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Editor's note...



Welcome to the July edition of your Gazette!

Summer is finally here, and July brings us a really packed schedule - our towns and villages will be heaving with tourists and we're SURE the sun will shine upon us!

Hopefully our traders will see some good business as the summer holidays kick in.

The first Purbeck Pirate Festival takes place on 29th, 30th and 31st July, in aid of Swanage Pier, which needs to raise around £900,000 to achieve Lottery match funding to save the pier. Swanage town will be 'going pirate', and the frigate Shtandart will be sailing into the bay with a pirate crew and cannons blazing. Over fifty official pirate re-enactors will be in town all weekend, along with Jax Parrow, the UK's best Jack Sparrow impersonator. How completely and utterly exciting is that?! See you at the Rum bar down by the Pier m'hearties...!

We also have Wareham AND Swanage Carnivals in July, both packed full of events to keep you smiling and out of the house with the whole family. To top it off in style, the fabulous Wareham Wednesday events also start in July, so join thousands of locals and head to Wareham on a Wednesday evening for a night of brilliant FREE entertainment, including a performance by Navi - chosen by Michael Jackson himself, on 3rd August. Enjoy!!

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Swanage Town Council Meetings - July 2016

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| Planning & Consultation Committee | Mon 4th | 6.30pm |
| General Operations | Wed 13th | 4.30pm |
| Council | Mon 25th | 7pm |

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Wareham Town Council Meetings - July 2016

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Planning & Transport | Mon 4th | 7pm |
| Human Resources | Tue 5th | 10.30am |
| Policy, Resources & Finance | Mon 11th | 7pm |
| Planning & Transport | Mon 25th | 7pm |
| Amenities | Wed 27th | 7pm |

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| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Standards Committee | Wed 6th | 2pm |
| Council | Tue 12th | 7pm |
| Policy Group | Wed 20th | 7pm |
| Audit & Governance Committee | Tue 26th | 5.30pm |
| Planning Committee | Wed 27th | 9.15am |

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Poppies, by Richard Murgatroyd

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AUGUST edition deadline: noon, FRI 8th JULY

Ferry - Fairer Deal Sought

Dear Readers,

I refer to your June edition and a letter about the state of the Ferry, charges per vehicle etc.

The recent increases in charges by the Ferry company to a near-enough 'captive audience' with more increases due, (the staff tell me), seem staggering. Especially when you compare its only rival, the lower price of petrol (going by road) is hovering around the £1 to £1.08 per litre again.

There have been protests in the past about not giving locals a fairer deal. There were meetings, which took place during the day when working people could not attend.

I have asked the AA to do a comparison between using the road and the Ferry. The technology is there to benefit the locals with no cash but ID, say the Dartford Tunnel. A postcode scanner, using DVLA registration of cars' number plates, situated by the Ferry Toll Box, could be used as a confirmation check. The technology is there, the Ferry Company just needs to be motivated.

Come on Ferry Company, you can give a better deal to locals with a postcode scanner. The new train service (next year) will help focus their mind too, along with existing senior bus passes.

Mike Ford, Swanage, by email.

New Benches For Memorial

Dear Editor,

Swanage War Memorial Seats

Prior to the rebuilding of the Swanage War Memorial on Shore Road, there were two benches in front of the Memorial and one to the side.

They provided great pleasure to many, many people - so much so that it was often difficult to 'get a seat'.

The delight of having them was that they afforded an excellent view of all that was happening in Swanage Bay, whilst at the same time providing a welcome rest to those carrying shopping back to North Swanage. On many occasions I also spoke to tourists about the many delights of Swanage.

Now they are gone. They were not replaced when the Memorial was rebuilt. An opportunity missed.

I can well see that it would not have been appropriate to put them in front of the new Memorial. Having removed the wall that surrounded the Memorial (in my view a good idea), replacing the seats where they had been would have been unsightly and unsuitable.

However, the seats could be replaced on the newly grassed area on the other side of the path (towards the sea), with no impact on the War Memorial, and to great advantage for the public.

How about it Purbeck District Council - three new seats for three old ones - not too much to ask to enhance the amenity of Swanage for its residents and tourists?

Chris Johnson, Swanage, by email.

Weymouth Park & Ride Fiasco

Dear Editor,

Upon our recent visit to the Park & Ride in Weymouth, we were less than impressed.

We easily found a parking space and made our way to the pay machine. The charge was clearly displayed on the machine as £2.50, very reasonable. However, after inserting the said charge the machine displayed £3 as the

minimum charge. At £0.50p more than displayed, we still thought it to be a reasonable price.

After a total of £3 had been inserted the display changed and now read Park & Ride. The green accept button was pressed but the ticket was not dispensed, strange, the button was pressed again, but still no ticket. Suspecting a fault with the machine, the cancel button was pressed, still no joy. The last option was the reject coin button, the rejected coins were not forthcoming. What next? £3 in the machine and no ticket!

As luck would have it there was a parking attendant on site, we approached him and informed him of our plight. He said it was £3.50 not £2.50 as advertised at the machine, they had yet to be updated.

We followed him over to the machine which had swallowed our £3, he opened it and checked for our coins. He could not find them, and went on to tell us the machine across the way was in working order. I reiterated that we had already paid £3, his reply being there was no evidence of the coins being stuck in the machine. I told him I suspect that someone else had profited from our misfortune as they must have used our £3 when we left the machine unattended.

If the price had been correctly displayed as £3.50, we would have put £3.50 in the machine!

As we had no more coins he said we could pay by mobile ...but we had already paid!

Whilst we pondered over our situation, the attendant suggested we tell the bus driver of our predicament and use his number as proof as the driver knows he is on site.

We felt this was not a good idea as we had no ticket to display in the car nor could we guarantee a hassle free journey on the way back to the P & R.

We decided to cut our losses and take our chances with the traffic in town. I've read in the press that this particular P & R has not been a resounding success, it comes as no surprise to me. We will never use it again.

Regards, Steve Smith, by email.

Poetical Politics

Dear Nico,

Thanks very much for publishing my EU poem and the '3 Pees' information.

Here is my latest offering: With American politics threatening to affect us all is there just ...

A Crush on Trump?

Oh Donald Trump all round and plump, you're the one for me

I love your red and chubby face, your sweet sincerity

I love the way your shiny hair juts forward pointily

Back-combed from your big back-side, and woven skilfully.

I love your fat and flabby frame, I love your nutty ways

All your crazy views on Muslims, women, blacks and gays

You're such a cuddly fascist, you've got me in a daze

Along with half the USA ... let's hope it's just a phase!

All the best, Martin Hobdell, Swanage

The Purbeck Plod

Dear Readers,

I am writing to let you know of a forthcoming event that may be of interest to you. This year the Ramblers East Dorset Group are once more holding their popular challenge walk - The Purbeck Plod.

This event will take place on the 10th July 2016 and consists of a 25 mile route open to walkers and runners, and a shorter route of 16 mile for walkers only. Both walks start from the Pier at Swanage and continue westward along the South West Coast Path.

The 25 mile walk goes as far as Kimmeridge, where it turns inland and returns to Swanage over the Purbeck Hills, passing through Corfe Castle.

The sixteen mile walk turns inland near Chapman's Pool then continues to Corfe Castle to join the other walk.

Cold drinks and snacks are available at most check points and food will be provided at the finish along with a timed certificate.

Registration is from 07:30 on the day and starting time is 08:30 for walkers and 09:30 for runners. Walkers are requested to arrive by at least 08:15 and runners by 09:15. The latest finishing time is 20:00. Fee to join is £5 if paid in advance (before 25 June) or £7 on the day.

Further details may be found on their web page: eastdorsetramblers.org.

uk and application forms may be downloaded from this site or requested by email from the Event Secretary at: purbeckplod@eastdorsetramblers.org.uk

Best wishes, Kevin Horton, East Dorset Purbeck Plod Publicity Officer

£28,000 Raised In Two Years



Dear Readers,

A big thank you from Swanage Lions retiring President.

As retiring President of the Lions Club of Swanage, I am writing to thank the community for all their help and support in our fund-raising activities during the two years I have been in the post.

During that time the Club has donated £28,000 to charities, local groups and individuals, which include:-

- £4,500 to Swanage Hospital
- £3,000 to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
- £2,000 to Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership
- £2,000 to Dorset Deaf Children's Society
- £2,000 to Gully's Place (Poole Hospital)
- £1,300 to Harlequin
- £1,300 to Canicare
- £1,000 to Julia's House

Lots of smaller sums were donated to local worthy causes. It's because of the hard work of Club members and the help of members of the community in supporting our fund-raising activities that all this has been possible.

To be able to continue such excellent fund-raising work the Club needs new members. If you are interested in joining us, please telephone our membership secretary: Deirdre Mersey on 01929 424130.

Many thanks, Tim Mersey, Swanage Lions Retiring Club President.

Lion's Pop-Up Fete Success

Dear Editor,

Swanage Lions would like to thank the good people of Swanage, and our visitors, for supporting our Pop Up Fete on Sunday, May 29th on the sea front. We made the princely sum of £741.41 that will be distributed to local good causes. Particular thanks goes to Swanage ATC whose youngsters and leaders helped make it an enjoyable day for all concerned.

Yours sincerely, Kim Gallagher, Swanage Lions

The Night Watch

Dear Editor,

The Night Watch

Whilst in Amsterdam some years ago my wife and I visited the Rijksmuseum and stood in front of that magnificent painting 'The Night Watch' painted by Rembrandt in 1642. If you find yourself in Holland, do go and see it. Since then down the years there has been a night watch in most countries around the world.

I have experience of night watches during my service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. I was in a small branch whose operations were only carried out at night. This was followed by twenty nine years in the Dorset Police. Believe it or not working for the benefit of those asleep can be very rewarding.

Now if the great Rembrandt was alive and living in Swanage – what could he find to paint about?

H E Beavis. Swanage.

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Signs Of The Times

Dear Editor,

What a rash of notices in Swanage, even creeping across pavements. They rub shoulder to shoulder jostling for prominence. The black signs pointing to the station and bus station, for instance, are a joke. The post in question is placed next to the taxi rank!

Do visitors to Swanage really require such 'spoon-feeding'?

Yours, David Barsley. Swanage.

Dogs DIE In Hot Cars

Dear Editor,

With the arrival of warmer weather, we should be reminded that animals can suffer and die.

Dogs die in hot cars (even if the sun is not shining) and should not be left in them even for short periods.

Other animals suffer, too. Rabbits must not be left in the glaring sun or inside a sweltering garage or shed. They need a cool, shady place where air circulates and where they are able to move freely. A hot rabbit can be kept cool by applying cold water gently to his ears.

Smaller animals such as hamsters, rats and gerbils can be kept cool by opening windows and closing curtains, using a fan (but not directly at them), and by ensuring a good supply of fresh water.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Pereira Campaign Manager Animal Aid

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New Mayoral Tribute?!



Dear Editor,

Photographed near what's left of the bandstand. It did cause a smile.

Inscription reads: This tree was planted to commemorate the inauguration
of councillor J.V.Hardy as Mayor of Swanage.

The original tree has long since died!

Mike Oldman, by email

Migrant Wasp Warning

Dear Nico,

Update on the Asian wasp, relative to previous correspondence.

Unfortunately there have been confirmed sightings and encounters in the
UK in past weeks in Sussex, Kent and Devon. Thus it would seem probable
that they could be here in Dorset and Purbeck during the predicted hot
summer.

Should they become established these aggressive ambush predators could
decimate bee populations by taking fifty a day to feed their own larvae
with the UK's apex pollinator.

I would ask P.D.C and S.T.C to download poster information into public
places at minimal cost via the internet to inform holiday makers and locals.

These migrant wasps have been responsible for six fatalities in France. (2.5
cms in length) Should you be stung seek medical attention immediately,
these guys don't dance! Bee keepers watch your hives.

Yours sincerely, M J K Hamilton.

Wildlife Area Lost

Dear Nico,

May I bring the Arfleet Water Park to the attention of the villagers?

This was probably the best wild life area left in Corfe. Now the money
men have put paid to that. We are led to believe that they have cleared
the lakes of fish (this I doubt very much). Have they saved the frogs and
spawn, newts, dragonflies, also the eels and the water voles, plus a wide
variety of plants?

We have already lost the pond at the Kingston Hill junction; that was ruined
several years ago. Our hills are bare, along with the three commons. In
fact there is no longer a common, just horse grounds.

Going back to the water park, will they wait for an accident to happen
before something is done with the traffic problem this project will cause?
Our roads are already overloaded and I don't think they can take any more.

From a local country lover. (Name and address withheld on request)

Park & Ride Expansion Puzzle

Dear Editor,

May I quote from the 'Corfe Valley News' May edition:

"The Expansion of the Norden Park and Ride is being driven by a need
to compensate for the loss of the car spaces being eroded at Studland, to
provide connections to the Castle and village, and a railway connection to
the A351. The expansion is likely to take place on a field between Norden
roundabout and Castle view"

Could someone through this medium explain what Corfe has to do with
Studland?

Our village and roads are already at breaking point. It is the villagers and
all our public services that have to bear the brunt of this onslaught.

I understand that the beach huts at Studland too, are affected by this
erosion. Perhaps there is room for half a dozen in the square and the
Vikings could dance around them.

Yours, 'Country Boy'.

Unintended Consequences

Dear Editor,

Be careful what you wish for.

In your Wareham Town Council Update you report that, 'a delegation of
Ropers Lane residents vehemently advocated residents' allocated parking.'

I agree that it is inconvenient and frustrating for residents to have cars
selfishly parked in Ropers Lane and surrounding, by workers who are too
lazy to use the adequate car parks.

However, to the 188 people who signed the petition, I warn you to be
very, very careful what you wish for. I assume that many, if not all, of you
have never lived in an area controlled by residents' parking permits. I
have and can tell you that permits will not necessarily grant you parking
opportunities close to where you live.

They cause unintended displacement of parked cars and will cause you
difficulties when your visitors without permits seek a place to park. If
implemented, Purbeck District Council will use the scheme to raise
money by charging you for the permits and you will have no control over
future price rises.

To prove the point, it was recently disclosed that Purbeck District Council
is the sixth most expensive place in the UK for residents' parking.

Yours faithfully, Cliff Baxter

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Banker Bashing?

Dear Nico,

MOVE OUT BARCLAYS!

The Barclays Bank branch in Swanage opens six hours per day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a prime position on Station Road.

In times of economic hardship, the Swanage branch does not provide the same level of face-to-face customer service as Barclays Bank London Bridge, where there are multiple branches within a mile.

If Barclays move out a new business could open in the best position in Swanage and:

- Employ local staff, opening seven days per week generating greater local income;
- Provide additional quality foot traffic in Swanage all year round;
- Sell local products or services supporting local industry.
- This would generate more business for the region all year round and grow the tourism industry through economic multiplier effects.

A new bank branch in Herston would alleviate traffic congestion in Swanage town centre and assist people in doing day to day banking closer to their homes and businesses.

Yours, Nick Francke, by email.

Pictured - Trading Hours Barclays Swanage, Trading Hours Barclays London Bridge, Barclays boast at Poole offices - no branch on site! All taken by Nick Francke.



Birthday Celebration Tea

Dear Editor,

Studland hosted a Village Fete to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th Birthday on 11 June on the Village Green. Teas were served by the WI and the fete was opened by Mary Worger, who is one of the village's oldest residents at 93.

There was a dog show and many traditional stalls including Splat the Rat, Bottle Tombola and a Grand Raffle (which raised £1,000) as well as a Bouncy Castle and vintage vehicle display.

The sun shone and a great afternoon was had by all finishing off with live music from the Red River Hogs in the Old Harry Bar.

Organiser and Parish Council member, Julie Dyball said, "It was a fabulous day with all the village coming together to have fun and celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Thanks to everyone who supported us and helped us raise so much for local good causes."

Over £3,000 was raised to support the installation of a defibrillator in Studland and Forest Holme Hospice.

Yours sincerely, Julie Dyball, Studland

Coronation Embroidery

Dear Editor,

On 16th June 2012, during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, New & Secondhand Books in Station Road Swanage was awarded the 'Best Jubilee Window' in Swanage.

The winning window featured the 'St Edwards Crown Collage' (pictured) which I had designed and created, and which the Blanchards were kind enough to let me display. In June 2016 I changed the embroidered 60 to 90 in honour of the Queen's forthcoming birthday and the Coronation Crown embroidery has been hung in the bookshop once again.

Everyone seems to appreciate it. Margaret Whaley, Swanage.

You can see Margaret's embroidery inside the bookshop.



Thank You Wonderful People!

Dear Editor,

Thank you once again, you wonderful Swanage people!

After recently moving back home to Swanage, I saw that money was being raised again by Terry Dorland's family for Cancare. As I remembered him well as a fund raiser and a good man, I thought I might do the walk from Bournemouth Pier to Swanage Pier that the family had organised.

I never thought I would complete the walk, but the support I had from local people made me feel proud and determined to complete it. It took me five hours twenty minutes and it hurt like hell, but thanks to the people, I raised a total of £284.

Well done Swanage! Alan Houghton

Sad We Missed Tankfest

Dear Gazette,

What has happened to the Tank Museum?

I have enjoyed reading my Gazette over the past decade or so, but have noticed this year that the regular Tank Museum feature/advert is absent.

I have attended many of the events held at the Tank Museum over the years, prompted to go along after reading the advertising feature in the Gazette - we probably attended around four or five events each year, often with the extended family, and usually enjoying lunch there at the canteen during our trip.

I've only just realised that we haven't yet been this year, and we're nearly half way through (already!) - did Tankfest happen in June? Please let us know why you've stopped publishing the Tank events each month - we're all missing out!

Regards, John, Pauline and Hannah, Sandford, by email.

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GRASP THAT NETTLE....

Well done, Purbeck District Planners for passing the planning application for affordable homes at Worth Matravers. It's no 6/2016/0013 if you want to look it up, "land adjacent Abbascombe Cottages, erect nine affordable dwellings with associated parking, form vehicular access".

The Parish Council formally objected to it and at Purbeck District Council it was a close-run thing. Have a look at the plans and drawings on the PDC website and have a look at not only the many letters of objection but also the reasons why PDC passed it – page 155 of the Planning Committee meeting minutes 27.4.16. Make your own mind up as to whether or not the provision of nine affordable dwellings is more important than the protection of a small area of outstanding natural beauty. If not there – then where? And if not now – then when?

Forgive me if I'm wrong, but Worth Matravers has an excellent pub and tearooms, no shop, rotten transport links, and the highest proportion of second homes of any village in Purbeck. What it doesn't have enough of is Young Families. People to help the village grow rather than stagnate. People to attend the church and to use the excellent Village Hall once the current ageing population has joined the 'choir invisibile'. It needs affordable homes and new young blood. Now I'm told that a few individual Worth Matravers Parishioners actually asked the Parish Council to apply for a 'judicial review' to overturn the permission. The PC decided that the huge expenditure involved was not a wise way to spend the Parish's limited funds. So now I'm told that those Parishioners are putting together a 'fighting fund' to finance a 'judicial review' themselves. Please someone tell me this isn't happening?

As there are no highway objections, no flood risk or drainage problems, no 'bio-diversity' issues, no archaeological problems, that the homes accorded with the definition of 'affordable housing' and Purbeck still has its fair share of homeless, one can only hazard a guess that either the objectors do not wish homeless people from other parishes to be housed in Worth Matravers, or simply that it's in their personal back yards. So shame on them.

You cannot have helped but notice a significant number of purple bags situated along Purbeck's main road verges. These are waiting for collection, and are the result of the efforts of a small but dedicated team of volunteers who often get up at silly o'clock in the morning and go out litter picking the highways for you and for me. Their aim is a 'litter free Purbeck' and if you'd like to know more or to contribute your ideas, you're invited to a community meeting to be held at Harmans Cross Village Hall on Thursday July 14th at 2.30pm at Harmans Cross Village Hall, followed by a drop-in event from 5.30pm to 9pm for those who can't get to the main presentation.

Their aim is to develop a 'cross-Purbeck' approach to getting rid of litter; we all live here, so we all need to do something to protect and preserve our community. Last month I wrote about mountains of rubbish, so this month I'm really pleased to see someone taking the matter into their own hands. Please go along and support this meeting; plenty of free car parking, or even take the train!

Thank you to PCC Martyn Underhill for agreeing to hold a public meeting in Swanage at a convenient location at a time when working people can attend, to hear your views on local policing. If you like – or don't like – the

way your area is policed, or have a problem with "101", come along and tell him. I've also asked him to arrange a similar meeting in Wareham. Apparently these meetings will be in September or October, plenty of advance notice, so watch this space. And please – try and come!

Following on from last month's comment "where is all the bloody money then?", let's take that a bit further, shall we? There's not one single area of public expenditure that seems able to escape the 'austerity' program – i.e. the 'cuts'. Education, health, law and order, roads, public service salaries (except of course, executives). All those public services that in the 60s, 70s and 80s we took for granted. In 1960, we were only fourteen years out of a five-year world war, but we could afford proper policemen, A & E departments in most hospitals, and everything that you expected your rates and taxes to pay for. The basic tax rate was 42.5p. We managed.

