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By supporting our local businesses and services, you'll be helping to keep our local economy strong and able to last into the future, come

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29-Nov		03:06	08:39	15:27	20:57	NM
30-Nov		03:42	09:09	16:01	21:27	SP

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Tourism Committee	Wed 2nd	10am
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Planning & Consultation	Mon 7th	6.30pm
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Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 28th	7pm

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Planning Committee	Wed 30th	9.15am

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*The River Frome at low tide on 3rd October at sunrise. By Richard Murgatroyd*

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## Save Our Phone Boxes

Dear Nico,

I would like to alert anyone who thinks our red phone boxes are important icons of our heritage and should be preserved for future generations to enjoy as much as people of a certain age have enjoyed over many years.

I have been pressing B.T. to repaint the boxes in our area of Purbeck and they have agreed to do this next year. Unfortunately you may or not know that they are shortly going to contact P.D.C. about removing some of these boxes.

They say lack of use and the cost of maintaining them is the reason. Honestly! If anyone has ventured into one recently its only too apparent they have been neglected for years (especially the rural ones).

The ones proposed for removal are as follows: Corfe Castle, Harmans Cross, Quarry Close and Herston (Swanage), Stoborough Green, East Stoke and Wool.

I would urge all the local parishes concerned to raise their objections to Purbeck planning dept. as well as any individuals who care about these national treasures as much as I do. Remember once they have gone it will be another sad day for lost heritages and our identity.

Yours sincerely, Rob Nunn, Priests Rd, Swanage.

## Slaughter For Sport

Dear Editor,

Many migratory birds are at risk of extinction due to loss of natural habitat along their flight paths and a study published in the journal 'Science' reveals that more than ninety per cent of the birds are inadequately protected due to poorly coordinated conservation efforts around the world.

A typical migratory bird relies on many different geographic locations throughout its annual cycle for food, rest and nesting. So even if we protect most of their breeding grounds, it's still not enough when threats from somewhere else can affect the entire population.

For example, many birds migrating to Europe and Britain face the unsustainable killing of their numbers by shooting, gluing branches where they roost, traps and mesh netting.

These practices have been outlawed but not enforced because of a traditional backlash against weak-willed politicians fearful of losing office. As a direct consequence of this weakness at least forty species have been brought to the brink of extinction.

An in-depth study shows the worst offenders as being Egypt where 5.7 million birds are illegally killed each year. Italy kills 5.6 million illegally. Syria and Lebanon kill 3.9 and 2.6 million birds respectively.

Cyprus has a death toll of 2.3 million dead birds, Greece 700,000, France 500,000 and the list regrettably goes on claiming robins, skylarks, thrushes, finches and birds of prey, including swallows that are said to have comforted Christ on the cross, nothing is sacred, the slaughter is relentless.

Please write to your MP and MEPs to save these birds from human persecution. A vast majority of those birds killed are not for human consumption, the sole reason for doing so is to use them in sport as a moving target!

Our diplomats need to apply pressure on those countries which constantly refuse to enforce agreements with the feeblest of excuses; we are now facing the most serious of all urgencies to safeguard migrating birds across the entire globe

I remain Editor, yours faithfully.

Mike Fry, by hand

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## Goodwill And Generosity



Dear Editor,

So much generosity and goodwill in Purbeck during my fundraising walk!

Through your letters page I would like to highlight the generosity I encountered from individuals and businesses in the Purbeck area of Dorset during my recent 56-day, 710-mile charity walk along the South West Coast Path.

The walk, entitled Jim's Journey, has raised around £8,000 so far for South West charities FORCE and Over and Above, for the benefit

of cancer patients and their families.

A number of accommodation providers laid the platform for the fundraising by offering me free or discounted overnight stays. In Purbeck I was very grateful for the support of Burngate Farm in West Lulworth (below) and Langton Manor Farmhouse in Langton Matravers (above).

People in your area have kindly made donations via Virgin Money Giving and directly to me during the walk.

I was also struck by the many other acts of goodwill and selflessness I came across that helped me on my way, in the name of charity.

These included free lifts by accommodation owners to and from the coast, the donation of a free item of camera cleaning equipment in Kimmeridge and the useful advice people gave me about local walks and amenities.

Locals and tourists alike were so accommodating and good-hearted.

It's nice to forget about the turmoil in the world for a moment and celebrate the generous nature of so many individuals and businesses in Purbeck and beyond.

Jim Bray, Sampford Peverell, near Tiverton, Devon (pictured).







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## Pull The Plug - Protect Town

Dear Readers,

So, just as the Swanage Town Council was warned time and again, protectors have moved onto the proposed drilling site at California Quarry.

While I have the greatest respect and admiration for those who are willing to take this front line action to save us all from the horrors this project could unleash, it makes me sad that it has had to come to this.

Living within a mile of any drill site (which includes most of Swanage) has been shown to increase the risks of coming down with a plethora of nasty illnesses, including cancer, and that one fact alone should surely have been enough to get any caring council thumping tables, demanding the project stopped.

Instead STC's own mission statements that promise to protect our town, its environs and coast, both now and for future generations, were completely disregarded.

Purbeck District Council were equally guilty by not applying a single protection from their lengthy and exhaustive Local Plan scripted to save us, and the area, from harmful development.

Dorset County Council have stated that renewed bat and newt survey work must be undertaken in the spring and before any works can be carried out. It seems they are not enjoying renewed scrutiny of the tick box exercise they railroaded through three years ago.

So now the focus of attention must go onto Chris Suttle who owns the land. Three years ago this might have looked like a tempting benign proposition to make a quick (mega) buck, but surely not any longer.

Infrastrata recently failed to find oil at Woodburn Forest in Ireland, and worryingly they have no money to clean up if anything goes wrong. Further they are looking to offload to any tin-pot company in yet another convoluted share 'deal'. B.P. wants nothing to do with the project as the risks of gas and oil gushing into the sea are too great, and the town is waking up to the wide assortment of threats this drilling represents.

As ignorance of the consequences of drilling so close to the town can no longer provide an excuse, I guess it all now comes down to priorities. Infrastrata must have opened up a free quit option by not fulfilling their side of the bargain, so the question is do you grab the opportunity to protect your town, friends and neighbours by pulling the plug, or do you soldier on regardless?

You see I, and most people who live here, like Swanage and Purbeck just the way it is. Putting a positive spin on things for a moment, this could be your big opportunity to walk away a hero by closing this sorry episode for good.

So, what do you say?

Andy Kirkwood, by email

## Careworkers Penalised

Dear Madam Editor,

I was really pleased to see, in his 'Community Matters' column last month, David Hollister's highlighting of the pay cut being faced by the care workers in our local authority care homes.

As he notes, Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth have set up a local authority trading company – called 'Tricuro' – to run and administer these homes. Others more cynical than me have suggested that the operation has been

neatly packaged up ready to be sold off to a private concern at some stage in the future, but of course the government would never allow such a move, would it?

As far as the staff are concerned, as he says, it is proposed that the extra rewards for working at weekends and over Bank Holidays are to be cut back. Since weekend and Bank Holiday working is obligatory for many staff this indeed represents a cut in their earnings.

Tricuro have insultingly suggested that any reduction in pay could be made up by working longer hours (!). Most people would, I suspect, be shocked to learn just how little these dedicated staff – many of them experienced and well-qualified – actually earn for a demanding and responsible job. These are the people who may care for our own neighbours and relatives – maybe even ourselves one day?

There is always a need for staff to volunteer to cover absences for sickness and leave over weekends and Bank Holidays, but why will they offer to help out for reduced pay? The likely outcome is that more agency staff will need to be employed instead – at additional cost of course.

It would be good if our local MPs would show their support for the council care workers in their constituencies in this regrettable situation, as UNISON have done.

Finally, Mr Hollister underlines the strange apparent discontinuity in the space-time continuum by which there is always a cast-iron need for the pay of those at the top of the scale to inexorably increase, while any suggestion that those at the bottom should be paid just a pound or two more is always met with dire warnings that the economy will inevitably collapse and the sky fall in.

Yours sincerely, (Dr) David Collins.

## Fit In Mind And Body!

Dear Readers,

### Dancing for Health

Autumn and the dark nights are now well and truly on us and it is time to think about keeping fit in mind and body when walking becomes less appealing! Have you thought about Folk Dancing? It can be described as 'walking in sets of couples to music', so perhaps not quite as energetic as 'Strictly ...'!

The Swanage and Langton Matravers Folk Dance Club meets every Tuesday evening in Langton Matravers Village Hall (opposite St George's Church) from 7.30pm to 9.45pm, with a break at half-time for refreshments. New members are very welcome, with or without a partner.

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Mike Walshaw, Chairman, by email



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## What's Going On?

Dear Editor,

With reference to your article responding to complaints regarding an advertisement that included a golliwog holding a sign reading 'English Freedom'.

The complainants might well be reminded that thanks in part to the efforts of Wilberforce and Macaulay, slavery was abolished in the UK by the parliamentary act of 1834; maybe that's where the offending golliwog was coming from.

As a kid I read 'Little Black Sambo' and my family were massive fans of Robinsons jam, wherein beneath the lid lay a small paper golli. Collect ten and they sent you an enamel badge, usually musicians, a sax player or guitar man, a la John Coltrane, Lightening Hopkins, Jimi Hendrix maybe.

Golliwogs in jam jars (gone!) or on tea towels are irrelevant.

The authoress Harriet Beacher Stowe on the day of the publication of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' received a slave's ear in the mail.

Gollys never harmed anyone unlike racism that frequently does, and worse.

In the words of Marvin Gaye 'What's going on?'

Yours sincerely, M J K Hamilton, Swanage.

## Steve - You're A Star!

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Steve Darrington for all the work he puts into the 'Blues' weekend. He seeks out groups and solo artists and finds them venues to perform.

He does not get enough praise and recognition. He brings lots of people and finance to Swanage.

I speak for myself and all the inhabitants.

Keep doing what you are doing Steve, you're a star.

Yours truly, Marie Neilson.

## Supporting Club By Knitting

Dear Editor,

Swanage Disabled Club wish to thank visitors and residents alike for their support during our sea-front stalls in August.

With your generosity we raised £1,186.00 over an amazing four days spent with beautiful weather every time. We didn't need to re-schedule this year, it's been such a lovely summer and what better place to spend a day on than Swanage sea-front. Thank you all so much.

We do still have some beautifully knitted children's Aran jumpers (by Ann Beard of Langton) - various sizes and colours available, so before the cold weather and Christmas gets here, maybe it's a good time to be ready for this eventuality.

Or maybe you would prefer to have something specially knitted for you, if so, then Ann Beard would be delighted to hear from you.

All we ask is that you liaise with Ann, agree to buy your own wool and then give a donation to the Swanage Disabled Club, because Ann very kindly knits for free (which can often take many hours) and supports us so generously in this way.

Please do contact me - Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 for further information regarding the above and also if you would like to be a volunteer driver or escort or join one or both of our Monday afternoon clubs, then I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Kind regards, Daphne (Saville)

## Please Sign A & E Petition

Dear Editor,

**Dying to get to Bournemouth!**

Those living in the 'Isle of Purbeck' and other places west of Poole may have to in the future. The CCG plans for Dorset NHS include the downgrading of Poole Trauma A&E. If this is allowed trauma patients would need to travel further to Bournemouth to receive the necessary treatment.

It is accepted within the medical world that after a traumatic event: accident, heart failure, stroke etc. that there is what is called 'The Golden Hour' during which, if adequate medical attention is received, there is a good chance of the patient making a good recovery. Beyond this, the chances diminish rapidly with additional delay.

I invite anyone living in the area already mentioned to calculate the time likely to elapse while an ambulance responds to a call, loads a patient and then makes its way to Bournemouth. Even given a straight run at an off-peak time you would do well to travel within the hour and that is not having to wait for an ambulance and not negotiate the holiday / fine weather weekend traffic. I have no wish to criticise the ambulance service but I think this is a target they cannot but fail to reach.

The consultation period for the government's 'NHS Transformation', which also sees the maternity unit at Poole downgraded or closed, along with many other cuts as part of the £2.3 billion saving by the end of 2017, is unclear.

However, anyone wishing to register their protest straight away, about the Poole situation or the wider degrading of the NHS, will find an opportunity, provided by the local Labour Party, to sign a petition at a street stall or at several local shops against the cuts. Ask others if you can't find a petition to sign - the more the better.

In contrast to the belief that 'The NHS is safe in their hands' it is easier to believe that those who are able are being encouraged by the government into private provision of healthcare and health insurance where there are lots of businessmen and shareholders happy to accept your contribution to their wellbeing.

Ian Duckworth

## Inconsiderate Dog Owners

Dear Gazette,

I feel compelled to write regarding what I consider to be the nuisance of dogs and inconsiderate owners.

My family have holidayed in Swanage for many years as we consider it a small town which caters for young children. Myself, my daughter, her five week baby and six year daughter came down for a long weekend recently.

It was much anticipated by us, as I wanted to give my granddaughter a trip to the seaside before I start treatment. Unfortunately the long weekend was made thoroughly miserable by the amount of dogs around the town. The road along the front which is closed for pedestrians was taken over by irresponsible and selfish people (mostly oldies) with their pet pooches on long leads, and not just one but two, three and four.

Upon asking them to pull their dogs up we were made to feel like pariahs, their dogs obviously being more important than a small baby and six year old child. There were also a lot of dog fights which we found very frightening. At one point there was somebody leading five or six Huskies around the town. When we tried to shop it was us who were expected to get off the pavement to allow their pets to walk safely, all in all very unsatisfactory and upsetting and not safe for a small child near a very busy road.

Whilst I appreciate you cannot stop people bringing their dogs into the town, I feel that their antisocial behaviour could be policed more. I saw only one community officer one time in the whole four days.



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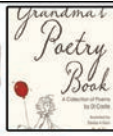
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I will not holiday again in Swanage if the dog nuisance continues, which will be a shame as we have had some really good times. I look forward to your comments.

J. Penfold (Mrs), by email.

## Town Council Responds

Dear Mrs Penfold,

I am very sorry to hear of your experiences on your weekend visit to Swanage and I understand how distressing this must have been for you and your family.

Swanage Town Council is currently working with Dorset Dogs because we acknowledge problems with the behaviour of some dog owners in the town, and in particular the on-going need to combat dog mess.

Dorset Dogs are a charitable organisation that offers advice and information to dog owners, and their website is <http://www.dorsetdogs.org.uk/>

We certainly take your comments seriously and have referred your email to the Dorset Dogs Officer who is keen to undertake talks aimed at individuals who do not comply with dog owner etiquette. The Dorset Dogs Officer has stated that these issues are discussed as part of guided walkies and pit stops, including guidance that dog owners should give way to other people.

Indeed, the main aim of Dorset Dogs' "doggy do code" is to ensure that dogs are not a nuisance to other people when out and about. The Officer suggests, if you are happy to allow this, to post your comment on the Dorset Dogs Facebook page as the very many responsible owners who live in, or visit, Swanage would be horrified by this.

It would also increase peer pressure around this issue. Of course, we would need your permission for this to be done.

The Town Council is keen to see Swanage as a dog friendly town, but your comments most definitely illustrate the need to promote responsible dog ownership. Your comments will also be included in a review of the enforcement of seafront regulations, including dog controls. The wider issue of the control of dogs in public areas is dealt with by the District Council, more information about which can be found here:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/395764/Dog-warden-service-in-Purbeck>

I do hope your experience will not blight future visits to Swanage and that you continue to enjoy our beautiful haven and have many good times here.

We will certainly try our hardest to work with the community to address this very important and serious issue.

Kind regards, Cara Johnston, Operations Department Administration Officer - please see our advert on page 16 of this edition.

## Sensible Informed Opinion

Dear Readers,

Lea Boulwood (Letters, October issue of Purbeck Gazette) has missed the point about some of my comments on the EU referendum. Almost two-thirds of the British electorate did not vote for Brexit, so in these circumstances it is right to question the validity of the result, especially when one considers the campaign was based on falsehoods.

Lea is incorrect to state that the "experts have back-tracked on their doom and gloom prophesies" - great uncertainty remains about the long-term future of the British economy and there are already companies (eg. Nissan) threatening to re-locate from the UK.

The main reason why Britain has not gone into recession was the intervention by the Governor of the Bank of England to pump large amounts of money into the economy - the same 'expert', incidentally, who was vilified by some brexiters.

There seems to be a tendency in Britain to ignore the advice of those best qualified to give it. Is this why the NHS is swamped by people suffering from diseases related to obesity, smoking, alcohol and other harmful substances?

When one has a medical problem, it is surely more sensible to consult a doctor rather than the opinion of Nigel Farage or the Editors of the Daily Mail/Daily Express. Likewise, with regard to the state of the economy, it might be expected that an economist rather than a maverick politician on an ego trip, or a newspaper pandering to the prejudices of its readership to gain sales, would be better placed to give a sound opinion.

Yes, experts may sometimes be wrong, but the balance of probability is likely to be on their side.

The two main reasons why immigrants come to Britain are for employment and study, not to draw benefits as some of our gutter press claim. Immigration has affected different parts of Britain in different ways and any anomalies can and should be addressed, but overall it has been positive both in terms of boosting tax revenues and filling job vacancies.

A large number of immigrants are employed in the NHS, care homes and on the public transport system (often in jobs that some British people are unwilling to do). Racist abuse directed at immigrants as a result of the Brexit vote is totally unacceptable.

I can understand why many argue for the sovereignty of British law, but the truth was we never lost control, so there is little 'to take back'. Every country in the EU has a veto.

Surely, too, there are many laws that are best made at a European rather than a national level, such as habitat protection, conservation of species, pollution control, climate change, prevention of terrorism and, yes, levels of immigration?

I sincerely hope there will not be too many negative effects from the Brexit vote, but at a time when Europe is facing its greatest refugee crisis since the Second World War and Russia is allegedly committing war crimes in Syria, it does not seem right that Britain is walking away from its commitments in Europe to pursue some Alice in Wonderland dream.

Britain is strongest when it is working for change within the EU, not sitting on the sidelines.

True democracy should be based on informed opinion, which is not what happened on 23rd June.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage

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## Rotary Supports Shelterbox

Dear Editor,

### Hurricane Matthew – Haiti

Our members are receiving messages and calls from concerned members of the public asking if we are going to hold a "street collection" for the Haiti Disaster.

We have taken the decision not to hold such a collection for the following reason;

Soon after the recent Italian Earthquake we sent a donation to ShelterBox as they were appealing for help so that they could send ShelterBoxes to assist those who had lost their homes. However ShelterBox were quickly assured by the Italian Authorities that no help was needed as they were able to cope with the aftermath themselves.

Rather than returning the donation to our Club we agreed that ShelterBox should keep the donation and use it as Swanage community's contribution to any future disaster aid. We are confident that it has already been used for the Haiti disaster, therefore we consider it unnecessary to hold a further specific street collection.

