark.

Full marks to the 'idiot of the month' who was sent to repaint the one letter "W" of the 'slow sign' on the Victoria Avenue bridge, following the re-surfacing of the SGN trench. He painted the one letter. The other three letters are almost worn away...See for yourselves!

Good news too for the many thousands of Jazz fans – not the music, but the Honda Jazz! It was rumoured that this neat little family hatchback was being discontinued, but it now seems that a new Jazz model will go on sale in the UK in the summer.

It will have new safety technology which will be used across Honda's new product line-up in 2015. It sounds similar to the safety systems that I have tested and enjoyed in Nissan and Toyota models in 2014.

There's a 1.3-litre i-VTEC petrol engine, which comes with either a six-speed manual transmission or a CVT. A hybrid version using a 1.5-litre engine in conjunction with an electric motor to develop a combined 133bhp, will go on sale later in 2015.

Next weekend I'm off to North Devon in a superb Nissan X-Trail Auto. I have been looking at the photos and specifications which suggest that it's losing its rugged 4 x 4 personality, and becoming more of an all-purpose 'crossover' – a big brother for the superb Quashqai.

It's going to appeal to a much wider audience – and to find out whether it's going to appeal to me, then see next month's Purbeck Gazette!

It was an interesting point that reader Tim Lench made in last month's Gazette; if a cyclist is injured whilst riding on a carriageway when ignoring a valid and adopted cycleway, should the motorist's insurers be obliged to pay? Anyone know?

It's nearly May! Will Dorset County Council be collecting the 'flood' signs and the 'ice' signs from the roadside? I'm surprised that some enterprising 'totter' hasn't collected them already for their scrap value.

And finally. The new Road Tax system has been here since October 2014 but it's worth knowing what happens to your road tax when you sell your car.

Under the new car tax system, any remaining road tax will not transfer to the new owner with the vehicle. Instead, the seller can get a road tax refund on any tax remaining on the vehicle, while the buyer has to pay to re-tax the car.

The tax refund on a sold car will be sent automatically when the DVLA receives notification that the car has been sold, scrapped, exported or taken off the road with a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). Sellers are expected to inform the DVLA of any change of ownership straight away or face a £1,000 fine. If they don't, they could also still be liable for speeding or parking fines incurred by the new owner.

Information on whether or not a car is taxed is available online via the Government website <https://www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk>. All you need is the make and model of the car plus the registration number. Just for fun I checked my beloved Capri 2.8i D959EEL. Hasn't been taxed since 1991.

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Gary Clark, brand manager at Westover Kia says: "We're all thrilled to have the all-new Kia Sorento in the showroom. It's got some fantastic features and is less expensive at the petrol pump, which is great news for our customers. Plus it comes with Kia's industry leading seven year warranty, just as every other Kia model does.

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# 23 MAY~7 JUNE

## PAW Festival: Out Of The Depths

PAW Festival 2015 offers a wide range of exciting visual arts, music and events for all to enjoy. This year's theme is 'Out of the Depths' - tapping into the richness of the Jurassic rocks that influence the Purbeck landscape and the creativity of Purbeck's artists. When you visit the various open studios and exhibitions you will see how PAW artists of all ages have caught the spirit and interpreted this idea in various ways.

The number of artists involved is bigger than ever – with over 100 painters, printers, photographers, glass workers, furniture and ceramics makers, jewellers, sculptors, printmakers and textile artists, showing their work over the two weeks. Keep an eye open for one of our free brochures and use the centerfold map to help you find your way to individual artist's studios. There are two collective exhibitions this year – one in the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle (Swanage) and our showcase exhibition at Rollington Barn. At Rollington you can see examples of all participating artist's work – it's a good place to plan your visit and enjoy a light lunch and delicious cakes.

Art is also fun! Our local schools are involved and the Community Art Programme has been busy – a Dinosaur emerging from Tilly Whim caves will join the Community Tree on Swanage seafront, so don't miss the 'Unveiling of Dino' on Saturday afternoon May 23. Go and see Swanage's new carved stone plinth that's taking shape at the Burngate Stone Carving Centre, and make sure you visit the colourful flag displays in Domvs and Not Just Sundaes in Wareham.

As our President Philip Jackson says 'the joy of PAW is that it is spread over so many venues and involves so many people that you get a real feeling of a community pulling together in a wonderful common endeavour'. Make sure you put the dates in your diaries and come along and join in.



### Rachel Fooks

Rachel Fooks, our front cover brochure winner, has totally embraced this year's 'Out of the Depths' theme, and is launching a new collection of ceramics especially for Purbeck Art Weeks.

Rachel is a well known local ceramacist who enjoys pushing her creative boundaries. Over the years she has built a solid reputation

for creating quality contemporary ceramics, and is recognised for regularly changing her style and creating exciting new bodies of work. This exemplifies the extent of her design ability and how skilled she is at handling clay. The inspiration for her work comes from studying and juxtaposing the forms, patterns and textures

found in the natural environment of Purbeck, where she has lived most of her life. Whilst her inspiration remains the same, everything she makes is a 'one off'. Consequently, her work is regularly bought by ceramic collectors for the aesthetics as well as being an investment opportunity.

Rachel's latest work is totally different from what she has exhibited before. In contrast to her usual smooth glazed surfaces, she has made the bold decision to leave her ceramics unglazed and, instead of using porcelain, she is now using a very coarse clay. This has resulted in the forms being more inventive and more substantial with a much stronger emphasis on texture. Interestingly, she has let finger and tool marks created during the making process become part of the surface decoration.

We look forward to seeing the whole collection of her new work which promises to be totally unique, highly imaginative with its usual added quirkiness. During PAW, Rachel is exhibiting at 'Durlston Country Park' and 'Rollington Barn'. Rachel also has work permanently on display at 'The Boilerhouse Gallery' in Corfe Castle and at 'The Burngate Stone Carving Centre' in Langton Matravers.

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### Alison Lochhead

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You can see Cathy's work from 22nd to the 30th May at the Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road in Swanage and at Durlston Castle in Swanage until 7th June.

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### Annie Lovelass, Peter Cherry, Esme James, Lar Smits, Debbie Pool & Nick Strowbridge

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## Purbeck Art Weeks Festival is a Festival for ALL with something for EVERYONE!

Our Festival continues to grow year by year and alongside the visual arts there is again an outstandingly rich and varied events programme. Some of these reflect the 'Out of the Depths' theme; there is a talk on 'From the Jurassic Depths' by local fossil experts, another on the trauma of artists emerging from the depths of WW1, and a concert that takes us on a musical journey 'Out of the Shadows' from darkness to light.

We are delighted to welcome back the Fieri Consort – one of the UK's most exciting young vocal groups- members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and the superb Gabrieli Consort with a stunning programme of Renaissance choral works. They are joined by local experts giving a range of illustrated talks including on Helen Muspratt (a pioneering Swanage artist and photographer), Beethoven, and on the making of beautiful handmade objects to use, look at and listen to. What a wonderful variety of topics!

For more details of our events and booking tickets online please visit our website [purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://purbeckartweeks.co.uk).

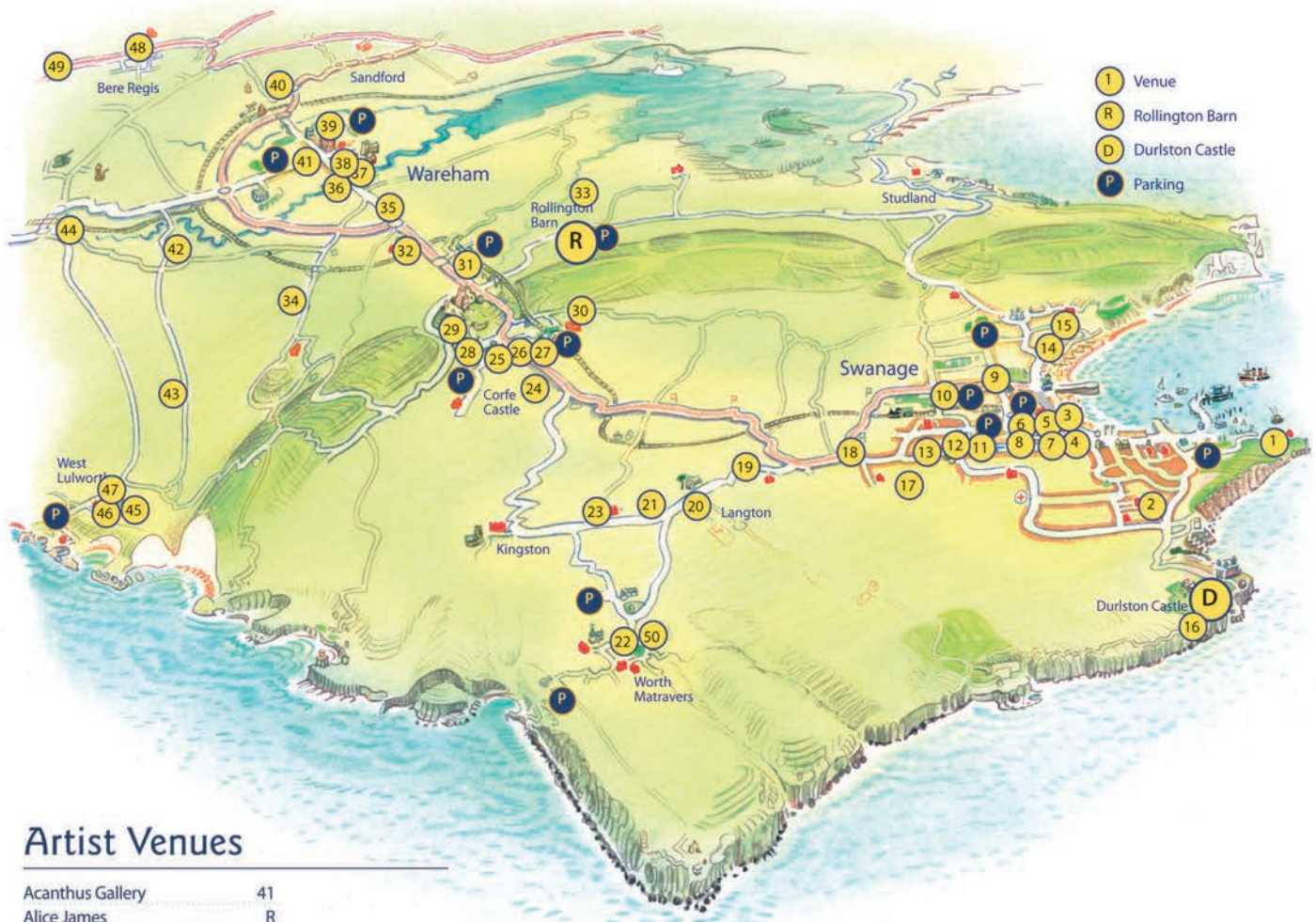
Do delve into our special Festival Events Programme that has a wealth of information (£1). Profits from this will

go to support our charity and in particular our Bursary Scheme which helps artists take their next step. You will find this and our free brochure in Swanage and Wareham Tourist Centres and elsewhere.