In the third quarter of 2015, the proportion of patients spending longer than four hours in A&E reached its highest level in over a decade. Nine out of ten hospitals with major A&E departments breached the standard. I know everyone leaps to the defence of our marvellous NHS but honestly? Four hours? What's that all about? Primitive and unacceptable. Nearest A&E soon to be the other side of Bournemouth; nearest Police Station – God knows where.

In 2008, the number of three-day emergency food packages given out by foodbanks was 26,000. By 2015, this had risen to over 1.1 million. Is this a measure of a 'prosperous nation' that has "worked its way out of recession"? Seems that the cuts will go deeper and deeper until we get some kind of a Government prepared to grasp the nettle and say 'you want proper public services and index-linked benefits, you have to pay for them' and to increase Income Tax and Corporation Tax by a significant percentage, put VAT up to 25%.

To scrap unaffordable prestige capital projects such as Trident and HS2; to stop strutting round the globe pretending we're still a major player on the world stage; to equip our armed forces properly, bring them back from overseas and use them for their proper purpose which is The Defence Of The Realm. To dare to tell pensioners that actually, the system wasn't planned for everyone to live to 100 so, as we resolutely refuse to allow old people to have any say in the time or manner of their own death, we have to reduce pensions, free prescriptions, winter fuel allowances, bus passes and TV licences, if we are to provide an acceptable standard of living for everyone, both young and old. Yes, I'm a "pensioner", but I'd rather see the money spent on those at the beginning of their lives rather than those of us who have had a 'good innings'.

To see the end of homeless families, foodbanks, and genuine hardship – because I'd bet you now that nine out of ten pensioners are well off inasmuch as they're not starving. Better off than nine out of ten refugees. If we don't fix our roads, there won't be any left to fix. How did we afford to build a road and rail network in the depression of the 1930s, or after a five-year war? Because we all chipped in with our taxes, and realised that there's no such thing as a free lunch. For everyone who gets something for nothing, someone else gets nothing for something. The world doesn't owe anyone a living – and that's me – and you too.

Sorry if this is an unpalatable dose of reality. There are seventy-eight other pages in this magazine which I haven't written or contributed to in any way, so if you're offended, maybe try another page.....

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Girl Guiding Fun!

On Sunday 5th June Sandpit Field, Swanage was invaded by about 150 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from across the whole of Purbeck, gathered there to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Under a blazing sun children took part in tea cup races, made crowns, iced biscuits, completed royal challenges, tackled the inflatable assault course and finished with a picnic tea. Leaders, volunteer parents and the ladies of the Trefoil Guild manned activities and refreshments.

The addition of some special guests made it a particularly memorable afternoon and the girls, leaders and Swanage Trefoil Guild were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Swanage, the Girlguiding Dorset County and Assistant Commissioners and Robin and Sue Clay, our County Presidents (Robin is the grandson of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell who were the founders of the Guiding and Scouting movements).

We ended the day singing Happy Birthday to the Queen and two verses of the National Anthem and everyone headed home with a specially designed badge.

The girls had a great time thanks to volunteer leaders and parents. Purbeck Girlguiding has units in Swanage, Langton, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Wool and Sandford.

To give more girls the opportunity to develop physical and social skills whilst having fun in a safe 'girl only' space, we need more volunteers. Adults usually have as much fun as the girls!

If you are interested, contact Dr Tracy Crickmore on 01929 553444 and I will return your call.



Wareham Town Council Updates

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



News from Wareham Town Council May 2016

The meeting was presided over by the new Mayor, Councillor Mrs Doreen Cleaton.

With local government reorganisation a possibility, Sandra Brown put it to the Town Council that it was the opportune time to consider a National Park (N P)

for Dorset and East Devon. It would cover the Jurassic Coast, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Dorset and East Devon and Hardy's "Egdon Heath". Two benefits would be funding from the National Parks Authority and losing government-set house-building targets. Development in line with the N P would go ahead; in fact, the rate of approval for planning applications in N Ps has been higher than elsewhere. If everyone including councils, landowners and farmers agreed, it would take five years for a N P to come into being. It was projected that N P status would not attract

more tourists but that they would stay longer and spend more. Also the N P structure would help in managing the pressure on the environment from tourism. Questions were raised about how account would be taken of local neighbourhood plans and how far planning controls would be removed from elected councillors.

Other news: One hopes that the Queen is pleased with the birthday scroll from Wareham Town Council. Lady St Mary Church planned a service celebrating the birthday. CCTV in the town centre will be upgraded. Trees at the Recreation Ground which have succumbed to disease or storm damage will be replaced.

The working party looking into the Residents' Parking Scheme has checked which town centre streets have insufficient off street parking and has sent a questionnaire to the Town Clerks of three local towns with a parking scheme to gather their experience.

The public is welcome to attend the next Council meeting on Monday 8th August at 7pm in the Town Hall, Wareham. Call 01929 553006 for further information or visit the website at www.wareham-tc.gov.uk.

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Crowdfunding Appeal To SAVE SWANAGE PIER

Trustees of the Swanage Pier Trust are preparing to launch their Crowdfunder Campaign as part of the appeal to 'Save Swanage Pier'.

The project has provisional support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, but Swanage Pier Trust needs to raise a total of £900,000 in match funding before November 2016.

Applications have been submitted to Charitable Trusts in Dorset and around the Country, as well as the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership. Donations have been steadily arriving over the past few months and, along with other pledges received from Charitable Trusts and the Local Authorities, the Trust has now secured just under £400,000, so the Trust is almost half way towards the target.

Ben Adeney, Chief Executive of Swanage Pier Trust said "We are extremely grateful for all the donations coming forward, every penny is going directly towards the match funding. The Crowdfunding Campaign is the next critical phase in our fundraising which will take us a major step towards achieving our goal." "It is a tense time for us because of the way Crowdfunding works, if we don't manage to get our full target funded, we don't receive any of the funds, so we would encourage anyone who has been considering supporting the appeal to visit the Crowdfunder website to make a pledge."

Jeremy Smith, Director of Dorset Coastal Cottages has agreed to make the first pledge to support the Crowdfunding Campaign when it goes live on Thursday 14th June at 10am. He said "Swanage Pier Trust is one of our nominated charities for the second year running. We are very pleased to be able to support the Pier's Crowdfunder Campaign. The Pier is an important attraction for Dorset and for our clients."

The Crowdfunding Campaign will run for 5 weeks from 14th June at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/saveswanage-pier you can donate from as little as £10. Pledges receive some excellent rewards, from strolling passes for unlimited visits to the Pier and personalised brass plaques, through to limited edition prints of the stunning new Swanage Pier watercolour illustrations produced by artist Tony Kerrins.

The Crowdfunder page features a short film which provides an overview of the appeal and was generously supported by Viewpoint Productions, who documented the storm damage repairs when a major section of the Pier collapsed in 2013.

Ben Adeney said "This really is our ONE opportunity to Save Swanage Pier for future generations and we only have a short timeframe to secure the funds we need. The Pier is an integral part of Swanage's character and a critical part of its heritage, which plays an important role in the Town's appeal as a tourist destination. Once the regeneration project is complete, the new facilities and activities at the Pier will ensure it generates enough income to undertake an ongoing programme, so this really is the time that we can make a significant difference."

Over Easter an exhibition was held at the Pier to show the plans for the regeneration project. The plans include undertaking urgent repairs to the structure, creating a new Visitor's Centre with exhibition and education spaces, as well as new high-quality retail and catering facilities.

Volunteers from the Pier have been holding monthly collection days at the Town's Co-op. Collection boxes are also in place all over the Town. The Trust has established a Corporate Supporter Scheme for businesses who would like to support the appeal.

The recent raffle for the 10,00th plaque at the Pier raised an amazing £4500.

LITTER-FREE PURBECK?

How can we do this? Have your say!

A community meeting about how a litter-free Purbeck might be achieved will be held on Thursday, 14 July, at 2.30pm at Harmans Cross Village Hall.

Arranged by three local litter campaigners, Bridget Mayes (Langton Matravers), Lara Manningham-Buller (Wareham) and Frank Roberts (Swanage), who are keen to develop a cross-Purbeck approach to getting rid of litter through litter picking and awareness campaigns.

There will be an initial presentation followed by discussions. If you have a view and can help in some capacity please come and contribute. A drop-in event follows from 5.30pm to 9pm for those who can't attend the presentation and meeting.

Whether you are a representative of a local business, school, town planning, local organisation or simply an individual who doesn't like to see litter in Purbeck, please do come along and contribute to the discussion. We need you!

For more information, please email litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com or see the 'Litter Free Purbeck' Facebook page.

Thursday 14 July, 2.30pm

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Bob Campbell Departs For Distant Tides....

Swanage recently bid a fond farewell to Bob Campbell, who passed away on 18th May (pictured, right).

Bob had been a long-time supporter of Swanage Pier, having been very actively involved in the pier restoration and day-to-day running during his younger years. Bob retained a strong connection to the Pier as he grew older, maintaining his work room and world-renowned diving equipment collection upstairs in Marine Villas until recently, when mobility issues brought difficulty in accessing the upper floor of the building.

In 1988, Bob worked with Dennis Wright, Jon and Jo Mosen to establish the Isle of Purbeck SAC (Sub-Aqua Diving Club), with Bob continuing to assist by giving some of the required lectures to students who passed through the club in the early years.

As well as being a life-long supporter of Swanage Pier and one of the instrumental committee who started Purbeck SAC, Bob was also widely recognised as a world expert in the archiving and restoration of antique diving equipment.

In 2007, the Frank Oschman Trophy was awarded to Bob by the Historical Diving Society in recognition of his research and restoration of vintage diving equipment. When based at Marine Villas at the Pier, Bob had a remarkable collection of demand valves stretching back more than fifty years, along with a host of ancillary vintage diving equipment. Bob's collections included British, American, Polish, Italian, Spanish, German and Russian pieces. He also maintained a collection on behalf of the Historical Diving Society.

Bob was one of few who were able to strip down, clean and re-assemble the retrieved vintage equipment, taking the time to also document the process and provide detailed, to-scale drawings of each piece. Many of Bob's detailed drawings are the only written instructions to reassemble these items in existence, the original paperwork having been long since lost to the passage of time. Bob was one of the very few to conduct this form of research, and his in-depth knowledge will be deeply missed by those 'in the trade' around the globe.

The Historical Diving Society often published Bob's research and detailed plans in the 'Historical Diving Times' magazine, which has a worldwide readership. In 2010, Bob was awarded the National Historical Society Award for furthering the interests of the society. Bob had been nominated for his long-term dedication to the restoration of vintage equipment, his in-depth knowledge of the engineering involved and his contribution to the society by providing detailed plans and descriptions of the pieces restored. Here at Gazette Towers we had been working with Bob for over fifteen



years, as he painstakingly spent many hours each year working out the tide times for Peveril Ledges, Swanage, so we could publish correct and safe information for the public (Peveril Ledge tide information is not otherwise available – most take the Poole tide times, which differ hugely to the tides we experience in Swanage). Despite the advance of computerisation, Bob continued to calculate the local tide times by hand each year, encouraged by the thought that he was helping to keep locals and visitors safe on our seas. He continued to provide the tide times until ill health struck several months ago, at which point Bob Clark at Swanage NCI kindly stepped up and took the job on, continuing to keep our readers safer at sea.

Bob continued to visit Gazette Towers on a weekly basis for a chat and a quick cuddle with the dogs, right up until the end.

Swanage, Swanage Pier and the wider, global diving community have lost a stalwart supporter, educator and senior researcher. The Historical Diving Society posted on their Facebook page: "Bob was an absolutely lovely guy, and will be sadly missed. The loss of his expertise and knowledge will be irreplaceable. RIP Bob, thank you for sharing your time."

Bob will be very dearly missed by all those who knew him, and we wish him the very best on his next 'voyage of discovery'.

Rest well Bob, and thank you – for everything, from so many you've helped, taught and shared information with, right around the world.

Open Spaces Society Welcomes Better Access To Ford Common

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's leading pressure-group for common land, is pleased with the outcome of a public inquiry into SITA UK's plans to extend its Binnegar Quarry, close to Puddletown Road three miles west of Wareham in Dorset.

Because the development would affect Ford Common, owned by SITA, the company had to offer land in exchange for the common land it wished to quarry. SITA applied in September 2014 to deregister 197,000 square metres of the common, and offered in exchange 229,000 metres of land to the north of the A352 and to the east and west of Binnegar Lane (a mile east of Stokeford). This includes a small, new public car-park off Binnegar Lane.

The Open Spaces Society is notified of all applications for exchange of, and work on, common land and was involved at an early stage. There were objections (from the society and East Stoke Parish Council, among others) followed by negotiations, and a public hearing was held in February 2016. The inspector has approved the common-land exchange; the development already had planning permission.

Ralph Holmes, Purbeck representative of the Open Spaces Society, welcomes the result. He says: 'It should be of great benefit to local residents, walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. New paths, bridleways and

car-parks all make for easy access, together with the right for the public to walk over the whole area under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.'

Soon after he moved to Purbeck in 2012, Ralph was surprised to find that the public was almost completely, and wrongly, excluded from Ford Common, by ditches, fences and impenetrable hedges and 'no access' notices. In her report, the inspector, Heidi Cruickshank, described this lack of access as 'unsatisfactory' and 'disappointing'.

Ralph is pleased with the progress that has been made since SITA's application. He says: 'I and another member of the Open Spaces Society had friendly and helpful discussions with SITA. I found SITA well informed about access issues and willing to make reasonable changes. I am delighted that access to the replacement land will be easy and that new bridleways will allow access for walkers, riders and cyclists to the remaining areas of the original Ford Common.'

'In around twenty years, when quarrying and restoration are complete, the rest of the original common will be re-registered and opened up to the public with a new bridleway and a further small car-park. The replacement land will remain as common land so we shall have gained considerably. I am very pleased with the outcome of our negotiations'.

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Swanage D-Day Commemoration 2016



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Around a hundred townsfolk and veterans from other actions gathered with our WWII and D-Day veterans in glorious sunshine at the Swanage Memorial on June 6th at 6pm to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, seventy-two years ago.

Rev. Tony Higgins took a beautiful, short service, speaking from the heart as always - absolutely fitting for the occasion. Eddie Chinchin played the Last Post, and our wonderful Standard Bearers were in attendance.

Our Coastguard attended in uniform to show their respect, as did members of other local groups and organisations, including representatives of Swanage Railway, who were instrumental in transporting American and UK soldiers based in Swanage, during the war.

Swanage town Mayor, Steve Poultney, attended, as did a number of Swanage Town Councillors, and Dorset Country Council representative, Bill Trite.

Our wonderful Coastguard arranged a fly-over by the helicopter, and members of Swanage Sea Rowing Club rowed close to shore and raised their oars as a mark of respect during the two minute silence.

Our veterans and their families then retired to the Royal British Legion in Swanage, where they enjoyed a buffet supper and time to sit and chat, hosted by the Purbeck Gazette and the Swanage Royal British Legion.

Thank you so much to those who took the time to stand side by side with our few remaining D-Day veterans, and remember the utter hell thousands of young men went through in order to preserve our freedom.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.



Swanage Community Defibrillator Update



Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership:

Thanks to your donations a further defibrillator and cabinet has been installed in Swanage. By the time you read this, the Defibrillator placed near the taxi office of Swanage Railway will be live and operational, having been registered with the Ambulance service.

Our first device at the Coastguard Station, North Beach Car Park, is also live and already registered.

A third device is being installed near the pier (hopefully up and running by the time you read this). The Swanage

Sea Rowing Club have been provided with a defib and cabinet by the partnership and are kindly installing it on our behalf.

A further defib and cabinet is to be installed on the front of The Swanage School by the end of June. One is also being donated by Dorset Police and will be installed in front of their office at the Town Hall, High Street.

There are more in the pipeline to be installed across Swanage and we plan to hold familiarisation events where anyone is invited to be shown how these boxes work, but ultimately they are fully automatic and require NO training.

If you'd like to sponsor or donate towards a device, then please pop in to Corbens in Station Road.

An official launch has been scheduled for Wednesday 13th July at 1pm at the Swanage Railway defib site. Hope to see you all there.

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National Coastwatch

Eyes along the coast

NCI News Updates and Follow-ups

There are two points since my last update both of which are big "thank-you"s!

The first one is to the population and visitors to Swanage over the last three Bank Holiday Weekends. As you are probably aware, we offer tea and cakes to visitors to the Lookout on these afternoons.

We don't charge but rely on your unstinting generosity to make an appropriate donation into our collection boxes. All the cakes are home made by NCI

members, their spouses, partners and other kind relatives who donate their time, ingredients and energy to support us in looking after you.

Over the Easter, May Day and Spring Bank Holidays you have amazingly donated over £1500. This represents about a quarter of the amount we need, just to keep the Lookout open and pay our bills so please continue to support us throughout the future tea and cake afternoons.

All of the people you see are there voluntarily, free of charge, gratis and for nothing, so all of your donations go to the working end of the NCI. Very Sincerely, THANK YOU!

Secondly, a huge thank you to a Swanage resident in replying with an interesting email follow-up to my 'Myths and Legends' article. This person,

who I shall leave anonymous, had an ancestor who wrote the original report on the "Marie Celeste" after she was towed into Gibraltar. Expanding on this, one of the more credible theories on the reason for her abandoned state was because part of her cargo was barrels of alcohol, some of which were leaking, and were generating a high risk of fire/explosion.

The vessel's Master, crew and passengers therefore decided to take refuge in a life raft or lifeboat. As a rope was found hanging over the stern of the "Marie Celeste", there seems to be a good chance they were being "safely" towed astern.

However, this rope was found to have chafed through, so they were probably inadvertently cast adrift with no means of catching the "Marie Celeste" as she sailed serenely away towards the horizon. In the days of sail, the chance of finding a small craft in the ocean were extremely small so it can be safely assumed that there were no survivors.

The email address below is set up for Gazette staff and readers only and comes directly to me. Please feel free to use it if you have any questions, comments, etc. These can be to do with NCI or anything to do with the sea, or ships or anything else around the tideline. No names will be published!

They will love me for saying this but between us, we can muster well over 3000 years of life experience at the Lookout, so we can have a pretty good go at answering most things!

Please stay safe on whichever side of the tide line your life or leisure takes you.

The Swanage NCI can be contacted at the Lookout on 01929 422596, at nci.org.uk or on VHF 65.

Bob Clark Email: swanagenci@btinternet.com NCI Swanage.

Coastguard Update



HM Coastguard

We often get asked is the summer our busiest time of the year?

Well for the last twenty five years I've known it certainly has been, but 2016 is turning out to be very different with May being very quiet for the Coastguard. It's difficult to explain the patterns, but often weather, economics, and safety education play a part in the number of incidents we see.

We were very lucky to carry out some joint training on the new Swanage Lifeboat, which saw the exchange of ideas on first aid and the equipment we all carry.

The team attended the D Day memorial service on the 6th June along with many residents of Swanage. The Coastguard helicopter on a training flight flew over as the service was about to start and the Swanage Gigs showed their respect by raising their oars.

A new defibrillator cabinet has been placed on the Coastguard Station in North Beach Car Park. This cabinet, which is part of the partnership in the town, replaces a smaller cabinet which hasn't survived the elements too well.

Whilst it's attached to the Coastguard station it's important in a medical emergency to call the Ambulance service via 999 who will give you the access code and instructions on the use of the defibrillator.

Another project we do is the numbering of the wooden groynes to zone the beach. The Town Council kindly supply the paint and stencils, the volunteers supply the man power. Sharp eyed members of the public will notice the numbering actually starts at three! Yes that's correct, number one was removed when the beach recharge took place. The "banjo" jetty (by the clock tower) is number two, so they start at three and go up to eighteen.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE - KEEP YOUR DOGS ON LEADS NEAR CLIFFS

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all rescued in
and around
Swanage and
Studland in the
last year

999 Coastguard

Piddlehinton Fete

**Piddlehinton Church Fete at the Old Rectory, Rectory Road,
Piddlehinton, DT2 7TE.**

Saturday 16 July 2016 - 2 PM - Evening BBQ from 7 PM

The lovely English country garden of The Old Rectory, Piddlehinton will be the setting for this year's Annual Church Fete BUT watch out for Cowboys and Indians! Piddlehinton is bringing the Wild West to West Dorset.

Come dressed up Wild West style because there will be themed competitions and children's races to take part in, a dog show, coconut shy, bowling alley, 'welly whanging', pony rides and a large steam roller

on display. And for all ages - the challenge of riding a Bucking Bull. WILL you dare to try?

All this and the chance to buy from many well stocked stalls including plants, cakes, preserves, books and white elephant.

Relax and enjoy a wide range of refreshments - BBQ, Afternoon Teas, Ice Creams and Pimms stall with live entertainment provided.

Set in the beautiful Piddle Valley, just five miles north of Dorchester, DT2 7TE, everyone will be welcome to come and spend time in our lovely village - we look forward to seeing you.