The reason we support The ShelterBox Charity in this type of emergency is that it was started by a Rotarian and contains all the following new items: a custom family tent, a water purification unit, water carriers, two inflatable solar lights, five thermal blankets, two waterproof groundsheet with blanket lining and essential tools including hammer, duct tape, saw and rope.

However, such is the scale of The Haiti disaster that if members of the public wish to help through Rotary we are able to accept donations and we will forward them to ShelterBox in full. I can be contacted on my landline: 01929 423545 or mobile: 07860 571182.

We would like to thank those members of the public for their support and as always we look forward to working together with them as we have been doing for the past many decades.

Yours sincerely, David Chalcraft

## The Vital Golden Hour

Dear Editor,

As Gazette readers know, nothing activates local residents more than the potential withdrawal of vital local medical services from Swanage and the villages which surround it.

When – a few short years ago now – Swanage Community Hospital was threatened with closure the biggest gathering of the public ever assembled in the town – more than 850 residents – gathered in and around the Mowlem Theatre (the theatre itself was soon full to bursting and hundreds more, old, young and in between, were happy to stand outside shouting their heads off).

Those residents were there from all political affiliations and none to make their feelings abundantly clear to the health apparatchiks who were arriving to explain the closure. I'm sure those Health Professionals, having seen the size of the reception committee, wished they had found something – anything – else to do that day. Result, as we all know – Swanage Community Hospital still attending to Swanage's and its visiting population's needs. And long may it do so.

Swanage Community Hospital offers a range of medical services but, of course, does not pretend to be able to cope with trauma and serious injury. For that we, the residents of Swanage and surrounding area, know we must be taken to Poole or Dorchester for any urgent treatment. (And it is unfortunate in that respect that the South West Ambulance Service, another part of the NHS under massive strain from year on year underfunding, and on which we all rely, consistently misses its targets).

Which brings me to the concept of the Golden Hour - a phrase increasingly

referred to in the discussion of trauma and other serious and sudden medical emergencies. Put simply the idea of the golden hour is this – if, inside an hour, a dedicated medical trauma team can attend and start work on you, the seriously traumatised, injured or otherwise seriously ill patient, your life chances are massively improved. After that hour passes – need I go on? It's as simple as that.

How then does this news strike you; you those locals who stood up for the Swanage Community Hospital and indeed anyone, resident or visitor, who might in the future get hit by a car or have a heart attack. The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is proposing to downgrade Trauma and A and E Services at Poole Hospital and to transfer them to Bournemouth Hospital. In respect of the Golden Hour, if God is on your side, you might get to Poole in an hour. To get to Bournemouth Hospital in an hour??? As Del Trotter would have said, 'Do me a favour, Rodney!'

Swanage and Rural Purbeck Labour Party met tonight (6th October) and were informed of this and other most worrying news about the reduction in NHS services planned locally.

We join with all who oppose these developments from whatever political persuasion and have written to oppose the CCG's proposal 'to significantly downgrade or close A and E services at Poole Hospital.' Indeed we do not accept that any reductions in the number or capability of our Dorset A and E services makes any sense.

It is, I'm afraid, no exaggeration to say that this is a matter of life or death for people who live or come to holiday in Swanage. I'd encourage anyone who takes the health of Swanage citizens and Swanage's visitors seriously – and that has to be most of us - to take any action you choose to oppose this CCG proposal.

Sign the petition that you can find at Boots and the Post Office and take blank copies for people you live or work with to sign. Write to your MP, write to the CCG - or invent a combined car/motor launch that can get you to Bournemouth Hospital in under an hour.

David Holman, Swanage.

## Purbeckian Trump Wall!

Dear Editor.

Thank you so much for the latest version of the Purbeck Gazette October 2016.

It really is a tonic, gives great value and many laughs, and didn't disappoint again (especially the letters).

I think I may have found a solution to the many issues that concerns your readers.

Taking a lead from that most admired man (?) Donald Trump, why don't you build a wall around Purbeck? This will help in many ways. Firstly it would stop those pesky developers from building anymore houses in this area of outstanding natural beauty, (or Hobbiton). It also means no one could get in or out when they feel like it, or spoil it with litter or have those dreadful holiday makers bringing their hard earned cash and dribbling kids.

Secondly it would be useful for banging your (or others) heads against, especially those who work in the high echelons of 'the 'council'.

Thirdly you could then open up a security gateway on 'special days', because let's face it, you are all 'special'. Visitors only with a special pass could be given food hampers to hand out to all you lovely people. It would be a 30 mph zone because we wouldn't want to upset those pedestrians of whom I have never seen, in Harmans Cross.

Fourthly and this may seem cruel, it would stop those foreigners/immigrants/those fleeing from war/famine from settling there and bringing their rich traditions in to Purbeck. Because let's be honest, you are all native Purbeckians, aren't you? Or have you let some outsiders sneak in under the radar or is it because they have money and influence?

So I would like to propose a wall. Anyone second it?

Yours sincerely, T Hunter.



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## Friends Need Your Help

To the People of Wareham and Purbeck,

It was very encouraging to see so many at the recent AGM of the Friends of Wareham Hospital held in September and we would like to thank everyone who attended.

After the formal business, the meeting focused on proposals for healthcare in Purbeck and the three Speakers from the Dorset CCG and Dorset Healthcare highlighted the corporate message which still did not give evidence for the proposed changes to healthcare particularly for Wareham and the wider Purbeck.

We are told that formal consultation on the proposals should commence in November.

PLEASE do feedback to the CCG as recommendations do include the discontinuation of inpatient beds at Wareham Hospital.

Proposals for the development of a Wareham Hub, which would include comprehensive out-patient services, a new Wareham surgery and Day Care facilities for Purbeck residents are progressing we are told but the AGM meeting expressed concern about any loss of services in our local area.

The Friends will continue to monitor the situation and keep the community updated through its membership which we are really delighted to say has increased by over 100 members but we still need your help to strengthen our voice for Purbeck Health services.

Please do contact the hospital (01929 552433) for membership information.

The Friends are about to purchase a scalp cooler for the weekly Purbeck wide Chemotherapy service and thank all those who have supported our fundraising for this important new service held at Wareham Hospital.

We will be hoping to increase our funds further by holding a "Ball and Socket" event on the evening of Friday December 2nd at the Corn Exchange, Wareham. Please do join us.

Thank you for the help, interest and support of Wareham Hospital - the team does a great job in supporting us all.

The Friends of Wareham Hospital

## Support Pan Purbeck Action

Dear Readers

**Imagine waking up in 2033. What would you find in rural Purbeck?**

What we have now plus a little more of everything e.g. jobs, houses, visitors?

Or 5600 extra houses; dormitory commuting suburbs in Lychett Matravers, Lychett Minister, Moreton, Wool and Wareham; more buy to lets; more second homes; houses priced beyond the means of locals; a housing ladder that excludes forty percent; traffic delays increasing the time from Swanage to Bournemouth; delays at the overcrowded Sandbanks ferry; traffic bottlenecks at Corfe Castle and Wool; rustic Wareham turned into Bloor Homes Town; more pollution; more traffic noise; loss of the green belt; harm to the protected heathlands and designated sites.

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The seven pillars of the Charter are; keeping Purbeck as a rural area; ensuring Purbeck is a sustainable area; placing people and the environment before profits; establishing local solutions rather than those imposed by central government; addressing "affordable housing" in a meaningful manner - not as a product of huge increases in marketing housing; reforming the National Planning Policy Framework; and creating more democracy.

Purbeck faces unprecedented challenges from a planning system which does not meet the needs and aspirations of the local communities.

If you do not want to "kiss goodbye to rural Purbeck" please attend the Purbeck District Council Partial Review meeting at the Purbeck School on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, at 5pm, and the Pan Purbeck Action Campaign meeting at the Purbeck School on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7pm.

Tell your friends and contacts about these important meetings. Support Pan Purbeck Action Campaign. See us on Facebook; email: [panpurbeckactioncampaign@gmail.com](mailto:panpurbeckactioncampaign@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely, Peter Bowyer. Chairman Pan Purbeck Action Campaign.  
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## Police Protecting Purbeck? Really?

by David Hollister

Fascinating that so many people are prepared to respond to complaints about the policing of Purbeck on Facebook, yet so few able to come out and attend a meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill. On whose desk the buck stops; he actually said "I hold the Police to account; you tell me what you want and I tell the police to deliver it". Out loud. So now we know.

I suppose I was disappointed that so few turned up and indeed that no-one from Wareham appeared to be interested in setting up a similar meeting. Disappointed in case the sparse numbers suggested to him that we are all happy with the police in Purbeck, that God's in his heaven and all's right with the world. Far from it. Actually, the small audience of twenty-two meant that most of us were able to get our points across and that he had time to take in what was said and make some considered replies. He was accompanied by Wareham-based Inspector James Offer, whose area of responsibility is the Policing of Purbeck. And who regrettably got transferred to Poole two days later... but the good news is we've got 2340 Sgt Barry Ashdown looking after us and he always was one of the Good Guys.

One of their stated priorities is 'public satisfaction with the police'; how this is to be achieved? We know that resources are limited but Government cuts to police funds were stopped in November 2015; at present, whilst they're short of funds, it's not getting any worse. Over the past years of austerity, Dorset police numbers have reduced from 1550 to 1200. Of which 112 are employed at the call centre answering twelve hundred "101" calls each day of which a massive 25% are 'nuisance calls' and yes, your 101 calls are 'triaged' so that if something isn't deemed to be crucial, you might wait half an hour to speak to someone. Quite how they know your call isn't important when they don't answer it for half an hour is beyond me. But in the research I did, just as many people pronounced themselves happy with the 101 system as were dissatisfied. Regrettably patience and tolerance never were my strongest qualities. Crime can be reported online at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online#report>. Hmm.

999 calls are answered within 30 seconds so if you see a burglary taking place, or someone being assaulted, dial 999. Don't be afraid of 999. 101's for less urgent stuff; I tend to work on the basis that if I have to wait twenty minutes then I may as well either go and sort the problem out myself or ignore it and hope it will go away. But people like me who give up on 101 calls are actually contributing to falling "reported crime" figures which in turn could lead to budget cuts and further reduced police numbers! Purbeck is considered to be one of the safest areas in the country, which fact itself leads to a reduction in Police numbers. So I'd like to thank the people who are at present treating Purbeck businesses like a 'one stop shop' and stealing apparently at random, even heavy machinery, because without your efforts we'd have no Police at all.

Dorset is one of only three Police forces in the UK with a fleet of drones with the necessary CAA licence to go under 300 feet; an amazing asset for traffic management after serious accidents, or for use over the sea.

They're establishing a '101 consultative panel' inviting members of the

public to attend specific meetings and comment on the service and make suggestions. To get involved, email [Martha.Perry@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk](mailto:Martha.Perry@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk)

Fraud and Cyber crime have significantly increased to the point where a specific department now deals with it; this type of crime was relatively unknown twenty years ago; these days they don't go into a bank with shotguns and crowbars, they do it with their computers! But that doesn't mean that ordinary crime is going down. Far from it. If the Government ten years ago had decreed that everyone should be implanted with a microchip enabling them to be traced, identified, and all personal information placed in the public domain, there would have been an outcry. But now look at us. 79% of people have their smart phones with them twenty two hours a day. We signed up without any government pressure!

Every one of us with a 'smart phone' is carrying a miniature computer with more power than the Dorset Police had in their whole system ten years ago. With as much personal information as any criminal would need to access your finances, your family, your database, and take over your life. Martyn recommends that whatever smart phone you have, you need to put anti-virus on to it immediately. Android and Windows phones are apparently less safe than Apple but it's a myth that apple products are not vulnerable to hijacking by a virus or malware. So do it - NOW!

It was made clear to us that if a road traffic collision (we used to call them 'accidents') happens, the police aren't interested unless someone's injured. Didn't get to the bottom of what happens if someone crashes into your car and drives off. It used to be a crime "failure to stop after an accident" but I guess if nobody's interested then it's a free-for-all out there. Think I'll trade the MX5 in for a Humvee.

Let's be brutally frank here; the limited numbers of Police can't be everywhere so they as good as admitted that they ignore 'minor crime' and openly stated that they 'cannot enforce all the laws' and whilst they're examining the CCTV of someone stealing stuff from your shop, they're not out there following up serious stuff like sex crimes, child abuse or domestic violence, or of course preventing people from tearing through Harmans Cross at 32 mph. Sorry, but I find it strange that there can be multiple uninvestigated robberies from the Industrial Estates and drug-dealing going on openly in our streets, yet there seem to be enough police out there in unmarked cars fund-raising from unsuspecting motorists.

No, they're not taking away Police presence in Swanage. There will be one PC and three PCSOs. And about the same in Wareham. We have what they can afford. I'm glad I don't have to juggle the finances like Martyn Underhill and I'm glad I don't have his huge millstone of responsibilities. He's actually - and I know many of you don't agree with me - doing the best he can with what he has available. We need to address our complaints to Central Government so what I suggest you do is to go up to Peveril Point on a windy day and shout as loud as you can, into the wind. Just as much chance of anyone in 'authority' taking notice of you as there would be with a letter, or indeed a signature on a petition. Let's face it, if four million signatures couldn't stop an illegal war, what chance have we of getting our Dorset Police budget increased... Time, I hear you cry, for our MPs to step in and make their presence felt.

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If you are interested for yourself, or for somebody you know who loves books but can no longer access them, there are several ways of making contact with the service.

You can telephone or email the Dorset HLS Service Manager, Maria Jacobson on 01305 236666 or maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or leave your address and phone number at Wareham Library for the HLS Local Coordinator to contact you, or email her.

Gail Gee (Wareham HLS Coordinator)



## @29 Re-cycle



Have you ever tried to recycle something electrical and been entirely thwarted by the options available? Charity Shops are generally unable to accept electrical items, workers at Swanage Recycling Centre are under order to cut the plugs off anything electrical and throw them into skips, and it can be a major hassle selling 2nd hand electrical items on eBay.

Many of us really hate wasting things which are still in very good working order, indeed there are many items often to be seen at the dump like bread-makers, blenders and coffee makers to name a few, which are often bought as presents but are never used even once. @29 Recycle is a new venture at 29 Commercial Road, Swanage, which aims to prevent some of this unnecessary landfill and also provide very reasonable items for sale to local residents - we aim to price items at roughly 25% of their true value, or even less and all items are PAT tested, and are guaranteed for three months.

Any profits from the shop will contribute towards the running of a large rural AIDS project in the Phalombe area of Malawi: The Likulezi Project. I first met the co-founder Gemma Brugha while working as a VSO Midwifery Tutor in a Mission Hospital in Phalombe Malawi in 1989-1991. Gemma was a Nurse Tutor, and during her two year contract for VSO she got involved with a grass roots AIDS project started by just a few families and medical staff in the area. Since that time the project has grown and grown, providing AIDS education to local people, help for families who accept AIDS orphans and self-funding schemes in which families affected by AIDS receive chickens for egg production, seeds and maize mills, for example.

They also help provide better latrines to prevent diseases like cholera and malaria. Gemma herself still goes to Malawi every year as a volunteer for several months to help raise funds and run the project alongside her colleague Phillip Mthobwe, who works for the project as well as holding down a job with Malawi Department of Agriculture.

Gemma came to visit Swanage in September (on the left in the picture) and was really pleased to see what we are doing - waste of any sort is almost unheard of in such an impoverished area as Phalombe, people there mend and patch things for many years after their usual "working life". For more information on the project please see [www.africa-awarelikulezi.org](http://www.africa-awarelikulezi.org) or email [info@africaaware-likulezi.org](mailto:info@africaaware-likulezi.org) or [gemmabru@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmabru@hotmail.com). If you would like to donate please drop down any smaller pieces of furniture/household/electrical items or phone/text me, Jane, on 07795 193090. Many thanks from all the volunteers "@29 Recycle" **Jane Linger**

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This year is the centenary of the opening of the biggest industrial complex in Dorset at the time: the Royal Naval Cordite Factory at Holton Heath. Winston Churchill, who was First Lord of the Admiralty during the First World War, commissioned the factory to supply cordite for the guns on the Royal Navy's ships.

Cordite was the propellant of the time. The factory employed thousands of workers and was part of the lives of many families for miles around. The factory closed in 1957 and parts of the site were used by the Royal Navy as a research establishment until this closed in 1997.

Rod Hughes will be speaking about current developments at the Holton Heath site at the AGM of the Sandford Heritage Community Group on Monday 21 November, 7.30pm, in Sandford Community Hall, Keysworth Drive, Sandford BH20 7BD.

There will also be a talk by Harold Gillen on local wildlife.

All are welcome to come to the event, find out about the group's activities and future plans and how to get involved. Entrance is free.

**Ben Buxton**

Photo: part of the newly-built factory, with Poole Harbour beyond.

## PUBLIC MEETING

**Traffic Flow - Dorset County Council's Draft Proposals for Shore Road and Institute Road**

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Dorset County Council Transport Planners will be presenting revised scheme proposals for Shore Road, and draft proposals for improvements to Institute Road, at a public meeting being held on Wednesday 30th November. This will give local residents the opportunity to review the plans, ask questions, and raise any concerns regarding these proposals.

If you require any further information, please contact the Transport Planning Team, Environment Directorate, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

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## National Coastwatch Eyes along the coast

### SCDP AND THE NCI

**W**hat are TLAs and FLAs? Examples of both are in the title as they are Three Letter Acronyms and Four Letter Acronyms respectively, don't you just love them! The three letter version I hope you all know by now stands for the National Coastwatch Institution but what about the SCDP?

It is a partnership which is based in Swanage and I sincerely hope that you never need them. SCDP stands for the Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership.

It was set up last year by a small group of like-minded Swanage residents who decided that the community would benefit by the supply of Automatic Defibrillators at strategic points around Swanage and Studland.

Support for the project has taken off and the area already benefits from seven of these units, which, in their bright green heated cabinets, have already been sited. The SCDP will continuously monitor these units in order to ensure that they are maintained in good working order and all items of limited life are replaced in a timely fashion.

All of the units are registered with the South West Ambulance Trust and familiarisation sessions are available to those who have helped to fund the units or who are keen to understand their means of operation. There are five more units planned and funded and further funds will be raised for their maintenance.

So where does the NCI come into this you may ask? Well, because of the exceedingly generous donations that we have received from our friends and supporters in Swanage and the visitors and holiday-makers in the area who have donated money, we are in the position to be able to fund a unit which will be the southernmost defibrillator in the area and will be sited outside of the Lookout at Peveril Point.

So on behalf of the NCI and the SCDP may I extend our heartfelt thanks to you all. Also thanks for the money raised by the NCI "Tea and Cakes" ladies who regularly keep you all fed and watered when you visit Peveril Point.