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# Map of PAW venues (view website for full location details)



## Artist Venues

Acanthus Gallery	41	Heather Gibbons	D, 22	Alison Lothead	31
Alice James	R	Helen Biles	D, R	Purbeck Workshop	44
Andy Farrer	3, R	Ian Harris	25	Rachel Fooks	R, D
Angela Hancock	R	Janine Drayson	33	Rachel Huggett	15
Angelika Seik	24	Jean & Kathleen	40	Richard Hooke	R
Anne Hourigan	35, D	Jeana Bergin	13	Rob Rowe	45
Annie Campbell	R	Jenny Cufflin	2	Robin Claridge	R, D
Annie Lovelass	43	Jill Nice	R	Roy Aplin	R
Boilerhouse Gallery	30	Jo Mosen	R	Sally Maltby	R, D
Burngate Stone Centre	20	Joy Brady	R	Sandy Hardwick	32
Cameron & Talbot	34	Judy Tate	26	Seasons Green	28
Carol Cox	R	Katrina Gill	49	Seb McEwen	R, D
Cathy Veale	9, D	Katy Shepherd	R, D	Sharon James	D
Charlie Money	15	Kevin Williamson	R	Sheila Jolly	R
Charlotte Dowling	R	Kim de Beer	12, D	Simon Thomas Pirie	49
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Debbie Pool	43	Martha de Chazal	47	Tony Adams	R
Do Michell	50	Michael Bizley	21	Tracey O'Reilly	R
Doors of Discovery	29	Mike Sharpe	R	Wendy Lalla Wharam	R
Eddie Marriott	10	Moir Purver	19, R		
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Emma Louise Grinstead	26, D	Nick Strowbridge	43	R = Rollington (Centre pages)	
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## 2015 PAW Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Ref
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	11.00 am-1.00 pm	Workshop with the Fieri Consort	A
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.30 pm	Concert by The Fieri Consort: Out of the Shadows	B
24 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 pm	Celebration Evensong	C
26 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	From the Jurassic Depths	D
27 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	Helen Muspratt: A Pioneering Swanage Artist & Photographer	E
28 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	A Colourful Partnership	F
29 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	Five chairs, a clock and a harpsichord	G
30 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 pm	The Fantastic Harpsichord: a recital By Colin Booth	H
31 <sup>st</sup> May	7.00 pm	Gabrieli Consort: Of a rose is all my song	K
1 <sup>st</sup> June	7.00 pm	Inside the Court of Napoleon. An illustrated talk by historian and owner of Smedmore House Dr Philip Mansel.	L
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	7.30 pm	BSO Wind Ensemble	M
5 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm	Purbeck Artists and The Great War	N
6 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm	Making music with Beethoven	P
7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.15 am	Coffee Concert at Encombe	Q

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### Economic Review Of Q1 2015

**D**uring the first three months of 2015 the FTSE 100 index rose by 3.2% and was up by 2.6% over twelve months. However, in early March the FTSE 100 index surpassed the previous record high of just under 7,000 which was achieved in 1999 and has been higher since then, closing at a lifetime high of 7065.08 on 24th March 2015.

Our analysts generally commented on the global situation as follows:

'Key features of the first quarter were the 26 global interest rate cuts and the launch of the European Central Bank's large QE (Quantitative Easing) programme and even in the USA and UK the prospect of an interest rate hike has receded. Recent US and Chinese economic activity has disappointed, though a weaker Euro currency appears to have improved the outlook for the Eurozone. Very low interest rates and accommodative monetary policies remain supportive of global equities and we stay overweight albeit, with less conviction after such a strong first quarter. We are positive on Eurozone and Japanese equities but are cautious on Emerging Markets'.

With specific reference to the UK, selections from our analysts' comments are as follows:

'UK interest rates have been at an all-time low of 0.5% since 2009. Although the consensus expects the next interest rate change to be a hike, given the lack of traction in wages and zero inflation, some argue that the optimal interest rate to get back to 2% inflation would actually be nearer zero. The OBR (Office for Budget Responsibility) does not expect inflation to return to 2% until 2019.

However, the Governor of the Bank of England has hinted that the next interest rate change will be upward which we anticipate could be in Q1 2016. In March, the global bull market pushed the FTSE 100 into record territory, but 2015 looks to be another challenging year for corporate earnings with a decline of 7%. This values the FTSE 100 index on a forward PE ratio of 15.7x and for UK equities we stay underweight in our global portfolio.'

'In Q1, the FTSE 100 index finally rose above the 7,000 level for the first time ever but over the past two years, the UK equity market has lagged other international equity indices. Even in Q1, despite a robust economic performance UK equities were outpaced by European equities. The UK market's disappointing run may generate a buying opportunity in the near future but in the meantime we stay underweight until there is more clarity on the political outlook.'

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The marriage allowance can only be claimed where one person has unused personal allowance and the other partner/spouse is taxed at no more than 20%. The transferred allowance is treated as the belonging to the recipient for the whole of the tax year for which it is claimed.

The claim for the marriage allowance must be done online through the GOV.UK website, by the person who is surrendering part of their allowance. If the taxpayer can't use the online service HMRC is supposed to provide additional support.

Once the marriage allowance is claimed, the couples' PAYE codes will be altered to reflect the change in allowances with the following suffix letters used in the place of L:

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## Phone Scam And Theft In Swanage - Witness Appeal

**D**etectives are appealing for witnesses and reminding the public to remain vigilant after a phone scam, resulting in fraud and theft, in Swanage.

Police are continuing to warn the public of phone scams, as offenders take on a new method of operation to defraud and steal from victims.

At around 10pm on Monday 30 March 2015, an elderly couple in Swanage received a phone call from a fraudster pretending to be a police officer. He told the victims their account had been subject to fraudulent activity and instructed them to call their bank, which they did, not knowing that the line had been held open by the offender.

The man who answered said their bank cards needed to be collected by a member of the National Fraud Department Rapid Response Team and gave them a password to reassure them the person attending was from their team.

A man, described as black, around 30-years-old with short dark hair and wearing heavy set glasses, dark trousers and a dark leather jacket arrived at the couple's home in the Queens Road area. He left with a substantial amount of cash and bank cards.

A short time later, the victims received a further phone call stating that police needed to photograph their jewellery and that it couldn't wait until morning. The same courier returned and collected it. Many items of sentimental and financial value were taken and not returned, including a watch belonging to their late son.

Detective Constable James Batty, of Weymouth CID, said: "This was a particularly ruthless offence in which the victims suffered great financial and sentimental loss.

"I would like to hear from any members of the public who may have seen a man, matching the description above, acting suspiciously in this area between 11pm on Monday 30 March 2015 and 1.30am on Tuesday 31 March 2015.

"As in previous similar cases, the offenders are highly convincing and often change their tactics to get people to hand over large sums of money, bank cards and valuable items.

"I would like to urge the public, if they haven't done so already, to read

through our advisory guidelines and ensure that elderly and vulnerable family and friends are aware."

#### Advisory Guidelines

Do not reveal your bank details including PIN to anyone – banks will already have these details and will never ask for your card back.

If you receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from your bank, do not give them any details, hang up and call your bank on their regular contact telephone number and the police – wait at least two minutes after hanging up to make the calls to ensure that the line is clear or use a different telephone.

- Do not give your bank cards or any valuable items to strangers whatever reason they may give you to part with them.
- Do not allow any unknown or unexpected callers inside your home. If you are suspicious, call 999 immediately.
- Do not hand over any cash to people unknown to you.

DC Batty added: "We'd urge people to dismiss any calls they receive like this and report them to police by calling 101."

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In one particular boiler room fraud between 2003 and 2007 one thousand UK investors were defrauded of £70 million.

As these companies are usually based outside the UK victims may not be eligible for compensation. To make matters worse the fraudsters will share their contacts list with others and victims may find themselves receiving further telephone calls from other boiler room scams.

Have you bought shares from someone you don't know over the telephone?

Were you promised high rates of return?

Have you given them your bank account details?

**For further information and advice call either Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506 or visit [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).**

# Record Year For Dorset Thanks To Business Boom

**D**orset has smashed the record for the number of new businesses launched in the area in a single year, according to new research. Statistics compiled by Inform Direct have revealed that there were 6,304 companies formed in 2014, up from a previous best of 6,054.

The total number of businesses operating in the region now stands at an all-time high of 43,707, which is 5.9% higher than a year before and 34% more than five years ago.

Henry Catchpole, CEO of Inform Direct, said: "This is an area where fledgling firms are flourishing and where people are starting to make their dreams a reality in the word of business. Poole and Bournemouth in particular have dominated as far as new incorporations are concerned."

Across the region, 2,028 companies were formed in Poole and 1,728 in Bournemouth. The next performing area was West Dorset with 779.

Mr Catchpole said: "There is lots of support out there for new businesses and there is certainly more entrepreneurial spirit being demonstrated in regions like Dorset than there has ever been before."

There are 59 companies per 1,000 people in Dorset compared to a UK average of 55. Last year in the UK as a whole, 586,784 new businesses were registered with Companies House taking the total number to a record high of 3,509,084. Private limited companies made up over 95% of all formations. And, while Britain has long been famed as an enterprising nation, the recent explosion in start-up activity has been exceptional.

Mr Catchpole suggests that there are three complementary factors fuelling this growth.

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# Food

## The Gourmet Peddler



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### Bloody Beer Mary & Chilli Prawn Nachos

I discovered many great things to eat on my recent food adventure around America and Baja Mexico and some of it can bloody well stay in Ensenada, such as the tripe and pig intestine.