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Swanage Carnival and Regatta Sat 30th July – Sat 6th August

Steam Trains will operate Norden and Corfe Castle to/from Swanage every 40 minutes between 10:00 and 18:00. During the evening a diesel shuttle service will operate with the last train from Swanage 22:15 Sunday 31st July – Friday 5th August, 22:55 Saturday 30th July and Saturday 6th August. The 350 space Norden Car Park is open until 23:00 Sunday 31st July - Friday 5th August, until 23:40 Saturday 30th July and Saturday 6th August.

Volunteers

The Swanage Railway is a volunteer led organisation with over 500 volunteers regularly working on the railway in a variety of roles. From driving and firing our heritage locomotives, to selling and inspecting tickets, to keeping our rolling stock, track and signalling system in tip top condition. Whatever your skill or interest, there is a role for you.

If you fancy putting your skills to good use or want to learn some new skills and make some new friends then call Mike Whitwam on 01929 475212 or email: volunteer@swanagerailwaytrust.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Purbeck Railway Circle

The Purbeck Railway Circle next meets on Friday 8th July 2016 for "The Patriot New Build Project" a talk by John Borrowdale. The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tea/coffee/biscuits and railway orientated raffle as usual. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

For other information regarding the meeting and/or the PRC please contact the PRC Chairman, email:- gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk

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Pick up a leaflet at stations or visit our website for more details.



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Swanage Disabled Club NEEDS YOU NOW!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help us by being able to drive our two Care Buses, on an occasional basis for meetings (on a Monday afternoon), outings and availability to local organisations.

We are also looking for extra Escorts to accompany our drivers. If you are interested, we would be very pleased to hear from you. All necessary training will be given. Suddenly our driver list has been curtailed - mainly due to various health problems.

For further information please contact Robert Payne, 01929 423729 our Transport Manager who will be pleased to explain any questions you may have.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you very soon. New members are always welcome to our meetings, please call for further information

Mrs. Daphne Saville Hon. Sec. 01929 425241

Swanage Fire & Rescue Station Update



Hi and welcome to my monthly report from Swanage Fire Station as part of a new Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Operationally we have been kept busy answering nineteen emergency fire calls; the incidents attended included the following:

• Five fires involving heathland.

- Three fires involving property. One of which involved a garage and required three crews and a specialist hazardous materials' officer to bring the incident to a safe conclusion.
- Two special service calls
- One vehicle fire
- Five false alarms
- Three stand-by moves to cover other areas of the county due to a large incident taking place.
- We have also responded to fourteen medical calls in and around the town backed up by our South West Ambulance colleges in a paramedic car or an ambulance.

For this month's safety message, I would like to remind our community about the need to ensure that you have working smoke alarms in your homes. You are more than twice as likely to die in a fire at home if you haven't got a working smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are the easiest way to alert you to the danger of fire, giving you precious time to escape. They are cheap, easy to get hold of, and simple to install.

How many alarms do you need?

The more alarms you have, the safer you will be. At minimum, you should have one on each floor of your home. You should always have one where you will hear it when you're asleep.

Maintaining your alarm

To keep your smoke alarms in good working order, you should:

Test them once a week, by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds. Change the batteries once a year (unless mains powered or fitted with a ten year battery).

Replace the whole unit every ten years.

Clean your smoke alarms every three months by using the soft brush of your vacuum cleaner to remove any excess dust.

For more information or to book a Safe and Well visit from our specialist safety teams go to www.dwfire.org.uk or to request a free 'Safe and Well' visit in Dorset, please call 0800 038 2323

Stay safe and don't forget to test your smoke alarms,

Phil Burridge, Station Commander

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Logiforce distribution teams deliver the Purbeck Gazette to you each month, literally dashing around thousands of homes and businesses over a few mad days, whatever the weather. 180 copies are delivered per hour by each individual distributor, no doubt keeping them very fit!

In the early days, we used local distributors, who got to know the roads and residents they delivered to. Sadly, over the years, fewer and fewer people applied for a delivery round, and as the regular staff retired or moved on, we had to source a new distribution company.

However, change can be a good thing - Logiforce use GPS tracking technology with all of their delivery staff and vans, enabling their team leaders to track the distribution each month. This has been a fantastic advantage for us, allowing us to ensure a good, even spread of the paper throughout our distribution area, and allowing us to revise the distribution round to include several areas, including some of the villages, for which we were unable to get distributors to deliver to for several years.

Our advertisers are happy as we are now able to prove where we have delivered the paper, something most other publications are unable to do. Those in more outlying areas who are now receiving the Gazette for the first time in a while are delighted at being brought 'back into the fold' and this should increase our advertising response rate too - more great news for our wonderful advertisers!

Obviously, as a private business, we receive no funding whatsoever to publish your news, views and opinions, nor to cover the cost of printing community editorial. No residents of Purbeck have 'a right' to have a copy delivered to their home - there are more households and businesses in our distribution area than there are copies printed, so our job (as clearly defined in our Terms and Conditions) is to ensure a good spread throughout the whole area for the benefit of our clients - the advertisers.

They pay to publish the paper every month (advertising is our only form of revenue), and we in turn ensure that the paper is distributed during the published time frame, to the areas specified. For those residents who don't get a copy through, to the areas the Gazette is readily available at the beginning of the month from local newsagents, pubs, garages and so on.

The full magazine is also available to read, in magazine format, online at www.purbeckgazette.com for free. It's uploaded to coincide with the door-to-door distribution each month.

For those residents who still want a guaranteed 'paper' delivery each month, we continue to offer our popular subscription service, costing only £34.80 for a full year's subscription. Call or purchase from our online shop.

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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

In the July 2006 edition, reader Vincent Cullen wrote in to complain that he had recently visited a prominent Swanage fish restaurant, where he was assured all the fish served was 'fresh'. He then watched as a member of staff removed a frozen fillet from the freezer, before rinsing it off and cooking it. When questioned, the staff member responded "When you asked if it was fresh, I thought you meant 'how long had it been in the fridge?'". Vincent pled with readers to ensure that labelling was correct in local restaurants.

After continued pressure from Purbeckians, Purbeck District Council reworded the hated yellow summertime road signs situated on the Wareham bypass from 'Welcome to the safe Purbecks' to 'Welcome to Purbeck'. Yes, here in 2016 there is still only ONE Isle of Purbeck – so it's singular, not plural!

Wareham Rotary Club said 'goodbye' to Immediate Past President, Richard Smith, and welcomed in new President, Peter Holloway, Assistant Postmaster of the Central Post Office in North Street.

The Herston Over 60s Club completed a local survey, asking for feedback on what it means to be retired. An overwhelming percentage of comments related specifically to money worries and many felt that retirement really had not been fulfilled, due to the lack of supportive information.

Six Air Cadets from 2185 (Wareham) ATC and one from the Swanage detached Flight successfully completed the Ten Tors Event. They had to navigate, without external assistance, a gruelling 35-mile route around Dartmoor, carrying all the food, water and equipment they'd need to survive. The team were trained by Mr Tim Rich, Mrs Debbie Jewers and Cadet Warrant Officer, Mark Sheldon.



Local plumber, Andy Hobbs (pictured above), spent a day away from the pipes and boilers with an American super-sportsman as he enjoyed a mountain bike masterclass with US World Champion, Shaums March, near Bristol. Andy won his masterclass at the AC Bike Park after winning an online competition. He also got to ride a new 'Marin Quake' full-suspension bike.

Work experience student, Becky Efford, encouraged readers to travel to Pamporovo in Bulgaria as she reviewed the ski resort, before she moved on to the La Thuile resort in France, where apparently the best hot chocolate could be found – accompanied by excellent skiing facilities, of course!

Gazette Towers was embroiled in a long-running argument in 2006 with Alan Leeson, then-Town Clerk for Swanage Town Council. Nico Johnson had previously written to Alan, passing on reader's complaints that STC continually published public notices in the Bournemouth Echo rather than in either of our local papers (including the Gazette) – despite the fact that it would be cheaper to take adverts in both local papers than to take one single advert in the Bournemouth Echo – a publication with a cover price, which was not free to local residents.

Alan decided not to respond to our letter on the subject, prompting Nico to publish in clear detail the description (and responsibilities) of Alan's job at the Town Hall in the July edition. Space was given over for the detailed reasons why a Town Clerk should 'improve media relations' and that 'press offices and the council leadership should have a regular and open dialogue with media'. She also listed what were considered (by the Local Government Association) to be failures.

These included: Failure to engage with the media and to ensure regular informal sessions are held with members and the local media. It was suggested by the LGA that 'on a day-to-day basis, the way individual officers treat journalists is crucial. Providing stories, returning phone calls and avoiding 'no comment' responses all contribute to an effective working relationship.'

Needless to say, Alan continued to be completely unwilling to communicate with local media or with parish residents through the press, and the relationship between Swanage Town Council and Gazette Towers remained extremely frosty, to say the least.

Carlotta Barrow published a poem in memory of Mary Spencer Watson of Dunshay Manor, Haycrafts Lane, entitled 'A Time for Remembering'. Mary passed away on March 7th 2006, aged 92. Mary was renowned for her sculpture, which includes the 'Purbeck Quarryman', who still stands guard over Langton Matravers churchyard.

Meanwhile, the Little Pumas (pictured below) celebrated two members having recently gained their black belts (both aged 5). Pictured are all students who passed a grading, with their new belts. We wonder where they all are now, a decade on!!





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The Great British Beach Clean!

The Marine Conservation Society is looking for volunteers to join them on the beaches!

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) wants to tackle the tide of litter washing up on our shores, and the charity says it cannot do it without public support. They urgently need volunteers to take part in the UK's biggest beach clean and litter survey, which takes place on the third weekend in September.

This year, the charity has the additional support of players of People's Postcode Lottery to help make the event a bigger success. In 2015, just over 6,000 volunteers cleaned 340 beaches, recording the largest amount of litter per kilometre – a staggering 3,298 pieces.

MCS Beachwatch Manager, Lauren Eyles says it's crucial we do something to tackle rising litter levels: "Over the last decade, we've recorded a huge hike in the amount of litter found on our beaches – up by over 65%. We need help - and anyone can simply volunteer to take part."

This year's MCS Great British Beach Clean takes place on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th of September, and will involve thousands of volunteers taking to the beaches all around the UK coast. They'll clean up and record the rubbish they find.

Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said, "It's really important for everyone to learn about the dangers of marine litter and I'm delighted that players of People's Postcode Lottery are supporting the Marine Conservation Society who are tackling this important cause. I would urge anyone who has the time to spare to take part in this beach clean."

Some of our best-loved marine wildlife is under threat from hazardous litter in our seas. Hundreds of species of marine wildlife accidentally eat, or become tangled up in litter - and it's also hazardous to people.

Find out more at www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch or telephone 01989 566017.



Swanage Youth & Community Centre SAVED For Local People!

Following the decision by DCC to withdraw funding for “open access” Youth Services and properties occupied by the Youth Service throughout Dorset, Swanage Town Council (STC) and Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust (SPDT) submitted an agreed, joint Business Case. It requested a transfer of the property and management of the “open access” Youth Service in Swanage.

The DCC Cabinet meeting, of 25 May, resolved to agree to the business case and negotiate the transfer of the freehold and the management to STC and SPDT. This successfully secures the building for the long term.

So what is the future for the Swanage Youth and Community Centre (YCC)? The proposal set out in the business case includes a Vision “to create a vibrant social hub at the heart of the Community”. The intention is to revitalise the YCC and open it up for wider Community use in addition to the Youth Service. This will include upgrading the building to attract more use by local organisations and generate an income flow to cover running costs. In turn this will allow greater use by local people.

Initial upgrading will be repair, decoration and equipping the building for a wider range of uses. For the future, proposals are being considered to extend the building forward to create a more attractive facade, visible

from the High Street.

Upgrading to safeguard the future for use by the Community does not come cheap. The Fund Raising Strategy will include: local sponsorship and donations, Crowdfunding and applications to National and Local Grant funders.

This support of the Swanage Community will be essential in making a success of this project. This support does not have to be financial. Raising awareness of the fund raising, telling friends, neighbours and contacts will be equally as important. The SPDT is also inviting ideas for uses for the building and is looking for local skills and expertise to assist in the upgrade and long term management of the facility and the “open access” Youth Service.

To underline its fresh start it is proposed to rename the building “the Centre”.

Bob Foster – Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

For more information and to track progress visit: <http://www.sandpdt.org.uk/>

Support The Centre!

I'm Ava Fernandez, 17, and a while back I arrived late to a round circle of plastic chairs in a hall. A Surfing machine at the back of the room and for some reason, an egg box full of kiwis placed next to it proved distracting. All of the Swanage celebrities you'd expect were there with furrowed brows as they chewed pens and discussed the future of the Swanage youth centre, which was in jeopardy of being taken away from the community as a space to use.

On the 4th of June I arrived late to the community space once again where a congregation of stalls, volunteers, organisations and many cakes came together to raise awareness of the project, bring the community together and develop better community use of the building.

A table scattered with old photos in the centre had a large group cooing as they pointed out their friends, a few bands played in the garden, games of 'hook the duck' and 'buried treasure' were under way and people exchanged contacts and ideas with the stall owners. Holding a large and expensive camera that wasn't mine meant I was asked a few times if I was taking photos for the Gazette - I told them I wasn't until I was asked to write this article. Fake it til you make it!

It seems as if the youth space just isn't being utilized like it used to be. In the meeting it was mentioned that the hall is used just a few hours a week. I talked to Mary Brennan who runs the Swanage and Wareham Air Cadets and who thinks social media and instant contact becoming more accessible for youngsters may be the reason they don't attend socials any more, when they can easily set up a groupchat on Facebook.

However, Mary says that Air Cadets is a good release of energy for many of her members, and maybe socials and clubs are still needed despite them seemingly becoming less popular.

When I was younger I attended brownies, guides, and jazz, all of which I wasn't very committed to turning up to, and keeping to the 'Guide Law'.

However now that I'm 17 and in college, I attend Explorers with my friend every Tuesday, because there's something quite appealing about being treated like you're 12 again when the world wants my age group to act 25.

Ava was asked to give a young person's view of the Fun Day event, held to raise awareness and get ideas to create The Centre. She wrote the above article.

Kim Gallagher, Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust.

Railway Volunteers Win £75,000 Grant



The historic return of steam trains running from Swanage and Corfe Castle to the main line at Wareham – for the first time since 1966 – is a step closer with dedicated volunteers overhauling a 1920s steam locomotive and winning a £75,000 Government grant.

The money from the Department for Transport will pay for main line safety and communication equipment to be installed on Southern Railway 'N' class 'Mogul' steam locomotive No. 31874 and also pay for the overhaul of a rake of five carriages to main line standards.

Members of the Swanage Railway Trust's Moguls group are halfway through a four-year £500,000 project to overhaul the 1925-built locomotive –

designed by Richard Maunsell for passenger and freight work – to main line standards. Withdrawn for scrap by British Railways in 1964, it is hoped that No. 31874 will haul its first passenger train since 1998 during late 2016 or early 2017 – and be ready for main line running to Wareham in late 2017 or early 2018.

Members of the Swanage Railway Trust's Swanage Moguls Fund won the prize money after pitching their proposal to judges in a 'Dragon's Den'-style event held in London as part of the Department of Transport's Heritage and Community Rail Tourism Innovation Competition.

Rail Minister Claire Perry announced the news in the House of Commons recently, saying: “We want to show the best of British to our visitors and heritage and community railways are part of that package. I am delighted that the Swanage Railway is one of seventeen national winners across Britain. I look forward to seeing the scheme develop, providing another great reason to visit Dorset,” she added.

The Department of Transport's £75,000 grant to the Swanage Railway Trust is being matched by the Trust to the tune of £25,000 worth of labour. No. 31874 was sent to the railway scrapyard in Barry, South Wales, during 1964 to be cut up. Luckily, the locomotive escaped the cutter's torch and was saved for preservation in 1974 – returning to the rails in Hampshire in 1977.

A two-year trial diesel train service linking Swanage and Corfe Castle with the main line at Wareham is due to begin in June, 2017, thanks to a £1.8 million grant from the Government's Coastal Communities Fund in 2014.

To help the Swanage Moguls Fund with its overhaul of Maunsell 'Mogul' No. 31874, visit www.swanagemoguls.com

Picture: N Class No.31874 & Robert Jones, by Andrew P.M.Wright.

It's Tudor Time!



Tudor Adventure at Corfe Castle, Saturday 9 July – Monday 29 August
Back by popular demand for 2016, step back in time to the late Tudor period 1572 - 1603 at Corfe Castle.

Discover life in Purbeck and the castle under the ownership of Sir Christopher Hatton in the Tudor Dynasty of Elizabeth I.

New for this year, we are looking deeper into the famous circumnavigation of Sir Francis Drake around the world, privately funded by Hatton, together with Elizabeth's Spymaster Sir Frances Walsingham, the Queen's favourite, Leicester, Earl of Lincoln - the Lord High Admiral of England, and Sir William Winter, the surveyor of the Navy.

The castle will be hosting a range of exciting interactive displays and presentations. Don't miss our interactive trail.

Photo by Zoe Minogue-Hughes.



Tudor adventure

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National Trust

£3300 Raised At Smedmore House



The Motor Neurone Disease Association were fortunate with the weather at the Open House and Gardens Day at Smedmore House on 8th May. Over 520 people came through the gate and enjoyed the wonderful gardens, stalls, teas and house tours, resulting in £3300 going to the East Dorset & New Forest branch of the MND.

A really big thank you to all the amazing people who worked so hard; the kitchen team, the MND stalls, those on gate and house tour duties,

transport, publicity, family and friends and the owner and staff from Smedmore House.

It was worth all the planning and hard work! This will help us to continue providing help and support for those in our area, living with MND, whilst not forgetting their families and carers.

Thank you to all who came along and enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon in Dorset. **Melanie Broomfield**

64 Years At The Helm Of The RNLI



RNLI lifeboat crew have shared their memories of meeting the Queen as Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations get into full swing. Since becoming the charity's Patron, sixty four years ago in 1952, Her Majesty has visited lifeboat stations throughout south England and met with a number of southern crew members. This includes crew from Plymouth, Falmouth, Swanage and St Peter Port lifeboat stations.

The RNLI have selected some of their favourite photographs and memories from when volunteers have met the Queen over the years to celebrate her 64 years of support for their volunteers.

Neil Hardy, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Swanage, met the Queen in December 2015 when she awarded him with his MBE for outstanding service to the RNLI. Neil said: 'On arriving at Windsor Castle, it was confirmed that the Queen would be presenting my MBE, which was the icing on top of the cake and made the whole event even more memorable. It's only natural that I was nervous before meeting her as it's quite a unique occasion in somewhat intimidating surroundings and I was trying to remember the instructions and correct procedure to follow. However, once I was stood in front of her, her manner was very relaxing. As Her Majesty presented my medal she noticed my RNLI tie and spoke to me about my role in the organisation. It was a very proud moment for me.'

June also saw the release of coastal fatality figures by the RNLI showing that thirty one people lost their lives around the south west coast last

year. The figures are released as the charity enters the third year of its national drowning prevention campaign, Respect the Water, which aims to halve accidental coastal deaths by 2024.

A surprising trend is that around half of the people who die at the coast each year never planned to enter the water. Of the thirty one deaths at the south west coast in 2015, over half (52%) were people who did not intend to get wet – people taking part in activities such as coastal walking, running, climbing or angling. In fact, coastal walking and running alone accounted for nearly a quarter (23%) of last year's coastal deaths in the region. The charity is asking people to visit RNLI.org/RespectTheWater where they will find information on how to stay safe.

As we enter the summer season the volunteers at Swanage RNLI are braced for their busiest time of the year. As well as an increasing number of call-outs over the summer months fundraising activities increase.

On 23 July RNLI Fundraising volunteers are hosting a Garden Party at the beautiful Puddledock Cottage, in Norden that was originally a quarryman's cottage. All are invited to attend between 12pm and 4pm for an entrance fee of £4 per person. There is plenty of free parking and dogs on leads are permitted. Preparations are well under way for Swanage Lifeboat Week that takes part from 12 to 21 August.

Photo Credit: RNLI/Evie Prescott

Purbeck School Supports Armed Forces



visited the school. The members of the band gave individual tuition to pupils and then rehearsed for a concert with the Army Wives Choral and the Male Choir of Bournemouth. In the evening a full concert was given at the school for members of the public.

The day was such an outstanding success, with lots of fun being had by all, that it will be repeated in December 2016.

The pupils also raised £61.30 with cake sales, £23 with a Mario Kart Competition, £179.67 with a Non-Uniform Day and an additional £53 with the raffle they held.

SSAFA supports past and present members of the armed forces and their families and the Dorset Branch may be reached by telephone on 01201 742934 or by email at ssafadorset@gmail.com.

Full details about the extensive work of SSAFA in Dorset and beyond may be found at www.ssafa.org.uk

Left to right in photo:-

Lt.Cdr.Robin Gainsford RN of SSAFA's Purbeck Division.

Lt.Col. Stewart Burman Rtd Garrison Staff Officer Bovington Army Camp.

Well done and very many thanks to Purbeck School, Wareham who have raised over £800 for the Dorset Branch of SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen Families Association) the oldest military charity in the country having being founded in 1885.