Also many, many thanks to the Jurassic Sea Kayakers who ran sponsored paddles and similar events to relieve their friends and relatives (and anyone else they could coerce or bully) of over £1330 and then they gave all of it to the NCI. Thank you, thank you to you all.

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](http://nci.org.uk) or on VHF 65 or the email address below. We look forward to hearing your comments and questions.

**Bob Clark**, [swanagenci@btinternet.com](mailto:swanagenci@btinternet.com), NCI Swanage.

## Coastguard Update



### HM Coastguard

**F**or September, the incidents for the Coastguard team started to slow down with eleven in total for the volunteer team.

On 8th September the team were tasked to Studland and a sailing dinghy in trouble. We had a very nice letter from the owner of the dinghy thanking us for what we did and despite many years of experience, he realised how quickly events happened.

Later that evening the Coxswain of the Swanage Lifeboat called the Station Officer asking for assistance of a 4 x 4 on the Downs. A male in a mobility scooter

had fallen and been found by some lifeboat crew. Due to a delay for an ambulance the Coastguard helicopter from Lee on Solent was tasked and the male was airlifted to hospital.

10th September started sadly when the team were tasked to Studland and recovered a body of a male from the sea from the Southampton area. Later that day the Deputy Station Officer requested assistance for a male who had been hit by a car in Station Road, the Coastguard took the injured party up to Swanage hospital.

On returning to the station the patrol were flagged down by a member of the public concerned for the welfare of a male in the Old Grammar School site. Thankfully a rather drunk male was assisted off the ground with the help of the local PCSO.

Finally that evening, a joint incident with Dorset and Wilts Fire and Rescue to a report of a fire at the base of cliffs in Durlston.

On 11th September, the team were tasked to search for a missing male on Shore Road. Not an easy task during the folk festival at the time, however he was located safe and well in King George's car park.

On 17th September, the team were tasked to the aid of a lady who had broken her ankle south of Verney Farm. Despite a fear of helicopters she was airlifted to Poole by the rescue helicopter from Portland.

On 21st September, a slightly unusual call after the passengers on the Waverley were late getting back to Swanage – and their cars were stuck on the pier, which had been locked up for the night. Dorset Police requested assistance with a key to get some very tired people home.

On 23rd September, the team were requested to set up a landing site for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance which had been tasked to a male fallen from a height in the town. Having set the site up the team also assisted the ambulance crews at the scene.

On 26th September, the team met the Swanage Inshore Lifeboat after they had picked up two lucky kayakers off Old Harry. Both had got into trouble and perhaps didn't have the right equipment to head off round in that direction.

So, now the boating season is over and readers perhaps start to put away their craft for the winter, please check the condition of your flare packs. Flares do carry a sell by date and over the season may get damaged.

The local collection point for disposal of out of date flares is the RNLI College in Poole – NOT the Coastguard or Lifeboat Stations in Swanage. It is an offence to leave them at either location.

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# SWANAGE CARE NEWS

## Agincare

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## Agincare celebrate 30 years of caring in your community...



Summer is behind us, the leaves on the trees are changing and there is definitely an autumnal feel in the air. Gainsborough Care Home has been as busy as ever...

Agincare opened its first home on 23rd September 1986 in Weymouth and the home was named Agincourt after the battle of Agincourt, which took place on 25th October 1415.

Agincare has since opened a further 13 care homes, over 25 domiciliary care offices and now employs over 3000 staff.

Gainsborough Care Home proudly celebrated Agincare's 30th Anniversary this month, by holding a wonderful birthday party, enjoyed by our staff, residents and their families. Thanks to all those who came to make it such a wonderful event.



The 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' soon followed and, with the help of our residents' families, the staff and their wonderful support, we managed to

raise the princely sum of £102.50 which has been donated to Macmillan cancer support. The cakes were as delicious as ever!



Forthcoming events - will include a spooky masquerade day on 31st October. Some of our residents will be decorating their own masks and the home is holding a competition for the best mask. There will also be goody bags available to anyone in fancy dress! November 5th is fireworks night at Gainsborough Care Home and we will be enjoying a supper of jacket potatoes, sausages, burgers, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

### Recruitment

We are continuing our recruiting programme at Gainsborough Care Home. We require staff to join our expanding team. If you are interested, please come in for an informal chat or you can email your CV to [gainsboroughadmin@agincare.com](mailto:gainsboroughadmin@agincare.com) or call 01929 422500.



## Growing Local Company Invests In 'Ground-Breaking' Equipment



**S**uttle Projects, the Isle of Purbeck and Poole-based civil engineering division of Suttles, has made its largest investment to date in the latest £0.5m Italian Casagrande B125 CFA piling rig, for use in contiguous and bearing piling works.

The machine is believed to be the only one of its type based locally in the Poole and Bournemouth area and is ideally suited to piling projects within property development and bridge construction works, as it can quietly drill piles up to 23 metres deep and 800mm in diameter with minimum vibration.

The Casagrande machine weighs 41t with a 23 metre tall mast using a CFA piling technique, one of the quietest and almost vibration free piling solutions, making it suitable for working in close proximity to existing buildings, in residential or in environmentally sensitive areas.

Managing director of Suttle Projects, Joe Paine, said "Before we invested in this major piece of equipment, we had to hire the machinery from a fair distance away, making it a costly exercise. However, now we own the piling rig, we are able to pass on the cost efficiencies to our clients. With our combined expertise and keen pricing, we believe this makes us the 'go-to' company for local piling solutions."

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## Swanage Carnival Raises £23,000



**W**e are delighted to report that Swanage Carnival 2016 raised £23,000 for our chosen good causes. During the months since carnival we have been busy counting the final contributions and paying the various bills so that we can ascertain the amount available to give away. We are delighted that we are able to give away over £20,000, which is slightly more than last year.

Carnival Chairperson, Becky Mack, said "this is a fantastic achievement and my thanks go

to the carnival committee and friends of carnival who made this possible, as well as to everyone in our community and those from further afield who supported our events. As most people know this event is a year in the planning and the volunteers work very hard to keep this long established tradition running."

"In 2016 we introduced some new events and made changes to some of our long standing events, which I am pleased to report were all well received. The amount we are giving away this year brings our fundraising total since 2005 to over £250,000. This is a huge amount of money and I am very proud that we continue to raise a great amount as well as put on a fabulous array of events for the town."

At our presentation night in October, the funds raised were given away to the twenty-five chosen charities and good causes. As always, this is a very special night that reminds everyone why we work so hard to raise the money that we do for these worthy organisations.

Each year we get to learn the differences these contributions make which makes us hugely proud.

**Preparations for 2017 are already underway, if you would like to help or have any suggestions for 2017 please get in touch – [chairman@swanagecarnival.com](mailto:chairman@swanagecarnival.com)**

#### Groups who will benefit this year:

1st Langton Matravers Scout Group, 2185(Swanage) DF Air Training Corps, Autism Wessex, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (Annual Charity), Dorset Mental Health Forum (Chairperson's Charity), Forest Holme Hospice Charity, Friends of St Mark's CE VA Primary School, Harlequin Care, Mosaic, Mount Scar Cygnets Playgroup, National Coastwatch Institution, NSPCC Swanage Group, Swanage & Wareham Hockey Club, Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community, Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership, Swanage Disabled Club, Swanage Over 60's Club, Swanage Pier Trust, Swanage Stroke Club (Annual Charity), Swanage Tennis Club, Swanage Town & Herston Football Club, Switch On Swanage, The Wave Youth & Children's Ministry, Wareham & Purbeck Young Farmers, Wessex Cancer Trust





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# Have Your Say On Council Tax Support Consultation

**R**esidents across Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland can have their say on a review of the Council Tax Support Scheme for working age applicants in their area.

The councils are proposing changes that would bring their Council Tax Support Scheme in line with the changes made by Central Government in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit.

Until April 2013 there was a national scheme called Council Tax Benefit. The Government made local councils responsible for replacement schemes from 1 April 2013.

As the councils are keen to keep Council Tax Support aligned with major benefits such as Housing Benefit and Universal Credit to assist in administration, this means that, as those benefits change, similar changes are being proposed to the Council Tax Support Scheme.

Residents can have their say at: [dorsetforyou.com/your-say-council-tax-support](http://dorsetforyou.com/your-say-council-tax-support) The consultation will run for a period of eight weeks and closes on 22 November 2016.

Cllr Cherry Brooks, Vice-chair of the Partnership Strategic Board, said: "If the councils keep the current scheme it would be more complex to operate, making the service inefficient and more costly. The proposals set out in this consultation will provide savings and allow us to deliver the service more efficiently. In order to make the most informed decision we need to hear from as many residents as possible."

Councillors will listen carefully to what residents tell them and take the responses into consideration when making a final decision on the 2017/18 scheme, which will be implemented on 1 April 2017.

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# Blast From The Past!

## This month, A Decade Ago...

In November 2006, we reported on an unusually warm autumn, with October being the warmest recorded in over 300 years. Locals had been out and about, enjoying our fabulous countryside and revelling in the ultra-warm conditions.

An anonymous letter writer sent in the following, which was included in the November edition: "Dear Gazette, Last night I arranged to meet my old friend, The Man From Outer Space, at the pub. He materialised there first and when I arrived he was reading Andy Kirkwood's column in the October Gazette. You may be interested in what he had to say about part of the article: "I cannot understand people from your part of this world. Back where I come from we have gone along with nuclear power. Just like you we had problems and tragic accidents but we invested in the technology and now have a safe reliable source of energy. One spin-off has been intergalactic travel. The work of the Atomic Research and Spaceship Establishment has made it possible for me to be here speaking to you in person. Anyway, take my advice and stay away from renewable energy, the Martians tried it and look what happened to them!" We talked of other things and the evening drew to a close: "Goodbye me old mate," he said, "you may not see me again – they're building a wind farm right where I park my flying saucer."

Communicare, a group who assisted the local population by doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and pensions, accompanying the frail and so on, celebrated their 21st birthday. Over their 21 years, Communicare had dealt with over 14,000 requests for assistance, with everything done on a voluntary basis, except for car transport.

Sir Ray Tindle, of Tindle Newspapers, then-owner of the Purbeck Gazette, celebrated his 80th birthday as the owner of over 200 newspaper titles and 15 radio stations. Sir Ray had visited Swanage in 2003 and bought the title from previous owner, Jon Sibthorpe, to add to the Tindle group.

The Old Malthouse School in Langton Matravers reported on their pupils spending a day completing team building exercises on Long Island in Poole Harbour.

The children were transported to the island in small groups aboard a rib - a first for many of the children attending. The VODA scheme (Old Malthouse Voyage of Discovery) was run in conjunction with local professional, Russell Thompson, who had trekked, camped and run training camps in some 39 countries round the globe. Children took part in various activities, including blindfolded activities to build trust, and rope work.

Well known historian and archaeologist, Lillian Ladle, gave a talk on the subject of Wareham's past at the Corn Exchange on 9th November 2006. Lillian had just completed sixteen years as the Project Manager at the Bestwall Quarry Archaeological Project.

Lillian's talk focused on what it was like to live in Wareham during the beginning of the last century. The photograph below is from 'Wareham, a pictorial history' by Lillian Ladle. It shows Charles Dugdale, of 45 North Street (c 1910). Charles established his butcher's shop in the 1850s, before refrigeration, when meat was displayed in and outside in all weathers.



Food columnist, Martin Pook, worried about the seeming fragmentation of the UK, remarking: "Just recently I sent in Mrs Pook's recipe for Dorset's National Dish, a competition sponsored by Hall and Woodhouse for Food Week. National Dish I thought, really? Is Dorset a nation? Well, I don't think so. But we do seem to be fragmenting into a sort of tribalism, with a Welsh assembly and a Scottish Parliament (what about the West

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Rutting stags have been bellowing out challenges to other males, and many people locally have enjoyed getting out to watch this spectacle of the natural world, so accessible in Purbeck.

Squirrels have been busy collecting and hiding supplies to last them throughout the winter months, and birds have been feeding themselves up, either to get through the winter, or to begin a long and hazardous journey to warmer climes.

Mushrooms and toadstools have pushed their way up across the hills, fields and throughout our woodlands. Apples have ripened, and the hedgerows have been adorned with the fruits of the harvest season. With the turning back of the clocks, the winter approaches - look out for sleeping hedgehogs before you light that bonfire, and remember resident birds could do with a helping hand with food and water over the coming months.

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Lothian Question, I hear you ask) so perhaps home rule for Dorset? We already have our national anthem – Dorset is Beautiful (except for Poole and we can send Bournemouth back to Hampshire) – but we don't have a flag. Why not? Cornwall has had the wrecker's cross for a long time, and now Devon has its own flag which consists of a white cross fimbriated with black on a green ground with 'Devon' inscribed in a lower quarter. "For our flag I would suggest quartered red and yellow, curiously the exact colours of Mrs Pook's market umbrellas, but if anyone has a better idea of what might represent us feel free to tell me. Perhaps next year Hall and Woodhouse could sponsor a competition for a Dorset Flag that we could all proudly fly."

Columnist, David Eyles, joined us in November 2006, penning the first of many articles on farming and the natural world. David had researched Isle of Purbeck farmers who were in business in 1997, comparing with those still in business in 2006. David found 42 farming families working in 1997. Of these, 15 had given up completely by 2006. Of the original 22 dairy farmers, only 9 were still working in the industry. A handful had quit dairy for some other form of farming business, but most had gone completely. This explained why less and less UK milk was being sold in supermarkets, and was instead being imported from abroad.

Bovington Middle School celebrated a busy term of athletics as ten of their pupils were selected to represent the East Dorset team at County Athletics Championships, held at the Kings Park Stadium in Bournemouth. All four of the pupils taking part in the Year 7 events earned top six places. The younger pupils also performed well against tough competition. Students Jake Monier-Williams and Isla Marsh were commended for outstanding achievements, with Jake breaking the school record for the Year 6 Boys Cricket Ball throw. Isla became the Dorset Champion in the Shot.



# Heartbreak Of Older Pet Owners



**B**lue Cross is calling on all elderly care homes to have a clear pet policy, after the pet charity's research found that 40% of UK care homes claim to be 'pet friendly' but there are often huge discrepancies in what this means in practice.

Blue Cross findings reveal that not all 'pet friendly' care homes allow a resident to have a pet but instead may mean pets are allowed to visit, the care home has a resident pet, staff bring their pets to work or that a home contains a fish tank. With a quarter of older pet owners describing their pet as 'family', Blue Cross is calling for a more transparent, consistent and clear approach to help pet owners make this life-changing decision.

The leading pet charity, which runs the Pet Bereavement Support Service (PBSS), believes that the grief of having to give up a pet when they go into care is deeply traumatic for the elderly owners and should be minimised as much as possible. Two thirds of UK older pet owners describe being 'devastated' if they had to give up their pet to go into care.

Diane James from the Blue Cross Pet Bereavement Support Service said: "Calls from older people forced to give up their pet because they are going into a care home are heartbreaking. Not only are pets an important companion in older people's lives, they may also be the last link to a deceased spouse or happy memory. At an already difficult time for many older people, losing their pet can be seriously traumatic for them."

While the charity understands it isn't appropriate in all cases for pets to live with their owners in care or retirement housing it is recommending that care homes have a clear criteria on where they stand regarding residents keeping their pets and the responsibility of residents living with their pet in the home. Blue Cross has produced a checklist for care homes to create a simple, easy to understand pet policy.

Feedback to the charity from care homes indicates these guidelines would be welcomed and, along with 65% of older pet owners, they would support a change in legislation so that care homes must have a formal pet policy and process for residents wanting to bring their pets to live with them. Blue Cross is urging supporters to write to their MP to change current legislation so that all care homes must, by law, have a pet policy in place, letter templates can be downloaded from the [www.bluecross.org.uk](http://www.bluecross.org.uk).

The charity is also offering free online guidelines for care homes to create a pet policy.

Marion Davies, age 82, lives with her cat four-year-old Blackie (pictured above) at Thameside care home in Surrey. Marion said: "I love Blackie to bits. She sleeps on my bed at night and comes into the day room with me sometimes. She is a member of my family."

Blue Cross believes there are many benefits to older people having pets in their lives. As well as companionship, pets give older people a routine and a sense of purpose. Older pet owners are also more likely to take exercise to walk or play with their pets and pets also relieve stress and increase endorphins through stroking.

Andy Seal, Service Delivery Consultant at Anchor, said: "Anchor prides itself on giving older people a choice of great places and ways to live. One way we do that is by allowing residents to bring their pets with them when they move into our properties. Studies have shown that residents are healthier and happier when they interact with pets. As well as reducing stress, having pets is also a good way for carers to initiate conversations with residents, particularly those living with dementia who find it difficult to communicate."

Blue Cross happily rehomes pets to older people. The charity matches homeless and unwanted pets to the best homes for them and has no restrictions on age. To reassure older pet owners they can register pets onto the charity's 'Pets into Care' scheme which is a free service where pets who outlive their owners can be taken in by Blue Cross who will match them to a loving new home.

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# A Reader's Perspective On Local Policing...

*by Cliff Baxter of Wareham*

Dear Gazette Readers,

I retired from the Metropolitan Police after thirty two year's service in July 2012, four months before the elections for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) who would replace Police Authorities. I voted for Mr Underhill in the 2012 election; not because I knew him, not because I knew much about him or not even because he too was an ex-police officer. I voted for him because he stood as an 'Independent'.

The concept of PCCs was the idea of the then Home Secretary, Theresa May. Having seen and been involved with some of the negative impacts of her initial twenty percent budget cuts to the police service and been subjected to some of the reforms introduced by Tom Winsor, I was naturally very sceptical and suspicious of her plan to push ahead with individual PCCs to replace Police Authorities. I viewed it as a cynical way of seizing political control of the police thus making it easier to further police reform as part of political dogma rather than for our benefit.

This view was supported to some extent by the party funding provided to political candidates whilst Independent candidates were left to fund their own campaigns. Mr Underhill was one of twelve independent PCCs out of forty one elected that November. He was duly re-elected in May this year as one of only three Independents.

On 4th October I was one of twenty two people who attended a public meeting in Swanage with Mr Underhill and members of his team. I was able to attend because current work commitments permitted. I was interested to hear of the policing strategy for Dorset and make my mind up as to how this would affect Purbeck and it was not too difficult for me to travel to Swanage School.

Many inferences can be drawn by the pitifully low numbers in the audience but I hope that Mr Underhill will not be deterred from repeating the exercise. Mr Underhill provided an easily understood, comprehensive and coherent overview of what he had done and what he planned to do with regard to policing in Dorset. He alluded to some, but by no means all, of the difficulties facing the police nationally and in Dorset. This was an unwise omission because, as became apparent later in the meeting, many members of the public are unaware of the inability of the police to provide the level of service they have been used to. I repeat, the inability; not the unwillingness to provide the service.