Man, that was hard to eat, and what made it worse was that Chris my confederate on the trip was so excited about these random pig remnants and really wanted me to be excited. I let him down.

Let me show you two great things that are now house favourites back here. I found both of these at ramshackled roadside cafes, sat on a bar stool, closely watching and questioning the guy, who was no doubt wondering why the extra weird gringo was so interested in what is just an everyday thing in Mexico.

The beer Bloody Mary (aka Michelada) is a great breakfast drink, a notorious Mexican classic claimed to fix hangovers and cure all ills. When the body's endorphins kick in to protect you from the chilli it can even make a hopeless cripple dance.

Now if you're bald it'll give you hair - If you've got straight trousers it'll give you flares. However, way up in the freezing towns of North America they jazz up vodka Bloody Mary's with meat sticks and cheddar.

This got me thinking... Chilli, beef, cheese, tomato are a great combination... Throw in beer and it can only get better.

#### Beer Bloody Mary:

**You will need:** cold lager, chilled tomato juice (the Mexicans use "clamato juice" a blend of tomato juice and clam chowder!), hot chilli sauce, Tabasco, celery salt (it's salt and celery seeds), a celery stick, cocktail stick, lump of cheddar, and some beef jerky.

**What to do:** put chilli sauce in a bowl, dunk the brim of the glass in the chilli sauce, sprinkle celery salt over the brim.

A good slosh of Tabasco goes in the bottom of the glass. Now pour beer and tomato juice in a 50:50 ratio.

Construct the garnish of celery, cheese and beef using a cocktail stick to keep it all together.

#### Salt and Chilli Prawns:

**You will need:** raw tiger prawns, a hearty sprinkle of wholemeal flour, lots of salt and pepper, finely chopped red chilli, and a frying pan.

**What to do:** mix everything in a bowl, or shake it up in a poly bag. The moisture in the prawns will form a batter around the prawn, let it stand for 20 minutes, fry in a damned hot pan for a few moments until golden.

In the picture you will see I also did some chicken breast strips in the same way.

#### The salad:

You will need: finely sliced onion, chopped fresh tomatoes, chopped up fresh coriander plant, olive oil and lime juice. Simply toss it all together. It's very fragrant, zingy and also healthy.

#### The nacho:

**You will need:** olive oil, lime juice, and those tortilla wraps from the bread section of most stores.

**What you do is:** rub the wraps in olive oil and lime juice, chop into triangles. Cook on a baking tray in the oven, but keep an eye on them as the difference between just right and overdone is about 1 second.

I prepare extras as I know I will burn up a few. In Mexico they deep fry them, probably in lard.

**To serve:** Swig the drink, and snack on the garnish. Pop a little more chilli sauce on a nacho, pile up the prawns and salad, stick it in your mouth.

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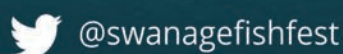
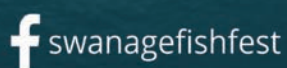
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Spring has definitely arrived as I'm writing this! Although directly sown seeds are still reluctant to show they've germinated, the perennial berry bushes, the herbs and the vegetables that have overwintered have perked up and are doing their stuff. Even if the soil temperature is not particularly warm yet, the overwintered onions and garlic can tell the longer daytime hours.

Autumn sown broad beans are flowering generously and that busy bumble bee is also visiting the rosemary blossom as well as the blue star shaped borage flowers

in the polytunnel.

My chickens and geese are feeling the new season too! For the girls high on the priority list is sunbathing after pecking at plenty of tender new growth and grazing on allsorts including that not (yet) netted perennial spinach bed... Thus their eggs are particularly tasty.

Indoor sowing is well under way since February. Every year I can't resist trying out some different types of tomatoes. This season it's 'Blue Bayou' and 'Cherokee Purple' as well as the usual yellow and stripy ones. The chilli peppers are coming along nicely, the hotter the better as the mice don't seem to be so keen on them...

The beetroots and chards are germinating well in their cosy plugs in the polytunnel as are the overwintered and re-potted sage, parsley tarragon and thyme. The first flush of Genovese basil is showing, others like summer savoury, dill, coriander and majoram still need sowing. By the time you're

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reading this, I've hopefully sown all the cucumbers, courgettes, squashes and pumpkins. Again, year after year I can't help being excited sowing different types from previous years. Some are tastier, some are prettier, some are quirkier and others are just warty and fabulous!

I'm also keen to sow the different kales on time and a new 'Flower Sprout'. If I can squeeze in a sprouting broccoli and that lovely sweet pixie cabbage I'd be very happy! Now why can I hear the Cabbage White butterfly and wood pigeon laughing?

The beans are an important summer crop, just thinking of that fresh, beanie taste makes my mouth water! I'm planning on having bush beans as well as runners- I must put up that climbing frame! I'd best get on and sow the next batch of salad leaves and lettuce heads and oh, I've also got quite a few flowers I need to have this year.... Old favourites like sweet peas, sunflowers and cosmos are already showing willing, whereas love-in-a-mist, cornflower and rudbeckia still need sowing.

Now, where is that hoe....? Nature is ahead of the game as always...

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# Natural Matters



## Fewer Finches In Our Gardens

**R**SPB Big Garden Birdwatch results: Fewer finches visiting our gardens. But visits to gardens made by wrens, robins and blackbirds up from last year

In excess of 585,000 people across the country spent an hour during the weekend of 24 and 25 January watching their garden and recording any feathered friends that made a flying visit - close to a 100,000 increase on 2014. In south west England 64,622 people took part.

Overall more than eight-and-a-half million birds were spotted, making it another bumper year. Refreshingly, sightings of every bird that featured in this year's top twenty increased on the numbers recorded in 2014, apart from the three finches; chaffinch, goldfinch and greenfinch.

The average number of robins seen visiting gardens was at its highest since 2011, helping it climb three places to number seven, its joint highest-ever position in the Big Garden Birdwatch rankings. Blackbird was another climber, moving to number three and becoming the UK's most widespread garden bird after being spotted in more than 90% of UK gardens.

Despite being the UK's smallest garden bird, twice as many people saw wrens in their garden this year than in 2014, consolidating its place in the top twenty most popular garden birds.

However, two species found in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch's top twenty most popular birds remain on the red list of Birds of Conservation Concern, highlighting just how valuable our gardens can be. House sparrow and starling are on the red list meaning that they are of 'highest conservation priority - species needing urgent action'.

Tony Whitehead, speaking for the RSPB in the South West said; "It's wonderful that so many people enjoy watching the birds in their gardens and getting our gardens in tip-top condition to welcome birds can make a real difference. When the weather is cold, additional food is always welcome, but there's so much more people can do. Why not make your garden a welcome home for wildlife all year round? For example planting nectar rich native flowers attracts insects on which birds can feed in spring and summer. Leaving patches of grass a little longer also helps the bugs. We know that for declining species such as starlings and sparrows, the availability of insects in spring and summer is crucially important.

"You can also make sure there are a few native fruit bearing bushes to provide natural food in autumn. And making sure hedges and trees are managed to provide shelter and nesting space for our feathered friends. If natural nesting space is limited, why not put up a bird box? Whether you have a big garden or balcony you can make a real difference for wildlife!

"And don't forget; think about how you can work within your community to improve your whole neighbourhood for wildlife - bigger, better and more connected!"

Big Garden Birdwatch results also showed a drop in finch numbers this year. This drop does continue a long term decline of 53% since 1979, which is likely due to Trichomonosis. The trichomonad parasite lives in the upper

digestive tract of the bird, and its actions progressively block the bird's throat, making it unable to swallow food. The bird dies from starvation.

Birds with the disease show signs of general illness, for example lethargy and fluffed-up plumage. Finches are frequently seen to have matted, wet plumage around the face and beak, and uneaten food in and around the beak.

Intriguingly, the top four locations for greenfinch in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch are islands; Orkney Islands, Isle of Scilly, Eilean Siar and Isle of Anglesey, possibly suggesting the disease hasn't spread to these areas yet.

"Trichomonosis disease has reduced the greenfinch population severely in recent years, and has been documented in other garden birds, including chaffinch. If trichomonosis is suspected, it is recommended to temporarily stop putting out food, and leave bird baths dry until sick or dead birds are no longer found in the garden." added Tony.

Other continuing declines include starlings and song thrushes, which have dropped by an alarming 80 and 79 per cent respectively since the Birdwatch began in 1979. Both species are on the UK 'red list' meaning they are of the highest conservation concern.

There was also a notable decline in the number of winter migrants that were spotted over the Birdwatch weekend. Redwing, brambling and waxwing all dived down the rankings although RSPB scientists believe this may have more to do with the good conditions on the continent over the winter, reducing the need for these birds to migrate to the UK.

There is slightly better news for the house sparrow, as its long term decline appears to have continued to slow, and it remains the most commonly spotted bird in our gardens. However, it remains a conservation concern as numbers have dropped by 57% since 1979.

For the second year running, participants were also asked to log some of the other wildlife they see in their gardens. The RSPB asked whether people ever see slow worms and grass snakes as well as deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in their gardens, which were all added last year.

This will help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home. This information will be analysed and results will be revealed next month.

The parallel event, Big Schools' Birdwatch, continued the record-breaking theme with more schools and children taking part than ever before. The UK-wide survey of birds in schools had almost 90,000 participants and revealed that blackbird is the most common playground visitor for the seventh year in a row. The top three was rounded off by starling and house sparrow, which is now at its highest-ever position in the Big Schools' Birdwatch rankings.

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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack



### Three Perfect Patio Plants

It is safe to plant out tender bedding and basket plants in Swanage and by the coast from early May and from mid to late May further in land. There is a vast choice of colourful and long flowering plants to select from but keep an eye out for one of the following as part of your display and you won't be disappointed.

Diascia – are native to east Africa and love hot sunny positions although they will also tolerate some light shade. Once they start flowering in late May they will

continue right through till autumn. They are mostly pink but some white and mauve forms are also available.

**Bacopa** - on first glance may not be a 'Wow' plant but year after year we get customers coming back because having tried it once they wouldn't be without it again. It bears a mass of small white, blue or yellow flowers and its trailing or ground hugging growth make it an invaluable plant for tubs and at the front of borders. Avoid excessively dry situations.



**Nemesia** - of the three plants described Nemesia has the widest colour range from blues and purples, through pinks and whites to even yellows and oranges. Some varieties have the added attraction of scent and in locations with mild winters they can be left outside and will survive the winter to flower again the following year.