£550 of this impressive amount was collected when the Band of the Rifles

Kieren Stracey. Pupil.

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Out Of The Blue



Drones have been in the press recently and there is confusion surrounding their use (both personal and commercial) and the law.

Let's start with the definition: Drones come in all shapes and sizes so it is difficult to give one, all-encompassing definition. However, most of the pertinent legislation describes them as "unmanned surveillance aircraft".

The most common drones are small (less than 20kg), used commercially and recreationally.

Drones of this type must not be flown-

- Over or within 150 m of a congested area,
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- Within 50 m of a vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under your control,
- Within 50 m of a person.

If you want to fly your drone outside of these limits you must have permission from the Civil Aviation Authority, even if your activity is non-commercial.

This means they should not be flown within built-up areas.

Unmanned aircraft of more than 20kg are subject to UK Aviation regulations and are not allowed to fly in UK airspace without specific permission from the CAA, unless operated in a segregated airspace. Regardless of what the drone is being flown for, you **MUST** have sight

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of it at all times. The other issue with drones is privacy. This legislation is "evolving" but it is clear that filming people without their permission could find you breaching the Data Protection Act. The UK's Information Commissioner is currently reviewing this.

There is one question that I can answer simply though - **no, you can't shoot it out of the sky.** If you do see a drone you think may be suspicious, call the police.

To contact Dorset Police: 101 - Police Enquiry Centre

999 - EMERGENCY where there is a risk of harm or a crime is in progress.

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers (anonymous)

Remember if you See Anything Suspicious (SAS) call 999.

For the latest information on what Purbeck police are doing, follow our social media, Twitter - @PurbeckPolice and Facebook - facebook.com/Purbeck-Police, we value your support and comments.

Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Crapbook....

Local historian and author, Hugh Elmes, has penned yet another book - this one of a slightly different nature to his usual historical outputtings.

Hugh is a founding member and immediate past-Chairman of the Purbeck Independent Simpletons' Society (P.I.S.S.), who meet regularly at the Kings Arms in North Street, Wareham.

Hugh has put together a delightful scrapbook-style publication, documenting the activities of P.I.S.S. to date, along with a collection of Hugh's letters to varying bodies of authority on a variety of subjects. Also included are a wide selection of press clippings, illustrations and photographs, both historical and modern.

Since January 2010, a group of like-minded gentlemen over sixty have met at the Kings Arms pub once a month (under the watchful eye of Matron Julia) for lunch. Prior to the meal, a toast to departed members takes place, correspondence sent and received is read out (the club correspond with several other groups both in the UK, and abroad), any other business is discussed and the gents are allowed a 'water break' before sitting down to a good meal together.

Other groups who regularly correspond with the gents of P.I.S.S. are: 'Stoke's Humanitarian Independent Trust for Simpletons' (the S.H.I.T.S. - based in Stoke-on-Trent), the 'Friendly Order Of Liverpool Simpletons' (the F.O.O.L.S. - based in Liverpool), the 'Gothenburg Insensible Tipling Society' (the G.I.T.S. - based in Gothenburg, Sweden) and the Brotherhood of Retired Independent Simpleton Testers of Lavatories Society (the B.R.I.S.T.O.L.S. - from Bristol).

Having been present myself during correspondence time on the odd occasion when I was lucky enough to be invited to a meeting, I can confirm that the letters which wing their way back and forth each month are a most excellent source of much entertainment. I very fondly remember attending a Christmas meeting, where a new pantomime, expertly crafted by the chaps of 'F.O.O.L.S.', was read out, to much gaffing all round.

Hugh is sadly suffering from ill health now, and stepped down as Chairman of P.I.S.S. at the end of 2015. His 'Crapbook' contains a plethora of delightful information, clippings and pictures, as well as detailing the history of P.I.S.S., visits from affiliated groups (such as the S.H.I.T.S.) and information on current members. Tributes to past members include an ode to our very own Roger Brown, and a wonderful cartoon portraying Jeremy Archer, a popular club member who sadly passed in 2013.

Written in comic style, this delightful A4-sized book is like taking a peek into the personal scrap book of one with an intellectual wit, a love of his local area, and a winning way with words. Sure to be a hit with anyone with a sense of humour!

Available now (limited stock) for only £6.50 from Matron Julia of the King's Arms, North Street, Wareham. Grab your copy whilst stocks last!

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Alfonso passed the running of the business onto his four sons: Gerry, David, Ettore, and Giulio, continuing through Swanage's 'golden' tourist years. The decades passed and in 1986 Giulio's son, Ricky, took over the family business and is still there today. With the up and coming fourth generation, the family business is set to continue for many more years to come.

Ricky's vision, to create and specialise in authentic artisan Italian gelato, has resulted in what is today Fortes Gelateria. Having taken the techniques and recipes passed down through three generations from his grandfather Alfonso and using only the finest ingredients including locally sourced milk and cream and flavours direct from Italy, to create some of the best gelato. Part of this vision is in the process of manufacturing. All the gelato is handmade on the premises and exclusively sold from Fortes Gelateria. You simply won't find anything else quite like it outside of Italy.

Today, Ricky and his wife have over forty-five years' combined experience in the industry and are continuously developing and improving the product always working to create new and exciting flavours. Ricky's industry knowledge has been formally recognised by the National Ice Cream Alliance, the UK trade association for ice cream manufacturers and retailers, after being asked to judge in the National Ice Cream Competition at the annual Ice Cream Expo.



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Pictures: All Forte Family archive pictures. Opposite page: top - a young Giulio Forte overlooking Swanage Bay, 1940s. Below left - David Forte, popular local artist, early 1990s. Upper right: l-r - Alfonso Forte, Giulio Forte, Adelina Forte (mother), Ettore Forte, 1946. below left: Giulio Forte and Ettore Forte, 1950.



Above: Giulio Forte, Swanage, 1960



Above: Ricky Forte on the roof of what is now Harry Ramsdens, 1985



Above: Ricky Forte and friend Fabio working in Fortes, 1980s



Above: The fourth generation! Carlo Forte, 1995



Above: Alfonso Forte walking on Swanage seafront, 1950s



Above: l-r, Giulio Forte, Ettore Forte, Armando Rossi (returning Italian prisoner of war), Swanage seafront, 1950



Above: Fortes today - the Gelateria and Fortes Caffè Italia, situated under the Mowlem theatre in Swanage. Advert on page 50.



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The following pages introduce you to some of our local businesses and services, all hoping you'll make contact and take up some their offers or enquire about their services - they're here for YOU, so pop in, enjoy what's on offer and take your friends along too!

I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.

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We notice that there has been an increase in help needed for those who have been discharged from hospital and needing additional assistance in the home. Also, an increase in the number of people with the added problem of dementia.

This is proving that the work that our sister project, Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community, is attempting to provide is so badly needed in our area.

We would love to have some buddies that would visit those families who need a break while caring for someone with dementia. Extra training will be given.

As usual, a BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers – we have now completed over 420 tasks which equates to helping older people in our area at approximately two per week.

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Why Sixty Is The New Middle Age...

10 Ways To Determine If You're Getting Old

A scientific study released in January 2016 claims that what was once regarded as elderly should now be seen as middle-aged. The study suggests that because we're all living a lot longer, categorising someone as old when they turn 65 no longer makes sense, and that people in their 60s are middle-aged rather than elderly.

We thought this was quite interesting, so we decided to conduct our own study to find out how people felt about their age and their perceptions of getting old. We asked 2,000 people over the age of 40 a series of questions, and here is what we found:

-You're not considered old and past it until you have finished celebrating your 80th birthday

-93 per cent believe 'you are only as old as you feel'

-82 per cent admitted they feel younger than their actual age, by an average of 11 years

-61 per cent feel like old age is a long way off for them.

The cost of living longer

This all sounds great, but the trouble is that our perception of youth, and denial of old age can lead to poor financial decision-making. In fact, our research study showed that four in ten people admit they are putting off important decisions such as life insurance or pensions because they just don't feel old enough. The fact we are all living longer means we have to give even greater thought to how we manage our finances.

Why? Well, because we need to ensure we have enough money to survive retirement, and we also need to take into account the fact that our families may need support for longer. This could mean funding higher education

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What is your life expectancy?

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But if this is not for you, don't worry. There are other ways to determine if you're getting old:

1. You fall asleep watching TV or reading the paper
2. You become forgetful
3. You groan when getting up from a chair or out of bed
4. Choose clothes for comfort rather than style
5. You repeat yourself
6. You have no idea what is in the music charts
7. You insist 'things aren't as they used to be'
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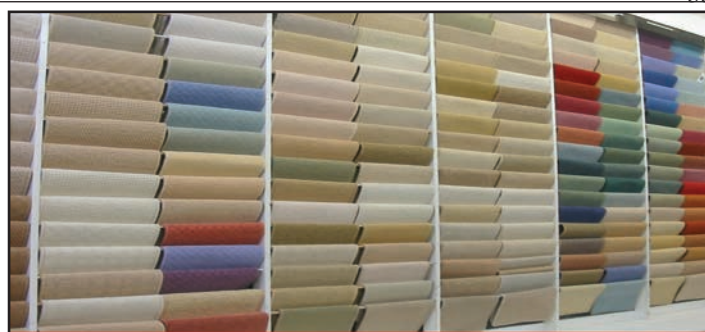
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Carers' week 6th to 12th June was celebrated on Wednesday 8th June when we held a carers' tea party. Tasty fancies and dainty sandwiches were enjoyed by all, with musical accompaniment by Andrew Cannon, Entertainer.

National Care Home Open Day - The big event held on Friday 17th June 2016.

We always enjoy this day each year. This year was no exception. Gainsborough Care Home celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday. We had fun and games in the morning which included a balloon launch with messages written by our residents attached to balloons and sent to the Queen by airmail! The residents watched as the balloons dispersed, waving their union jack flags and getting into the spirit of things to come. We enjoyed a very tasty BBQ and Swanage Jazz Machine joined us in the afternoon, followed by a wonderful afternoon tea with raffle.

Entertainment - we continue with our full programme of entertainment at Gainsborough Care Home and June was no exception. Entertainment included a film presentation by Roxy Cinema who came to the home, and a visit from "The Land Girls".

Forthcoming diary dates, not to be missed!

Friday 22nd July - we are holding our Garden Fete from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

Dave Arnold Musical Entertainer will be playing in the garden and we will be selling bric-a-brac, books and cakes. Afternoon tea and a raffle are also available.

Any funds raised will support our residents' amenities fund.



If you have some spare time, please come along and enjoy our afternoon.

Monday 1st August - Bovington Tank Museum, attending at 2pm for a presentation on the 1940s.

Tuesday 23rd August - Bovington Tank Museum, attending at 2pm for a presentation on the 1950/60s.

Our full programme of entertainment is displayed in reception.

Recruitment - we are still recruiting at Gainsborough Care Home. We require staff to join our friendly expanding team. If you are interested, please come in for an informal chat or you can also email your CV to gainsboroughmgr@agincare.com or call 01929 422500.

Volunteers - do you have an hour or two to spare any day? We are always looking for volunteers to assist at meal times or with our afternoon activities or even just to come in and read or have a conversation with our residents.

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Why not come and indulge in homemade cake and tea at 3pm, any afternoon?

Please ring 01929 422091 to let us know you are coming.



Buds Of Mave

The loss of a loved one, whether expected or not, is heart breaking, and family members all have different ways of coping and dealing with the arrangements that follow.



With compassion and integrity, I try to gently guide families when they are choosing tributes for their loved one. Some people know exactly what they want and with some families we look at maybe a wedding photo or other interest that their loved one had for inspiration.

This could be a favourite place, a flower, or the colours of their favourite football team.


I am more than happy to visit families in the comfort of their own home, or if they would prefer, they can come to me.



I work from home and I am happiest on a sunny day arranging flowers on my old ironing board in the garden, with my dog Buddy for company and bird song as background music. I find that this is very peaceful.

I hope that I can always give a personal touch and provide a heartfelt tribute that is fitting for that very special person at such a sensitive time.

I love to go to New Covent Garden Flower Market to see new flowers from all over the world; I also try and grow traditional, seasonal flowers in my garden. Whenever I get the opportunity, I like to visit Keukenhof



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The Final Farewell

Funerals are going through a change at present. More and more people are wanting to make their funerals as individual as they are themselves. Reflecting their personalities, working lives, hobbies or a combination.

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As well as individual hearses another, very important part of the funeral is the coffin.

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Another style growing in popularity are cardboard or composite wooden coffins, with photographic images around them (as shown in the photograph on the left, from a local funeral).

We have already used various floral images and bluebell woods, but have also used an image based on the famous Beatles "Abbey Road" crossing, horse racing, Liverpool Football Club and one that looked as if it was made from driftwood.

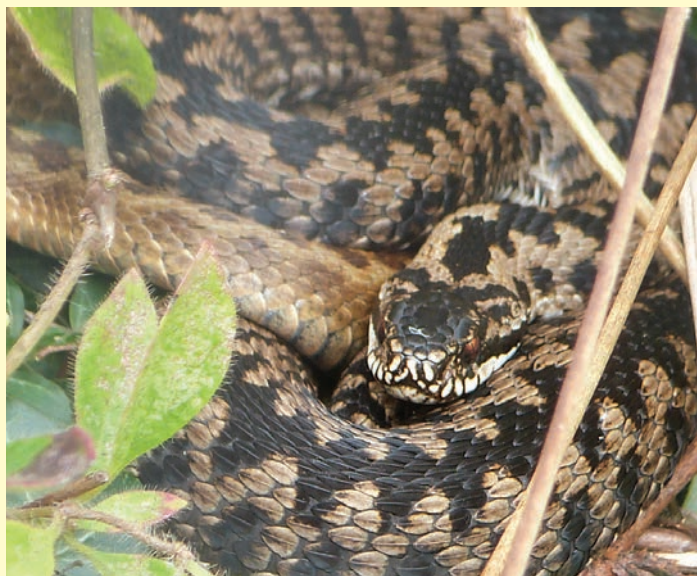
These are just a small example of what is available and it is even possible to use personal images provided by the family to design something really personal. This service also enables customers to design their own coffin in readiness, should the desire take them!

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CHILDREN'S RHYMETIME - PIRATE STYLE

11am - 12noon

Pirate Stories, Songs and Crafts

Hosted by Swanage Library **Location:** Swanage Pier - Free



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The possibilities are endless at Beach School; children might learn about the creatures and plants that inhabit our shoreline or how to light a fire and build a shelter. **Location:** Monkey Beach, meet at Swanage Pier gateway

Tickets available from Swanage Pier Shop 01929 425806 - £5 per child, min age 6 Limited spaces available

Children must wear sensible clothing, safe shoes and no swim wear please www.dorsetforestschoo.org



PIRATE MAGIC WITH KEVIN BURKE

12.30pm

The Ladder of Swords. A Princess, a Tower, a Wizard, and a Courageous Cabin Boy, all combined with a hefty dollop of genuine danger. A Classic Victorian Sideshow Stunt with a Pirate twist. What's not to like?

Location: Swanage Pier - Free



LIVE MUSIC WITH THE SWANAGE JAZZ MACHINE

From 3.00pm

Rob Mills plays tenor sax, Steve Dumble plays the double bass and Andrew Cannon plays piano and does some vocals. They sometimes add a guest Female vocalist as well. The jazz is 'mainstream to modern' and is sure to get your feet tapping! **Location:** Prince Albert Gardens, adjacent to Swanage Pier - Free

PIRATE DISCO WITH FANCY DRESS COMPETITION 6pm - 8.30pm

A'hooy there young pirates, come and join the party. Win a family ticket to the new Dorset Waterpark! BBQ and refreshments. **Location:** Prince Albert Gardens, adjacent to Swanage Pier - Free





THE TAP DANCING MERMAID

10am, 12noon & 2pm

Gather round for the Moon's magical story about a tippetty-top tap dancer who he has been watching at night. Stunning story-telling with puppetry and live music, this watery tale will spark the imaginations of everyone aged 3 to 103! Special 'meet-n-greet' with the puppets and performer after the show.

Location: Prince Albert Gardens, adjacent to Swanage Pier

Tickets available from Swanage Pier 01929 425806:

£3 per child, £5 adult, £12 family - Recommended age 3-10



**SATURDAY
30TH JULY**

WALK THE PLANK!

See Friday 29th **9.45am, 12 noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm,**
(Sailing times subject to change, duration 2 hours)

WAREHAM WHALERS 10.30 - 12.30

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PIRATE MAGIC WITH KEVIN BURKE

12.30pm See Friday 29th

Location: Swanage Pier

Free



EXTREME CELLO

12.30 - 1.00pm

Since 2003, the Extreme Cellists have taken musical performances to new heights, and depths, by giving performances in numerous extreme locations. This performance will take place as part of their latest challenge - 'Pier Pressure' - in which the group will play on all 57 surviving seaside piers in Great Britain in the space of two weeks in summer 2016. www.extremecello.com

Location: Swanage Pier - Free

PIRATE INVASION

1.30pm

Pirate Crews from around the country, led by The River Rogues, will descend on Swanage by land and sea to reclaim smuggled treasures from the shore. Expect live cannon fire, booming muskets and sword fighting as rival groups fight to claim their treasures! Supported by The Star Gun Company.

Location: Monkey Beach, adjacent to Swanage Pier - Free



CHARITY AUCTION

3.00pm

Come and bid on some treasures in aid of the Save Swanage Pier Appeal. Auction Lots include, cruises on the Waverley Steamer, experience days, watersports equipment and other unexpected treasures. For full list of pledges visit www.swanagepiertrust.com

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Location: Swanage Pier

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE GUVNORS

8.30 - 9.45pm

Location: Prince Albert Gardens - Free



SWANAGE CARNIVAL FIREWORKS

9.45pm

**SUNDAY
31st JULY**

KELP! SHANTY SINGERS 10 - 12pm

Swanage's premier shanty singing group, singing sea shanties as they want to sing them, having fun and raising money for good causes www.kelpshantymen.co.uk

Location: Swanage Pier - Free



PIRATE MAGIC WITH KEVIN BURKE 12.30pm

See Friday 29th

Location: Swanage Pier - Free



JAX PARROW

The UK's leading Jack Sparrow Impersonator will be causing mayhem all morning. More sword fighting and swashbuckling on the Pier ahead of the departure of *The Shtandart*.



THE SALTS

12.30 - 1.30pm

Twenty first century folk fires a respectful broadside at the traditional: Modern shanty band The Salts, play upbeat and modern takes on traditional shanties - think somewhere between Pogues and Mumford and Sons!

Location: Prince Albert Gardens, adjacent to Swanage Pier - Free

SWANAGE CARNIVAL PROCESSION 3pm Watch out for invading Pirates!!

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As I write this article, we are a fortnight away from the 'Brexit' vote, but by the time this article is published, the results will be known. I have, therefore, purposefully chosen to write an article this month about something which is unlikely to be subject to any changes whatever the result.

In basic terms, why do companies have rights issues and open offers and what is the difference between a rights issue and an open offer?

Rights issues and open offer basically give holders of shares of a particular company the option of subscribing for more shares usually at a discounted price (to make it attractive). The new shares will usually be allocated in a fixed proportion to the existing shares that the holder owns. The monies are often raised to help a company's expansion plans or to help reduce debt levels.

With a rights issue, when your shares are ex-rights, you are granted nil-paid shares and you have the option of making these into fully paid ordinary shares by paying the set rights price by the determined date. However, you can also sell these nil-paid rights shares in the market if you do not wish to take up the rights issue.

If you take no action, your rights lapse and you may get a lapsed rights payment. Whether the nil-paid rights have a value and whether you get a lapsed rights payment is subject to the share price of the ordinary shares being (among other factors) higher than rights subscription price. You can subscribe up to your maximum entitlement, but can mix and match what you do with the rights that you have been allocated.

With an open offer, when your shares are ex-offer, you simply have the choice to take up some or all of your entitlement or to take no action. If no action is taken, no monies are received.

There are two very important things to bear in mind with rights issues and open offers – firstly, they are 'dilutive' and therefore, unless you take up your full entitlement to new shares, you will in effect own a smaller proportion of the company than you did before.

In addition, it is likely that the dividend per share will fall as the same amount of earnings is essentially being shared amongst more shares. Secondly, I would suggest that you seek advice from your investment manager on any specific rights or open offers that affect you.

This information does not constitute advice or a personal recommendation or take into account the particular investment objectives, financial situations or needs of individuals. The value of investments may fall as well as rise and you may not receive back the amount you originally invested.

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'Legal highs' are now illegal

On 26 May 2016, a blanket ban on the sale of New Psychoactive Substances came into force, outlawing the trade in so-called 'legal highs'.

Also known as New Psychoactive Substances, they are capable of affecting a person's emotional or mental state mimicking the effects of drugs such as cocaine and ecstasy, but are structurally different enough to avoid being classed as class A, B, or C drugs.

One type are designed to make people feel overconfident and disinhibited but can induce feelings of anxiety, panic, confusion, paranoia, and even cause psychosis, which can lead to takers putting their own safety at risk. They can put a strain on the heart, nervous and immune systems. People may feel quite low for a while after they've stopped using them.