I can provide a little more background. The Conservative led coalition government came to power in 2010. Austerity soon became central to the policy of reducing the deficit. Public services appeared to be identified as a fertile area for saving money. The police were not only an obvious target but also an easy one. The Police Federation is not a trade union and police officers are not permitted to strike. Therefore when a twenty percent budget cut to the police service was announced all that the police could do was to hold a protest march in London and warn the Home Secretary at the Police Federation Conference that, '20% cuts to the police were criminal'.

There was a degree of waste within the police and there were savings to be made. I agreed with analysts at the time that cuts between ten and fifteen per cent could be absorbed without adversely affecting the service provided too much and I have not changed that view. However in the intervening years the police budget has been cut by close to thirty five per cent. This has resulted nationally in the loss of 20,287 police officers in seven years. This equated to the loss of 350 police officers in Dorset. We are now at the same level of warranted officers last seen in England and Wales during the 1970s.

It took a couple of years for the true impact of the budget cuts to be realised. This was due in part to the Olympic Games being held in London and Weymouth in 2012. With an increased threat of terrorism and with Great Britain being the focus of attention that summer, failure was not an option. Many officers worked in excess of twelve hours a day for extended periods just to meet basic demands. The games were a success and passed off without incident. During the following years police stations have closed, dog sections and mounted branches have been cut, air support cover has been reduced and roads policing has decreased. Chief Constables have struggled to balance their budgets whilst keeping up with increased demand.

Returning to the public meeting held by Mr Underhill, questions from the audience followed. It became obvious to me that many of those present did not understand the current situation and difficulties in policing, the true effects of the budget cuts and how the service they were used to had become a thing of the past. Deployment of police is a matter for the Chief Constable and ours has to use her resources wisely.

A member of the audience complained that she had not seen a police officer in Swanage recently and was concerned that the numbers had been

reduced. This was in keeping with a recent survey which disclosed that a third of the population had not seen a patrolling officer during the past year.

Last year, when asked about the absence of 'bobbies on the beat', Sara Thornton, Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council replied, "It's a difficult one because it's one of those features of policing that the public have come to like and respect over many, many years but in fact the evidence would say that a random police patrol doesn't prevent crime, doesn't solve crime, it doesn't in fact make people feel safer."

Asked if she thought the days of routine patrols were over, she said officers would, "always respond to the pub fight, domestic abuse, to people in difficulty but, in the future, patrols would not be focused on areas of low crime."

I believe that a patrolling officer is desirable and useful but only where and when resources permit. If I may draw an analogy to another of our institutions, newer and apparently more loved than the police; the National Health Service. Would that lady have complained that she never sees a Doctor? Probably not because it means that all is well. Would it be a good use of scarce NHS resources to see a doctor every month to provide reassurance when unnecessary? I don't believe it would. Similarly it does not make sense to deploy scarce police resources to where they are not needed purely to provide reassurance where reassurance is not necessarily required. The absence of a visible police presence should be seen as confirmation that Purbeck is a reasonably safe area; it certainly is when compared to other areas in Dorset.

Yes, Purbeck does experience people riding bicycles on the pavement, occasional boat trailers not displaying a registration number and drivers using mobile phones whilst driving. That is not to suggest that these issues are unimportant but other areas of Dorset experience many more murders, serious assaults, armed robberies, abductions and other serious offences which are thankfully relatively rare in Purbeck. It is reasonable to expect that the areas of most demand deserve a more robust police presence. I do take issue with Mr Underhill and Dorset Police on the subject of Neighbourhood Policing. It is my view that by resourcing and enhancing these teams public satisfaction with the police can be increased from the current seventy six percent rating and demands on police can be reduced.

Anyone listening to the policing minister, Brandon Lewis MP or his predecessors Mike Penning or Damian Green, encouraged by Theresa May, would believe that police reform is working and that crime is falling. Whether police reform is working will remain a matter of opinion. The police are certainly less expensive, they are more accountable and have improved some working practices. By merging some functions and contracting out some services they have become financially more efficient. Regrettably it is a myth that crime is falling.

The most recent crime figures supplied by the Office for National Statistics on 21st July this year showed that nationally there was a fall in some offences, namely burglary (3%), theft of cycles (7%) and anti-social behaviour offences (3%). However offences of violence against the person have increased by 27%, sexual offences have increased by 21%, knife crime has risen by 10% and fraud offences have increased by 8%. There was an overall 8% increase in crime.

Mr Underhill mentioned that cyber-crime is increasing rapidly. This will place further pressure on police. Mental health and social services have also seen their budgets slashed leaving police to pick up the pieces. Many hours of police time is spent dealing with people under the Mental Health Act thus keeping officers off the streets.

This situation has become so bad in neighbouring Devon and Cornwall that the Chief Constable has threatened legal action against the NHS for failing to provide beds for mental health patients dealt with by police. I do not know if the situation is that severe in Dorset, or Purbeck in particular, but it is highly likely that a disproportionate amount of police time is spent caring for mental health patients and conveying injured people to hospital due to the unavailability of ambulances.

It must be accepted that the way we are policed has fundamentally changed and will continue to evolve. It may appear better for some, worse for others but the majority are unlikely to notice the difference as the police adapt to provide the best service possible during extremely challenging times. In return we owe them our support and understanding.

I thank Mr Underhill for visiting Swanage and I hope he will return to Purbeck, hopefully Wareham, again soon.

Yours sincerely, Cliff Baxter, Wareham.



# Swanage Area Senior Forum

## Purbeck and National Park Opportunity.

Last month's Forum meeting on the controversial subject of reshaping our local councils was a lively evening, and we await the results of the Public Consultation which closed on 25 October.

This month, we have an uplifting and positive meeting on the proposal for a Dorset and East Devon National Park on Wednesday 16 November at the Emmanuel Baptist Church Centre at 7pm.

Sandra Brown of the Dorset and East Devon National Park Team says: "This proposal for a Dorset and East Devon National Park will cover the Jurassic Coast, the downs and Hardy's Egdon Heath and is an exciting opportunity to conserve and enhance our internationally important landscape and heritage.

"Equally importantly, a National Park can develop the affordable homes that local Dorset people, and especially young families need and can promote our businesses (and especially the tourism sector)."

This is a good opportunity to come and hear Sandra Brown make her presentation and engage in a discussion on the possibilities with her. Refreshments are served from 6.30pm before the meeting.

Note for your diaries: Our ever-popular Christmas coach outing to Haskins Garden Centre and HobbyCraft is on Thursday 8 December. More details at our November meeting.

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## Swanage Local Plan

### Consultation on main modifications

Purbeck District Council is working in partnership with Swanage Town Council and the Swanage Town and Community Partnership to produce the Swanage Local Plan.

Once agreed, the plan will set out a vision for Swanage for the period up to 2027 and provide the strategy for the delivery of development and supporting infrastructure within Swanage.

Following previous public consultations, the Plan was submitted for an independent examination. As a result, the inspector has suggested various changes.

At the time of writing, public consultation is planned to take place on the proposed changes between 27 October and 9 December. The inspector will take account of any comments made during the consultation when she prepares her final report.

There are a number of proposed changes, with one of the main changes being the removal of the policy relating to the provision of affordable housing on the Prospect Allotments site.

The Council is proposing new supporting text to cover this matter instead. You can find all the details and how to respond at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/swanage-local-plan](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/swanage-local-plan)

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# Wareham Town Council Updates

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



### News from Wareham Town Council September 2016

**W**areham In Bloom Committee, especially 'Mr. Wareham In Bloom', Councillor E. Osmond, was congratulated on the Gold award, Winner of Category and promotion to the Britain In Bloom competition.

A presentation by Judith Holmes of Wareham's Fairtrade Committee featured Noah's Ark. In India where 40% of the world's malnourished children live, this company provides fair wages and self-respect for its employees, a school and help with medical costs. Its products including a beautiful serving slice can be bought from the Traidcraft catalogue. With support from the Council, church groups and businesses, Wareham can maintain its Fairtrade Town status.

A planning application has been submitted for premises behind Sandford School for Sandmartins. Wareham Youth Centre is open and available to hire, phone 552934. From 2017 the mobile library will only serve residential homes and sheltered accommodation. Sandford Road from McColls past the Pottery roundabout will be resurfaced between January and March. Dorset County Council (DCC) set 27 October as the new date for considering Wareham level crossing.

People who under-occupy their homes will be allocated to the Gold Band for relocation instead of being offered the ineffective Transfer Incentive, reported Councillor H. Goodinge. The Councillor will take at least two topics to the Purbeck Affordable Social Housing Forum: keeping affordable housing affordable in perpetuity; making rents in affordable housing affordable.

Wareham had welcomed visitors from Hemsbach and celebrated with them the 30th anniversary of the town twinning.

Buying and fitting new ticket machines in Howards Lane car park will cost nearly £10,000. The Planning and Transport Committee raised an objection to additional housing behind Anglebury Hotel because the total Cow Lane development would be too dense. The Committee agreed that Happy Hour, South Street, could open until midnight but no later on Friday and Saturday. An amendment of the planning permission to build three one-bedroomed houses and two one-bedroomed flats on the Hallmark Cars site in St Johns Hill was noted.

850 questionnaires had been delivered to houses and businesses in roads which petitioned the Council for a Residents' Parking Scheme. A report of the results will be brought to the next Council meeting and a recommendation made to DCC. The scheme does not allocate a specific parking space and allows visitors to park one or two hours, residents all day and all night.

Councillor N. Wiggins will be litter champion and represent the Council on the Litter Free Purbeck group.

Arguments were voiced against transferring local authority from PDC, the smallest of the district and borough councils with the slimmest management in Dorset and better financial health, to a larger combined authority, which could be less accessible, representative and accountable when district councils already work successfully in partnerships.

The public is invited to the next meetings of the Town Council on Tuesday 1st November and Monday 12th December in the Town Hall at 7pm. Call 01929 553006 for further information or visit the website at [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk).

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If you are finding it difficult to do some ordinary, everyday tasks that used to be so easy for you, please remember to call our helpline and we can send one of our lovely volunteers around to help you.

Please don't sit at home with half the light bulbs not working or worrying about things which could be easily sorted out by us.

All we ask is a minimum £2 donation towards our expenses and maybe a cup of tea for the volunteer!

### Our Fourth Birthday Celebration.

On Thursday 3rd November we are holding our 4th Birthday Celebration at Furzebrook Village Hall starting at 11.45am for 12.15pm start. All our volunteers are invited and anyone who would like to become a Good Neighbour is welcome to attend.

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## New Lifeboat Station Prepares To Receive Swanage Lifeboats

As we enter the winter months the construction of the new Swanage Lifeboat Station is coming to an end and the station is almost ready to receive the Swanage lifeboats and their crew who will be operating from this new station for many years to come.

As one of the few lifeboat stations around the country that has a slipway launched all-weather lifeboat, it has been a complex build. The installation of the lower reaches of the slipway have been constrained by weather and tide and much of the large equipment has come by sea.

However, the finishing touches are now being completed, ready for trials of the equipment and facilities to commence before the building is formally handed over to the volunteer lifeboat crew.

Lifeboat Coxswain, Dave Turnbull said "Although our temporary facilities have been more than adequate for our requirements it will be fantastic to move into our new station.

"Not only will this provide improved facilities for the crew, but it will be mean our all-weather lifeboat will be indoors when not at sea making maintenance much easier.

"The new station also gives the public the opportunity to have a much closer look at our lifeboats with the new improved gallery viewing area."



The formal opening ceremony for the lifeboat station and naming ceremony for the new Shannon class lifeboat, the George Thomas Lacy will be in the spring of 2017.  
**Picture by Andy Lyons. Thanks Andy!**

## Out Of The Blue



### A day in the life of a Patrol Sergeant

I'm Sergeant Gosling, a Patrol Sergeant at Purbeck.

My shift starts with a team briefing covering current crimes, incidents and persons of interest in Purbeck. It's important that we know what has been and is happening and are knowledgeable about ongoing incidents, so every officer knows their priorities and what our top community objectives are.

Officers are then responsible for visiting victims, high-visibility patrols and responding to incidents within their area.

We then undertake mobile patrol - targeting vulnerable crime locations. This police presence deters criminals and gives me an opportunity to advise the public of the risks, offer crime prevention advice and reassurance.

I then return to the station to review officers' crime investigations, for instance a burglary crime that occurred the previous evening. I provide support and direction to the officer to ensure that all reasonable lines of enquiry are completed to identify who was responsible. I discuss with the officer any safeguarding or welfare needs of the victim and ensure that appropriate referrals are made to other agencies to fully support the victim through this very distressing time.

Throughout the shift I monitor crimes and incidents that officers attend to ensure that they are fully supported and that they have sufficient resources to deal effectively with every situation they are confronted with. I attend



the most serious incidents to provide leadership, coordination and liaise with the police control room.

At the end of my shift I brief the incoming Sergeant of any issues and leave the station proud that as a police officer, I am lucky enough to help people every day and hope that I have made a small positive difference to people's lives.

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## Swanage Fire & Rescue Station Update



Hi and welcome to my monthly report from Swanage Fire station! Operationally we have been quiet this month answering only seventeen emergency calls:

**Four medical calls for our colleagues from South West Ambulance.**

**Six alarm calls.**

**One fire in the open at Durlston**

**Country Park.**

**One call to multiple flooding in the Kings Road East area of the town.**

**One call to a tractor and trailer on fire that was completely destroyed.**

**Four stand by moves to cover other stations.**

Now that the winter months are with us my safety message this month is about the dangers of Carbon monoxide. (CO). It is the silent killer – you can't see it, taste it or smell it.

CO poisoning occurs when any fuel-burning appliance has not been properly installed or maintained, or when there is poor ventilation. Sources can include boilers, gas fires, central heating systems, water heaters, cookers and open fires.

**The build-up of carbon monoxide can also be as a result of any of the following:**

- Indoor use of a barbecue or outdoor heater.
- Using cooking appliances as heaters.
- Burning fuel in an enclosed or unventilated space where there are no air vents, windows or doors left open or ajar.
- Faulty/damaged heating or cooking appliances.
- Badly ventilated rooms – sealed windows or no air bricks.
- Blocked chimneys or flues – bird's nests, fallen bricks, growing vegetation, poor DIY.
- Running engines (such as cars or ride-on lawnmowers) in enclosed garages.

We recommend that all homes have carbon monoxide detectors fitted as well as working smoke alarms. CO detectors can be bought in most supermarkets and DIY stores – they're not expensive and they save lives.

**The danger signs:**

- Yellow or orange, rather than blue, flames (except fuel effect fires or flueless appliances which display this colour for effect).
- Soot or yellow/brown staining around appliances or fireplaces.
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

- Increased condensation inside windows.

**The symptoms of CO poisoning:**

The early symptoms of CO poisoning can be easily confused with many common ailments and can develop quickly or over several days or months.

**Look out for:**

- A headache
- Feeling sick and dizzy
- Feeling tired and confused
- Being sick and/or having stomach pain
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

**What to do if you think you are suffering the effects of CO**

- Open the doors and windows to ventilate the affected room.
- Switch off all gas appliances and don't use them again until they have been checked/checked by a registered gas engineer.
- Leave the property immediately and get out into the open air.
- If appropriate, seek urgent medical advice from your GP or your nearest A&E department.

Lastly I would like to appeal to your kind nature. Swanage Firefighter Liam Blake has been successful in gaining entrance to run the London Marathon next year, he will be running to raise funds for the Firefighter's Charity. This charity provides vital support when Firefighters and their families are in need.

Liam has been set a £1600 fundraising target, the Station will be supporting him as much as we can and will be running fund-raising events at the station and other venues in and around the town. These events will be advertised so please could I ask you all to support us in any way that you can.

To make Liam's run that bit more challenging, he has pledged to run in full firefighting kit and if we can get his donations and sponsorship to £2500, he will also wear a full set of breathing apparatus!

If anyone wishes to sponsor Liam individually, you can visit his Just Giving page at [www.justgiving.com/liam-blake1](http://www.justgiving.com/liam-blake1) or you can use his text code which will donate £5 directly to his Just Giving page by texting FFBA99 £5 to 70070.

Or if you would like to contact the station with any goodwill messages or Ideas on how we can support Liam you can contact me at [sm16@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:sm16@dwfire.org.uk)

That's all for this month stay safe and remember test your smoke alarm.

**Phil Burridge, Station Commander**





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## Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust



The Centre, previously the Swanage Youth and Community Centre, has been taken over from Dorset County Council, on behalf of the community, by Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust. Work is currently underway to update the accommodation to get it ready for community use early in the New Year.

Youth sessions will restart in January and local schools will be notified about the programme shortly.

In the meantime, the Development Trust is applying for grant funding to: initially re-equip the Centre; and will subsequently carry out major repairs and improvements to substantially upgrade the building. It is inviting volunteers to support it in its aims and is looking for organisations wishing to hire space, to cover running costs.

For further information, visit the Development Trust website: <http://www.sandpdt.org.uk/> or look up the Centre's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/swanagecentre/>

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## Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust



Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust is a registered charity created to provide help and support in the local Community. We are now working on the Centre, formally known as the Swanage Youth and Community Centre, to re-open the Youth Club, in January, and develop a Social Hub for the whole Community.

**We are inviting volunteers to help us in this important project.**

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# Dorset High Sheriff Officially Opens New £500,000 Level Crossing For Trains To Wareham



**A** new £500,000 level crossing enabling regular passenger trains from Swanage and Corfe Castle to the main line at Wareham – for the first time since 1972 – has been officially opened by the High Sheriff of Dorset.

During Victorian times, the family of Sir Philip Williams were among the promoters who brought the 1847-opened railway from Southampton to Dorchester via Wareham – and his great-grandfather was a director of the London and South Western Railway until the company's end in 1922.

The High Sheriff of Dorset cut a ceremonial ribbon at Norden Gates level crossing – located just west of Norden station and half a mile north of Corfe Castle – that has taken dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers four years and more than 3,000 hours of design, building and testing work.

There was also a celebration of the completion of the 18-month restoration and upgrade of three miles of former Network Rail line – to within a quarter of a mile of Worgret Junction and the main line to Wareham. Sir Philip unveiled a brass plaque on Norden station.

After the official opening, the High Sheriff of Dorset and his wife joined more than 60 guests on a special five-coach train that ran over the level crossing and on to the four-mile line that takes the Swanage Railway's tracks to within a quarter of a mile of Worgret Junction and the main line to Wareham.

A key part of the Swanage Railway's two-year trial train service to Wareham from June, 2017, the funding of Norden Gates level crossing has been provided thanks to the 'legacy' support of the Wytch Farm oil field's previous operator British Petroleum (BP).

Located west of the Swanage Railway's Norden station, the state of the art level crossing called 'Norden Gates' allows trains to cross a busy and important road giving access to the Wytch Farm on-shore oilfield as well as Purbeck District Council's car park next to Norden station.