All three plants described have small flowers borne on mass and are the perfect foil for more blousy flowers like Petunia and Fuchsia. Keep them well fed and watered and they will reward you with a continuous succession of colour from now till October.

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## Gardening Leave (well alone)

*by John Garner*



gardening I hold little pleasure in.

People will say 'Oh, but it's nice to be outside in the fresh air'. And I will agree. But just as it's sometimes nice to be warm and cosy inside in the winter months, it's nice to be warm and cosy and be watching a favourite film in the winter months rather than doing your tax returns. Likewise it's nicer to be outside doing something you enjoy, than repetitively mowing an area of green that will only spur the green into more vigorous growth and a need to repeat the action in double short time. The green just keeps coming. And I will have to keep trying to arrest its relentlessness.

When people in the public eye are faced with insurmountable problems that mean they can't be seen to stay at work, but are often too expensive to actually sack, the newspapers often refer to them being on gardening leave. This is used often metaphorically to suggest they are at home taking stock of their position and doing something relaxing to help come to terms with a stressful situation.

If I was on gardening leave I would not be gardening as this would make me cross and angry. I wonder what happens when gardeners are sent home from their jobs to consider their options.

I need a plan. I need a lot of plans as planning is not something that comes naturally to me, but specifically I need a garden plan. Something to work towards to relieve the drudgery of digging, sawing, clipping and mowing. But what to choose. Should I be looking at a natural garden that reflects the surroundings?

What is a natural garden that reflects the surroundings? Rhododendrons abound in these parts. They're not a native plant, but then neither are the many plants and shrubs that find their way into our gardens. The

Being a frightfully lazy chap I dislike gardening. Actually, that's not strictly true. To clarify. The lazy bit is most definitely true and the bit of gardening I dislike is the garden maintenance part.

Chopping and cutting and mowing and tip runs and the like. My new garden is a fairly long stretch of green with the odd tree. As well as being lazy I am a man of little vision and even littler money so I'm not really sure what to do with the garden apart from clearing and tidying.

This is done securely in the knowledge that I will have to repeat the whole process at regular intervals throughout the summer months. I am not relishing this repetitive process. This is the part of

natural surroundings are heathland, but my suggestions of leaving it all to go back to the wild have not been greeted with enthusiasm by other interested parties.

Should the garden have a theme? Exotic perhaps with palms and bromeliads and ferns sprouting out at all angles. Probably not. Italian, with fountains and vertical firs around a courtyard. Unlikely, given the budget. Should it be a means of supplying the kitchen? That sounds good but also sounds quite labour intensive. Low maintenance are the words I'm looking for here. No maintenance, even better.

A place to sit and relax outside without the need to clip it onto some sort of order. A place to look at fleetingly, safe in the knowledge that it needs no attention and I can get outside and do something more exciting. At least for me. For some the idea of pottering around a garden is a wonderful, fulfilling and relaxing process and I am all for doing what makes you happy. And in fact, if you derive that much happiness from this that you want to come and do mine I'll usher you in without references so please don't misconstrue this as a dig at those who like to dig. It is not. It's just not my particular thing.

But things need to be acted upon soon. I have had a major attack on it already this spring. But as I sit here typing this I can almost hear the grass growing. Feel the weight of the trees and shrubs filling the space with more green. See the usable area of the garden shrinking as the wilderness fights to reclaim the upper hand.

Can I get away with one more weekend before I have to cut the grass again? After all it would mean protecting the environment I seek to tame by not burning any more precious fossil fuel. Isn't it too earlier to fire up the strimmer on a Sunday morning? Should I really cut that shrub back this soon after flowering? Looks like rain. Maybe I shouldn't set up the electric hedge trimmer just yet.

After all, they say you should leave a garden for a year when you first move in to see what you want to keep and what you want to move or get rid of. We've only been here six months.

I'm not on gardening leave (more's the pity), but I am doing what most people on gardening leave seem to do. That is, I am not gardening. Maybe it should be called pondering leave. Or procrastinating leave. Or contemplation leave.

I think I'll settle for being on 'leave well alone for another day leave'. We'll leave it at that shall we?

### Swanage Garden Society

**Sat 9th May**

**PLANT FAYRE**

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**Catholic Hall, Swanage**

**10am - 12.30pm All welcome!**

# DURLSTON

## COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



### May Wildlife

On the cliffs, Guillemots, Razorbills and Fulmars are sitting on eggs but Shag chicks should have hatched. Swifts also nest in the cliffs, and look out for Black Redstarts.

A fine array of downland flowers include bright blue Chalk Milkwort and yellow Horseshoe Vetch. The rare Early English Gentian may also be found growing in the short turf.

More and more butterflies are emerging with Grizzled and Dingy Skipper, Small Heath and Wall particularly noteworthy. Adonis Blues should also appear before the end of the month.

In the meadows Cowslips, Hayrattle, Common Vetch and Ox-eye Daisies provide a colourful spectacle.

### Seabird Boat Trips

As spring turns to summer, our traditional summer seabird cruises begin. From Friday 8th May to Friday 26th June, every Friday evening at 7pm, we will be leaving Swanage Pier for a cruise along the coast, accompanied by the Durlston Rangers, for views of Guillemots, Razorbills, Peregrines, Kittiwakes and more.

To book, call City Cruises Poole on 01202 467882 or visit [www.citycruisespoole.com](http://www.citycruisespoole.com) Tickets are £16.50 adults £8.50 children

### Purbeck Footprints Photography Exhibition

Many of you will have enjoyed the superb photographs of Swanage-based wildlife and landscape photographer Julian Sawyer.

Following a successful joint show in 2013, Julian will be holding his first solo exhibition 'Ten Days in May' at Durlston Castle, between the 11th and 20th May.

The exhibition will be open every day between 11am and 4.30pm, while on the 17th May, you can take the opportunity to take a walk with Julian and pick up some wildlife photography tips (booking essential) £5

### Mindfulness Walks

If you are interested in learning some simple relaxation and mindfulness techniques, while enjoying a walk around the beautiful Durlston meadows, then why not book on to the first of a series of walks with 'mindful nurse' Nikki Harman on the 17th May at 10.3am. The walk is just £5 and should be a great way to relax and enjoy springtime at Durlston!

### Purbeck Arts Weeks Exhibition

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be hosting a flagship exhibition for Purbeck Art Week between the 23rd May and 7th June.

This year's exhibition features a host of well-known and emerging artists working in Purbeck, and will include paintings, photography, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, glass and an installation.

The exhibition will be open every day and all work will be for sale.

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

## Margaret Green Animal Rescue



**Margaret Green Animal Rescue – All Together For Animals this May!**

May marks an important month for us this year as we reflect and remember 50 years of care for rescued animals. Margaret Green Animal Rescue was founded in 1965, known then as the Margaret Green Foundation Trust, and since its very beginnings has continued to change the lives of rescue animals from all over the South West. Margaret Green, who ran the charity for thirty five years and sadly passed away in 2009, would have celebrated her centenary birthday on 20th May this

year. To remember Margaret, and to celebrate her life devoted to animals, we are organising the first ever Margaret Green Day on what would have been her 100th birthday. To get involved all you have to do is organise a fundraising event or activity on or around that this day and let us know what you are doing!

We'll help publicise you on our Facebook page and website and invite you to a special event to celebrate your achievement. To get in touch, contact Kate for your free fundraising pack on 01929 477074 or email [fundraising@margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk).

In addition to Margaret Green Day, we have a whole host of events for you to enjoy this month! Join us on 17th May at Smedmore House to enjoy an afternoon in the house and gardens all in aid of the charity. There will be tea, coffee and cake as well as Pimms and live music from local band Mintytrevena and a talk from author Malcolm Welshman.

We are also organising the dog show at the Corfe May Fair at Corfe Castle on Monday 25th May and families can enjoy a day out at our animal sanctuary on Tuesday 26th May for our Family Animal Activity Day.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 26th Swanage Jazz Festival



10-12 July 2015

Swanage Jazz gives jazz fans in Purbeck and Dorset the opportunity to enjoy a wide-ranging programme of music that distinguishes the festival from most others. The stylistic range is New Orleans to contemporary fusions, with lots of leading names and new faces. All this in our welcoming seaside town, with an efficient but relaxed organization run by jazz fans.

The "classic jazz" list is led as always by Keith Nichols Blue Devils, surely the best band anywhere playing the music of the early big bands of the late twenties and thirties, with charismatic singer Joan Viskant. Martin Litton leads his recreation of Jelly Roll Morton's Red Hot Peppers, and there are also many other top names from the British traditional jazz circuits, including multi-instrumentalist Tom "Spats" Langham and the brilliant violinist Ben Holder. The international Hot Jazz Alliance makes its first appearance, an enthusiastic and brilliant group of young Australian and American musicians.

Leading the modern selection this year are the Stan Tracey Dynasty Band, led by Clark Tracey, playing his dad's music written for the Octet, and Jean Toussaint's brilliant reworking of some of the best of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers recordings. Among other well-known names are the great violinists Christian Garrick and Cuban star Omar Puente.

We also feature several younger bandleaders making their first appearance at the festival: saxophonist Rachel Cohen, trumpeter Henry Armburg Jennings and drummer JJ Wheeler.

Altogether there are more than fifty gigs on the stroller ticket and also

**26th SWANAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The Festival gives music lovers in the chance to hear the variety and quality of music they could hear in top clubs and arts centres. More than fifty bands including top names and rising stars play music from the whole spectrum of jazz from New Orleans to contemporary fusions in four venues in the centre of town. Free venues in pubs and open-air venues add to the festival atmosphere.

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
 FRIDAY 10 July, 2pm from the station Steam train ride to Harman's Cross and jazz dance in the village hall. Tickets **£16**

Tickets for the weekend and separate days are available from the Ticket Office on

**01929 422215** or **www.swanagejazz.org**

many free gigs around the centre of town in pubs and open-air performance areas, with bands of enthusiastic youngsters from local schools, all of which add to the festival atmosphere.

Full details of the programme with over fifty bands are available from the Festival Office (01929 422215) and from the web site – [www.swanagejazz.org](http://www.swanagejazz.org) **Fred Lindop, Artistic Director**

*Pictured -The JJ Wheeler band, led by drummer JJ Wheeler*

## Smedmore House Open Day



Smedmore House is nestled within the Purbeck Hills with an unrivalled view of the sea, Clavell's Tower, views across the Tyneham range and over to Weymouth and Portland Bill.