Another type are designed to be more sedative, reducing inhibitions and concentration but they slow down reactions and make people feel lethargic, forgetful or physically unsteady, placing them at risk of accidents.

They can cause unconsciousness, coma and death, particularly when mixed with alcohol and/or other 'downer' drugs. Some people feel very anxious when they stop taking them and may need medical attention.

The last type are hallucinogenic but can cause confusion and panic, making people behave erratically and putting their own safety at serious risk or self-harm. Feelings of mind and body separation can occur, interfering with judgement, putting people at risk of harm from acting carelessly or dangerously, particularly in unsafe environments.

What concerns experts too is that there has been little or no useful research into the short or long-term risks from human consumption. Psychoactive substances have widely different strengths and effects on different people. You can become addicted too.

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The new law makes it illegal to supply any so-called "legal highs" for human consumption. This includes selling them or giving them away for free (even to friends) when they are going to be taken for their psychoactive effects. Importing them from abroad will also be a crime.

Police, working in partnership with Trading Standards, will take action where they find people supplying them. Punishments range from a prohibition notice, which acts as a formal warning, to seven years in prison.

If you have information about the sale of New Psychoactive Substances or 'legal highs' please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.



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PCC Thanks Volunteers For Commitment To Dorset

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill is praising the work of volunteers within the OPCC and Dorset Police for their commitment, dedication and passion.

National Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration aiming to draw attention to the great work volunteers across the country do and took place in June. To mark the week, Dorset PCC, Martyn Underhill would like to warmly thank all those who have, in any capacity, given their time to help keep Dorset safe.

Thousands of hours are given a year and in 2015, the 139 Police Support Volunteers (PSVs) alone recorded 8,169 hours whilst the 180 Dorset special constables totalled 46,370 hours of recorded voluntary time. 17,025 hours were given in the first four months of 2016.

Dorset Police have long relied on the generosity of volunteers who are hugely beneficial to both the Force and the community.

With volunteers working in all manner of roles, including helping support the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), it is important they receive the recognition they deserve for their devotion and hard work.

Dorset Police have volunteers from all backgrounds and walks of life, skills and life experiences but they each enable police officers to focus on core policing duties to ensure Dorset has an effective police force.

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "Volunteers are the back bone of the Force and we owe a huge amount to their generosity. We have a wonderful network of people who selflessly donate their time to support Dorset Police and the OPCC. I would like to take this time to thank each and every person who has given their time to us."

If you'd like to volunteer with the OPCC or Dorset Police, send an email to vol@dorset.pnn.police.uk for more information.

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Important Inheritance Tax update – the new residential NIL rate band and what you need to know.

You may have read about the proposed introduction of an additional inheritance tax (IHT) nil rate band in respect of a married couple's home.

We now have some more concrete information on how this will work in practice from its introduction next April (it is being phased in over three years and will apply in full from 6th April 2020).

Potentially, if a married couple leave their estates outright to each other, then onto 'lineal descendants' on the second death and they own their own home, then they will be entitled to two additional 'residential nil rate bands' of up to £175,000 each, which in addition to their own nil rate band and transferable nil rate band totalling £650,000, will potentially give them £1m free of IHT.

The rules are overly complicated and it is inevitable that Executors wishing to take advantage of this new allowance will need to take professional advice. But what do you need to do now? Making sure your Wills are up to date is key. Keeping good records if you sell a property is also important.

It is possible in certain circumstances for Executors to claim this allowance even if the family home has been sold a number of years prior to the death.

Keeping a copy of any 'completion statement' with your Will would be helpful. There are particular points to take advice on if they are relevant to you.

Firstly, if you have left your estates to grandchildren and **specified any age of inheritance, you will need to review this with your solicitor.** Or, if you are a widow or widower and have already set up a nil rate band discretionary trust using a 'charge' over your home.

This will need to be reviewed, so that the full residential nil rate band can be used in respect of your property. And lastly, if you are lucky enough to be worth over £2m, then this new allowance is 'tapered' and eventually reduced to nil if you own over £2.2m. So careful planning is in order.

For more information on the nil rate band or to make sure your Will is up to date please contact Natalie Mason at Battens Solicitors, email Natalie.mason@battens.co.uk or phone 01305 752365.



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Highways and Byways

by David Hollister

In reply to an enquiry regarding a claim for damage to my windscreen caused by loose chippings, DCC Highways referred me to a claim form at http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/pdf/2/j/ThirdPartyClaimForm_1.pdf.

I downloaded it but wanted to speak to their legal department to get an overview of Council liability for damages, so I phoned 01305 221000 to speak to someone at Dorset County Council.

This must be a joke. A recorded message telling me that whatever I wanted I could find online. Apologies "we are very busy" and a twelve minute wait punctuated by constant references to 'www.dorsetforyou.com'. It's blindingly clear that they don't want to talk to anyone. Almost rivals HMRC! Too big to care. And this is the main phone line at the County Council which extracts huge amounts of Council Tax from us and provides our 'services' though few and small they be. And yes, I know that they're being starved of Central Government money but sorry, courtesy costs little.

Having got through and fully explained my query, I then sat on hold for a further five minutes to be told "I've spoken to the legal department and they say you need to speak to our insurance department". Quite why I couldn't speak to the legal department when that was who I'd asked to speak to, is unclear. After 22 minutes, the receptionist told me that the insurance people had told her they couldn't or wouldn't discuss this with me on the phone so I'd best write in. Which I will, and will let you know next month what I have learned.

The one question: will the DCC accept financial liability for damage to vehicles caused either as a direct result of the road surface chippings which they chose to lay, or as a direct result of their failure to maintain the roads in a safe and acceptable standard, i.e. potholes. Let's get it clear. In writing. Once and for all.

And for the record, the last time I wrote about this road being resurfaced with tar and chippings was in June 2014. Didn't last long, did it?

And now for something completely different. I hastily booked car parking for a week in May at Bournemouth Airport, printed out the voucher and thought no more of it. About a mile from the Airport I asked Tina to read out the instructions on how and where to park To discover that I'd inadvertently spent £36 for someone to meet me on arrival, take my car away, park it somewhere off-site, and return it when I got back. But it wasn't an established firm like APH (Gatwick), it was someone else with a website but no Company address on the paperwork..... Felt a bit uneasy.

Then as I walked into the terminal the phone rang with a 'withheld number' and a voice said "Hello I'm James I've come to collect your car" and something inside me asked if I really wanted to hand over a £17000 car and its keys to someone I didn't know on a phone number I couldn't trace, to be parked goodness-knows-where offsite, and maybe be there when we got back, and the answer came back "no". So it was another £39 at the main airport desk, and I parked it myself on site. That's taught me to always read the small print and never book anything online after half a bottle of wine.....

Although I've an antipathy towards French cars, I always ask for a Renault or a Citroen hire car in Spain, on the basis that they never give you what you want; over the years I've had most makes of car but never a Renault or Citroen..... This time it was a Kia Ceed CRDI 5-door diesel, a pretty little car which drove well, was quiet and comfortable, and which used hardly any fuel – £30 for a week's normal motoring over there! Plenty of luggage space, not too much traffic noise, and a reasonable sound system. You're waiting for a 'but' aren't you?

I'm afraid that there were two huge 'buts' which meant that by the end of the week I was delighted to be rid of it. Number one – the brilliant and informative onboard computer system display in the centre of the speedometer had a red display, and even when turned up to maximum brightness was completely unreadable in broad daylight. Rendering it

useless. Number two – the main issue – bleepers! When parked, as soon as I opened the door a loud alarm sounded to tell me the key was in the ignition. It seemed that when doing anything other than driving, when the key was in the ignition, it screamed at me. Now I'm not stupid, and if I leave the key in the ignition whilst – for example – loading suitcases or shopping, I don't need bleeping at.

I could find no way of turning the bleepers off and making the computer display readable in bright sunshine, and indeed, neither could I download a user guide or workshop manual online as I normally do with a hire car. They say that some seeds fall on stony ground and for me – this Ceed did!

But I'm convinced that the popular Kia range can't be judged by one car alone, so I'm trying to arrange to test-drive a Kia Sportage for you in the autumn, and I'm really looking forward to it. And if and when I pick it up, I'll go through all the controls at length with their sales manager. Including the bleeping bleepers!!

Later in the year I'm hoping to get my hands on the little Renault Zoe, all-electric, their version of the fabulous Nissan Leaf. And I've no doubt that it will totally remove my antipathy to les voitures Francaises.

In response to a query from a reader, I contacted Dorset Highways to ascertain exactly what notices and signs one may legally place on road verges. Answer was quite straightforward – none. BUT under Class 3D you may put up any notice not exceeding 0.5 of a square metre for such things as church fetes and bazaars, amateur sports events, etc as long as it's not for commercial purposes, and has been granted permission prior to erection by the land owner – which includes the Highway Authority if it's their land you want to erect your sign on.

It may well be that you feel that advertising boards – which cost approximately £3000 p.a. - on roundabouts are an effective way of putting your message across. It may well be that you feel that such boards present a dangerous distraction to motorists who should be concentrating on their driving. Or you may agree with me that the best place to advertise – by far – is your Purbeck Gazette, where around £3000 would buy you a half page advert every month for an entire year. And you can't put a roundabout on your coffee table!

The purpose of this piece is to warn you, dear reader, that unless it's within Class 3D and you've obtained prior permission from the land owner, you will be breaking the 'law' and your lovingly crafted notice or banner may well disappear and end up in the DCC yard in Dorchester. A charge will be levied for the removal/storage/illegal erection of the offending sign.

But take heart; so far, nobody has yet been prosecuted, and the Highways Department freely admit that the funding just isn't available to send people out to kidnap notices..... unless you're very unlucky.

Business as usual, then!

Full guidelines regarding roadside signage and advertising specifically in Dorset can be found here: file:///C:/Users/editor/Downloads/Unauthorised_Signs_Policy.pdf

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Farmers in Dorset are to have the chance to learn about the latest health and safety issues facing agriculture at this year's Dorset County Show. Rural insurance company Cornish Mutual will host a Health and Safety Conference on both days of the Show, to be held later in the year.

The conference, in support of the Farming Community Network, will provide a unique opportunity for those in the industry to gain a wealth of up-to-date information. There will be a range of presentations on key health and safety issues currently affecting the farming sector, with the opportunity to chat with the speakers.

Agriculture is still one of the most dangerous sectors to work in. Latest figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) revealed that 160 people have died in the past five years in the farming, forestry and fishing sectors with 33 fatalities confirmed in 2014/5.

Among the common causes of deaths are farmers being struck by moving vehicles, being fatally injured by animals; falling from heights or being caught in agricultural machinery.

Around four per cent of workers suffer an illness each year that they believe to be work related and a further four per cent sustain a work-related injury.

Alan Goddard, Managing Director of Cornish Mutual, said: "We have been driving a programme of practical and informative health and safety days across the South West for many years. This conference aims to offer a bite-size version of these popular events, giving people the choice of which sessions they would like to attend.

"The event is open to our Members and non-members and we look forward to sharing knowledge and experiences with those in the farming community."

Richard Cuzens, Dorset County Show Secretary, said he was delighted Cornish Mutual had chosen the Show to highlight farm safety.

"Farming remains one of the most dangerous professions in the country and it's great that our county farmers will receive the latest help, support and guidance."

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Easy Gooseberry Sponge Cake

By Regula
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Now we're well into summer, many of our home grown soft fruit are in full swing.

The days are long and the countryside around us is gloriously lush and green so it's only right and proper to have a picnic now and then, go swimming, pond dipping, camping or just enjoy a walkwith all this outdoorsy activity we need good, healthy food to keep us going.

Basically we NEED cake and what better way to have fruit and cake all at the same time than with a gooseberry sponge cake?! Actually this easy recipe works for all sorts of stewed fruit like apples, blackcurrants or plums –whichever fruit suits your taste.

Gooseberries are such a short, seasonal treat with their burst of green tanginess, their fresh, clean flavour gives slightly richer foods a real sharp and welcome zing.

Gooseberries are perhaps a bit old fashioned and not as popular as the superfood blueberries but just as flavoursome in their refreshing way. I try and have them ready stewed and cooled in the fridge....

However, the first batches don't even make it that far, as slightly stewed gooseberries cooled down, then stirred into thick yoghurt or crème fraîche make a fine breakfast! Or gently fold into whipped cream to make a gooseberry fool for pudding.

As the beautiful filigree elderflowers are still going strong and the hedges all over Purbeck are full of them I've also put some elderflower heads into the simmering gooseberries.

I take the elderflowers out with a slotted spoon when the gooseberries are done.

Stewed Gooseberries:

Top and tail 500gr./1 pound of sharp cooking gooseberries.

Tip them in a pan with 3 or 4 heaped tbsp of sugar and one or two of water, then bring to the boil.

Add elderflower heads and simmer for 10 minutes until the fruit has burst. Cool then chill.

Sponge cake mix:

125 gr sugar

½ packet butter (125gr.)

2 free range eggs

125gr self- raising flour

Cream sugar and butter together, add beaten eggs and fold in the flour bit by bit.

Ladle the stewed gooseberries into the lined cake tin, add sponge mix on top and bake at 180 C for about 30 minutes.

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My own take on Thai fish cakes are very popular, as are my mother's smoked haddock and leek.

We try to tempt you with something different each month. Our very own fish fingers continue to be in demand, made as they are from only the best quality fish.

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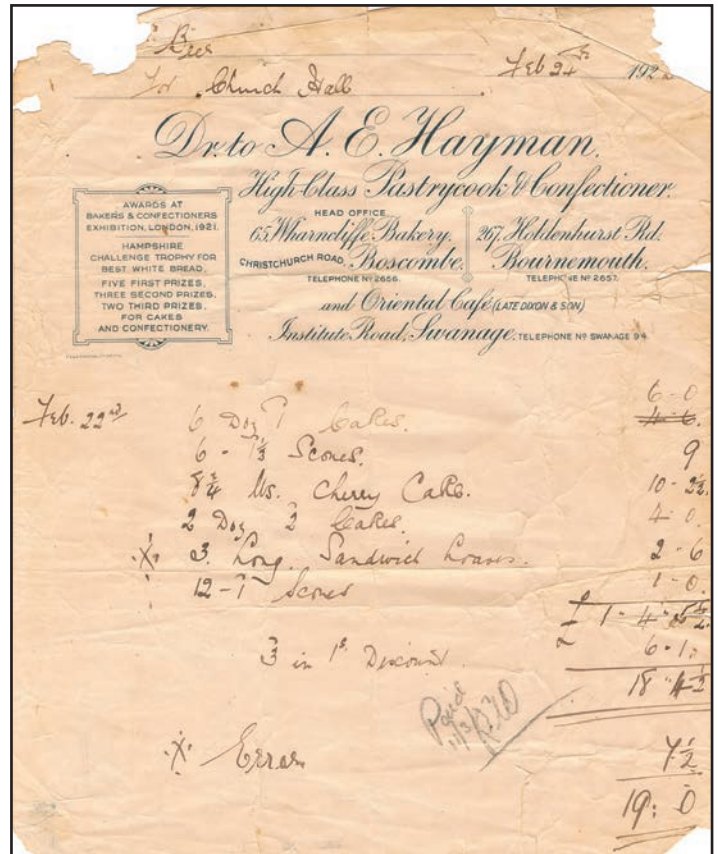
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To entertain you we are offering butchery and cooking demonstrations and talks by the producers. Or, of course, you could just wander through the Fayre sipping Pimms or tasting the local beer and cider!

We are now celebrating our sixth year and the Church Knowle Food Fayre has become a fixture in the gourmet calendar! It is thanks to our many wonderful stallholders, sponsors and supporters that we have gone from strength to strength and can continue raising money for local charities and village projects.

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Natural Matters

Cloudy Facts

by John Garner

This month's column is about clouds. Not the imaginary things in cyberspace that are designed to store all your computer stuff (a much harder notion for me to grasp), but the actual clouds we invariably see when we look up into the sky. When we do. Which is probably less often than we should.

When I say 'we', I mean me. You may well look up into the sky all the time and if you do, good on you. But I'm doing it more and more. As I have often been accused of having my head in the clouds, I've decided to see what that might actually be like, of which more later.

The science behind clouds is not all that complicated as even I have been able to establish a rudimentary notion of how they form and what they are. This is very useful as with a little understanding you start to see them in a whole different light. Here is what I've gleaned so far.

Clouds are miniscule droplets of water or ice that are so small they can float in the air. All air has water in it. Warm air can hold more water vapour than cold air and also rises. When it rises it cools and then releases its water vapour in the form of condensation. These form droplets around dust particles and when there are enough of these they will form a visible cloud. This cloud will continue to float as long as the air in the cloud is warmer than the air around the cloud. Warm air rises.

We are lucky enough to experience all sorts of clouds. We may not think we're lucky, but when you start to understand clouds (and I am only just beginning to start to understand clouds) they become quite fascinating. In his fantastic book 'The Cloudspotter's Guide' Gavin Pretor-Pinney describes all sorts of clouds and experiences with clouds. Let's shamelessly use his tome as a blueprint for this column. If I include you, I'm less likely to get sued I imagine.

At this time of year you should especially be looking out for Cumulonimbus. Clouds are categorised in many ways and are clustered into heights. That is, those that form up to 6,500 feet. These are your Stratus clouds. The above 6,500 feet to 18,000 feet are the Alto clouds and anything above that are the Cirrus variety. Cumulonimbus can cover all these heights and a good deal more. They are the thunder clouds and as such are the Don Corleone of the cloud world.

Should clouds ever form a union, they would look to the Cumulonimbus to represent them. You don't cross your Cumulonimbus. They are extraordinary things and have been seen once by a jettisoned pilot from the inside. At 47,000 feet his plane malfunctioned and he had to eject right into the top of a thundercloud. And he survived to tell the tale. This is what happened next.

Having managed to withstand the ejection process itself, he was pretty sure the decompression effects of the fall would kill him, but he managed to attach the supply of oxygen he needed to survive in the rarefied

atmosphere of being nine miles up in the troposphere. On entering the anvil part of the cloud the temperature plummeted and he quickly began to get frost bite in his extremities. He managed to pull the parachute rip cord, but it didn't open initially.

Eventually it did open, except this meant he was being hammered by the winds and freezing conditions. For some time the air was rising so fast that he appeared to be going back upwards. Then the thunder and lightning started. And then he was battered by icy hailstones. When he eventually did come out of the base of the cloud he was amazed to be alive. Unfortunately a rapid gust of wind flung him into a tree and nearly finished him off. But he lived to tell the story. The longest forty minutes of his or probably anyone's life.

From safely on the outside, the cumulonimbus can be almost as dramatic. As the cloud gathers moisture and forms vertically, the warm, humid air keeps the moisture suspended in the cloud as the warm air continues to rise. As it gets higher and higher it will eventually cool and the raindrops and hailstones will form and become heavy enough to fall.

This is often when the cloud has reached such a height that it seems to flatten out as the stability of the higher air acts like a ceiling. This is also the stage where all hell breaks loose! Thunder, lightning, hail and rain.

Lightning is formed by the rapid movement of water molecules in the cloud and the friction caused by them rubbing against each other. The smallest electrons fall down and are negative and are repelled by the positive electrons on the ground. Too great a disparity between the negative and positive electrons and this needs to be evened out.

A huge bolt of electricity between the cloud and the earth occurs and momentarily equates this electron imbalance. The thunder is the sound of the energy released by this electrical charge. Simple! Well not for me. And maybe it won't help you appreciate the clouds anyway as you run for cover as the science does its bit.

A shower from a cumulonimbus will be short and sharp. So maybe hole up and enjoy the show.

Although I doubt Lieutenant Colonel William Henry Rankin could have cared less as he emerged from the base of a cumulonimbus, astonished that he'd made it out at all.

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Our annual Companion Dog Show and Family Fun Day at our Church Knowle rescue centre is back on Sunday 7th August! Come along from 11am to join in all the fun including 17 dog show classes, stalls, a London bus, traction engine and have-a-go dog agility.

Entrance to the event is £3 for adults and £1.50 for children (aged 12 and under) with all proceeds going to the animal rescue centre. There will be a kids zone with a bouncy castle and the hugely popular dog dancing display will be back!

From pedigree classes to novelty classes such as 'waggiest tail' and 'best MGAR rescue' there really is something for every dog! Dogs that have been rehomed from Margaret Green, also have the chance to qualify for Buckham Fair on the day.

And there will be plenty to eat and drink, as we have organised a BBQ, filled rolls, pasties, ice-creams and, of course, our Pimms tent. The day also provides a final chance to buy your grand draw tickets with the winning tickets being drawn at the end of the day – your chance to go home with £500!

Every penny raised on the day will go directly back into caring for over 1,200 animals each year who have been rescued from abuse or neglect, have been abandoned or whose owners can no longer look after them.

Come along to Margaret Green Animal Rescue, Church Knowle, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5NQ. We look forward to seeing you!