Her Majesty the Queen's judicial representative in Dorset, a delighted Sir Philip Williams said: "It is a great honour, as well as obviously a great pleasure, to be asked to open this latest stage in the full re-integration of the Swanage Railway into the national railway network. I am proud and privileged that this occasion has fallen within my year as High Sheriff and that, as a life-long railwayman, I can therefore play a part.

"The official opening of Norden Gates level crossing marks one more decisive stage in the long and tireless efforts of numerous enthusiasts, volunteers and staff who – by their vision and their contribution with time and abilities of brain or muscle – have refused to let the Swanage Railway die.

"I congratulate all who have brought the revival of the Swanage Railway to this stage and I look forward to its enjoying many years of success and

prosperity into the future. My family first became involved in extending the railways into Dorset and the West Country by facilitating the Southampton and Dorchester Railway nearly 200 years ago.

"I'm not sure if my great-grandfather, who was the longest-serving director of the London & South Western Railway when it lost its identity in 1922, ever opened a line himself but I do hope that he would be proud that Wareham and Swanage will soon be connected by passenger-carrying rails again," added the High Sheriff who is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen.

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Gavin Johns said: "The safety of the public, and our passengers, is our paramount concern. The new full-barrier level crossing will enable regular passenger trains to run from Swanage and Corfe Castle to Wareham for the first time since 1972.

"A hugely complex infrastructure project has been successfully completed by a volunteer-led organisation and is about to bring main line-connected rail travel back to a corner of south-east Dorset for the first time in more than 40 years. The infrastructure has been completed and is ready for trial services to take place on 140 selected days over two years from the summer of 2017.

"This success is thanks to the foresight of our Project Wareham funders as well as the commitment of our volunteers and supporters. The Swanage Railway's hard-working staff are also to be congratulated.

"The Swanage Railway is also grateful to former Wytch Farm oil field operator British Petroleum (BP) for providing the 'legacy' payment of £500,000 so the new Norden Gates level crossing could be built," added Mr Johns.

Swanage Railway Company chairman Trevor Parsons explained: "Equipped with full barriers, warning lights and audible alerts, the signal box for Norden Gates level crossing has been built of wood – with a slate roof – in the style of the branch line signal box at Lyme Regis station in west Dorset.

"A lot of detailed work has gone into designing, building and installing the signal box and signalling system at Norden Gates – together with its electrical operation and safety systems – and I thank everyone involved, including Project Wareham director Mark Woolley and his project manager Frank Roberts," added Trevor, a Swanage Railway train guard and signaller.

Approved by the Government's Department for Transport, the level crossing's computer-controlled safety systems, crossing barriers and road user warning systems were designed and installed by Schweizer Electronic of Switzerland.

Swanage Railway's Project Wareham director Mark Woolley said: "Thanks to a grant from the Government's Coastal Communities Fund and Swanage Railway resources, the work has included raising the line





speed to 25mph, upgrading and widening a quarter-mile long embankment near Furzebrook as well as laying half a mile of continuously welded rail on concrete sleepers through the protected Creech Heath to reduce intrusive track maintenance.

"We have also repaired three miles of fencing; carried out tree and vegetation removal and repair works; replaced more than 1,000 sleepers; increased the track ballast to improve rail and train ride quality," explained Mark, a dedicated Swanage Railway volunteer since the early 1980s.

Purbeck Community Rail Partnership chairman, Councillor Mike Lovell, said: "This is a huge step in the project to enable a regular passenger service from Wareham to Swanage. On behalf of the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership, I would like to thank the Swanage Railway and all the contractors and funders who have made this possible. We very much look forward to the start of a trial service."

*Pictures: top left: Norden Gates level crossing, Thurs 6th Oct. Above: Norden Station. Right: Norden Station plaque unveiled by Sir Philip Williams, Dorset's High Sheriff on Thurs 6th October. Below left: Sir Philip Williams, Dorset High Sheriff at Norden Gates level crossing. Below right: Norden Gates Signalman, Mike Banks.*

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## Economic Review Of Q3 2016

During the three months to end September 2016 the FTSE 100 index rose by 6.1% and was up by 10.5% during the year to date.

Our analysts generally commented on the global situation as follows: 'In the third quarter, global equities delivered good returns driven largely by Price/Earnings multiple expansion. Low inflation encouraged the leading central banks to maintain accommodative monetary policies but there is sense that low or negative interest rates are counterproductive for banks and are not delivering brighter economic prospects. In the absence of any acceleration in global growth and in light of other trends such as widening social inequality, rising political risks and exceptionally low borrowing costs, we expect to see more emphasis on fiscal easing in order to boost growth and inflation'.

With specific reference to the UK, selections from our analysts' comments are as follows: 'In the third quarter, equities performed strongly especially the technology, small and mid cap indices. The most telling result of the vote to leave the EU was the 12% fall in trade weighted sterling. This led to positive corporate Earnings Per Share revisions. In addition, the weaker exchange rate and a massive monetary easing have averted an economic downturn and boosted some cyclical equity sectors. In the Autumn Statement a fiscal easing is possible and if the new policy is well received financial markets could start to price in higher economic growth than the current consensus of 0.9% GDP growth for 2017. After a 12% rise in equities since Brexit the FTSE 100 rating is quite high on a 2016 P/E of 17.3 and we have a Neutral allocation.

In the third quarter, equity indices moved ahead strongly helped by lower interest rates and depreciation of the Pound. Given the significant monetary stimulus and improved competitiveness we are relatively optimistic on the economic outlook. Attention is now switching to a possible UK fiscal easing which could lead to upgrades to economic growth forecasts for 2017. After the historic vote to leave the EU on 23rd June, equities made a spectacular recovery. In Q3, the FTSE 100 Index rose 6.1% and the FTSE 250 advanced by 9.8%. The best performing index was the FTSE techMark 100 which rose by 12%. Both equity and bond markets were supported by the Bank of England which launched its biggest stimulus package since 2008-9. It cut interest rates by 0.25% to 0.25% and announced a £60bn gilt buying programme and plans to buy £10bn sterling denominated corporate bonds. Also, the package included a new £100bn funding scheme for banks with a new term funding scheme which allow banks to borrow at close to the Bank official base rate. In Q3 some of the best performing sectors were technology, mining, banks and housebuilders. Although there remains political uncertainty over the UK's relationship with the EU which may persist for some time, the last quarter of 2016 could be a critical period in shaping the UK's medium term outlook.'

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### Lifetime Individual Savings Account

HM Treasury has updated its factsheet on the new Lifetime Individual Savings Account (ISA), which are expected to launch in April 2017. Key features of the new ISA include:

- Accounts may be opened by investors aged between 18 and 40.
- Savings invested in the account before age 50 will attract a government bonus of 25%.
- A maximum of £4,000 may be saved each year on which the 25% bonus will be paid. This equates to a maximum bonus of £1,000 a year.
- Some or all of the money can be used to buy a first home, or it can be saved until the investor is 60.
- The savings can be used for the purchase of a first home worth up to £450,000 across the country.
- Limits apply per person rather than per household.
- Investors who have a Help to Buy ISA can transfer those savings into the Lifetime ISA in 2017-18, or continue saving into both - but they will only be able to use the bonus from one to buy a house.
- After his or her 60th birthday, the investor can take out all the savings (including the bonus) tax-free.
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#### **Don't be shocked in National Consumer Week**

Trading Standards police the safety of consumer goods and during this year's National Consumer Week we're reminding people what to look out for to prevent buying shocking electrical items.

- Avoid boxes without a manufacturer's name or trademark, or contact details as that could be an indication the item is substandard.
- Check that the instructions are in the box.
- Look out for poor quality construction and finish, misspelt brands or product names, or instructions with poor English translations.
- Ensure that there is a UK three pin plug on any electrical device and that the device that says it's made to BS 1363.
- Electrical chargers should also bear manufacturer details.
- Choose a reputable retailer so that if something goes wrong you can contact them to deal with any problems.

When you buy goods your rights as a consumer are with the retailer whether your contract is in writing or not. The retailer selling the goods, not the manufacturer, is responsible.

By law you are entitled to expect that the goods conform to the contract. This means that they should be:

- Of satisfactory quality
- Fit for their intended purpose
- As described
- And installed correctly, where installation is part of the contract.
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## Ransomware Warning

This form of malicious software, also referred to as malware, enables cybercriminals to remotely lock down files on a victim's computer or mobile device and demand a fee to unlock them (even though they don't always do so, even when the ransom is paid).

Recent figures released by antivirus vendor Symantec reveal that cybercriminals are demanding an average of £514 from their victims. This comes as at least 90,000 devices were infected by a strain of ransomware called Locky, in just one day.

### Tips to protect yourself and your device from ransomware:

1. Don't click on any links or attachments in emails you receive from an unsolicited sender, or even one that appears to come from someone you know, but seems irregular (somebody may have hacked or spoofed their email).
2. Always install software updates as soon as you are prompted, as these often include fixes for security vulnerabilities. Do this for your operating system as well as any software programs and mobile apps.
3. Visit only websites you know to be reputable.
4. Install anti-virus software on your computer and mobile devices (including Apple), making sure to keep it updated.
5. Regularly back up your important files. You can do this by using an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider, but remember not to leave your backup device connected to your computer as the malware can then spread to there too.
6. If your computer has been locked by ransomware, you should contact your support provider or the retailer you purchased the device from, for assistance.
7. If you become a victim of ransomware, report it to Action Fraud immediately.

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner added: "Ransomware can affect personal devices such as mobile phones, as well as business software and I am committed to ensuring Dorset Police does everything possible to prevent all types of cybercrime."

Find more advice about how to spot and respond to ransomware attacks at: [www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/ransomware/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/ransomware/)

## Pharmacy Errors and Legal Claims



When we attend our local chemist to collect prescribed medication, whether this is located in a High Street shop or in your local GP practice, we usually take it for granted that the chemist or pharmacist has dispensed the correct medication.

However, it is not uncommon for errors to

occur and for patients to be given a completely different drug to that prescribed.

This can be extremely dangerous. Doctors take great care to decide the correct medication for you, based on your health needs as well as age and any other medical conditions.

To be provided with the wrong medication can be likened to playing Russian roulette, as you simply don't know what that tablet or liquid contains when you swallow it.

### Consequences & Claims

The wrong medication can have devastating consequences. For example, consider the effects of a medication to reduce blood pressure wrongly being taken by a patient with already low blood pressure, or a morphine based medication to control pain in a patient not used to its strong sedative effect.

Patients who receive the wrong medication are often completely unaware of why they are feeling unwell. They are facing a double challenge: not only have they introduced something unexpected and unknown into their system, but they are without the benefit of the medicine they need.

Hospital admissions as a result of such errors are commonplace, as illness and side effects start suddenly and are often severe. It can be some time until the mistake is identified and realised as the reason for the ill health. All of this can result in a frightening experience for the patient.

Legal claims can be brought in such situations. Patients can seek compensation for the ill health suffered, and to reflect their anxiety in trusting medications in the future. They may also have suffered financial losses including loss of earnings.

### How We can Help

If you have suffered a dispensing error in the last 3 years, get in touch with us here at Battens. We provide a comprehensive clinical negligence service including claims for dispensing errors. We can help you pursue a legal claim against the pharmacy concerned, to help you obtain compensation and move on from the incident.

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# Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 2016



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Last year, nearly fifty trees glittered and sparkled at the magical three day event and a dozen trees have already been booked in for this year, so it will be first come, first served as the church anticipates an even bigger event with more visitors than last year as everybody loved it so much!

Open to the public for three days from Thursday 8th until Saturday 10th December, the event aims to provide a showcase for local charities and businesses from Swanage and Purbeck as well as telling the Christmas story through music, singing, acting and more. There will also be a fun photo opportunity for folk to 'Get into the Stable picture!'

The café will be open all day throughout the period and free car parking is available in the church's car park. More details on the programme of events will be published early in December but for now, if you are

a local business, charity or a local organisation and wish to sponsor a tree, get in quick and contact the church office on 427706 for a booking form with terms and conditions, or email [events@emmanuelbc.org.uk](mailto:events@emmanuelbc.org.uk) or pop in to the church one morning and get a form.

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## Wareham's Christmas 'Tree Of Light'

## Wareham Rotary

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You can donate by post by sending us your full name, address and postcode, along with details of who you wish to sponsor a light for/in memory of. Please include your donation to Wareham Hospital and Macmillan Support – a minimum donation of £5 is suggested.

Please make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Wareham and Post to Mr John Bowen, 47 Shaw Drive, Sandford, Wareham BH20 7BS.

You can also donate online at [www.warehamrotary.co.uk](http://www.warehamrotary.co.uk)

The Lighting Up Ceremony, followed by refreshments, will take place inside Wareham Hospital on Friday 11th December starting at 7pm.

**Everybody is welcome.**



# Swanage Santa

Santa is coming to Swanage from November 23rd until December 24th - and you can meet him!

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# Swanage BOXING DAY SWIM 2016



**T**he hugely popular Swanage Boxing Day Swim is getting close once again! Every year, hundreds of brave souls take to the sea in a mad dash on Boxing Day morning in aid of local charities and good causes, watched by hundreds of spectators who turn out to cheer the swimmers on.

Organiser, Julian Wood of Country Foods Catering, is already beginning preparations with his team of volunteers for this year's event, and is selecting the deserving local charities and causes who will be happy recipients of this year's fundraising. This year the funds raised will be split between the fantastic **Purbeck Gateway Club** and another small, local group or charity, yet to be decided. Hopefully members representing the chosen groups will be there on the day, helping Julian and his wonderful team out and shaking a bucket or two!

Very small, local charities and good causes are chosen as the impact of the funds can be immediately seen - and tracked by those who donated - which is what local fundraising should be all about. Making a real, identifiable difference on the ground.

All that's asked if you are chosen as a recipient of funds, is that you attend on the morning, get involved and at least give a hand to the volunteers who man the tea/coffee table and dish-up the bacon butties - if you're not taking the plunge yourself!

So, get your fancy dress/bikini/mankinis out of the closet and brush them off in readiness for this year's mad, cold dash into freezing waters - you'll be in good company!

**When? Be at the Blue Shelter (Mowlem end of Shore Road), Swanage Seafront,  
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**Santa Specials and Christmas Festivities 26th November - 24th December** - Santa Specials run Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th November, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th and then daily 17th to 24th December. Children will receive a wrapped age appropriate gift whilst everyone will receive refreshments from Santa's helpers.

Step on board our luxury festive dining trains this Christmas season to travel back in time and enjoy the sumptuous surroundings and service of Christmas past. Christmas Luncheon dining trains run Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th November, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 22nd and 23rd December. On Friday 9th December our Steam Hauled Victorian Themed Carol Train operates. With music and carols by the Swanage Town Band, Swanage School Choir and Harmony Rocks Choir, ably introduced by the Swanage Town Crier. There is a prize for the best period costume. See our Santa Specials leaflet for full details of all our Christmas Festivities.

**Purbeck Railway Circle** - On Friday 11th November, Mike Walshaw will deliver two contrasting presentations: "Military Railways - Planning for D-Day" and "Rowland Emmet - his Cartoons, Machines and Railways".

The second presentation concerns Rowland Emmet who was a celebrated cartoonist and constructor of 'whimsical kinetic sculpture'. From 1939 until the 1960s he published in "Punch". His cartoons caricatured bureaucratic absurdities and included railway scenes of strange, bumbling trains with excessively tall chimneys.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7pm for 7.30 pm. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** For other information regarding the meeting and/or the PRC please contact the PRC Chairman by email:- [gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk](mailto:gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk)



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### Tudor Christmas storytelling

Sat 10 - Fri 23 and Tue 27 - Sat 31 Dec

Joining our lord of misrule and walking through the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, you will find out about the rich history of Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a play or game or two.



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## Christmas at Corfe Castle

### Winter lights

Sat 10, Fri 16, Sat 17, Mon 19 - Fri 23 and Tue 27 - Fri 30 Dec until 7pm

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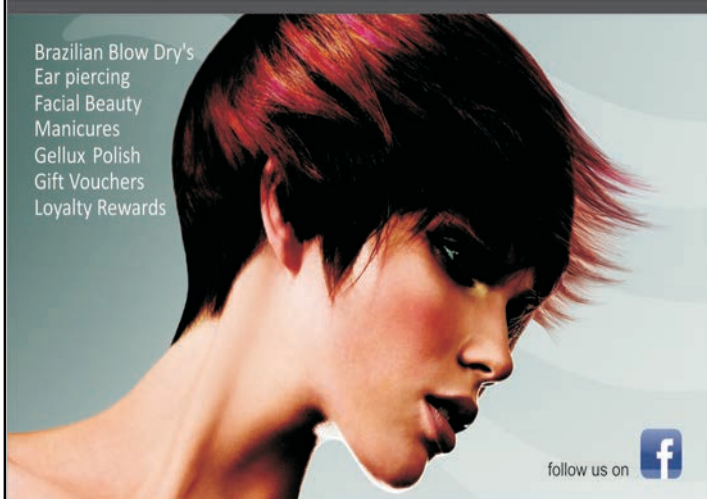
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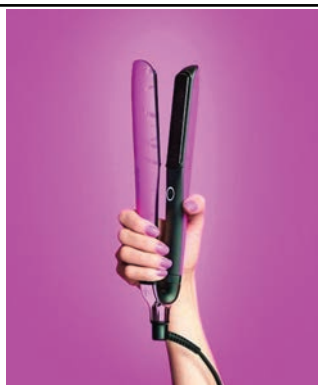
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## Mains

- Roast Turkey with sausage and bacon roll, stuffing and cranberry sauce
- Roast topside of Beef with Yorkshire pudding and horseradish sauce
- Wild Mushroom Penne Pasta with spring onions, cream cheese, garlic bread & Parmesan shavings
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### Christmas Lunch Menu

#### Starters

- Winter Spiced Butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup.
- Smoked Salmon and Prawn Cocktail.
- Salad of Goats Cheese, Beetroot and Candied Walnuts.
- \* Pork and Apple Pate with Toasted Brioche.

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- Traditional Roast Turkey - served with all the Trimmings.
- Seafood Linguine - cod, salmon, prawns and mussels in a creamy white wine sauce served on a bed of linguine with garlic bread.
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- Baked Butternut Squash and Oven Roasted Vegetables served on a bed of cous cous, topped with grilled mozzarella.

#### Desserts

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## CLAVELL'S

### Christmas Evening Menu

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- Salad of Goats Cheese, Beetroot and Candied Walnuts.
- Winter spiced Butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup.
- Duck Spring Rolls - with a hoisin sauce and dressed mixed leaves.
- Pork and Apple Pate - with toasted brioche and an apple and cider chutney.

#### Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey - served with all the Trimmings.
- Fillet of Sea bass - on a fleur-de-lis with a roasted red pepper sauce.
- Pork Tenderloin - with an apricot and brandy stuffing and a creamy wholegrain mustard sauce.
- Lamb Wellington - loin of lamb topped with minted pea in a filo pastry served with Madeira sauce. (£3 supplement)
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#### Desserts

- Homemade Christmas Pudding and Brandy Butter.
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### Starters

Tomato, Roasted Red Pepper Soup with Basil Oil (v)

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Beetroot and Lemon Dressing

Garlic and Chive Creamed Wild and Field Mushrooms,  
Toasted Ciabatta and Dressed Leaves

Coronation Chicken with Tian, Toasted Naan Bread  
& Curry Oil

### Main Courses

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Bacon Roll with Red Wine Sauce

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Pan Fried Breast of Duck, Cointreau & Raisin Sauce

Marinated Pork Loin Steak with Sticky BBQ Sauce

Grilled Herb and Lemon Crusted Seabass, Fennel and  
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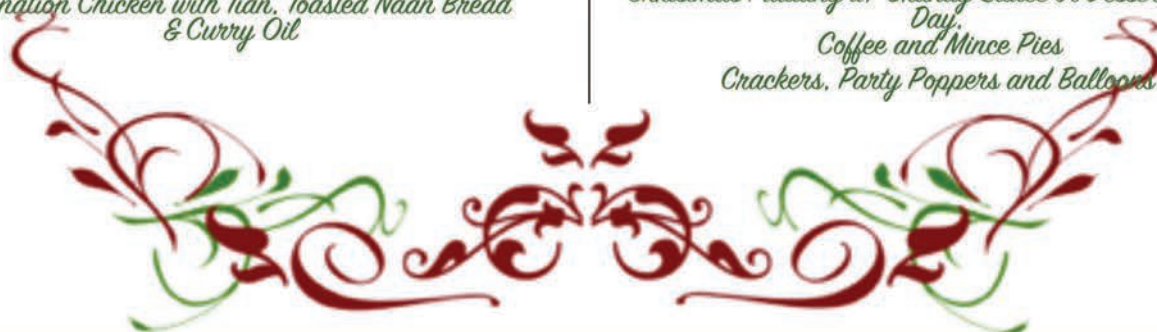
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AMAZING IN MOTION

# Freddie Star Ate My Hamster

by David Hollister

Certain national dailies – well, the Daily Express anyway – seem intent on convincing us that we are in for a ‘big freeze’ and ‘two months of thick snow’ and although you may, like me, treat these headlines as pure flights of fancy, it is a fact that we haven’t had a proper huge long traffic-stopping snowstorm down here for many years. I mean the sort of thing that has us panic-buying, complaining about the Council’s inability to provide enough grit for your Piece Of Road, and actually realising that for a few days or weeks, Things are going to be Different.

But it does seem that the weather is changing. Now it’s ‘climate change’ not ‘global warming’ which is a bit of a shame for those of us who were looking forward to sunbathing on the patio from April to October. Seems like we’re going to get the cold and wet end, so here are some bits of advice for driving in the winter.

The number one rule for driving in snow or ice is – don’t. Is your journey so essential that you are prepared to put your safety, and that of others, at risk – along with your car and your no-claims bonus? Are you as highly skilled in the art of ice-driving as Sebastian Loeb?

Stopping distances are ten times greater in snow and ice. Pull away in second, easing your foot off the clutch to prevent the driving wheels spinning. And if you have to brake, do it gently. If the car starts to skid, release the brake and de-clutch.

Wear comfortable dry shoes for driving. If you drive in snow-covered boots they will slip on the pedals and you won’t be able to ‘feel’ the car so well. Make sure you wear your seat belt. All the time the car is moving.

If your battery is over five years old, consider replacing it now rather than wait till a combination of cold-starts, lights and wipers finishes it off. If the engine doesn’t start in the first five seconds, wait thirty seconds to let the battery recover.

Get the anti-freeze checked by a local garage (go on, when was the last time you put anything but water into the radiator?). Check your tyres for condition and wear; the legal 1mm limit is far too low; you need a good 3mm tread to make your winter motoring safe. If in doubt, get your local garage to check them for you.

Make sure all the windows – not just the windscreen – are clear of snow, properly de-iced and de-misted before you set out. Don’t forget that cyclists, pedestrians, and other vehicles, will be less visible. Make sure that the windscreen washer bottle is topped up with the correct ratio of screenwash to prevent it freezing and ensure maximum cleaning.

And if you’re going far and the weather forecast is unpleasant – keep a bottle of water and high-energy food, such as chocolate, in case you break down or become stranded. Carry extra clothing, including a warm coat, gloves and a hat. Wellies, spare socks, and a high-visibility jacket are also recommended.

Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged, and that you have the number of a breakdown organisation. Make sure you’ve got a good torch and spare batteries in the car. Carry a shovel to dig yourself out.

If the journey can’t be avoided then manoeuvre gently at all times. Stopping distances are ten times greater in snow and ice. Pull away in second, easing your foot off the clutch to prevent the driving wheels spinning. And if you have to brake, do it gently. If the car starts to skid, release the brake and de-clutch.

In the snow, skidding’s the greatest problem. Drive as if you were on eggshells, with smooth, gentle application of accelerator, steering and brakes. If the vehicle starts to skid, gently lift off the throttle and steer in the direction of the skid. Hills are dangerous in ice and snow. Going up – avoid having to stop half-way up by waiting until the hill is clear of other vehicles, or leave a substantial gap between you and the car in front. Use a low gear and avoid changing up or down whilst on the slope. Going



down – reduce your speed as much as possible before the hill, engage low gear and try to avoid using the brakes. Leave as much room as you can between you and the car in front.

If your car has automatic transmission, in the snow it’s best to select ‘2’ which limits the gear changes and makes you less reliant on the brakes. Your car probably has screw-in ‘towing eyes’ Bet you don’t even know where they are! RTFM. And what about carrying a fair-sized piece of rope?

If you get stuck, sitting revving the engine and spinning the wheels will get you even more stuck. Try and shift the lumps of snow just in front of and behind the driving wheels, and then rock the car backward and forward, 1st and reverse, not too much throttle, until the momentum frees you. If you are still stuck, then don’t panic.

Straighten the steering and clear as much snow and slush from under the wheels as you can. Put an old sack, a rug, or a coat in front of the driving wheels to help them to grip. And once moving, don’t stop to go back for them until you are sure you can move off again safely.

Don’t be afraid to turn back if you think the conditions are too treacherous. And don’t be afraid to ask for help, or to offer help to strangers who appear to be in trouble. And how ever good you think you are – don’t forget, the other driver might not be, so KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

And finally. If the journey isn’t VITAL then stay at home. You, like me, have virtually no experience of the art of driving in snow, so leave the car in the garage or even where it’s parked, and either walk home or take a taxi. We all like to think we’re good drivers. Well, on the ice and in the snow, I’m the first to admit – I’m useless and have a history of dents and bangs to prove it!

And just in case you thought I’d ‘bottled out’ of the driving lessons, I’ve actually been hugely busy and this column has been totally committed for most of the year, but I’m pleased to say that I have now booked three lessons with hugely qualified local Instructor Andy Temple, a man with so many letters after his name that he’d be a winning Scrabble score!

We’re doing it in January and we will be writing a piece together for the Purbeck Gazette appearing at the end of February 2017.

Just so’s you know!

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# Planned Road Resurfacing

**Dorset County Council's planned resurfacing of roads in Swanage during October and November 2016**

Confirmation has been received regarding the details and extents of these works and planned road closures as detailed below:

Station Road, Institute Road, High Street, and Kings Road East - will be closed overnight from Monday 31st October to Saturday 5th November between 7pm and 7am.

Kings Road West - will be closed overnight from Monday 7th November to Wednesday 9th November between 7pm and 7am.

Whilst these works are being carried out, a short section of surfacing on the Rempstone Road junction with Gilbert Road will also be undertaken under 'Stop and Go' traffic management.

Osborne Road - will be closed from Thursday 10th November to Friday 11th November, from 9am to 4pm.

Townsend Road, Queens Road, and Bon Accord Road - will be closed from Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November from 9am to 4pm.

Town Hall Lane - will be closed on Monday 21st November from 9am to 4pm.

Whilst these roads are closed, access for residents and businesses will be maintained where safe to do so.

This may mean asking members of the public to wait a short while if the Highways Team need to move machinery, or to make the site safe.

If you have any queries about these works, please contact Mr Ben Laughton, Dorset Highways, Tel: 01305 221020, email: [dorsethighways@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:dorsethighways@dorsetcc.gov.uk), or for further information please visit the Dorset Roadworks website: [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/roads-and-driving/dorset-roadworks](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/roads-and-driving/dorset-roadworks), or the Town Council's website: [www.swanage.gov.uk](http://www.swanage.gov.uk). Thank you.

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## New Operation To Support Motorcyclists

A new operation commences in Dorset focusing on educating motorcyclists. Today, Dorset Police is launching Operation Wheels that will run throughout the summer period. The operation is a preventative campaign to reduce motorcycle casualties.

Riders are recognised as being the most at risk road user group. Whilst motorcycles account for only one per cent of the total road miles travelled, motorcyclists account for nearly twenty five per cent of those seriously injured or killed on our roads during 2010-2014.

Officers from the Alliance Road Policing team will be attending various motorcycle events offering advice to riders, and educating those who are caught speeding or driving in a careless or dangerous manner on the roads in Dorset.

To understand the circumstances in which riders are being killed or critically injured, police data was combined with medical data. Inspector Matt Butler from the Alliance Road Policing Team and Dr Ian Mew from Dorset County Hospital were recently presented with the Trauma, Audit and Research Network (TARN) Annual award, recognising their positive use of trauma data. The data analysed showed that seventy eight per cent of those killed or seriously injured were riding a motorcycle of 500cc and above. Fifty two per cent were aged between forty and fifty nine years old.

In seventy four per cent of cases, the collision was caused by rider error. Over a quarter of those killed or critically injured were riding in convoy with friends and the riders were nearly always male. Dorset roads that have statistically seen the most collisions have been identified as 'red routes'. Officers from the Alliance Road Policing team will be patrolling these routes with the intention of encouraging riders to ride safely. Drivers of cars and trucks will also be reminded of the greater risks riders face.

Operation Wheels aims to ensure that riding remains a great pleasure, so please ride long, safe and enjoy.

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# Food

## From The Kitchen Garden...



### Italian Bread Pudding

By Regula  
Wright,  
Godlingston  
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Garden

**W**e're now well into autumn and as daylight hours get shorter and night time temperatures are dropping fast, growing comes to a standstill. The last substantial crop I harvest is pumpkins and winter squashes. I have a particular soft spot for them as they're attractive AND taste good!

Once the little seedlings are planted out in their (well manured) growing spot in May/June, they're watered, weeded, slug patrolled and get sunshine, they generally are not too demanding for my attention. Squashes need plenty of space to ramble on or up a support and then they just get on with it and the pumpkin patch soon enough turns into a lush, green jungle of massive leaves, stems and orange flowers.

What exactly is happening under all that green cover is not easy to tell, however the odd baby pumpkin is spotted.....and then.....as the summer turns into autumn, the leaf cover withers into the background and the gorgeous pumpkins and squashes just lie there like jewels, perfectly formed in all sorts of colours and shapes, ready to pick!

There's the odd one that's half rotten, pecked on by birds or clawed by badgers and those ones my chickens get and absolutely adore. My girls just know what's good and rush to get a good peck at the bright orange flesh and of course the seeds are very much in demand.

I can never grow just one or two varieties, although I try to curb my enthusiasm when getting my hands on the seed catalogue. This year I've been trialling some Italian varieties and I'm rather pleased with the results. However, as July was rather cool and gloomy, it seems the plants concentrated on producing one strapping fruit and not a lot else.

Good job I have loads of them and they are suitable for sweet and savoury dishes!

#### **And now for an Italian take on bread pudding.....**

This dish is like a comforting hug after a bracing walk and if there are any leftovers it makes an interesting breakfast.

Torta di zucca

Recipe for a pie/quiche dish of 26cm diameter

Butter for your dish

600 gr cooked (steamed or roasted) squash ( butternut, hubbard, crown prince, buttercup)

2 tblsp water

100 gr sugar

150 gr white sliced bread, stale brioche or croissant

250 ml hot milk

250 gr sultanas

4 eggs

Vanilla pod or vanilla essence

Cinnamon or nutmeg to taste

Butter your dish

Put the squash with the water in a pan and cook gently until soft

Sprinkle sugar over cooked squash and let cool down and evaporate

Mix bread with hot milk, add vanilla, cinnamon or nutmeg and leave to absorb and cool down for a few minutes

Mix together sloppy bread mix with sloppy squash then mix in sultanas and eggs.

Put mix into your baking dish and bake in 200C oven for a good 35 minutes or until golden brown.

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## Besties Lamb



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At the festival we set up a pop-up shop selling a full range of our products plus essential toiletries and dairy products. A very big thank you to these organisations for supporting us, and to all the customers at these markets and our regulars at

our monthly Commercial road markets.

With autumn now here we have finished lambing our early lambing flock of Poll Dorset sheep and the lambs are out in the fields playing. The rams have been health checked and are now in with the spring lambing ewes doing what they need to do hopefully. These ewes will then be scanned in early January so we know which are in lamb and how many lambs they are carrying.

Our Devon and Cornwall Longwool flock were very successful in the show ring at Dorset County Show, so I hope we will have some nice lambs for next year.

In addition to our lamb and mutton which we have at the regular monthly market we sell apple and mint jelly, mutton pies and sheepskins.

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*Additional images to accompany Regula's column, left:*



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# Natural Matters

## Autumn Hues And Blues

*by John Garner*

As I sit here writing, a month before this article will be published, we have had an amazing run of warm and settled weather. September was one of the hottest in memory and although that can raise uneasy thoughts of global warming, in the short term it extended what was already a good end to the summer.

Today, perhaps for the first time since the spring, there is a bite to the northerly wind gusting into the garden, which suggests some sustained cooler weather to come.

The roads and lanes around Purbeck have been busy with tractors and quad bikes and other farmyard machinery as the farmers get ready for winter. Silage has been sorted and stored ready to feed to the animals in the colder, darker months when the grass has stopped growing or isn't producing the nutrients needed to sustain the animals. The maize has also been cut, stored and mixed with other feeds for the same purpose. Cows already find themselves inside overnight and some may spend the winter months permanently inside if necessary.

But there is still a great deal to see. A field I pass every day and haven't really noticed before is suddenly full of geese. A hillside on the way to Dorchester will soon be covered in noisy Turkeys. One day in December I will notice them not being there anymore, just as the spring lambs disappear one day at other times of the year. Such is the nature of livestock and farming. Whatever our views on modern farming, we have a great deal to thank the farming community for.

They are undoubtedly responsible for the amazing patchwork of fields that is unique to our countryside. Nowhere else in the world are there so many hedgerows and trees in the middle of fields and carefully divided up areas of land. Dorset is quintessentially English. Old buildings surrounded by rolling fields and all the hallmarks of a classic British countryside. It would be easy to grub it all up and indeed may well be more profitable to do so. The countryside here could look like a corrugated version of Norfolk or maybe something more American. But the hedgerows are preserved and the trees are left to grow old and gnarly and the countryside is all the better for that in my opinion.

It makes for much better looking maps as well. The OS Explorer map of Purbeck is a work of art. I would gladly have it hung on my wall instead of just about any picture I can care to think of.

But, what on earth are you rambling on about, I think I can hear you mutter? What is the point of these random ditherings? What links this collection of seemingly unlinked observations? I shall explain.

Eric Newby the great travel writer, once of Church Knowle, said that if you have to choose between splendours and miseries, you should always choose the former.

Autumn being here means that winter is coming and I need to divert myself to stop me dwelling on the coming winter months. You see, if I'm really honest, I don't particularly care for winter. I think I want it to be summer all the time. With qualifications that is. I don't mind the cold, it's the darkness that frustrates me. I like to be outside. I like to be able to see when I'm outside. Therefore, winter can be a bit limiting.

So I'm noticing all the things that are splendid whilst I can still see them. The aforementioned hedgerows are still alive with noisy birds. Not all the swallows have left judging by the one that fizzed inches from my head the other day as I cycled through the dungy lanes. Sunsets lately have been really spectacular, as have the crisp clear sunrises of the last few days.

Maudlin as it seems, I'm going to adopt the attitude of some of the livestock I've been noticing. We spend an inordinate amount of wasted time wondering if and when things are going to happen. What the weather will be like this winter? How will we get on again when the sun rises after we've gone to work and sets before we return home? Will this be the winter I finally succumb to Seasonable Adjustment Disorder and take to wandering around with a special visor lamp perched on my head emitting positive light?

I hope not because autumn is not really the problem. Autumn is brilliant. It's just that autumn makes me think of winter and that is sometimes its downfall. Or more accurately my downfall. Generally, I tend very much to the Eric Newby mode of... decide to be happy and concentrate on the good stuff that abounds. Take the best bits from the moment. Who knows what might happen next? You can't in most cases influence it, so enjoy what's happening now.

Although even in my most pessimistic moods I don't envisage me being the centre piece of a Christmas Day banquet any time soon, unlike the geese and turkeys. And when we are in the full depths of winter I can change my approach and start to think of the coming spring. There. Sorted.

Autumn is to be enjoyed for what it throws up now, and winter because just around the corner is spring.

You see picking the best bets also means you can completely change your approach when it suits you.

Bless you Eric!





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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack

### Hoorah for the Humble Hawthorn!

Here I am in November talking about a plant that flowers at the opposite end of the year in May hence its other name the May Tree.

*Crataegus monogyna* is one of our commonest native trees turning the British landscape white with its prolific blossom in late spring.

In the days before barbed wire fences it was also used as a thorny dense hedging plant to keep livestock from wandering out of the field. In fact it makes up about 50% of our native hedges and produces a safe environment for song birds to nest in, protected from predators.

In autumn it forms bright red haws which are an important winter food source for many species of birds.



Waxwings feeding on our native hawthorn (pictured, above)

However there are several really excellent ornamental forms that are worthy of attention.



*Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet'* (left) is a fantastic small tree with rich pink flowers in May.

*Crataegus persimilis 'Prunifolia'* not only has great autumn colour but also clusters of red fruit to light up winter (right)



### *Crataegus x lavalleei 'Carrierei'* (right)

Has such bright and persistent fruit that in February a fruit laden tree almost appears to be in flower.



### *Crataegus laevigata 'Rosea Flore Pleno'* (bottom)

Is a double flowered form with mid-pink flowers.

All thorn trees are tough cookies and happy in hostile conditions, so they are a good choice if you have an exposed garden.

November is a great month for planting trees and at Holme as well as five types of thorn we have over one hundred and fifty other varieties to choose, so come in and talk to one of our experts and do your bit for nature by planting a tree.