On Saturday 16th May the house and gardens will be open to the public from 2pm until 5pm. There will be guided tours around the historic house before visitors can enjoy the various stalls in the garden.

**Weldmar Hospicecare Trust**  
 Caring for Dorset

**OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN**

Smedmore House & Garden  
 Kimmeridge, BH20 5PG

**Saturday 16th May, 2-5pm**

Entrance £5, accompanied children under 16 free  
 Enjoy guided tours, live music, stalls and Dorset Cream Teas!

The owners of Smedmore House kindly open their grounds for charity for just two weekends a year and the 16th May will be the first open day of 2015.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, an independent charity providing high quality care, love and support throughout Dorset will benefit from the open day on the 16th May.

For more information about the event and Weldmar Hospicecare Trust please visit [www.weld-hospice.org.uk](http://www.weld-hospice.org.uk) or phone 01305 261800

# Swanage District Girl Guides - 100 Years On



## 100 years on 1915 - 2015

Swanage has a long history of Guiding in the town.

In 1915, just four years after Robert Baden-Powell recognised that girls, wanting to join the newly formed Boy Scout Movement, needed a Movement of their own, the 1st Swanage Guide Company was formed by Miss Daisy Masters.

This Company has continued without a break to the present day. The town has been fortunate to have many inspirational leaders over the years and in 1936 our Guide Hut, in Prospect Crescent, was built on land leased to us from the Scott family-Encombe Estate.

In 2008 the hut, now out of lease, was in a very poor state of repair and needed to be replaced, so we needed to find new premises.

In May 2008 it was suggested by Mr Michael Pipe that the Ebenezer Methodist chapel in Bell Street might make a lovely new headquarters for Girlguiding Swanage and that now after much hard work Girlguiding Swanage District Headquarters in Bell Street was formally opened in March 2012 by HRH the Countess of Wessex.

In spite of the advent of television, computers and the innumerable opportunities for young people today, Guiding continues to flourish in Swanage. We have 3 Guide Units, 3 Brownie, and 3 Rainbow Units, and a thriving Trefoil Guild formed in 1965, making them 50 years old this year.


100 years on, Guiding continues to offer the girls of Swanage a girl-only environment to build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations.

This gives them the chance to discover their full potential and encourages them to be a powerful force for good, whilst, giving them a space to have fun in a safe, relaxed environment.

Moving on from the old fashioned ideals, girls today get far more opportunities through Guiding, our camps, holidays and trips give girls the chance to try new adventures, from quad-biking, orienteering and abseiling, to zorbing, canoeing and zip-wiring, pop concerts and much more...

On Saturday 2nd May at the Mowlem Theatre in Swanage, we will be hosting a show to celebrate our anniversary, with both a matinee and an evening performance available.

Please do come along with your family and friends and enjoy a very special show. The girls (and leaders) have put a lot of hard work into their performance, and it would be marvellous to see the community turn out to support them.




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100 YEARS ON 1915-2015

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**SATURDAY 2nd MAY**

**MATINEE: 2pm EVENING PERFORMANCE: 7.30pm**

**Tickets on sale now from the Mowlem Box Office or online**



# Purbeck Mummers Presentation



On Sunday 22 March, Purbeck Mummers presented Harrison's Trust Fund with a cheque for £1100. Harrison is a local young boy who suffers from spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy. This means all four of his limbs are affected.

During December last, Purbeck Mummers toured Purbeck and the surrounding area performing a 200 year old traditional Christmas play. Following our performances, a collection was held for our nominated charity and we thank all who donated for their generosity. The presentation was made at the The Woodpecker in Spetisbury and pictured are the Purbeck Mummers and Harrison with his brother and parents.

[www.harrisonstrustfund.co.uk](http://www.harrisonstrustfund.co.uk) **Watch out for us next December if you dare!!**

# Swanage Lions Pop-Up Fete!



**SWANAGE LIONS  
POP-UP  
FETE**  
**Sun 24th May**  
**Swanage Seafront**  
**11am - 3pm**

**A change of date and venue for Swanage Lions Fete.**

Following two successful years holding the fete in August the Lions Club has had to adapt the event even further. The physical effort required to get the Fete up and running (and clearing up afterwards) was putting too much of a strain on an ageing membership.

Rather than let down all of the people who have enjoyed the fete in the past, the members have agreed to pare the event back to fewer stalls and hold it on the seafront on the Sunday of



the second May Bank Holiday, May 24th.

There will be a selection of sideshows for adults and children, toy and book stalls, plants, produce and the ever popular Made in Swanage Stall with all sorts of crafty things hand made by Lions members and their friends.

So come and join in the fun at our Early Summer Pop-up Fete on Swanage seafront on the 24th May between 11am and 3pm. and help us raise money for local good causes. We look forward to seeing you there.

*David Dean, Lions Club Secretary*

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## The Swanage School Talent Show

If you cast your mind back to January, you may remember the Swanage School Talent Show being advertised. On the 29th January 2015, The Swanage School held its first ever, student-led, talent show. It consisted of eighteen acts battling for their chance to win the show, and the grand prize of £100 and a trophy. We had acts from breakdancing to singing and then further to dog-dancing. Over two hundred people attended the show, all in aid of charity.

We had a variety of different bands play, mixing today's music with some extraordinary music from the 80s putting a smile on everyone's face. We also had a last minute visitor from Harrow House, the international college, joining us to play with one of our Swanage School bands! Our winners of the show were, a rare, female duet act, Amber and Lottie. They did a fantastic performance, with a mash-up of three different songs. They managed to impress our judges so much – they walked away with the grand prize.

The charity the show supported is the Dai Rees Foundation/Life-Support Nepal. Dai Rees, 30, was in the Maldives in March 2014 and died while snorkelling; he was in the country helping locals improve their knowledge of medical treatment. A group of his family and friends have set up the Dai Rees Foundation, teaching doctors, first-aiders and schools, in the Maldives and Nepal, about emergency care. The Swanage School was able to raise around four hundred pounds to donate.

The Swanage School Talent Show would have not been possible without its team. It was led by student Josh Turner, 13, and from the technical team to stage managers – it was an all-student production. The Swanage School would like to thank everyone involved. **Report by Josh Turner**



# The Bishop Reviews

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

## Santiago the Slow Way; One Man's Walk across France and Spain

*by Andy Hill*

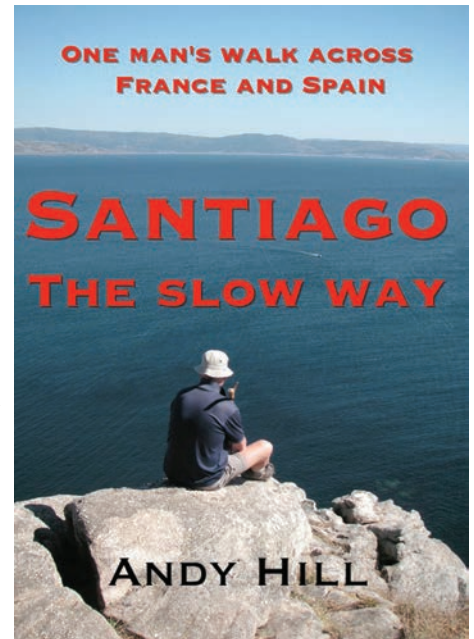
In stages, over a nine year period, Andy Hill walked from Wareham to Portsmouth, took the ferry over to Le Havre and then walked to Santiago de Compostela in the northwest corner of Spain, a distance of some 1300 miles.

Most of the route is a well established pilgrimage route, a Camino, which has been used for centuries. On reaching Santiago his wife joined him and they walked the last 60 miles to Cape Finisterre, the end of the earth, just for the hell of it.

Although Andy pays lip service to the religious aspects of the trip this is essentially a walker's book written in a very hail-fellow-well-met style. I'm a big fan of northern Spain myself, and know that the route would take in some breath-taking scenery, great food and memorable wine.

Spending the odd night crammed into dubious accommodation with even more dubious (and often smelly) fellow travellers is the price Andy paid for what he looks back on as a life-changing experience.

The book is not intended as a literary masterpiece, but is written competently and will interest hikers, Francophiles and... er... Hispanophiles? Available as a Kindle eBook from Amazon at £3.55.



## Slow Travel: Dorset

*by Alexandra Richards*

One of the Bradt Travel Guides series of books founded by Hilary Bradt who advocates the 'slow' mindset, the relax & take it easy approach to travel.

Difficult, though, to get this over in a travel guide and I'm sure Ms Richards' schedule would have been anything but slow to cram in all the information she does.

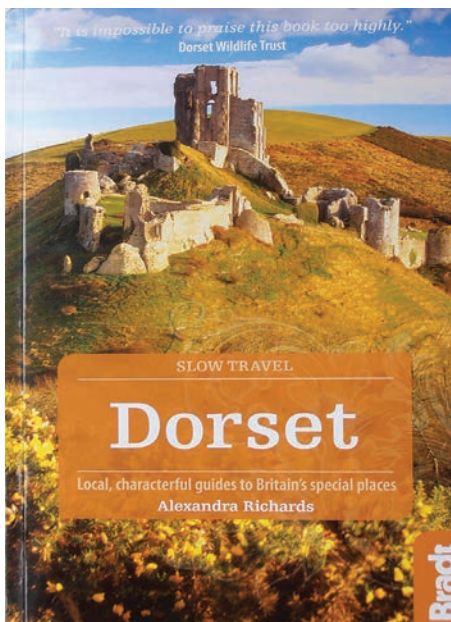
Presented in the format pioneered by the excellent Rough Guide series, where this guide departs and excels in the personal reminiscences of the author as she samples various delights and activities in the county, for example a canter along Studland beach courtesy of Studland Stables or a visit to Chococo.

Richards admits her choices for Food & Drink and Accommodation are subjective and selective and by no means exhaustive, but as she points out, complete listings of services such as B & Bs and self-catering lets are widely available online.

I'm not sure of the target market, probably a mix of foreign and domestic, but the book remains hugely informative and well presented, uncluttered by annoyingly predictable photos and with an adequate amount of maps.

Certainly anyone making a living from tourists in Purbeck should have a copy available to visitors and guests, and they might even learn something from it themselves.