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www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

DURLSTON

COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



Outdoor Theatre: 'MacByrd' with the Rude Mechanicals

We are delighted to be welcoming back the extraordinary Rude Mechanical Theatre Company on the 2nd July at 7.30pm. This year's show 'Macbyrd' features the Rudes' unique blend of music, slapstick comedy, magical storytelling, in a thriller in which all of the characters are birds!

If you haven't seen them before, this really is a show not to be missed and if you have, book early to avoid disappointment! As always you are welcome to bring drinks, picnics and low-backed chairs.

Tickets are on sale at the Castle, via our website or from the Rude Mechanical Theatre Company website (£15 adults, £8 children or £38 for a family ticket).

'In My Own Way' Exhibition by Heather Gibbons and Family

Many of you will be familiar with the work of popular Purbeck-based painter Heather Gibbons, but her new show 'In My Own Way', which runs from the 9th-31st July in the Fine Foundation Gallery will offer something really special.

The exhibition will commemorate 100 years of

Heather's family connection with Swanage and feature paintings not only by Heather, but also by her mother and grandmother, so will be a really personal take on Swanage history.

Dino Adventure Trail

Throughout the summer school holidays, kids and families will have the chance to explore Durlston's prehistoric past, with our Dinosaur Adventure Trail. Go on a journey through time and hunt for Durlston's dinosaurs to win a prize! Available every day for £3.

Summer Kids Events

There are lots more kids events taking place throughout the summer, including printmaking workshops, bug hunts, glass engraving, orienteering and lots more! For details, pick up an events guide, or visit www.durlston.co.uk

Durlston Bus

Once again we are really pleased to be running a shuttle bus service between Swanage Railway, the museum, the Pier and Durlston every day until the 24 September. Buses run roughly half-hourly, from 10am, with the last bus leaving Durlston at 4.50.p.m.

Help Turn Tide On Marine Wildlife Decline



Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has launched a new initiative to improve the protection of Dorset's marine wildlife, following concerns that in recent decades our seas have seen rapid and dramatic declines in marine habitats and wildlife.

DWT has created The Dorset Marine Conservation Fund to increase investment in marine conservation to help secure the future of our fabulous marine environment through establishing more protected areas, backed by marine survey work, awareness raising and installation of interactive displays and activities at our Fine Foundation Marine Centre in Kimmeridge Bay.

DWT's Living Seas Manager, Peter Tinsley, said, "Our marine conservation programme doesn't receive any external funding and badly needs additional support. Most of us recognise how important our coast and seas are for tourism, food and local recreation, but we still know very little about our waters as most of its treasures are hidden from view."

More than 80% of marine habitats and species in European waters have been reported as not in good environmental status. To try and reverse this decline and allow marine eco-systems to recover, a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) needs to be completed to include areas of the iconic Dorset coast, such as Studland Bay and Lyme Bay.

Peter continues, "Studland Bay is home to seahorses living in the seagrass, and is one of only two known nursery grounds for the endangered undulate ray. Part of Lyme Bay has a population of foraging white-beaked dolphins, and the area has been described as a 'mega fauna' hot spot, with important numbers of harbour porpoise, common dolphin, minke whale and basking shark. So far there are no areas of English waters protected for these magnificent creatures. MPA's would give some protection from damaging activities which are causing our ocean giants to struggle for survival."

DWT has worked hard to help establish the foundation of England's network of MPA's and to engage with the public, but now needs ongoing investment in marine conservation to ensure this work can continue.

To help the marine experts at Dorset Wildlife Trust reverse the decline of wildlife in Dorset's coastal waters, we are asking for donations to The Dorset Marine Conservation Fund. To donate, visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/dmcf, or phone 01305 264620.

Photos: Marine Survey © Peter Tinsley (left), Spiny seahorse © Emma Rance (below)





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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack

All a'buzz in Summer

Wildflower Meadow or Wildlife Meadow ... is there a difference? Encouraging wildlife into the garden has become very popular in the last few years with increased awareness of how gardens are an important refuge especially in an urban location.

To attract foraging insects into your garden you need to have a good supply of simple flowers that provide nectar and pollen over many months. A simple and very cheap method of achieving this is to allocate part of your garden to either sow a mix of nectar rich annuals or to create a wildflower area.

Both systems will create a real buzz and flutter but there are important differences.

Annual seed mixes



Annual seed mixes are a mix of both ornamental plants and more colourful native wildflowers.

Remove the turf, cultivate the ground and sow the seeds in spring and bingo! By summer, you have a feature which is very colourful and attractive to both gardeners and foraging insects alike.

We did this last year and it flowered from late June to December.

Wildflower meadows

This is a mix of native wildflowers and grasses which results in a more balanced environment for wildlife as not only does it benefit foraging insects but it will also attract many more invertebrates, butterflies and birds.

However, it takes longer to achieve but good results can be seen from about year three onwards.

The key to success is an impoverished soil that is low in fertility. This is opposite to most gardening, so the first two years you will be attempting to take nutrient out of the system so that the grasses grow less strongly and allow the wildflowers to come to the fore.



You achieve this by cropping the sward to about 10cms in late July or early August and removing the resulting hay.

At Holme we are employing both systems, so come along and have a look at and a listen to the buzzing insects for yourself this summer.

Swanage Garden Society

Saturday 20th July

SUMMER SHOW

A riot of colours from amateur gardeners

Herston Hall, Swanage
2.30pm All welcome!

Wildlife Champions Training Scheme Open For Entries

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) is pleased to announce that the 2016 Wildlife Champion training programme is now open for registration until 31st August 2016. The programme is aimed at anyone interested in wildlife, conservation and their local community.

Suitable for anyone over sixteen living in Dorset, this training scheme is aimed at all abilities. Each unit of the programme is accredited by AQA, with a certificate awarded on completion of the unit.

Units available are grouped into four areas: Wildlife gardener, practical conservationist, teaching and engagement and campaigner.

The Great Heath Team's Community Conservation Officer, Katie Wilkinson, is leading the scheme for DWT. She said, "The wildlife champions' programme is really flexible, so even people already in a full time job can achieve their goals.

The units are grouped into categories to give the champion some focus, or the units can be mixed depending on capabilities and interest. In previous years, wildlife champions have told us that they enjoy being with like-minded people on the course, developing a hobby and diversifying their CV. We are looking forward to welcoming the class of 2016!"

Units include butterfly identification, marine conservation, hedge-laying, leading a guided walk, managing volunteers, communicating through the media or planning and wildlife law. To become a fully accredited 'Wildlife Champion', six units will need to be completed.

It is hoped that once fully accredited, Wildlife Champions will work within their local community helping to manage local wildlife areas and enthuse others to care for wildlife in Dorset.

Training will take place in a variety of locations in Dorset, including DWT's HQ near Dorchester, and the Urban Wildlife Centre in Corfe Mullen, Poole. Assessment will include completion of tasks, and question worksheets. There are no exams.

It costs £60 to take part in the training scheme, which can be completed between September 2016 and June 2017.

If you are interested, you can register at: http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife_champions If you have any questions, contact Katie at kwilkinson@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or phone 01202 692033.

Pictured:

Wildlife Champion managing habitat © Katie Wilkinson

Wildlife Champions making bug hotels © Katie Wilkinson

The Purbeck Marine Wildlife Reserve and the Urban Wildlife Centre at Upton Heath Nature Reserve. DWT plays a key role in dealing with local environmental issues and leads the way in establishing the practices of sustainable development and engaging new audiences in conservation, particularly in the urban areas.



Bumper Year For Durlston Dolphin Watchers!

Visitors to the Bournemouth, Poole and Purbeck Coast and residents on and off the water have been sharing their experiences with dolphins through the media and with marine conservation bodies. April, as often is the case, was good for Dolphin sightings with ten days having reports even three days in a row. However, did you know that a dedicated team of volunteers have been looking out for dolphins off Dorset County Council's Durlston Country Park for twenty eight years?

In 1988 Durlston Dolphin Watch was established with volunteers monitoring from the Coast Path between Durlston Head and Anvil Point. From this vantage point bottlenose dolphins can be observed up to one mile out at sea and, on occasions, even be heard breathing! Volunteers record numbers, size, markings, travelling direction, behaviour and formation.

Up to twenty five regular Dolphin Watchers giving thirty hours per week of dolphin observation have built up a vital data set. Reports also come in from the public as well as The National Coast Watch Institute keepers at Peveril Point, St. Albans Head and Portland Bill, allowing the Rangers to send a text alert giving recipients up to an hour's notice to get to Swanage or Durlston for possible Dolphin sightings.

A clear photograph of a dorsal fins offers the chance to identify individual dolphins, including a pod known as Benty, Nick, Spot, Bob and Lumpy.

At Durlston we are keen to receive sighting details via face book, e-mail or via the Durlston website, where you can learn of recent and past sighting; find out how to volunteer; or subscribe for Durlston Dolphin Text Alerts.

Our partners at Dorset Wildlife Trust are also seeking recent photographs



and film of Dorset dolphins.

Countryside Ranger Paul Jones said "Our band of dedicated volunteers regularly catch sight of passing dolphins but so have many visitors, including school groups and wedding parties! Reports from the public are vital to help protect these amazing creatures and ensure they continue to visit our coast"

We are always on the look-out for more volunteers for data input and analysis as well as monitoring.

When asked what has kept her Dolphin watching for twenty one years Judith Lodge replied "It is a bonus if we see dolphins as it is still a nice, peaceful way to spend an hour watching birds and boats."

Illegal Sale Of Rare Bird Eggs Puts Restaurants At Risk



The eggs of a rare bird called a Mediterranean Gull have been illegally stolen in Poole Harbour to be sold to top restaurants for consumption, despite the practice being highly illegal and with no knowledge as to whether the eggs are safe to eat.

The discovery was made when a local charity called 'Birds of Poole Harbour' was carrying out a survey in early May on the non-accessible 'Gull Islands' in Poole Harbour, a historic breeding ground for the much commoner Black-headed Gull.

The rare Mediterranean Gull, a relatively new coloniser to the islands is a schedule 1 species, meaning it has the highest level of protection under the wildlife and countryside act, making it highly illegal to interfere with their nests or eggs.

During the survey it became clear, due to the vast number of human footprints and high quantity of empty nests, that the islands, which have historically held up to 9000 pairs of Black-headed Gull and more recently up to 100 pairs of Mediterranean Gull, had been falling victim to eggging, a practice that sees Black-headed Gull eggs taken for market to sell to top UK restaurants.

Paul Morton from the Birds of Poole Harbour charity stated:

"The issue is that both Black-headed Gulls and Mediterranean Gulls look very similar, and their eggs even more so. So when an illegal egger goes out to the islands in the dead of night to harvest the eggs, the nests of the two species are so tightly packed next to one another other that there is absolutely no way of knowing which eggs are being swiped. Also, restaurants will have no idea that they may be selling the eggs of a schedule 1 species, putting them at risk of prosecution"

Black-headed Gull eggs are legally collected under tightly controlled licenses from Natural England at restricted locations around Britain, however there is strictly no eggging permitted in Poole Harbour of any sorts.

The eggs that are legally taken by licensed collectors end up in some of the country's top restaurants, but with only eighteen people in the south of Britain licensed to collect Black-headed Gull eggs, it seems the profession is slowly petering out, therefore creating a potential black market for this product.

Paul Morton added: "There are several causes for alarm here. Firstly, there is absolutely no licensed eggging in Poole Harbour, meaning it's highly illegal to take either Black-headed Gull or Mediterranean Gull eggs from the islands."

"Secondly, although the selling and eating of Black-headed Gull eggs is well known, there has been zero testing done on Mediterranean Gull eggs from here in the UK to see whether they're safe for human consumption.

Not only that, but if eating establishments are selling eggs labelled as one thing but they're actually something else, I assume they could be in breach of several trade and standards laws, just look at the whole horse meat scandal."

Paul concluded "My advice to any restaurant currently selling gull eggs is to ask their supplier if they're 100% sure of the origin of their eggs and secondly, be very very sure you have no Mediterranean Gull eggs in your possession as this could lead to legal proceedings"

It's currently not known where the eggs from 'Gull Islands' are being sold but the police have been informed to help get investigations underway.

Birds of Poole Harbour is a registered charity – Number 1152615

Set up in 2013 to help promote and educate the public on bird conservation, preservation and monitoring topics within the Poole Harbour area

Birds of Poole Harbour looks to work with local partners to help achieve its educational and practical conservation objectives

There are currently six species of gull that breed within the Poole Harbour area. Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Herring Gull, Black-headed Gull and Mediterranean Gull.

Out of the six species, Mediterranean Gull is the only Schedule 1 species meaning it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb at, on or near an active nest.

Contact – Paul Morton
Tel – 07711370386 or 01202 641003

Website – www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk

Pictures:

Top, Mediterranean Gull, right, empty nest with no eggs.



Arts & Entertainment

27th Swanage Jazz Festival

8-10 July



Fifty-plus bands plus our beautiful town and scenery attract a national audience and make Swanage Jazz Festival one of the leading events in the jazz calendar.

The Festival gives music lovers in Purbeck and south Dorset the chance to hear the quality of jazz that they could hear in the best clubs

throughout the country.

There are four ticketed venues close together in the centre of town: two marquees on Sandpit Field overlooking the bay, the Methodist Church and the Conservative Club's function room.

We present a selection of the best of jazz played today: from New Orleans revivalism to swing and contemporary jazz-rock, it's all there! We mix established stars and many of the most exciting young bands on the jazz scene.

There are lots of free events in pubs - the Red Lion, the White Swan, the Crows Nest and the Black Swan - and open-air concerts by youth bands and busking bands throughout the weekend.

Saturday morning sees a brass band parade on the sea front, featuring Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band, and there's a jazz service of gospel music on Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

The Festival begins on Friday afternoon at Swanage station, with a steam train trip to Harman's Cross, followed by a jazz dance with a leading traditional jazz band, at the Village Hall.

Full information and tickets for the Festival and the steam train/jazz dance, are available from the ticket office (01929 422215) and the web site www.swanage.org

27th SWANAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL
8th-10th July 2016

The Festival gives music lovers in Purbeck 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 18 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**

10 Steps To Improving Your Photography...



With the Swanage Photographic Society

This time we'll look at Shutter Speed and how it is used to control the light reaching the sensor and, how it can be used to make creative images.

Step 1 Cont'd. Master Your Camera Settings

What Shutter Speed should I use?

We have discussed the use of ISO and Aperture as a means to controlling light in the camera leading to a correct exposure. The third part that makes up the exposure triangle is the shutter speed.

The shutter is an assembly inside the camera body or sometimes the lens. The shutter type varies for different makes of camera and can be a solid component or a fabric. Its job is to prevent light that has passed through the aperture getting to the sensor. The button we press to take an image is generally called the 'shutter button'. When we press the shutter button it flips the shutter open or slides out of the way, permitting light through. At a set aperture, the time that the shutter is open determines how much light can pass onto the sensor. Shutter speeds typically range from 1/2000th of a second to 'B' or bulb which permits the shutter to remain open for as long as we wish.

Some modern cameras and camera phones have an electronic shutter instead of a physical one but its purpose is the same.

Fast shutter speed - A fast shutter speed such as 1/1000th of a second is extremely fast and only permits a flash of light to hit the sensor. An example of its use would be photographing birds in flight.

Slow shutter speed - A slow shutter speed such as 1/60th of a second is in photography terms relatively slow and will therefore allow a large amount of light to hit the sensor. An example would be landscape photography.

Long shutter speed - This is often measured from 1/8th a second to full seconds and is most often used for long exposure photography such as at night or in low light conditions.

The shutter speed will also help you be creative with your photography. Assume that we set an ISO & aperture and do not wish to alter them. Then for example when someone is riding a bicycle you want to freeze the action so that the person's image is sharp and clear. A slow shutter speed such as 1/60th of a second might not freeze the action of the cyclist and this may produce a blurred image. A fast shutter speed of 1/1000th of a second will freeze the movement thereby giving you a sharp image.

Another example would be capturing an image of street decorations at night. A fast shutter speed will limit the amount of light hitting the sensor which will give you a dark image. A solution would be to slow the shutter speed down and permit more of the available light to hit the sensor giving a correctly exposed image.

The shutter speed is an extremely useful tool because you can freeze action, create blur, provide long exposures for night or dimly lit locations or even make your subject stand out from a blurred background.

Homework

Position your camera so you can safely photograph vehicles moving across your field of view.

Set your camera to shutter priority with a shutter speed of 1/1000th of a second. Reduce your shutter speed progressively from 1/1000th of a second down to '1' second. You should observe that at 1/1000th of a second your subject is sharp and clear whereas at '1' second the subject is completely blurred.

Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition

The Dorset Arts & Crafts Association will be holding its Annual Exhibition at the Purbeck School in Wareham from Friday 5th July to Tuesday 9th August 2016.

The exhibition features art, craft and photography produced by the creative and talented people of Dorset.

In addition to the main exhibitions there are art and craft demonstrations, workshops for children and a wide range of craft stalls. This year's Guest Exhibition will feature glass by Dorset makers.

Last year the exhibition attracted approximately 3,000 visitors. The Association has a long history, founded at the time of the Arts & Crafts Movement, their first exhibition was held in 1907.

The Dorset Association is now the only Association of its type remaining in the country. It is run by volunteers and aims to promote craft in Dorset.

If you would like to participate, either by entering a piece of your work or helping stewarding during the exhibition, further details can be found at www.dorsetartsandcrafts.org

There is disabled access to every part of the Exhibition, free parking and an excellent cafeteria.



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The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband



Coming to the Mowlem this month, the excellent Dramatic Productions, an associate theatre company at Poole Lighthouse, take a highly satisfying journey through darkly comic territory with a well-tuned three-hander, 'The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband'.

Set in the in the era of rock 'n' roll, this award winning black comedy looks at the revenge wreaked on a husband by his wronged wife when he deserts her for a younger model.

It's about Kenneth, a chauvinist with a weakness for fatty foods and skinny women. In the midst of a mid-life crisis he trades in Hilary, his plump and stoic wife of many years for the younger, prettier, slimmer (and more culinary-challenged) Laura.

However, he quickly regrets his rash decision and finds himself torn between the delights of Laura's bedroom and Hilary's kitchen. Needless to say Kenneth discovers he can't have his cake and eat it.

The director, Tracy Jane Murrey has this to say: "The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband is play about appetites or, more correctly, hungry people. The truth of the piece is that it has a lot to say about human

Dramatic Productions present

The Woman who Cooked her Husband

by Debbie Isitt

The Mowlem, Swanage
Friday 15th July 7.30pm
Saturday 16th July 2.00pm

Box Office: **01929 422239**
www.mowlemtheatre.co.uk
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"Dramatic Productions really bring my characters to life with energy, wit, truth and verve! It's a feast of fun and emotion - they're amazing"
Debbie Isitt

www.dramaticproductions.co.uk

weaknesses, loyalty and selfishness as well as being a thoroughly enjoyable, laugh out loud experience".

If the glowing reviews of this production are anything to go by it makes for an unmissable night's entertainment.

The author and original director of the play, Debbie Isitt (writer and director of the hugely successful 'Nativity' film trilogy amongst many others), also has nothing but praise for the show - "Dramatic Productions really bring my characters to life with energy, wit, truth and verve! It's a feast of fun and emotion - they're amazing."

Ensure you get your tickets now!

Pictured are actors Julia Savill as Hilary (the older actress) Russell Biles as Kenneth and Celia Muir as Laura. The inset is Tracy Jane Murrey the director.

Social Club Opens Doors To Visitors

On holiday in Swanage? Why not call in to see what we can do for you?

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Apart from traditional club food, there are Steak Nights and Traditional Sunday Roasts as well. Booking is advisable to avoid disappointment. Feel free to come and have a look or phone for more information. You might consider temporary membership of up to two weeks for only £3 a person or £5 per couple. Members' children and grandchildren get free entry to our club if accompanied by the member.

If you're planning to stick around a bit longer or you're a 'Local', you might like to join the golf society, poker league or one of our darts, pool, shove, football or snooker teams.

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Wareham Art Club



25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Wareham Art Club is a friendly group of people of all ages and abilities who enjoy painting and drawing.

We meet in Wareham Parish Hall most Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings throughout the year to socialise and to produce our own work; to learn from demonstrations

by visiting artists once a month, and to present exhibitions several times a year.

The first meeting of the Club was held in September 1991, and the late Pam Hayes, the founder of the Club, said at the time that "the accent is on people getting together and enjoying art and painting."

This is our ethos, and we continue to strive to fulfil Pam's wish to be a truly creative organisation, to develop hidden talents, and to have fun!

This year - 2016 - is our 25th Anniversary, and to celebrate this event we have devised a project to be unveiled at our Summer Exhibition on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July in Wareham Town Hall.

We will have a display of small paintings in identical frames and for sale at the same price of £25, which will show the diversity of work and individuality of style of our members.

Wareham Art Club would like to invite you to come and view our Exhibition and Anniversary Project in July, and then afterwards we will be exhibiting our paintings at the Orchard Café at Holme for Gardens near Wareham from Tuesday 2 August until Monday 12 September.

If you are interested in joining us, just pop along to one of our workshops or demonstration evenings, or visit our website www.warehamartclub.org.uk and we will be delighted to welcome you.