# DURLSTON

COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



## 'The Milking Parlour': Exhibition by Nessie Reid

From the 19th November to the 8th December, the Fine Foundation Gallery will be hosting 'The Milking Parlour' – an exhibition by artist Nessie Reid, exploring the values we hold towards our food and farming systems, and the implications industrial agriculture has upon our planet.

To explore this in greater depth, Nessie chose the medium of milk: something once hailed as a superfood – providing 34 % of our RDA of protein – now undervalued, and often cheaper to buy than bottled water.

Nessie lived with two pure-bred Guernsey cows in Bristol City Centre for five days and four nights, constructing a temporary milking parlour, free and open to all. The intention of taking two cows out of their usual context (the farm) and into an urban environment (Bristol's busy harbourside) was to spotlight the disconnect between the cities we live in, the food we eat and the milk we consume on a daily basis.

The 'dry' (!) show at Durlston, asks how do we feed the planet without it costing the earth?

## Engrave a Glass Christmas Card...

If you enjoyed the exhibition by the Guild of Glass Engravers earlier this year, then why not try your hand at this fascinating craft and make an engraved Christmas card for someone special?

A workshop on the 3rd December between 11am and 2pm

is suitable for all ages, and costs £10 – advance booking essential.

## November Wildlife

Although most summer visitors have left us, migration is still a key feature of Durlston's birdlife: finches, buntings, larks, pipits and thrushes can be seen, flying over the Downs on their way south. Redwings and Fieldfares may begin to be particularly noticeable around the Gully, feeding on the rich harvest of Haws.

Twittering flocks of Goldfinches and Linnets glean seeds from the fields and noisy flocks of Long-tailed Tits are a frequent sight.

Look out for Merlins, our smallest bird of prey, and the magnificent Short-eared Owl, which often hunts in daylight. Wildflowers are mostly over but fungi now bedeck the downland slopes including the Parasol mushroom, or the innocent-looking but poisonous Yellow Stainer. Always worth bearing in mind local natural history legend Rees Cox's advice that "All fungi are edible – it's just that some of them are only edible once!!!"

To keep up to date with the latest sightings, check up the daily 'Rangers Diary' on the website.

For more information, visit [www.durlston.co.uk](http://www.durlston.co.uk)

## CALLING ALL TEACHERS!!

## Big Jurassic Classroom Discovery Days

The Jurassic Coast Trust is delighted to announce the return of the Big Jurassic Classroom. The scheme offers all primary school teachers in Dorset and East Devon a unique opportunity to learn more about our Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

The Discovery Days are based at museums and visitor centres across the Jurassic Coast. They include the new Museum of Jurassic Marine Life in Kimmeridge, which opened in October.

The days are free to attend, thanks to funding from the Primary Science Teaching Trust. The charity's purpose is to build expertise in schools that demonstrate excellence in science teaching.

This is the final year of funding for the Big Jurassic Classroom and demand is expected to be high. To find out more and reserve your place, visit [www.jurassiccoast.org/shop](http://www.jurassiccoast.org/shop)

Dr Anjana Ford, Learning and Participation Manager for the Jurassic Coast, said: "We are so excited to be offering teachers across Dorset and East Devon the chance to learn about the Jurassic Coast and all the new resources we have on offer. This unique opportunity to work with and learn from some of the most talented scientists in the field is not to be missed."

In previous years, teachers have worked on projects from preparing dinosaur bones at the Natural History Museum to laser-scanning dinosaur footprints in Purbeck.

This year's training programme looks just as exciting. Teachers will get to participate in hands-on scientific investigations with a resident scientist and will have special access to fossil and rock collections and be shown how to use them for inspirational teaching.

One of the highlights of this school year will involve Dean Lomax from



ITV's Dinosaur Britain. In February, Dean will showcase his research on Ichthyosaurs. He will help teachers become palaeontologists for the day through hands-on investigations of real fossil specimens.

Dean will also be giving a public talk as part of the Thomas Hardy School Community Lectures in Dorchester on Wednesday 8 February. To book, contact the Thomas Hardy School on 01305 266064 or visit [www.thomas-hardye.net](http://www.thomas-hardye.net)





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**Hello, my name is Marley and I am a 6 1/2 year old male Sheltie X Collie (above).** When I was brought into Margaret Green Animal Rescue in August 2016 it was clear that my back leg was causing me a lot of pain. I was in a car accident in a previous home which had left me with very limited use of my left hind leg, after examinations it showed that my kneecap had twisted 90 degrees inwards and had caused serious deformities to my leg.

The vet said that surgery to save my leg would prove very difficult with a high chance of failure, and as I was already accustomed to using three legs, the decision was made to have my leg amputated. I have bounced back to life after my operation and can now run around off lead very happily! I have previously lived with cats, so with the right introduction should be able to do so again. I enjoy pottering around with other dogs when I'm out and about but would be happier as the only dog in the home itself

and I'd also be more comfortable in an adult only home.

**Hello there, my name is Danny and I am 12 years old (below).** I am a very sweet lad who is finding everything a bit worrying at the moment. I am in need of a forever home for my retirement years. I am a bit of a worrier so I would need to be the only pet and I would prefer not to live with any young children.

**To find out more about adopting an animal visit [www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk](http://www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk) or call 01929 471340 (for dogs) Or 01929 480474 (for cats and other animals).**



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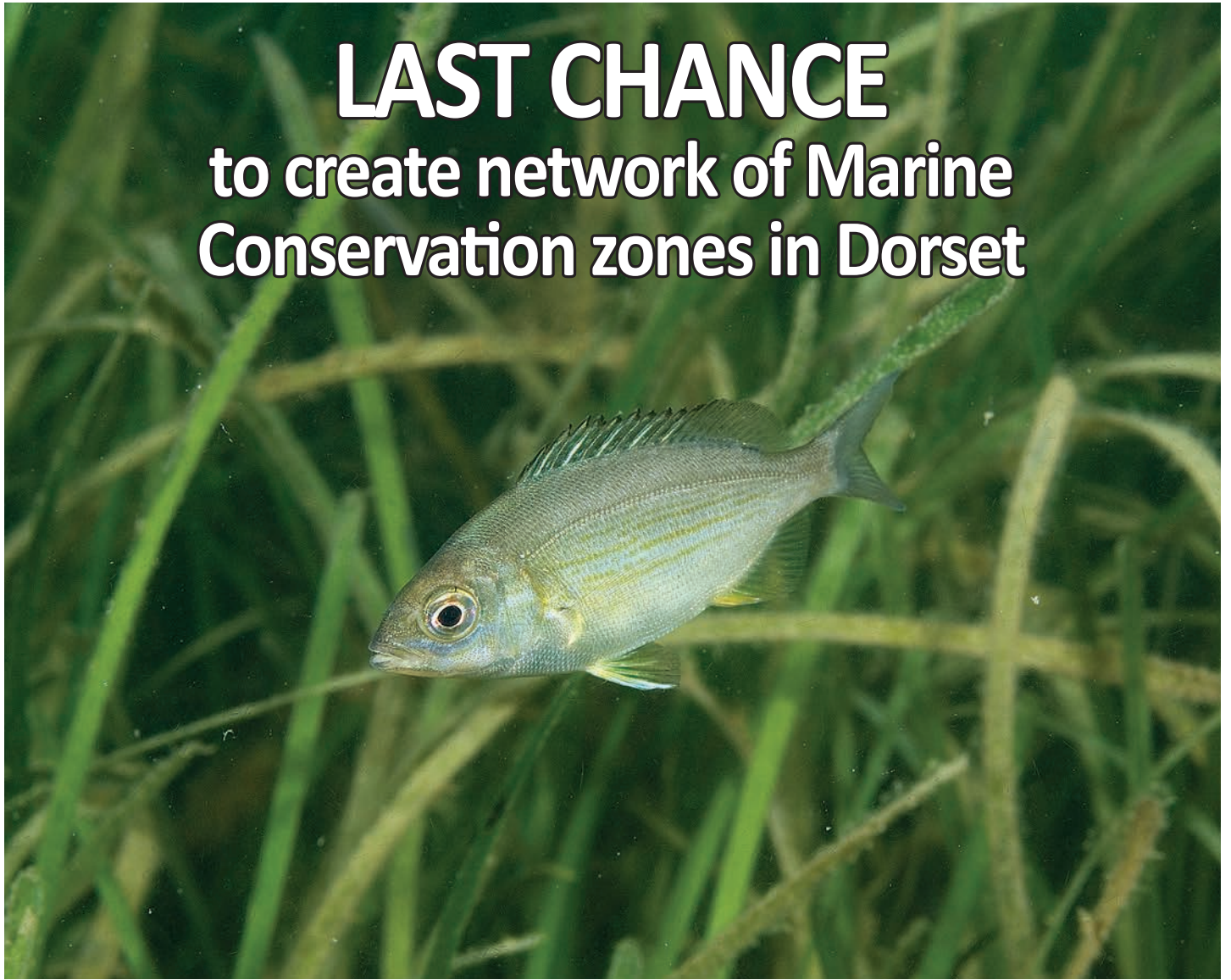
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# LAST CHANCE

## to create network of Marine Conservation zones in Dorset



**A**dditional marine areas in Dorset have been identified for protection in a new report, 'The case for Marine Conservation Zones' which has been published by the Wildlife Trusts recently. The report identifies 48 areas around England that, if designated, will complete a "blue-belt" of protected places for marine wildlife.

The areas The Wildlife Trusts and Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) have recommended to be designated Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) in Dorset include Studland Bay, South of Portland and Broadbench to Kimmeridge.

Studland Bay, with its seagrass meadow, is home to both species of native seahorses, all five species of pipefish and is a nursery area for a number of commercial finfish such as pollack, black bream and bass.

South of Portland includes the Portland Deep - recognised as a nationally important geological feature and arguably Dorset's most dramatic underwater landscape.

The Broadbench to Kimmeridge site as originally proposed was much too small to be viable and DWT is recommending a significant extension to include wave cut platforms that expose rock pools at low tide containing the rare peacock's tail seaweed, the unusual iridescent magic seaweed, the tiny stalked jellyfish, and several species of blennies and clingfish.

These sites missed out on designation in the first and second phases of designation. In addition, there are also areas important for highly mobile species such as Lyme Bay Deep for white-beaked dolphins and black bream nesting sites in Purbeck which are being recommended for protection.

Three sites - Poole Rocks, South Dorset and Chesil Beach and Stennis Ledges became Dorset's first Marine Conservation Zones in 2013, adding to the previously designated European Marine Sites to contribute the overall network.

The Wildlife Trusts' report has been published in advance of the Government's plans to announce the third and final phase of Marine Conservation Zone designation, with public consultations for these areas taking place in 2017, and designation of the chosen areas in 2018.

DWT's Living Seas Manager, Peter Tinsley said, "This is our last chance to make a big difference for marine wildlife. The Government committed

to creating a 'blue belt' around the country, and these Dorset sites are essential links in that belt, protecting the diverse natural landscapes that exist beneath the waves off our coast.

This final tranche of designation is about filling the gaps - a truly representative and well-connected network of properly protected sites can ensure a more resilient and productive marine environment for wildlife, for the people who rely on it to make their living and for those who simply enjoy it."

To read the full report, and have your say and join as a MCZ friend to receive regular updates about MCZ designation, visit [www.wildlifetrusts.org/mcz](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/mcz).

**Find out more about the Living Seas in Dorset at [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/living-seas](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/living-seas)**

White beaked dolphin (right) - Lyme Bay Credit Martin Kitching  
Juvenile black bream in Studland Seagrass (above) - Paul Naylor





# Arts & Entertainment

## KIDNAPPED! The Panto!

*World Premier in Purbeck! Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!*



The first full length pantomime version of "Kidnapped!" is here at last. Brought to the unsuspecting world by Double Act drama group, that have been performing in Corfe Castle for over twenty years.

Written over many years by founding member Peter Smith, it is based on the classic adventure story by R.L. Stevenson, with borrowings from the sequel "Catriona", that minor Shakespearian Scottish play and anything else remotely Scottish that might add to the fun and laughter.

Kidnapped has always been a favourite of the author, ever since he saw the 1960 live action Disney version starring Peter Finch and John Lawrie.

But the Highlands took on even more significance after he met his wife of forty years during a walking holiday around Glen Coe.

This is a fun filled family panto that follows young David Balfour on a rip-roaring riotous rollicking romp around the heather clad Scottish Highlands to bring to life an epic tale of love, betrayal, quests, shipwreck, Gaelic magic, danger, elves and wizards, pursuit, Nessie, who-dun-it, doggy accents and of course - Kidnapping!

Performances take place on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November 2016 at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Saturday 19th at 2.30pm at the Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Tickets are available (after Oct 15th) from Corfe Castle Village Stores and from the Box Office 01929 480323. £9 adults, £5 children, £6 OAPs (17th only) and party rates by phone only.

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### About Double Act – Patron, Maurice Strike

Double Act is an amateur dramatic group that was formed in 1997 by the amalgamation of the Purbeck Community Theatre (PCT) and the Corfe Valley Drama Group (CVDG) and who between them have written and produced many unique and well received plays of local interest as well as performing entertaining classics for over 25 years.

The group is based at Corfe Castle Village Hall and presents a major production in November each year.

Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (7 - 8.30pm) and the group organises at least one annual trip to a theatre.

Since the group started its series of bi-annual summer Medieval Murder Mystery Walks in 2000 these events, now inside the Castle ruins, have become immensely popular and attract ever increasing and returning audiences from all over the country.

Our members come from all over Purbeck, cover all ages and enjoy an entertaining challenge with fun, social exchange and confidence building benefits.

We are particularly proud of the large number of youngsters that have joined us over the years, some with learning difficulties, and all of whom have gained great benefit from dramatic expression.

New members are always welcome at any age or ability, with interests on or off stage - so why not join us?

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# Swanage Blues Festival



**A**nother fabulous weekend with decent weather, top-notch music and a town full of enthusiastic fans. No wonder that Swanage Blues Festival was again voted one of the top six blues festivals in the UK.

Organising these festivals for March and October is a year-round affair for me – good job I've retired, I couldn't do it otherwise!

It's rewarding to see so many smiles on the faces of the musicians on stage and the fans in the audiences, and to hear success stories from some of the local businesses too. After all, that is the idea – using The Blues to liven up Swanage and bring in much needed extra trade out of season.

And people love it. One of the phrases I hear time and time again is "This is the friendliest blues festival around". People keep coming back to see each other. Anita Jardine's Open Mic at the Red Lion brings folk together, encourages new performers, and is great for meeting new people and developing musical friendships.

Support wristbands are still only £10 to help towards expenses. The multi-venue, open door ticket-less policy is ideal for a pick'n'mix approach, wandering along the High Street hearing the different sounds coming from the various packed pubs. On the outskirts, larger venues such as the Grand Hotel and Swanage Bay View Holiday Park offer a bit more space and a little more comfort.

If you wished to brave the elements, there was some great busking going on around the railway station and just outside The Diner on the sea front. It's wonderful too how musicians that are 'off duty' are often invited to join other bands on stage for a get-together.

How about a new event for 2 and 3 June 2017 for music makers themselves and fans too, incorporating Open Mic and Jam Sessions and Work Shops and Lectures, Exhibitions and Films - if that's what people want?

A creative weekend. All sorts of music though, a bit of Blues of course, a bit of Jazz, somewhere else Irish Fiddles, some Country Music, Rock 'n' Roll and Rockabilly in that venue there... all sorts of different stuff going

on. And imagine the crossover opportunities! Could it work? Let me know what you think.

Meanwhile I'm keeping my hand in by personally choosing bands to appear at The Legion, Swanage. Sunday afternoon dates in November are Vanilla Radio (6th) and The Change (20th), and Saturday evening 26th November Big Hat, No Horse. Free admission for members, £1 non-members.

You can contact me by email at [s.darrington@btopenworld.com](mailto:s.darrington@btopenworld.com)

**Steve Darrington**



*Pictures: Top: The Red Crow, bottom left: Red Butler, Above top: Sun Catfish, below: Red Lion Open Mic. All pictures by Paul Dubbelman.*



# Family History Day



Swanage Museum's annual Family History Day is an opportunity for residents and visitors to trace their Purbeck ancestors with the help of our experienced team of researchers. You can also find out how to start tracing your family history, plus advice on resources available and recommended websites.

There will be an extensive range of family and local history information at the museum on the day, with A-Z files on local families compiled by the late Sheila Ford, many of which include family trees.

Our team of researchers would also be interested in seeing any local family photographs and old photographs of Swanage and Purbeck.

If you have general or specific queries regarding local history, particularly during the 19th and 20th centuries, our researchers will be able to help.


## Purbeck Artisan Yard Donate To Julia's House



Purbeck Artisan Yard in Wareham recently ran a charity event in aid of Julia's House Charity event.

They raised £357.39 by holding a tea party with cakes baked and donated by all the resident artists on 30th August.

The picture above shows members of the team formally presenting the cheque to the Julia's House MD, Martin.



## SWANAGE MUSEUM


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# Health & Beauty

## How Can Reflexology And Massage Help Towards Better Health?



### Reflexology

Doctors agree that over 75% of our health problems can be linked to nervous stress and tension. It therefore makes sense that anything that calms and relaxes the nervous system will improve our health. Reflexology is an ancient and natural treatment, focusing on areas of the feet that correspond to the glands, organs and parts of the body.

Reflexology is used primarily for relaxing tension, and can be used as a preventative maintenance for any stress related condition, such as tension headaches, migraines, IBS and other digestive disorders, insomnia, anxiety, and is often promoted alongside conventional fertility treatments.

Reflexology will not make any condition more acute, and may help to normalize body functions.

A Reflexology session relaxes the stress that can affect your health. It is a safe and effective way to improving and maintaining good health. During a typical reflexology session you will lie or sit on a massage couch, you only need to remove socks and shoes, and your reflexologist will use fingers and thumbs to apply pressure to reflexology points, and acupressure points located in the feet. It is a very relaxing treatment that normally lasts sixty minutes.

### Therapeutic Massage

Numerous studies have shown the effectiveness of massage therapy in reducing chronic stress. There are many types of massage being advertised which can be confusing when booking an appointment.

With muscular aches and pains, sport injuries or muscular strains, a deep tissue massage or sports massage can be extremely beneficial in helping the body to repair itself and get back to full health quickly and naturally.

A more gentle massage using aromatherapy oils can help calm the body and the mind and is generally carried out using less pressure than, for example, a deep tissue massage.

Indian head massage and other massages focusing on head, neck and shoulders are also beneficial for chronic stress, migraines, headaches, shoulder tension, and general tension caused from sitting at a desk for long hours.

The type of massage you want can be discussed with your massage therapist who should ask you what you would like and how firm you require the massage to be.

Don't be afraid to ask the therapist to apply more or less pressure during the treatment.

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

I regularly share with you things that are happening in Swanage and Wareham Hospitals, but we are, of course, part of Dorset HealthCare Trust which provides health services across the whole of Dorset and into Devon.