This second edition published in March this year is available from all good bookshops at £11.99 or visit [bradtguides.com](http://bradtguides.com). ISBN9781841628677.



## Wareham Artist Maria Burns Chosen For 'Shaun In The City' 2015

In 2015, Aardman's internationally-acclaimed character Shaun the Sheep will appear in two 'ewenique' arts trails. One hundred and twenty giant sculptures of Shaun the Sheep created by artists, celebrities and designers will be placed in iconic locations and beautiful green spaces across London and Bristol.

Shaun In The City is brought to you by the team that created the award-winning Gromit Unleashed which saw Aardman's loveable canine sidekick Gromit raise £2.3 million for Bristol Children's Hospital.

In September Maria Burns, a Wareham-based illustrator and graphic designer, was delighted to find out that she was one of the chosen artists. In November her giant Shaun the Sheep sculpture was delivered to her house for painting.

He was much too big to fit into her studio so he lived in her living room for a month, much to the delight of her children. Maria's Shaun design was very detailed and took her weeks to paint before he was collected and returned to Bristol for lacquering. He appeared at the Bristol Shaun the Sheep Movie premiere and will be appearing in the Bristol Shaun In The City Trail throughout July and August.

Maria says "I am excited to be involved in such an amazing project and all

for such a good cause! I'm not at liberty to reveal too much about my Shaun sculpture yet until he is unveiled to the public in July".

Other Shaun sculptures are being designed by Nick Park, Cath Kidson, Zandra Rhodes, Gerald Scarfe and Professor Alice Roberts.

After appearing in Bristol, Maria's Shaun will join the other 120 Shaun In The City sculptures in Covent Garden, London before being auctioned off to raise money for children's hospitals.

See more of Maria's work on [www.mb-id.co.uk](http://www.mb-id.co.uk)



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# THE MOWLEM

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Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7:30pm

The Vienna Festival Ballet present their

**"35th Anniversary Gala"**

Tickets : £18.50 full: £16.50 concessions: £12 children.

Saturday May 16th 2015 at 7:30pm

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All seats £19.50.

Sunday 24th May 2015 at 7:30pm

In support of 'Switch on Swanage'

**"The Same Old Faces" with "MSG Collective"**

Full price £5, children £2.50.

Monday 1st June 2015 at 7:30pm

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Richard Thompson

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Carlotta Barrow

# ART IN PURBECK ALL YEAR ROUND



Carlotta Barrow



With the Purbeck Art Weeks Festival almost upon us, readers will be eagerly awaiting the fortnight long opportunity to visit the studios and working spaces of the many talented local artists creating art in and around Purbeck.

Once again we are delighted to include our fabulous four page pull-out giving details of the 2015 Festival (pages 35-38) which is bigger than ever this year with well over one hundred artists showing their work.

Purbeck is recognised throughout the UK as a leading centre for the arts and whilst the PAW festival is a wonderful fortnight showcasing local artistic talent we are also blessed with a whole host of galleries and shops offering original, innovative and talented artwork fifty two weeks a year.

Such is the interest in art locally you even find that some of the cafes, wine bars and restaurants are displaying artwork for sale on their walls!

Our May feature has been designed to give you a small flavour of the wealth and breadth of what you can find within easy reach whatever the season.

Most of the galleries specialise in the work of local Dorset artists and many having changing exhibitions throughout the year displaying a great range of both fine and decorative arts in a whole host of styles.

Whatever you are looking for, be it traditional local landscapes painted in oil or watercolour, unusual photographic works in a wide variety of genres, vibrant pieces of modern studio pottery, stunning glassware, handcrafted jewellery and textiles, or maybe even individual artworks created from driftwood, you are unlikely to be disappointed.

And don't forget – for those budding artists and photographers amongst you – a number of galleries have excellent framing services, and some are able to offer scanning and printing facilities.



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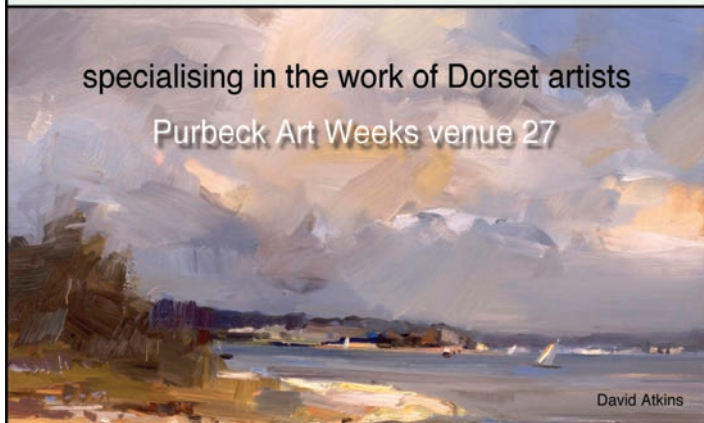
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# Health & Beauty

## How Complementary Therapies Can Help Relieve Stress



It is recognized today that stress and anxiety are often a contributory factor in many ailments and illnesses. Long term stress can lead to the tightening and tension of muscles throughout the body.

This can be assisted by either the removal of the stressful situation or by a physical means of relaxation, such as Reflexology, Reiki or Aromatherapy Massage, encouraging the muscles to relax, leading to physical and emotional benefit.

Based on the ancient system of medicine known as Ayurveda, Indian Head Massage has been practiced for thousands of years to help achieve a balance of mind, body and spirit.

It has been adapted for Western society and includes massage of the upper back, neck and face, all areas where tension is held. Stimulation of the scalp also promotes healthy hair growth and improves the condition of the skin and hair.

This is an extremely relaxing treatment, which can assist with eye strain, sleeping problems, the relief of headaches and muscular tension. It can also help to improve concentration and promotes a general feeling of calmness and well-being.

Reiki can also offer great benefit in promoting physical and emotional well-being. Many people ask what they will experience during a Reiki treatment - this can vary from one visit to another, depending on individual needs at the time.

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## Matron's Round

### Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

#### Work experience

Every year we are delighted to provide Work Experience students, from the local area, with an insight to work at both Swanage and Wareham Hospitals.

One of our students wrote the following about her experience at the Purbeck Hospitals:

"My name is Jessica Bennett, a current year ten student at Lytchett Minster School. This past week I have been at both Wareham and Swanage Hospitals for my work experience. In the future I wish to become a doctor so therefore the placement was relevant to my future ambitions."

During my week I was given an overview of the running of a community hospital through different perspectives within different departments. I learnt how the running of a community hospital requires a collective work force.

From the reception that requires patient contact, telephone manners through to health care assistants who clean, dress attend and provide general assistance to the inpatients with their daily needs. I have learnt that community hospitals are just as important as larger mainstream hospitals.

The smaller hospitals appear to have a more friendly nature and give off the feeling of a large family. A quote from one of the hospital departments stated: "You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone," and you get that impression from the moment you walk in.

Through every department and everyone you meet you get the impression that they work as a team rather than individuals.

Personally I would say that the experience as a whole was very eye-opening, it definitely met my expectations and more. The hospital needs more than just doctors and nurses, for a hospital to be run successfully it requires staff of all levels from porters and cleaners to admin and management.

I realised that a hospital requires a collective group of various skilled and unskilled employees working together to achieve one goal, "providing care all of us would recommend to friends and family". Overall I found that my experience helped with my future career decisions and reaffirmed my passions for becoming a doctor."

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Until next time, take care! **Matron Donna**



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# Wrinkles Begone.2

## We Try Muscle Relaxing Injections (Botox)



Editor Nico Johnson being treated by Dr Claudia Morley at The Bay, Swanage.

Last month, I wrote about my recent experience at the hands of Dr Claudia Morley at The Bay, Swanage. She very kindly rid me of some deepening nasolabial lines through treatment with a dermal filler, and gave my top lip a slight enhancement to smooth out smoking lines.

Having experienced dermal fillers last month (see April edition if you missed it), and having seen the results (pretty immediate, and impressive - lines gone!), I agreed to let Dr Claudia inject botox into my forehead to combat the frown lines.

Laying back on the treatment couch, I was slightly nervous once again, with my fear of needles bringing me out in a bit of a cold sweat. However, the needle really was absolutely tiny (pictured, above), and Dr Claudia put me at ease before beginning.

First, she asked me to frown and make some rather unattractive faces (!! ) This allowed her to identify the main locations which would require injecting to rid me of the ageing frown lines. She then marked the locations with a special non-permanent pencil, ensuring that everything would be even once the injections had taken-hold.

I had botox injected into several areas in my forehead and between my eyebrows. I'll be totally honest - other than a strange, quiet popping sound as the tiny needle broke the skin, it didn't take long and it really didn't hurt at all. Forehead, done - about ten minutes in total.

Botox takes a while to have an effect, so at first you don't feel anything at all, and retain all movement in the areas injected. Slowly, over a few days, you do experience a slightly 'heavy' feeling where the injections occurred (in my case, in the forehead). It feels a little like having a light band draped over your forehead, but is not particularly uncomfortable, and the feeling goes away completely after a few days.

Once the slight heaviness had lifted, I was left with a smooth, line-free forehead, and my concerns about losing movement (and therefore expression) were allayed. I could still lift my eyebrows, and frown slightly, so no 'frozen face' in sight - just a nice, smooth forehead!

So, two differing treatments performed by Dr Claudia have taken me back a few years - the dermal fillers have removed the nasolabial lines and smoothed out my top lip, and the botox has relaxed the lines from my forehead.

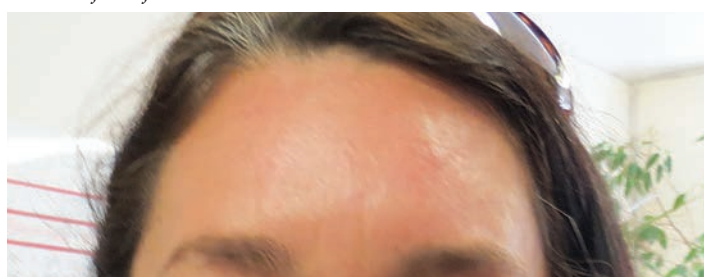
Time taken, in total, for both treatments (including the consultation) was about an hour. Dr Claudia Morley is a practicing GP, which gave me added



Above: before - worry/frown lines on Forehead



Above: before - frown lines.