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THE MOWLEM

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Noel Coward's Hay Fever

Friday 1st July - 7.30pm

After the great success of the professional Wessex Actors Company's production of 'Canterbury Tales' at various Dorset venues in 2015, they're pleased to announce this year's production of Hay Fever.

The Woman who Cooked her Husband

Friday 15th July - 7.30pm

Saturday 16th July - 2.00pm

Debbie Isitt's original take on the love triangle scenario devilishly blends black humour with seasoning and a little dash of sauce.

Simon and Garfunkel Through the Years

Friday 22nd July 7.30pm

'Simon and Garfunkel Through the Years' is the World's most authentic sounding theatre show of its kind. With moving and powerful live performances and multimedia, the show takes a chronological journey through the music and behind the scenes of the greatest ever folk-rock duo.

Joe Pasquale

Thursday 4th August - 7.30pm

Yes, it's that time of year again, Joe Pasquale is back! Crowned 2004's King Of The Jungle on ITV's I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here, the ever popular helium-voiced entertainer has been dubbed 'the busiest man in showbiz'.

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Purbeck Valley Folk!



Folk music, family fun and a special location make the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival - don't miss out on tickets for this August's Purbeck Valley Folk Festival - Dorset's greatest small festival!

Over 70 folk, roots and world music acts - including festival favourites The Proclaimers - have been confirmed for this unique event on the Jurassic Coast. Tickets are selling quickly for the festival's annual summer outing, which takes place in the beautiful Purbeck Hills, from Friday to Sunday, 25-28 August.

Further major headliners include BBC Folk Award winning folk supergroup Eliza Carthy & the Wayward Band and the brilliant Ivor-Novello award-winning Villagers at the August Bank Holiday event, which is fast becoming one of the UK's top family-friendly music festivals. But it's not all about the music, as there's so much more to explore amidst the green tumbling hillside between Corfe Castle and Swanage.

Festival organiser Catherine Burke says: "We're really lucky having a festival in such a beautiful part of the world. This farm site in particular has great views across the Purbeck Hills and right down on to Corfe Castle. So many festivals just look the same as each other these days, but Purbeck is different - our main stages are in barns giving it a rustic and very intimate edge ...and we don't have to ship our hay bales in!" Catherine adds: "Where else are you going to get to see The Proclaimers on a stage, in a barn, with hay bales and loads of good real ale and cider?! All down to earth without too much glitz."

Festival-goers are spoilt for choice with all manner of colourful, quirky festival fun including kids' activities, poetry, storytelling, music and craft workshops, singing/tune sessions, a space-hopper obstacle course and the ever-popular beard competition. Striving to be more than just another music festival, the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival is an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

Grown-ups can also enjoy activities for the mind, body and soul. All workshops have a really friendly atmosphere and vibe, where you'll find yourself learning unexpected new skills ranging from singing, dancing, juggling, unicycle riding, bubble workshops, maypole dancing, clay workshops to tutu making! If you still can't decide between the great music and activities on offer, then there's a lovely little cinema area that's perfect for the kids during the daytime and with films for the grown-ups later on in the evening. In case you just need to sit down and chill for a bit.

Weekend tickets (Fri-Sun) include free camping and are on sale now at £110 (youth £55, child £30). Day tickets from £50

For further information, visit purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk

Summer Concert

Following their very successful Summer Concert last year at The Barn at Tyneham, Wareham Choral Society have chosen another stunning venue for their Summer Concert this year. This will be at Rollington Barn, Studland Road, Corfe Castle, and will take place at 7.30pm on the evening of Saturday July 9th.

Under the baton of our Musical Director, Nigel Groome, the Choir will be giving a varied and enjoyable programme of Shakespeare songs, music and poetry. We also welcome a lutenist, Katarzyna Milek and an award winning young tenor, Daniel Bell, who will perform songs of the Elizabethan era. The program ends with excerpts from 'West Side Story', a musical inspired by Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'.

Refreshments will be available during the interval. There is plenty of parking at Rollington Barn and disabled access will be facilitated. Rollington Barn has recently been upgraded and is becoming a popular wedding venue.

Tickets (£12.50 each) will be available from Joys Outfitters in Wareham or, by telephone on 01929459319 or, at the door on the night.(170)



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Summer Concert

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Music Director: Nigel Groome




Rollington Barn

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Saturday July 9th 7:30pm

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of Rollington Barn, nestling in the Purbeck hills, as we celebrate Shakespeare in song, including a *West Side Story* medley, and featuring lutenist Katarzyna Milek with award-winning young tenor Daniel Bell



Refreshments available

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WAREHAM WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!!

Welcome to our 6th year of Wareham Wednesday's fundraising...

Once again I am very excited to be Chairman of Wareham Wednesdays and to be part of the fantastic team that brings you these fabulous events on Wednesday evenings. I am particularly excited to tell you about our 2016 summer entertainments.

Over the previous year we've learnt a lot and have had some great guidance from the local authorities to help us provide the people of Wareham with great entertainment whilst always making the events safe and family friendly. Our amazing committee of volunteers spend endless hours organising, advertising, talking, calling, running around, designing, emailing and the list goes on..... But without these absolutely amazing people, these events just wouldn't happen!!! Therefore I would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to you all. Keep up the good work.

This year we are raising the bar by bringing on board a company called 'Basement Hire' who will be providing us with the next level of Sound and Lighting to make the WW events even more of an amazing experience..... I don't want to give much away, but watch out, this year is going to be spectacular!!!

To continue the WW events we still need your support to enable us to raise money to give back to the local community. This was of course the whole reason for starting these events in the first place. So please make the effort to join us throughout the summer events.

Our first 2016 event is helping out with the MS Family Day which takes place at Wareham Quay on Saturday 23rd July - where we will be continuing the daytime events on into the evening with music from 'The Fab Beatles' - The Number 1 Beatles Tribute Band and 'Where's Clive' - Wareham's own popular band. And the usual gang serving you food and

beers during the evening until our first firework display of the season.

Then our first WW evening crashes off on Wednesday 27th July with a Street Festival and the RNLI Duck Race, with music from the 'All Night Workers', an eight-piece top London Soul Band. This is followed by a performance by 'The Newbeats', a local 60s covers band. Then, as always, we'll finish the evening with a spectacular firework display.

The following week (Wednesday 3rd August) is our favourite night with 'Navi', our own very special Michael Jackson tribute band. Also on this evening is our first Children's Dancing Competition.

I would like to thank all our sponsors again this year for advertising in our official WW programme.

Also thanks to everyone who have already spent endless hours organising the superb events that we have lined up. Local sponsorship is also very welcome and goes a long way in helping some of the charities we support. So, if you have a local business and would like to get on-board, then we would very much like to talk to you!

We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist us with the events. So if you are a local with a few hours to spare on a Wednesday evening, we would very much appreciate your help and you too, could become one of the legendary 'Yellow Coats'!

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

Thanks again for all your support - we look forward to seeing you all for another fantastic summer of fun!

Dave Burgess (Chairman).



WAREHAM WEDNESDAYS **SUMMER 2016**

All events include the Firework Display / Stalls
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SATURDAY 23 JULY
Multiple Sclerosis Fundraising Night
The Fab Beatles - The No1 Beatles Tribute
Where's Clive - Wareham's own popular band

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY
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All Night Workers - 8 piece top London Soul Band
The Newbeats - Local 60's covers band

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST
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WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST
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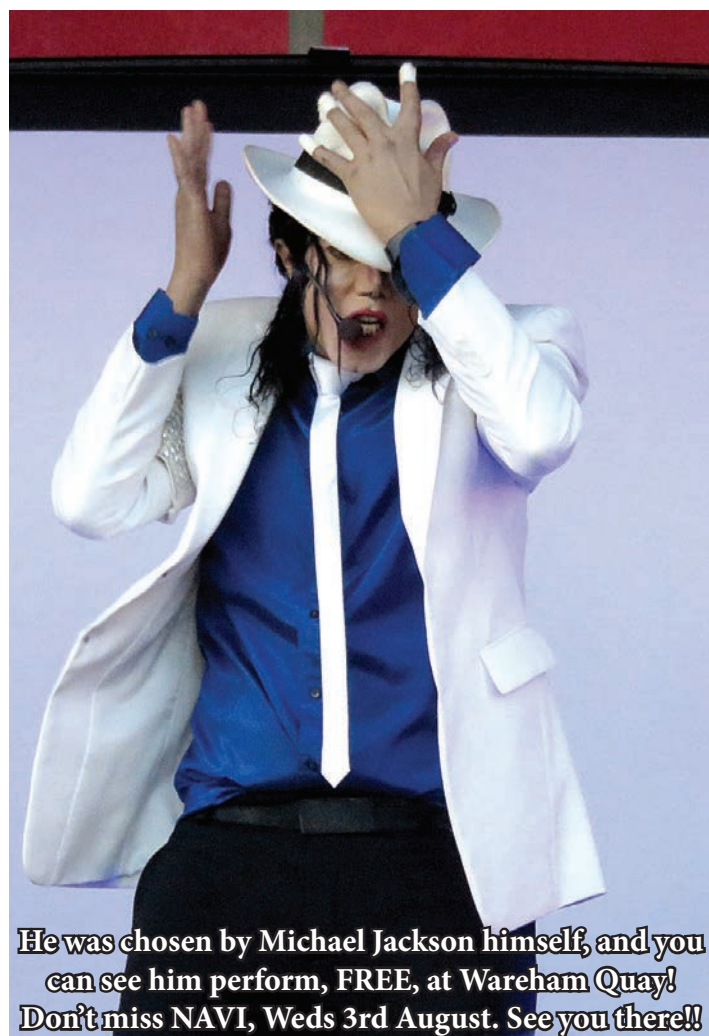
WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST
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Dave Griff & The Trouser Band - Popular local band

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST
Raft Race - Steve Lowry Disco

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST FINALE
Jim Etherington - Local legend
Total Madness - Fun loving local tribute duo

See website for details www.warehamwednesdays.org

To enter any of the events or if you would like to help or Volunteer your services please Contact Dave: 07790 986445 e: daveb@uktilesdirect.co.uk



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Wareham Carnival 2016!



It's Carnival time in Wareham again. Keep Sunday 24th July free in your diary, that's procession day. The route has changed and the start is earlier, at 1pm we go along North Street and West Street to the Wareham Town Recreation Ground.

Family fun on the Rec will include a falconry display and a field gun display, as well as some loopy games including Tug of War, with

plenty of stalls to browse. There's a marquee, bar, food, and music ending around 8pm.

New for Carnival this year – our own lovely Carnival Queen and her two Princesses will be in the parade and at the Rec (pictured above).

Also on the Recreation Ground will be the final judging of Wareham's first scarecrow competition, you may well have seen numbers of scarecrows on the streets of Wareham and the local area, the leading contenders will be assembled at the Recreation Ground on the Sunday afternoon.

Why not have your own scarecrow in the garden and enter the competition? Entry forms from Wareham shops, Website or Facebook.

Other Carnival Events: –

Saturday 16th July. The Annual Craft and Flower Show at the United Reform Church, opposite the entrance to Sainsbury's car park.



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Wednesday 20th July is the Safari Supper and Fact Hunt around Wareham hostleries, great fun and very popular, book your team in now.

Friday 22nd July Wareham History Walk. Ben Buxton from Wareham Town Museum will be taking us through some of the mysteries of Wareham's past, starting from the Museum at 7.00pm.

Details www.wareham-carnival.org.uk or our Facebook page or pick up a programme. Tel 01929 550818 to book into events.



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| Sat 2nd July 8pm | - Yolande Carter |
| Fri 8th July 8pm | - Alistair Goodwin Band |
| Sat 9th July 8pm | - Hillfolk Noir |
| Sun 10th July 2pm | - Hillfolk Noir |
| Sat 16th July 8pm | - Dila V |
| Sun 17th July 2pm | - Mal Web |
| Fri 22nd July 8pm | - Louise Jordan |
| Sat 23rd July 8pm | - Boy Le Monti |
| Mon 25th July 8pm | - No Go Stop |
| Tue 26th July 8pm | - Bartoune |
| Wed 27th July 8pm | - Tori Reed |
| Thur 28th July 8pm | - Wayward Jane |
| Fri 29th July 8pm | - Count Bobo |
| Sat 30th July 8pm | - Urban Pioneers |
| Sun 31st July 2pm | - Bayou Secko |

AUGUST

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| Mon 1st Aug 8pm | - TBC |
| Tue 2nd Aug 8pm | - Theo Bard |
| Wed 3rd Aug 8pm | - Dana Emmanuel & The Stolen Band |
| Thur 4th Aug 8pm | - Anna & Elizabeth |
| Fri 5th Aug 8pm | - Jez Hellard & their Djukela Orch. |
| Sat 6th Aug | - SQUARE FAIR - music from 2pm |
| Sun 7th Aug 2pm | - Tildin Kraus |

Punch & Judy at Burngate



Our Punch & Judy memorabilia display will continue throughout the summer, with up-coming visits from Professor Pete Jaggard who performed the Punch & Judy shows on Swanage Beach for more than thirty years and before him Wendy Wharam.

We have the actual proscenium arch and shutters with a collection of photos and newspaper cuttings. We also have finger puppets for sale.

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Lunchtime Concert At Emmanuel

Lunchtime Concert on Friday 1st July 1.00 pm at Emmanuel Church Swanage.

Matt Hurley's recently released new single, PEBBLES, is a thought provoking song which looks at the very real topic of losses that we face in life whether of a person, possession or place.

With its great climax towards the end of the track Matt hopes it will inspire all who listen that they can move forward through any loss or challenge they face. Matt will be singing this song, as well as several others at a lunchtime concert at Emmanuel Church in Victoria Avenue on Friday 1st July at 1.00pm. The concert is free and everyone is welcome. No tickets required - just turn up for the music.

(If you are hungry there will be an optional buffet for £5.00 per head. Please advise church office on 427706 for catering numbers)

Matt is a Singer/Songwriter who writes music with the aim of allowing people to address big questions of life and faith.

Matt's writing builds around thoughtful chord progressions and vulnerable melodies and lyrics. Having led a variety of different worship bands and teams, he has been writing his own material since 2015.

Influenced by his strong Christian faith he hopes that his music will "bring hope and blessings" to all who hear it, at whatever stage of life.

Swanage Carnival Countdown Is On!!



In just a few weeks' time carnival will be upon us, hosting more than 100 different events for all ages.

The opening weekend sees the return of MAD Sports daredevil mountain-bike stunt display team and the amazing MAD Drop. Are you willing to take the leap?

Our fantastic carnival procession will fill the streets with fun and laughter on carnival Sunday. The 2016 theme is "soaps and sitcoms" and don't forget, it's not too late to enter a float, entry forms can be found on our website.

The opening weekend also coincides with Swanage's first Pirate Festival, setting the scene for a bumper weekend! The Pirate Festival comes to a close on the evening of Sunday

31st July (Carnival procession takes place on the Sunday afternoon), so we expect a few pirates to be watching the procession too!

We are also excited to announce that Swanage Carnival's first ever Zip Line will be erected on Prince Albert Gardens (PAG) for the duration of the week, courtesy of local company, JM Adventure. Members of the public will have the opportunity to whizz across PAG and take in breathtaking views of Swanage Bay.

We also have Titan the Robot, seven nights of live music, including some brand new local bands and some popular favourites, the ever-popular Carnival bingo and three fantastic firework displays. Start collecting your coins now and remember to put a pound or two in the buckets to help keep our Carnival running and to raise money for our local charities and good causes.

Full details of the week will be available in our Carnival Programmes on sale throughout July.



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Carnival Sunday

The spectacular Carnival Procession

Monday

Market Day, Carnival Bingo, Swanage
Bay Swim

Tuesday

Wacky Races, Crabbing Competition,
Barn Dance

Wednesday

Scruffs Dog Show, Gig Racing, Touch
Rugby

Thursday

Carnival's Got Talent, Fun Run,
Masquerade Night

Friday

Vintage Car Day, Wheelbarrow Race

Saturday

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I am a keen athlete myself and I know how important it is to keep on top of all the aches and pains that are a result of taking part in many sports. I have a number of clients who see me regularly to help improve their sporting performance and avoid injury.

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With summer on its way it is a perfect time to increase your exercise and physical health. There are so many benefits to keeping fit; here are some of the positive effects that a little more exercise will bring:

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Reduced risk of cardiovascular disease

Reduced risk of type 2 diabetes

Strengthened bones and muscles

Improved mental health

Reduced risk of falls if you are an older adult

You don't need to go mad - you can start with three short sessions a week and build up from there; the most important thing is to find an activity you enjoy. Easing your way into an activity will help you avoid injury, keep you from getting overwhelmed and allow you to start enjoying exercise. Setting yourself a goal or enrolling to take part in an event such as a charity walk or run is a great way to keep focused and motivated, whatever your ability. And it's really important not to set goals that are too difficult to achieve, as this may put you off exercise all together!

We are all fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country, with a great choice of activities available to us. Why not try something new? Swim in the sea, walk the coastal path or find a club with likeminded people. If you are struggling to fit exercise into your day, think about walking, running or cycling to work, to visit friends or to the shops. If you're at work, go for a walk during your lunch break.

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Matron Donna



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Sport



The Dorset Dad Tackling 630 Mile Challenge In Honour Of Best friend

#RunningOnTheEdge

Until recently, unfit and overweight, thirty one-year-old full-time dad Stephen Collins could barely run 1km.

Now he's pledged to run the 630-mile South West Coast Path – a challenge he admits "sounds insane!"

#MilesForPhil

But there's method to his madness...

Steve's doing this in memory of his best mate, Phil, who died in March due to cancer of the oesophagus, a rare and often misdiagnosed cancer that Steve's hoping to help raise vital awareness of.

Phil's diagnosis came at a particularly poignant time: he and Steve were both just embarking on a new life stage as husbands and parents.

"Phil, my best friend, godfather to my twin daughters and best man at my wedding, had recently become a dad when he was diagnosed, and was looking forward to moving into a new house with his young family."

"The news was out of the blue and hit me for six, it was so hard watching him and his family go through hell. I felt helpless," says Steve.

"Phil passed away exactly two years after his diagnosis, leaving behind his wife, two-and-a-half-year-old son and eight-month-old daughter. He's left a big hole in the hearts of many people."

#RunningOnTheEdge

The challenge will take place in summer 2017, with Steve running the 630-mile Southwest Coast Path over fourteen consecutive days. "Starting in Minehead and finishing in Poole, it's one of the UK's longest and most arduous footpaths, with 114,931ft of ascent (4x the height of Everest!). Hence the challenge's name: 'Running on the Edge'. It will be the hardest, most challenging thing I've ever endeavoured to do."

He's slowly been building up his fitness. Starting from absolute scratch as a runner, he's now underway with a series of smaller events, including half marathons, marathons, ultras, multiday and 24hr races across the UK in preparation for next year.

A former post man, he became a full-time dad to his ten-month-old twins when his wife returned to work recently – but rather than hindering his training regime, the twins have helped, putting Steve through his paces when he takes them out in their double running buggy!

Raising awareness and funds

Steve's fundraising for "two amazing charities"; St Peter & St James Hospice, in whose care Phil spent his last weeks, and the Dorset Cancer Centre based at Poole Hospital.

"I am currently looking for sponsors to support this challenge and would love to hear from anyone that would be interested in helping. I am determined to make this challenge a success and in doing so, keep Phil's spirit alive."

CONTACT: runningontheedge@hotmail.com Fb – Running on the Edge

Dorset Golfer Qualifies For National Final



DGCC golfer, Pauline Henson (pictured), has made it into the National England Golf Grand Medal Final later this year.

Pauline who is also Lady Captain at DGCC, played at Kingsdown Golf Club in Wiltshire, on 15th May in the South West Region final.

The final was contested by players from across England Golf's South West region which covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. All the regional finalists had returned the best four scores at their club in the England Golf Medals during 2015.

The successful ten players who qualified will meet qualifiers from five other regional finals at the Grand Medal Final at Frilford Heath in Oxfordshire on 11 August 2016.

The Grand Final will be a feature of Golf Week, staged by England Golf to create a national grand finale for a host of handicap and team championships.

Wareham Cricket Club



Wareham Cricket Club under 11 team recently received a new set of shirts through the generous sponsorship of Wareham Lions Club. They were presented by the Lions Club president Tim Lench accompanied by other Lions members. Mr Lench spoke of how the organisation raised money through a number of events to support local organisations and were very happy to provide these shirts to the club. In response Club Chairman Bob Huskinson thanked them for their generous support that would provide a sense of unity and incentive to the club's young players.

Meanwhile the club's seniors recorded their first league win in over twenty months with a resounding eight wicket victory over previous high flyers Corfe Mullen. After two previous heavy defeats this season it looked ominous for Wareham having to face a team with several players who had previously been playing in Division 1. With a much stronger line up, Wareham responded well and bowled out the visitors for 161 with 6 overs to spare, Jamie Whyte being the pick of the attack with 3 for 39. In reply Wareham soon lost a quick wicket but sensible batting and a little luck in a second wicket stand from Mat Truman 63 and Martin Upshall 76 not out, took them to within 2 runs of victory, leaving Ashley Hayes to hit the winning runs.