Above: after - worry lines gone from the forehead



Above: after - frown lines lessened, whilst movement (in eyebrows) and therefore expression, retained.

security and faith in her abilities and understanding of the procedures. I'd recommend that anyone pop in for a consultation and see what Dr Claudia can do for you! I'll be popping back for a top-up to keep things line-free in 4-6 months. Dr Claudia Morley's details are below, and she runs several clinics throughout Dorset.

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# Sport

## Success For Para-Dressage Rider At Nationals!



**A** dream became reality for a local horse rider after she had success at her first National Championships.

Zoe Squirrell, 25, of Corfe Castle, competes in para dressage due to suffering from left sided hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy. She has had the ride on Sarah Hart's 'The Silver Surfer' - or Ollie as he is known - since September 2014 after meeting them at a training camp earlier in the year. After successfully qualifying for the Para Winter Championships in four outings last year, the pair competed in the championships on March 14-15. Their score of 65.833% placed them 4th in the Restricted Championship class for grade two riders, only beaten by riders on the British Talent

Squads. On top of this, Ollie is kept near Gloucester, meaning Squirrell must travel a significant distance to train with her equine partner. However, she does most of her regular training at South Coast Equestrian in Weymouth.

The partnership are now aiming to ride at the Summer Para National Championships and the Para Home International. The continued high costs of training and competing mean Zoe is seeking sponsorship from local companies to help her achieve her ambitions.

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## Wareham Swimming Club



The Wareham and District Swimming Club won the Novice League B Final held at the Dorchester Sports Centre in March, their first cup win since 2010/11 when they were runners up in the final. The team was made up of children aged 9 through to 12 and beat off teams from all around Dorset.

The new coach, Jeff Sandley, said it was a fantastic performance from all swimmers in all three rounds - punching above their weight.

The club has been going since 1937 and is based at the Purbeck Sports Centre. It exists to promote and improve swimming from ages 8 through to masters. The competitive extension of the club is to provide competitive coaching for swimmers, when they are ready, as they progress from pre-squad to squad level.

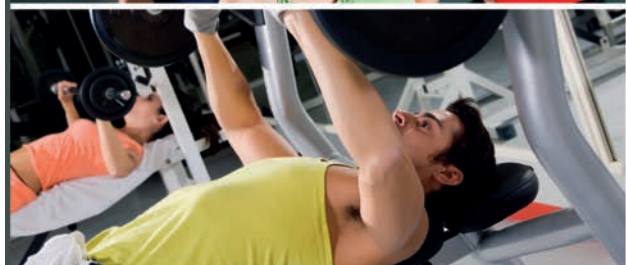
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If you prefer daytime fitness, the new off-peak membership is £10 a month cheaper at £26 per month and offers use of the gym, pool and classes Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 3.30pm

The Sports Centre is also introducing a new student membership at £26 per month for the full membership opening hours. Family membership is available for £78 per month, enabling two adults to use the facilities and use of the pool for two junior members.

Membership includes gym, swimming, exercise classes and sauna.

A joining fee of £36.50 is applicable when taking out Gold Card membership.

## St Mark's Netball Success!



**S**t Marks Primary School Year 6 Netball Team qualified for the Purbeck League Final in style. They won all four of their qualifying matches against St Marys Swanage, Lulworth & Winfrith, Stoborough and Wool Primary scoring a total of 44 goals and only conceding 5.

The final was played at The Purbeck School on Thursday 12th March against St Georges with a place in the Dorset Youth Games being awarded to the winning team.

The first quarter was very even, with both teams making great use of the large court. At the end of each quarter the players all have to rotate positions, which means that the children have to be able to play well in attack and defence. It is a credit to both teams that there were very few off-side incidents.

St Marks tightened their defence in the second half and produced some great passages of play. They were delighted to keep a clean sheet and score 9 goals themselves.

The team will now represent the Purbeck area in the Dorset Youth Games which is being held in Bournemouth on Thursday March 26th.

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# Swanage Football Club



The hope is that these players will eventually be more prepared for senior football and therefore benefit the club in the long term. The coaches who will run these sessions are Swanage Football Club FA level 2 coaches, so a high standard of coaching will benefit the more gifted of players within our youth teams.

The Clubs Twitter account @SwanageFC is fast approaching 900 followers and this is the best way to keep updated on match days, if you can't get down to Day's Park that is! We try and provide a commentary throughout the game.

You can find out who's in the starting 11, who's sub, then throughout the game every few minutes we tweet any significant happenings on the pitch. We not only use this to update on match days but anything Club-related will appear on here.

For a more in depth view visit our website [www.swanagefc.com](http://www.swanagefc.com). Last month I wrote about our U14 & U12 teams both winning their leagues. This month I'm delighted to be able to write about our U15 side (see photo) who have just won their division 3.

This is a great achievement for the club to have three youth teams winning their leagues. Manager Dawson

**W**e are coming to the end of another season for both our senior and youth sides. The 1st team's unbeaten run of 7 games came to an abrupt end away to Mere Town where we lost the game 6:1. Mere Town is about an hour and half drive away and although this isn't an excuse as to why we lost the game it isn't easy travelling so far then having to play ninety minutes of football.

Things are looking encouraging for the 1st team with a couple of new signings, Richard Sands returns to the club from Hamworthy Recreation and 22 year old Joe Meyer signed from Bournemouth Poppies. Manager Alan Lay is strengthening his squad and it's looking good for the future.

The Reserves are finding life hard in League 1 and it's looking highly likely they might be relegated come the end of the season. Manager Paulo Carvalho is not too disappointed at this prospect as he sees that with the Club's youth structure it won't be long before both our senior sides begin to benefit from a steady stream of youngsters stepping up to adult football.

Over the next few weeks we are looking to be starting our very own Academy. This is the idea of our Reserve team coach Paulo. The idea is that a few youth players from every age group 14 up to 18 will be taken aside to form the academy and be trained together on a weekly basis, working on a higher level of play.

Russell was very complimentary of his team in what has been a very tough season. "We have had some ups and downs along the way, but all the boys have really knuckled down and have wanted this title for some time now.

They've worked extremely hard this season and totally deserve to be champions. We have some really talented boys in this age group and we are already looking forward to next season. Dawson brought in level 2 coach Frank (Ali) at the start of the season and this has undoubtedly benefitted each and every player.

Frank is a highly qualified coach and has given the lads something extra this season and it is no surprise to me that we have gone on and won this league, it is in no small way down to Frank."

The Youth section are busy planning their end of season Presentation Day. This is where every player signed on will receive a small trophy and there will be some other trophies given out by each individual team. We are hoping to have local BBC South Today sports presenter Tony Husband to present all the players with their trophies.

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## Swanage Bowling Club

**A**fter six months of most enjoyable bowling, the Isle of Purbeck Indoor Bowls Club's winter season has drawn to a close. The finals of club competitions were mostly tightly contested. It was a fine achievement for Mark Coburn to win both the Men's singles and mixed singles competitions as he was playing only his first season indoors.

When he adjusts to playing outdoors, Mark is going to be a strong contender for honours so some of the outdoor regular winners had better watch out. Carole Knapman and Pat Andrews, both relatively new players, caused a stir by winning the Ladies Pairs competition beating more experienced players which goes to prove it's all "on the day" and so-called good players can have an off-day while the rabbits play like 'demons possessed' and get their names on the cups.

**Competition winners (with two finals still to play) were:-**

Men's Singles : Mark Coburn

Ladies Singles: Uta Keats

Mixed Singles: Mark Coburn

Veterans Singles: Claude Muscat

Open Pairs: Terry Buck and Mike Keats

Mixed Pairs: Terry Buck and Dov Seacombe

Ladies Pairs: Carole Knapman and Mike Keats

Australian Pairs: Terry Buck and Mike Keats

Congratulations to all the winners.

The outdoor season began on the 11th April with a lunch and friendly game at Swanage Bowls Club's green in Beach Gardens. Members who had not played indoors renewed friendships from last season and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all.

For some, playing on grass after a winter bowling on a synthetic surface meant a large number of woods finishing only halfway up the green, but generally standards were high for the first game, perhaps thanks to the green running fast for April due to lack of recent rain. After some practice sessions, the end of April saw the Swanage teams playing their first matches - the ladies at Greenhill and the men at Wimborne.

### Open Days

Now then, all you would-be bowlers of Swanage! Come and have a go. There must be dozens of folk of all ages just itching to go out on a bowling green and try the game of bowls.

Well now is your chance as Swanage Bowls Club is holding two Open Days on Saturday 9th May and on Saturday 16th May at 10.0 for a couple of hours at the green in Beach Gardens.

Just turn up wearing what you like but please wear flat shoes (no heels). Bowls and instruction will be provided and there is no charge. If you find you like it you can consider joining the club.

If not, you haven't lost anything - at least you gave it a try.

It's highly likely you will get hooked and enjoy the fun and friendship. See you there!!

**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.

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>		* Saxon & Viking Academy At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294
18:00	Purbeck Model Railway Group Running session at The Stables, Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage, BH19 3DJ. Ffi: Robin Brasher 427015.	10:30 Christian Aid Service Christian Aid Week in Wareham at United Reformed Church. Preacher Robert Pearce from Christian Aid. All welcome.
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	14:00 Anna & Elizabeth Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
20:00	Fabian Holland Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>		* 'Ten Days in May' Photography Exhibition from Julian Sawyer at Durlston Castle. 11am - 4pm every day.
*	Motorshowcase 2015 At The BIC in the Windsor and Solent Halls.	10:00 Wareham Area Senior Forum At Wareham Parish Hall. Take part in our quiz about Wareham! Discover more about Agatha Christie and learn how to outsmart telephone fraudsters. Ffi or transport to attend call 07825 264353.
*	Tiger Day At The Tank Museum, Bovington. Ffi: 01929 405096	
*	Siege of Wareham At Corfe Castle. Encampment, re-enactments and battles.	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>
10:00	Swanage Water Tower Open Day In aid of local charities, Purbeck Terrace rd.	* 'Ten Days in May' Photography Exhibition from Julian Sawyer at Durlston Castle. 11am - 4pm every day.
14:00	Swanage Water Tower Open Day In aid of local charities, Purbeck Terrace rd.	10:00 Isle of Purbeck Golf Club Coffee Morning Stalls to include Bottle Tombola, Books, Plants, Cakes Clothes/Jewellery and more. Raffle in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust.
14:00	Swanage Girl Guides Show At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Celebrating 100 yrs. Tickets on sale from the box office.	14:00 Purbeck Parkinsons At All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell rd, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 425970
19:30	Swanage Girl Guides Show At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Celebrating 100 yrs. Tickets on sale from the box office.	19:30 Vienna Festival Ballet 35th Anniversary Gala At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £18.50 Full, £16.50 Concessions, £12 Children.
19:30	The Purbeck Singers A programme of much-loved church music at St James Church, Kingston. The choir combines 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 1-listed church.	19:30 Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "AGM & Trophy Presentations". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>
*	Motorshowcase 2015 At The BIC in the Windsor and Solent Halls.	13:00 Stoborough WI Meeting At Stoborough Village Hall. Ploughman's Lunch and stories by members. Competition - Literary Heroines.
*	Siege of Wareham At Corfe Castle. Encampment, re-enactments and battles.	19:30 Studland WI Meeting Resolutions for the AGM. Followed by "Flower Arrangement" by Pat Pearce. Competition: A flower from the garden.
*	Wareham-Hemsbach Society Visit to Norden Mining Museum. Ffi: 427015.	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>		Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>
*	Siege of Wareham At Corfe Castle. Encampment, re-enactments and battles.	00:00 'Ten Days in May' Photography Exhibition from Julian Sawyer at Durlston Castle. 11am - 4pm every day.
10:00	Swanage Inner Wheel Coffee Morning and Stalls At the Catholic Hall Rempstone Road Swanage. Cakes, books, raffle, bric a brac etc, proceeds will go to the Beautiful Gate Orphanage Lesotho Africa.	20:00 Thirstyman Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>		Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>
19:30	Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Workshop Evening". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.	*
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>		Saxon & Viking Academy At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294
10:15	Swanage Probus At Purbeck House Hotel. New Members welcome! Ffi: 01929 550156	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
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>		14:00 Smedmore House & Garden Open House & Garden Kimmeridge, Entry £5, accompanied children under 16, free.
19:15	Swanage Trefoil Guild At the Guide HQ, Bell ST. Planning meeting for 50th Birthday Party.	19:30 Dominic Kirwan & Mary Duff - Together in Concert At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £19.50
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		20:00 4 Square Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
*	Diesel Gala & Dorset Beer Festival at Corfe Castle station, trade stands, trains all day, diesel hauled dining trains, locomotive naming on preview day, food and drink.	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>
*	Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway. Ffi 01929 425800.	*
19:30	Purbeck Railway Circle Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled "The Mid Hants Railway – The Watercress Line Past and Present" by Dave Waldren (from the MHR). Doors open 7pm. Admission by donation. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE WELCOME	Saxon & Viking Academy At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294
20:00	Wetherman Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.	10:30 Mindfulness Walks At Durlston Country Park. A series of walks throughout the day. Booking essential, £5.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>		15:00 Stoborough Sunday Afternoon Tea Club At Stoborough village Hall. Afternoon tea on the third Sunday of every month, between 3-5pm, Telephone 01929 553503 for further information
*	Diesel Gala & Dorset Beer Festival at Corfe Castle station, trade stands, trains all day, diesel hauled dining trains, locomotive naming on preview day, food and drink.	Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>
*	Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway. Ffi 01929 425800.	11:00 A Talk on Garden Pest Control At Holme Nurseries, West Holme Farm, Wareham. BH20 6AQ. No need to book, £5 includes a regular hot drink. Tel: 01929 554716 www.holmeforgardens.co.uk
*	Saxon & Viking Academy At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294	14:00 The New Christian Spiritualist Church Meet at Queensmead Community Room, with guest Medium Dan Clark. All welcome tea & biscuits.
09:30	Freebay Tabletop Sale At The URC Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi: 01929 422406.	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>
10:00	Swanage Garden Society Plant Fayre At The Catholic Hall, Swanage. All Welcome!	06:30 Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community At The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage. 'Making Swanage Dementia Friendly', presentation and film with Mo, Sue & Jean.
10:00	Plant Sale for Wareham in Bloom At the Town Hall between 10am and 12 noon. Tea and coffee are available, also a grand draw, tombola, bric a brac and other stalls.	14:30 Studland History Group Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by John Patrick, "A History of Swanage Pubs". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>		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).
*	Diesel Gala & Dorset Beer Festival at Corfe Castle station, trade stands, trains all day, diesel hauled dining trains, locomotive naming on preview day, food and drink.	Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>
*	Diesel Gala At Swanage Railway. Ffi 01929 425800.	10:30 Swanage Dementia Friendly Community Grand launch at Swanage Library.

Entertainment, music, information and refreshments.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 \* **Beer & Music Festival** At The Kings Arms, Stoborough. Over 35 ales and ciders, with live music Friday eve, Sat and Sun 2-11pm.

18:30 **Studland Flower Festival** Preview First viewing of the displays at St Nicholas Church. Tickets £5 on the door or from Studland Stores and Post Office. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds to Swanage Cancare and Cancer Research UK.

20:00 **Laura Cortese** Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 \* **Beer & Music Festival** At The Kings Arms, Stoborough. Over 35 ales and ciders, with live music Friday eve, Sat and Sun 2-11pm.

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **Saxon & Viking Academy** At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294

09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers Market** At Commercial rd, Swanage. Local produce from local producers.

10:00 **Studland Flower Festival** At St Nicholas Church. Entry free. Refreshments served from 10:00 – 17:00. All proceeds to Swanage Cancare and Cancer Research 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 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Beer & Music Festival** At The Kings Arms, Stoborough. Over 35 ales and ciders, with live music Friday eve, Sat and Sun 2-11pm.

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **Saxon & Viking Academy** At Corfe Castle. Skills, weapons, armour and stories. Ffi: 01929 481294

\* **'Talking Trees' Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Country Courtyard.

11:00 **Swanage Lions Pop up Fete** On Swanage Sea Front. Various stalls, sideshows,

11:00 **Studland Flower Festival** At St Nicholas Church. Entry free. Preceded by Morning service at 10:00 – all are welcome. Refreshments served from 10:00 -17:00. All proceeds to Swange Cancare and Cancer Research UK.

18:30 **Celebration Evensong** With singers from across Purbeck. At St Mary's Church, Swanage.

19:30 **Switch On Swanage** At the Mowlem Theatre. Two very different bands from the same group of musicians, who have been entertaining locals and holiday makers since 2003. The first half of the show is performed by the MSG Collective, playing popular jazz standards, soft pop and rock, all in an easy listening style... The second half is filled with a tribute to the sixties and seventies, by the Same Old Faces. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from the Mowlem Box Office Email: [Graham\\_Wiltshire@Hotmail.com](mailto:Graham_Wiltshire@Hotmail.com)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Beer & Music Festival** At The Kings Arms, Stoborough. Over 35 ales and ciders, with live music Friday eve, Sat and Sun 2-11pm.

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **'Talking Trees' Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Country Courtyard.

10:00 **Studland Flower Festival** At St Nicholas Church. Entry free. Refreshments served from 10:00 - 17:00. All proceeds to Swange Cancare and Cancer Research UK.

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **'Talking Trees' Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Country Courtyard.

19:30 **From the Jurassic Depths** With local fossil experts Charlie Newman and Steve Etches MBE. At Harman's Cross Village Hall.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **'Talking Trees' Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Country Courtyard.

19:30 **Helen Muspratt** A pioneering Swanage artist and photographer with Jessica Sutcliff, Pennie Denton and Cath Newman. At Harman's Cross Village Hall.

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **'Talking Trees' Visual Art Installation** At Kingston Country Courtyard.

10:00 **Purbeck U3A Meeting Points** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall. "My Life on The Royal Yacht Britannia", an illustrated talk by Mike Crankshaw. Non members very welcome. The Purbeck U3A is a registered charity.

18:00 **A Colourful Partnership** At Not Just Sundaes, Wareham. Celebrating art with young and old and those with special needs.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://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.

20:00 **Sadie Jemmett** Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

18:30 **A Fantastic Harpsichord Recital** by Colin Booth At St Nicholas' Church, Worth

Matravers.

Sun 31<sup>st</sup>

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

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

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

19:00 **Of a Rose is all My Song** A concert by The Gabrieli Consort. At Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

JUNE

Mon 1st

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

19:00 **Inside the Court of Napoleon** Illustrated talk by Dr Phillip Mansel with buffet supper. At Smedmore House, Kimmeridge.

19:30 **Metis & Enkelados** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £10, Full, £8 Conmcessions.

**Wed 3rd**  
 \* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

10:15 **Swanage Probus** At Purbeck House Hotel. New Members welcome! Ffi: 01929 550156

19:30 **Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £8 Full, £7 Concessions, £6 Children.

19:30 **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** Wind Ensemble At St Mary's Church, Swanage.

Thu 4th

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **Studland WI Meeting** At The Albert Hall, London. W.I Annual General Meeting Centenary.

19:15 **Swanage Trefoil Guild** Meets at The Guide HQ Bell Street. Quiz Night. New Members and Visitors Welcome. Ffi: 01929 556374.

19:30 **Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £8 Full, £7 Concessions, £6 Children.

Fri 5th

\* **Purbeck Art Weeks** Ffi: [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

\* **Swanage Fish Festival** At various locations in Swanage. Cooking demonstrations, foraging masterclasses, fishy food and drink stalls, live music, fishing and crabbing competitions, local artists and much more. Programmes on sale from 22 May for £1 at Swanage Angling Centre, Swanage Bay Fish, the TIC, Swanage Pier & other venues. Ffi: [www.swanagefishfest.org](http://www.swanagefishfest.org)

18:00 **Purbeck Model Railway Group** Running session at The Stables, Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage, BH19 3DJ. Ffi: Robin Brasher 427015.

19:30 **Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £8 Full, £7 Concessions, £6 Children.

19:30 **Purbeck Artists & The Great War** At St Edward's Catholic Hall, Swanage. Illustrated talk by Bob Field.

## 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 out 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.** Till 11am. 426312
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.30 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group**
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 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.



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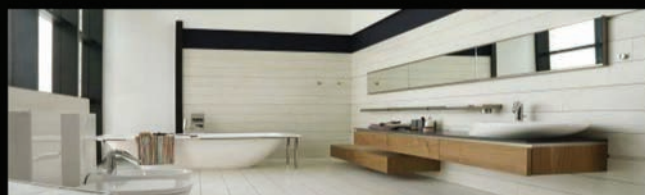
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