The picture shows Wareham Cricket Club under 11 squad with Tim Lench, president Wareham Lions Club together with other Lions members and club coaches Terry Collins and Marc Swain.



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Lulworth 10k Added To Purbeck Trail

Now in its third year, The Purbeck Trail Series is expanding with the addition of the Lulworth Castle 10k. This joins the five other races in the series, offering a variety of distances across stunning countryside and passing many outstanding sights.

The Series is open to all runners who can score points by entering at least one of the six races with a maximum of four events counting towards the final score. A runner's best four events count if they complete five or six races. There is also a club/team prize for mixed teams of the highest-scoring two men and two women from each club in each race. Points are awarded for a runner's position in the whole field, so there is always an incentive to beat the person in front! There are also age group prizes.

The six events that comprise the Purbeck Trail Series are as follows:

Lulworth Castle 10k - 14 August

Studland Fun Run 5k - 28 August

The Beast - 4 September

The Purbeck Marathon - 18 September

The Black Hill 10k - 25 September

Studland Stampede 12k - 9 October

There are no additional costs to enter the Purbeck Trail Series other than the races' standard entry fees. Runners entering any of the events will automatically score points for the Purbeck Trail Series.

Entries should be made to the individual races through their relevant Web sites or other specified entry routes.

Lulworth Castle 10k - www.lulworthcastle10k.com

Studland Fun Run - www.purbeckrunners.co.uk

The Beast - www.pooleac.co.uk/the-beast

The Purbeck Marathon - www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk

The Black Hill 10k - blackhillrun.wix.com/blackhillrun

Studland Stampede - www.studlandstampede.co.uk

More information on The Purbeck Trail Series 2016 is available at <http://www.pooleac.co.uk/purbeck-trail-series/index.asp>.

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Swanage Sea Rowing Club Update

Tribute to top rowers

Some of the best gig rowing crews in the country competed in Swanage Bay on Saturday 4 June during Swanage Sea Rowing Club's annual regatta.

The regatta was extra special this year as it was nominated as a 'Tribute' event by the Cornish Pilot Gig Association. These races are attended by the top rowing clubs, in order to help seed them for competitions later in the year.

A record number of fifteen clubs took part, with crowds of people watching on the shore. After a misty start, the weather turned warm and sunny – with crews sweltering in the fiercely competitive races.

Meanwhile, on dry land, club members worked equally hard, looking after the gigs and crews on the beach, and manning the hospitality tent on Sandpit Field.

As well as raising the profile of gig rowing in the area, the event raised much needed funds for the rowing club.

Crews from Swanage also performed well in another local event in May – the Weymouth Gig Club regatta. Swanage gig, Winspit, came fourth out of fifteen.



Fancy a go?

Why not come to an open rowing session and give it a go. Weather permitting, open sessions take place on Tuesday evenings (from 6pm) and Saturday mornings (10.30am to 12.30pm). The cost is £2 and there's no need to book – just come down to the boathouse near the pier.

Find out more about the club and its activities on the website www.ssrg.org.uk

Swanage Bowls Club

Poole Park knocked newly-promoted Swanage off their perch at the top of the Division 3 of the Men's B & D Saturday Premier League.

Thanks to a 85-76 victory, Poole Park replaced top-dogs Swanage, who came away with just 2 points for Mark Sheppard's winning rink.

With true fighting spirit Swanage are determined to regain their place at the top but it is a tight scrap with four clubs all vying for the two promotion spots and only 4 points separating them.

The loss at Poole Park brought Swanage back down to earth after giving Highcliffe a resounding thrashing the previous week 104-57 with all four rinks, skipped by Gordon Wallis, Brian Beeston, David Hogsflesh and Mark Sheppard, winning convincingly.

Swanage were also tasting early season success in the Dorset League, lying third in the table behind Shaftesbury and Blandford. After a roasting at Gillingham, Swanage bounced back for a fine win over Blandford 60-53. In County competitions, there have been mixed results but the bouquet for success so far goes to Jean Thomas, Linda Wallis and Gill Bryceson who are through to the quarter-finals of the Ladies County Triples to be played at Greenhill, Weymouth. Good luck girls!

Also, congratulations are due for the Swanage ladies for making it to round two of the National Top Club Competition, a great honour for a little club like Swanage!

The club's social events in June included the Annual Captains Day for charity and the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration afternoon with everyone dressed in red, white and blue for a friendly game followed by a BBQ. Friday Club Nights and the Thursday Triples continue to be well supported.

Two of Swanage Bowls Club's regular leads playing on Saturdays are old stalwart Mike Keats who is 81 and Alfie Leaton who is 13. This is most certainly proof of the pudding that bowls is a game for all ages. The club has a Bursary Fund for aiding young people in full-time education or training to play bowls by paying or part-paying the cost of the council season ticket, club subscription and clothing, and to loan bowls, and free training is given too.

Whatever your age, you will be given a warm welcome at Swanage Bowls Club!

For more information about bowls, phone Clive or Gill Bryceson on 01929 422337.

A Colourful Summer of Sports

Purbeck Sports Centre is offering a carnival of fun from 23 July until 31 August. From AFC Bournemouth footie to tennis, there's something for everyone!

Children can also enjoy archery; badminton; Bikeability; climbing; cricket; dance; gym tots; pop dance; street dance; pool playtime; swimming lessons; and much, much more!

For adults, there's badminton; beauty therapy; exercise classes; gym; sauna; tennis; squash; swimming; and even an onsite café bar showing all the latest summer sports.

Come and enjoy the Sports Centre's Super Saturdays! For just £1 per person, you can play badminton, squash and table tennis on Saturdays during July and August (10am to 4pm).

Why not try the new tennis courts too? With fantastic new surfaces and brighter lighting play to your heart's content, even during darker evenings.

The centre has three floodlit artificial grass courts. All courts can be hired during evenings and weekends, all day and evening throughout the school holidays.

A new swim timetable was launched recently, so why not dip your top in on a hot summer's day (fingers crossed!) or escape those black clouds. From Swim for All, Slow and Steady and Swimming Champions, to Pool Playtime and Family Fun everyone can make a splash!

The Family Swim Offer returns too! Just quote SUMSWIM2016 and book 2 adults and 2 children for £12.50.

Find out more at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/purbecksportscentre or pick up a summer brochure from the Sports Centre or tourist information centres in Wareham and Swanage.

Alternatively, call 01929 500 000

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Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for Aug is noon, FRI 8th July

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

JULY

- Fri 1st**
 * **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.
- 10:00 **NSPCC Summer Fair** At Wareham Town Hall. Cakes, Bric-a-brac, books, raffle, refreshments.
- 13:00 **Lunchtime Concert** At The Emmanuel Church, Swanage.
- 19:30 **Noel Cowards Hay Fever** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Box Office 01929 422239.
- 20:00 **Schmoozenbergs** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 2nd**
 * **Firework Display** For Swanage Carnival. www.swanagecarnival.com
- * **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** We will be clearing Ragwort from Greenlands near Studland in Purbeck. We welcome new people interested in helping care for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- * **Country Fair** At Margaret Green, Church Knowle. Sheep shearing display, dog dancing, stalls, bbq.
- 09:30 **Freebay** Table Top Sale at The URC Swanage. Free table & free entry. Ffi: 01929 422406
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet outside Lulworth Primary School for walk up Bindon Hill, then Mupe Bay, returning along cliff top via Fossil Forest. Ffi 01929 288427.
- 10:30 **Meet a Moth!** Discover these creatures of the night, as we empty last night's trap. Donations welcome.
- 13:00 **Stoborough Primary School Fete and Pig Roast** Including stalls, cream teas, games & maypole dancing. 6-10pm Pig Roast and dancing to live music - Everyone welcome to join in the fun & celebrations!
- 13:00 **Puddletown Village Open Gardens** Entry tickets and maps available from St. Mary's Church Room, Puddletown. Approximately 12-15 open village gardens of varying sizes. Tours of Church Tower from 1pm - 5pm (tower tours not suitable for children under 8yrs). £5.00 per adult, per day, children under 12 free. Church Tower tours £2.00 (all proceeds towards historic St. Mary's Church fabric fund). Refreshments available. Plant sale, preserves, cakes & tombola. Free parking is available in Puddletown Surgery car park (DT2 8FY). Email: epeckover@googlemail.com
- 14:00 **Nordic Walking Taster Session** At Durlston Country Park. Join Vicki and John from Purbeck Nordic Walking for a free 1-hour taster. Booking essential. At www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk Free
- 19:00 **The Rude Mechanicals** At Durlston Country Park. Tickets online from www.therudemmechanicaltheatre.co.uk
- 20:00 **Yolande Carter** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 3rd**
 11:00 **Kingston Country Fair** In the field next to Kingston Country Courtyard. Steam engines, cars, Swanage town band, stalls, bbq and bar, dog show, children's rides, teas, model aeroplane display, arena displays, live music from 1pm.
- Tue 5th**
 * **Arts & Crafts Exhibition** Dorset Arts and Crafts Association at The Purbeck School, Wareham.
- 18:00 **Open Evening** At Poole Grammar School. Ffi: www.poolegrammar.com
- 19:30 **Parish Council Meeting** At Harmans cross Village Hall.
- Wed 6th**
 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Worth Matravers car park for walk to Winspit Bottom and along coastal path past St Aldhelm's, returning via Weston Farm. Ffi 01929 439903.
- 10:30 **Swanage Probus** Meets at the Purbeck House Hotel every month and this month's guest speaker is Mark Warn from the Forestry Commission at Wareham. Visitors welcome. Contact Andrew Yeandle 01225 461087 or 421945, Brian Darnton 424211 or Roger Livingstone 425002.
- 20:00 **Nightjar Walk** At RSPB, Arne. RSPB members £6, non-members £8, children £2. Booking is essential: 01929 553360.
- Thu 7th**
 10:00 **Dry-stone walling Taster Day.** At Durlston Country Park. Free. Meet at the LC.
- 19:15 **Swanage Trefoil Guild** Meet at the Guide HQ, Bell St for a BBQ. Visitors Welcome. Ffi 01929 556374 or 01929 424321.
- Fri 8th**
 * **27th Swanage Jazz Festival** For tickets: 01929422215 or www.swanagejazz.org
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled "The Patriot New Build Project" by John Borrowdale. This presentation covers not only the project but also the original class history. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE IS WELCOME
- 20:00 **Alistair Goodwin Band** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 9th**
 09:30 **Rotary Club of Wareham** We are holding a collection of tools to be refurbished for use in Africa by Tools for Self Reliance. Car Park of Sandford Inn from 9.30am - 11.30am. For more information, please contact Debbie on 553926 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Kimmeridge Quarry for a figure of eight walk via Kimmeridge Village and Gad Cliff to Worbarrow Bay. Return via Tyneham Village. Ffi 01929 421039.
- 12:00 **St George's Summer Fete** Langton Matravers, come Rain or Shine! Traditional Village Fete, stalls, games, music by Karl Lattimer and Swanage Town Band, refreshments, children's entertainer, fun for all the family.
- 19:30 **Summer Concert** At Rollington Barn, Studland rd. Tickets £12.50 from Joys Outfitters or tel 01929 459319.
- 20:00 **Hillfolk Noir** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 10th**
 14:00 **Hillfolk Noir** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Mon 11th**
 20:00 **A Family History Talk** At St John's Church Centre Ashley Road (opposite Waitrose) Parkstone BH14 0AA. Dorset Family History Society welcomes Christopher Legrand who is giving a talk on the Treasures of Dorset. Members £2 Visitors £3 to include refreshments. Everyone welcome. More details on 01202 785623 or www.dorsetfhs.org.uk Email: publicity@dorsetfhs.org.uk
- Wed 13th**
 * **Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers Book Stall** On Swanage Seafont, stall selling books and souvenirs.
- 17:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet outside Mowlem theatre, Swanage, for walk along coastal path to Bankes Arms Studland for drink/supper. Return by bus. Ffi 01929 422795.
- 19:30 **Studland WI** At Studland Village Hall. Janet Seal "East Dorset in Saxon Times". Competition: Decorative Key.
- 20:00 **Nightjar Walk** At RSPB, Arne. RSPB members £6, non-members £8, children £2. Booking is essential: 01929 553360.
- Thu 14th**
 * **Linus Quilt Top Making Day** At Stewarts House of Fabric, Wareham. Help us make charity quilts for Southampton Hospital.
- 10:30 **Mobile Library Visit** At Harmans Cross Village Hall with COFFEE JUNCTION.
- 10:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome.
- 11:00 **Walk & Draw** On Brownsea Island. With Julie Herring. Booking is essential - 01202 692033.
- 14:30 **Litter Free Purbeck** A Community meeting at Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- 17:30 **Litter Free Purbeck** A drop in event for those who couldn't make the community meeting at Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- Fri 15th**
 19:30 **The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Box Office 01929 422239.
- Sat 16th**
 10:00 **Books, Coffee Cake and Home Made Produce** At Moreton Village Hall DT2 8RE. FREE Entry. All books 25p. Maeve 01929 463221 www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk
- 10:30 **Meet a Moth!** At Durlston Country Park. Discover these creatures of the night, as we empty last night's trap. Donations welcome at the Castle.
- 10:30 **Big Butterfly Count' Celebration** At Durlston Country Park. Join Butterfly Conservation to find out more about these wonderful creatures and join in with a count of Durlston's butterflies.
- 10:50 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Lulworth Car Park (No.30 bus from and return to Swanage). Catch bus to Winfrith Newburgh then return walk to Lulworth via Five Marys and East Chaldon. Ffi 01929 427015.
- 11:00 **Purbeck Artists & Stallholders** At Worth Matravers Village Hall.
- 12:00 **Grand Parish Fete** At St. Mary's Church Lawns (opposite Swanage Fire Station). Stalls and sideshows, Bouncy Castle, Swanage Town Band, BBQ, sandwich lunches and afternoon cream teas, ice cream etc. Ffi call Margaret on 01929 425224.
- 14:00 **Piddlehinton Fete** At The Old Rectory, Rectory rd, Piddlehinton. BBQ from 7pm.
- 14:30 **The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Box Office 01929 422239.
- 20:00 **Dila V** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 17th**

- 10:00 **Church Knowle Food Fayre** At Bucknowle Farm. Admission £2, under 12's free.
- 13:30 **Local Vocals** At Durlston Castle. Enjoy an acapella choir performing an eclectic mixture of favourite songs in the amphitheatre. Donations welcome.
- 14:00 **Mal Web** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Wed 20th

- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Farm Lane, West Lulworth for walk around Lulworth Cove and along coast path to Durdle Door, returning via West Down Farm. 01929 480224.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Carlton Hobbs, "Tales From The Vestry". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245
- 14:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall, Swanage Summer Show.
- 20:00 **Nightjar Walk** At RSPB, Arne. RSPB members £6, non-members £8, children £2. Booking is essential: 01929 553360.

Thu 21st

- 10:30 **Dino Adventure Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Go on a journey through time and hunt for Durlston's dinosaurs. £3, everyday during the school holidays. £3
- 14:30 **Let's Go Fly a Kite!** Kite Making At Durlston Country Park. Make, decorate and fly your own kite! Family event. Booking essential. £3 at the LC.

Fri 22nd

- 14:30 **Garden Fete** At Gainsborough Care Home.
- 19:30 **Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Box Office 01929 422239.
- 20:00 **Louise Jordan** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 21:00 **Stars in the Grass: Glow-worm Walk** At Durlston Country Park. Join a Ranger for a short talk and night walk to look for Glow-worms, bats and moths. Booking essential. £3 Meet at LC.

Sat 23rd

- * **Wilkswood Reggae Festival** At Wilkswood Farm, Purbeck, Dorset. Tickets available from the Scott Arms and Fatsoma.com
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Cull-Peppers Dish car park for all day walk via Briantspuddle, Bere Regis, Turners Puddle and Throop. Ffi 01929 426926.
- 11:00 **Fossil Fayre** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 12:00 **Open Garden & Refreshments** At Puddledock Cottage ..Norden.. near Corfe Castle BH20 5DY. Adults £4 Children free Ample free parking Disabled access Dogs on short leads. All proceeds to RNLI
- 18:00 **The Fab Beatles** Wareham Wednesdays on Wareham Quay.
- 20:00 **Boy Le Monti** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sun 24th

- 10:00 **Craft Fair** At The Courtyard Craft Centre, Lytchett Matravers. Free parking, free entry.
- 11:00 **Fossil Fayre** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 13:00 **Wareham Carnival Procession** North St Wareham to the Recreation Ground.
- 14:30 **Late Summer Flowers Walk** At Durlston Country Park. Take a walk with botanist Ted Pratt to enjoy late summer flowers. £3.

Mon 25th

- * **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 20:00 **No Go Stop** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Wed 27th

- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Winfrith Church for circular walk via Coombe Keynes, Burngate Wood, Belhuish Farm and Winfrith Drove. Ffi 01929 424462.
- 14:30 **Bugs, Bees and Butterflies!** At Durlston Country Park. Join naturalist Hamish Murray from Dorset Wildlife Trust to look for invertebrates around the Park. £3
- 18:00 **Street Festival & RNLI Duck Race** Wareham Wednesdays on Wareham Quay.
- 20:00 **Tori Reed** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Thu 28th

- * **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- * **Dorset Wildlife Trust Guided Walks** An afternoon walk in Langton West Wood. Meet at Acton Car Park. Ffi: Colin 01929 439211.
- 10:30 **Mobile Library Visit** At Harmans Cross Village Hall with COFFEE JUNCTION.
- 20:00 **Wayward Jane** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Fri 29th

- * **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage town goes PIRATE! The Shtandart will be sailing in, cannons blazing, and pirate crews will be marauding around town! Throughout Swanage town and on Swanage Pier. Skirmishes, sword fights, cannon and musket firing, fun for the whole family! Arrrrhh!
- 20:00 **Count Bobo** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sat 30th

- * **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage town goes PIRATE! The Shtandart will be sailing in, cannons blazing, and pirate crews will be marauding

around town! Throughout Swanage town and on Swanage Pier. Skirmishes, sword fights, cannon and musket firing, fun for the whole family! Arrrrhh! FULL programme in the July Purbeck Gazette (centre pull-out).

- * **Swanage Regatta & Carnival** See Programme for details – available to purchase in town.
- * **Swanage Painting Club Summer Exhibition** At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage, 10.00--5.30 daily. FREE

- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Tyneham car park for short but hilly circular walk via Gad Cliff and Worbarrow Tout. Ffi 01929 421039.
- 10:30 **Young Rangers** At Durlston Country Park. Get up and have fun outdoors! A monthly club for children aged 6-9 about wildlife, with craft activities and games! Booking Essential. £3 for one child, £5 for two children, £7 for three. At Learning Centre. Booking essential.

Sun 31st

- * **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage town goes PIRATE! The Shtandart will be sailing in, cannons blazing, and pirate crews will be marauding around town! Throughout Swanage town and on Swanage Pier. Skirmishes, sword fights, cannon and musket firing, fun for the whole family! Arrrrhh! FULL programme in the July Purbeck Gazette (centre pull-out).
- * **Swanage Regatta & Carnival** See Programme for details, available to purchase in town.
- 10:00 **Purbeck Antiques & Collectors' Fairs** At Furzebrook Hall, Furzebrook, Wareham. £1 entry. www.purbeckantiquesfairs.co.uk
- 14:00 **Bayou Seeko** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 15:00 **Swanage Carnival Procession** www.swanagecarnival.com

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
- 10.30 Flowers with Liz at the Purbecvk Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 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: 07966 136641.
- 19.30 Swanage Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 20.00 Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo

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- 09.00 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@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 Wareham Croquet Club meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Bridgit on 01929 552816 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 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
- 10.30 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@swanagemethodist.org.uk
- 11.00 Guided Tour of Bere Regis famous Mediaeval Church. Tour lasts around 3/4 hour, no fixed charge, donations very welcome towards vital work on the Church's fabric. Families and larger groups welcome at other times, by arrangement. Contact Richard on 01929 471889 or email bereheath@btinternet.com or John England on 01929 471469 or email st_george@stanbarrow.f9.co.uk. Light refreshments can be made available for booked tours.
- 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
- 18.30 Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 Wareham Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: cc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 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
- 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
- 20.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 20.15 Dorset Buttons Morris Practice. URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 Sw 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 Session. Till 11am. 426312
- 10.00 Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Till 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 Wareham Croquet Club meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Bridgit on 01929 552816 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 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
- 10.30 Woodworking with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 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.
- 15.00 Guided Tour of Bere Regis famous Mediaeval Church. Tour lasts around 3/4 hour, no fixed charge, donations very welcome towards vital work on the Church's fabric. Families and larger groups welcome at other times, by arrangement. Contact Richard on 01929 471889 or email bereheath@btinternet.com or John England on 01929 471469 or email st_george@stanbarrow.f9.co.uk. Light refreshments can be made available for booked tours.
- 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 Purbeck Arts Choir meet for rehearsals, with conductor Jay Buckle, at Swanage First School from September - May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 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
- 18.30 Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 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. Till 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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