One of the ways Dorset HealthCare celebrates its staff is through monthly 'Heroes' awards, which are designed to recognise people who go above and beyond their role and make a real difference to the services we provide.

Anyone can nominate a Hero - whether one of Dorset HealthCare's 7000 employees, a patient, carer or other healthcare professional - and lots of people do. It's a chance for each of us to tell a team or individual that we think they're doing something really special.

These monthly awards are in several categories, ranging from 'kindness and compassion' to 'being a learning organisation' and monthly winners may then be shortlisted for Dorset HealthCare's coveted annual awards.

This year we have had several groups and individuals nominated and have won monthly awards in Wareham for 'working together for patients' 'kindness and compassion' 'being a learning organisation'; in Swanage for 'kindness and compassion' and 'leadership'.

These reflect the amazing and often unseen work carried out by some of our staff and I am very proud of everyone who was nominated for awards as well as those who have won awards; we should probably be nominating many more.

The culmination of the Heroes awards is at the Annual Members Meeting which was held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in October. Across Swanage and Wareham we were in the final three

for three categories - Hayley Garner for 'Leadership', Tracy Hardy for 'Kindness and Compassion' and the Admin, Catering and Cleaning teams for 'Working Together for Patients'.

It is an amazing achievement to get to this point and we were all absolutely thrilled when Tracy Hardy went on to win Dorset HealthCare's annual award for 'Kindness and Compassion'.

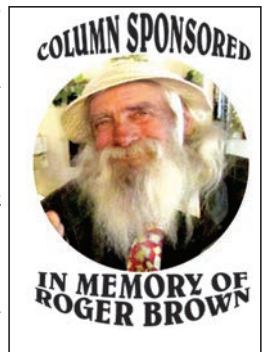
Well done Tracy!

If you would like to comment on your experience of Swanage or Wareham Hospitals, whether to let us know how we could do better or let the staff know what they did well, there is a national website called NHS Choices where you can do just that.

Any reviews left there are reported back to us so that we can take comments forward with the individuals and/or teams involved. We'd love to hear from you!

Until next time, take care!

**Matron Donna**



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## Dorchester Cancer Suite Appeal Championed By Dorset Men

The latest local charity initiative by The Society of Dorset Men is to support the planned new cancer outpatients unit at Dorset County Hospital, for which a public appeal for £1.75m has been launched.

"Sadly a number of our members and their families have been touched by cancer and have had to endure the daily journey to Poole for treatment," says the Society's Deputy Chairman Andrew Prowse. "This new facility at Dorchester will considerably shorten the journey for local patients and enable support services to be housed in the same building. Relatives and carers will be able to sit with patients as they are treated. The Society of Dorset Men applauds this initiative to benefit local people and I urge all our members to support the DCH Cancer Appeal."

The plan is to create a radiotherapy bunker at Dorset County Hospital in 2018 and develop more comprehensive cancer facilities at Dorchester. In partnership with Poole Hospital, NHS funding has been secured to build the Linear Accelerator [LINAC] bunkers and the LINACs themselves, which are central to the overall project. Further plans have been developed for a new Cancer Outpatients Department to be built on top of the bunkers and to reconfigure the Chemotherapy suite. Creating more spacious and bespoke outpatients and chemotherapy units at the same time, will transform the experience of patients and house counselling and support services to benefit cancer patients. This will create a world class cancer facility for the people of North, South and West Dorset at a cost of £1.75m, taking two years to complete and be charitably funded.

Dorset County Hospital's Head of Fundraising Andrew House comments "This generous funding from The Society of Dorset Men comes at a critical time- as we are seeking to build income from the community. We hope their leadership will encourage other community groups to pledge their support for the Cancer Appeal. We have raised almost £0.5m this year and have £1.29m to go." If you would like to get involved either by making a donation or fundraising, please contact Rachel Cole or Andrew House on 01305 253215.

The cheque for £500 was presented to DCH Head of Fundraising Andrew House by Society of Dorset Men Deputy Chairman Andy Prowse, in the shadow of the thermometer on the corner of Bridport Road, which is tracking the progress of the appeal. So far, £500,000 has been raised in a few months. DCH Public Governors Andy Hutchings and Michel Hooper-Immins, who are part of the Society's committee attended.



The Society of Dorset Men was founded 112 years ago on 7 July 1904. The Society has a long and rich history, beginning as The Society of Dorset Men in London- aiming initially to bring together fellow Dorset men in the capital city. Since the 1950s, the main activities of the organisation have been centred on Dorset. Today, there are around 1,150 members throughout the UK and all over the world. The President is Oscar winner and ITV Downton Abbey playwright Lord Fellowes of West Stafford DL. He succeeded Sir Anthony Jolliffe GBE DL DSc DMus in 2011, the only Lord Mayor of London to be born in Weymouth- who still lives in Wyke Regis.

The four objects of The Society of Dorset Men are: "to make and to renew personal friendships and associations, to promote good fellowship among Dorset men wherever they may reside, to foster love of the county and pride in its history and traditions and to assist, by every means in its power, natives of Dorset who may stand in need of the influence and help of the Society."

Membership of The Society of Dorset Men costs £10 a year. For further information, consult [www.societyofdorsetmen.co.uk/page8.html](http://www.societyofdorsetmen.co.uk/page8.html) or telephone Membership Secretary Peter Lush at 01305 260039.





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## Home Safety And Falls Prevention Events 2016-2017

From September 2016 to March 2017, Dorset County Council's Early Help team and Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme will be holding another series of Home Safety and Falls Prevention events.

The events are run in conjunction with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and have gone from strength to strength since they started in 2008.

Each event will have a marketplace of partner agencies available from a range of local and national organisations such as Age Concern, Citizens Advice Bureau, Wayfinders and Healthcare agencies. There will be information available on local services and activities, accessing aids and adaptations, help at home, leisure pursuits, benefits checks and energy efficiency advice.

People attending will receive a range of giveaways, including free fitted slippers, on completion of the SAIL (Safe And Independent Living) form, and each event will give the opportunity to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Sue Warr, Service Manager for early Help at Dorset County Council says: "Every year, hundreds of people have trips, slips and falls in their own homes that could easily be prevented. We are organising a series of events that will provide people with a free pair of fitted slippers, information and advice on how to stay safe and avoid falls, as well as signposting and support from a range of local and national agencies."

There are a total of thirty events across the length and breadth of the county. The cost of just one person who suffers a serious break resulting from a fall would be in excess of £49,000 including hospital treatment, rehabilitation and support. Put into perspective that the total outlay for these events is in the region of £20,000 which could prevent many serious injuries.

**Events are open to the public and full information on times and locations are available on our website: [www.mylifemycare.com/preventing-trips-and-falls](http://www.mylifemycare.com/preventing-trips-and-falls)**

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# Sport

## SSRC - Rowing Season Comes To 'Crashing' Finale!



**T**he racing season for Swanage Sea Rowing Club came to a crashing finale in September at the Cornwall County Gig Championships in Newquay.

The event spans two weekends, and attracts crews from all over the south coast, as well as teams from as far away as Holland.

The weekend of 10 and 11 September saw around 99 teams competing in the women's championships. Swanage entered two crews, both having undertaken demanding coaching regimes in preparation.

The course was positioned in a kite shape, and involved three notoriously tight turns around marker buoys. This can be made even harder by the violent Newquay waters. Luckily for the girls, there was just a gentle wind and relatively flat sea. Each race lasted around 15 minutes, with the B crew finishing 40th overall. The A crew qualified to race on the Sunday as well – and snatched 20th place overall.

The men's championships took place on 24 and 25 September, and involved 80 crews. Swanage entered its A crew, but they were less fortunate than the girls with weather conditions. There were strong winds and a large Atlantic swell – causing waves to crash into the nearby cliffs. Our crew performed well and qualified for the finals on the Sunday. Although a brighter day, the sea conditions were still rough, and the Swanage team fought hard to take 19th place overall – coming ahead of the other local teams of Weymouth and Bridport.

So the long summer of gruelling training sessions paid off for the Swanage crews. But that doesn't mean they'll be putting their oars to bed for the



winter. Conditions permitting, they'll be out throughout the coldest months training for the 2017 season.

Remember that anyone can get a taste of rowing at the open sessions. Although the Tuesday evening sessions have now finished, Saturday mornings continue right through winter, weather permitting, from 9am.

There's no need to book – just come down to the boathouse near the pier. Find out more details on the website [www.ssrc.org.uk](http://www.ssrc.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook. *Cathy Lewis*

## Together For Alzheimers 5k Fun Run



**O**n Sunday September 25th, 110 people took part in a 5k Fun Run in Wareham Forest. "Together for Alzheimer's" is organised by local Personal Trainer, Alex Eversden, to raise awareness and money for The Alzheimer's Society.

Alex said "This was the ninth year for this Fun Run and we had such a good morning with sunshine and clear blue skies, with record numbers taking part! It is always an enjoyable social event as well as providing people of all ages and fitness levels with a challenge. The fastest runner was Ross Wayne, who came over the line in 21:02, Lucy Eversden was the first lady to finish in 24:13 and some walkers took just over an hour. This year the course started at Birchwood Tourist Park and was on tracks and trails through

the forest; it's very well organised with marshals around the course, easy parking and snacks at the end! So far this year we have raised over £2032 for The Alzheimer's Society, who are very active in research, as well as caring for patients and their families and raising awareness of Dementia."

If you would like to make a donation to The Alzheimers Society, you could visit [www.justgiving.com/togetherforalzheimers2016](http://www.justgiving.com/togetherforalzheimers2016)

Or send a cheque to 'The Alzhiemer's Society' to: Alex Eversden, 51 Shaw Drive, Wareham. BH20 7BS.

If you have any concerns about someone you know, or would like to contact the Alzheimer's Society for general information, please call the Alzheimer's Helpline on 0300 222 11 22.



# Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club



The club started their league season away at Sherborne in Southern Counties (South), and put in an impressive start to come away with a victory. Swans started the scoring with only two minutes gone, with a catch/drive move in the Sherborne 22, as club skipper John Sheldrake powered over the line.

Swans were always on top but they could not score again until the 36th minute when flanker Matt Roberts worked his way over the try line. Phil Graves completed the conversions for both scores giving Swans a 14pts – nil at the break. It was all Swans in the second half, but Sherborne defended well, until newcomer and centre, Isak Romanillos was on hand to complete the scoring. Phil Graves slotted the extras to give Swans a 21pts – nil result.

Swans next game was home against Frome in the same league, but the visitors surprised Swans with a converted try after only three minutes. However Swans scored three minutes later as winger Jason Chadwick

levelled the score with Phil Graves converting (7pts each). By the half an hour mark Swans had increased their lead with two tries by Robert Elford to give a half time score of 19pts – 7pts. Winger Pat Adkins scored just two minutes after the interval, and scrum half Chris Tomes added a converted try by the 50th minute (31pts-7pts). Somewhat against the run of play Frome added a drop goal from out wide to take them into double figures. Towards the last ten minutes Swans piled on the pressure with two tries by Swans no. 8 Joe Desmond to complete a 43pts - 10pts victory.

On 1st October Swans had to travel to Trowbridge, and in exciting game Swans came back with the points. Swans started with a try by hooker Robert Elford, converted by Phil Graves, but the hosts came back with a penalty goal and a converted try to lead 10pts -7pts at half time. Eight minutes into the second half, Swans retook the lead with a try out wide by flanker Matt Roberts, and a couple of minutes later a penalty by David Elford moved Swans ahead by 15pts -10pts.

Trowbridge re-took the lead with a converted try with ten minutes to go 17pts-15pts, but another penalty by David Elford put Swans ahead by 18pts – 17pts. In the final minute Trowbridge were awarded a penalty, but fortunately for Swans, the ball skimmed past the left hand upright to give Swans the victory by the one point.

## MAIN FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER (all 2.30pm.)

5th Swans 1st XV v Devizes SCS Away

2nd XV v. Sherborne 2<sup>nd</sup> Home

12<sup>th</sup> CUP FINAL TBA

19<sup>th</sup> Swans 1st XV v. Dorset Dockers SCS Home

26<sup>th</sup> Swans 1st XV v. Wimborne SCS Away. Ron Butler (Publicity Secretary)



## Swanage Croquet Club

### 'The Bob Oliver Croquet Tournament'

It was a beautiful sunny day for "The Bob Oliver Croquet Tournament" members competed for trophies with the winners being May Gee, Tony Green and Sally Fazekas (pictured, right).

Swanage Croquet Club Handicap League team are competing for the South West of England Trophy we wish them every success.

We are welcoming new members please contact Sally Fazekas 01929 427567.

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# Swanage Football Club

**W**alking football has really taken off at the Club. Dorset FA recently held an open day at their headquarters in Hamworthy inviting all the walking football teams from across Dorset. We attended and played against 4 other teams drawing with three of them and losing the fourth game.

Our sessions are on a Tuesday morning from 10:00 for an hour. This is a great way to keep fit as although it's called walking football and you might have the misconception it's a gentle stroll, the game is actually played at a very fast pace and is fiercely competitive.

Although competitive, afterwards the players get together over a cup of tea, so not only is this a way to keep yourself fit it is also a great way to make new friends and socialise.

As I said earlier the sessions are on a Tuesday morning, this is ok if you happen to be retired or work shifts, so for all those that work and are unable to attend on a Tuesday we are starting an evening session on a Thursday at 19:00 for an hour and a half. Next week we are playing hosts to local side Dexter Sports So why not come along to one or both of our sessions and become part of the growing walking football squad (see picture) - just turn up or if you'd like to speak to somebody first, call Nick Surman on 07742 508215.

We are currently recruiting members to the Football Club. Everyone associated with the Club joins for £10 and this entitles them to hire and use our facilities for free. You will also benefit from discounted drinks in the bar. To enquire or obtain a membership please contact our membership secretary Malcolm on 07703 403908 or malcolmsmith@swanagefc.com

The 1st team are 5th in the Dorset Premier League looking for promotion this season. This was greatly helped last week when we travelled to table topping Holt Utd. The hosts, having only lost the one game out

of 9 were favourites on paper, and we certainly upset the apple cart by winning the game 2:1. To progress up to the higher end of the league table we really need to work on our consistency.

As the next week we played Gillingham Reserves who sit 10th in the league and we only drew the game although saying that we did have about seventy percent possession and just couldn't score until really late on.

Our minibus has been kindly sign written by local company The Sign & Print Co. Owner Jason O'Connell has been really generous in doing this for us, also printing on our 1st team kit and track suits. **THANK YOU JASON!**

Remember to come and watch the Swans. The 1st team and Reserves alternate on a Saturday kicking off at 2pm.

For more information as to who we are playing and all other goings on at Day's Park [www.swanagefc.com](http://www.swanagefc.com) and @swanagefc on Twitter. We are also on Facebook

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*John Peacock.*



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## Swanage Bowls Club



**O**ne of the highlights of the Swanage Bowls Club season was the club competition finals weekend held in beautiful warm sunny weather in mid-September. In front of a large and noisy crowd of spectators the finalists strutted their stuff in perfect conditions with some highly entertaining and top-class bowling of the highest order.

Finals do not come better or more exciting than the fascinating battle between two of the club's top bowlers in the Men's Singles Final contested by

Mark Sheppard and Gordon Wallis which had the onlookers on the edge of their seats throughout the game. This was bowling at its very best with the game neck and neck right from the start. After twenty one ends and three hours of suspense the scores were level and so an extra end had to be played. And what an end it was! Mark Sheppard was in a winning position with two of his woods very close to the jack, but Gordon Wallis pulled one out of the bag in the dying moments with a running wood which sent the jack back to his waiting back woods for a memorable victory. So Gordon won the singles title for the second year running.

Not to be outdone by her husband's success, Linda Wallis came up trumps with a splendid victory in the Ladies Singles final against favourite Uta Keats. It is many years, if ever, since a husband and wife have won their respective singles finals at Swanage, so there was much jubilation and celebration in the Wallis household that night and it is rumoured that neighbours heard clinking glasses and bottles popping well into the night.

In the other finals the winners were:- Men's Handicap -Barrie Tatman, Men's Pairs -David Hogsflesh and Graham Smooker, Men's 2-Wood -John Brudenell, Veterans Trophy -David Hogsflesh, Levi Cup (1st time singles) - John Brudenell, Ladies Handicap - Uta Keats, Ladies Pairs - Linda Wallis and Birgitta Dickie, Ladies 2 - Wood - Judy Smooker, Chosen Mixed Pairs - Uta and Mike Keats, Australian Pairs - Mark Sheppard and Graham Smooker.

Swanage bowlers who play through the winter months at the Indoor Bowls Club at the Bay View Holiday complex have now started their indoor season and the outdoor green has been 'put to bed'.

*The picture shows Swanage Bowls Club President Barrie Tatman presenting the Ladies Singles cup to winner Linda Wallis.*

## Dorset Golf & Country Club Support Alzheimer's



**T**he Dorset Golf and Country Club members turned out in force to welcome their new captains to the first tee for the traditional drive-in ceremony recently.

Following a bucks fizz breakfast and 9-hole competition, the husband-and-wife team of Rob and Lesley Brown, who are the new Club Captain and Lady Captain, stood alongside Senior Captain, Tony James and Junior Captain, Joe Taylor to tee up their golf balls to raise money for their chosen charity - the Alzheimer's Society.

Captain Rob impressed the crowd with a solid strike followed by Lesley who stylishly dispatched her first shot as Lady Captain down the fairway. A good drive by the in-form Tony James was however surpassed by Joe Taylor, who has played for Dorset County under 14s and under 16s, who hit a stunning drive of 278 yards.

The new captains will lead the golfing and charity fund-raising activities at the club throughout their year of office. Speaking about their chosen charity Rob and Lesley said: "This charity is very close to our hearts. Alzheimer's is one of the most devastating and cruel illnesses - not only affecting and changing the person who has it, but also the families and friends who feel so helpless in dealing with it."

*Pictured left to right: Joe Taylor, Tony James, Lesley Brown, Rob Brown*



# 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 DEC is noon, 8th Nov**

**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.

## NOVEMBER

- Tue 1st  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
19:30 Parish Council Meeting At Harman's Cross Village Hall.
- Wed 2nd  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.
- Thu 3rd  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
10:30 **Mobile Library** Visit At Harman's Cross Village Hall, with Coffee Junction.  
11:45 **Purbeck Good Neighbours** Fourth Birthday Celebrations at Furzebrook Village Hall  
19:15 **Swanage Trefoil Guild** Meet at the Guide HQ, Bell St for Handbells with Elizabeth Shore. Visitors Welcome. Ffi 01929 556374 or 01929 424321.
- Fri 4th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
18:00 **Bonfire & Fireworks Night** At Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall rd.  
19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill for the : Pangborne Cup - 'Headgear' and Shore Trophy - 'open'. Judge : Penny Piddock. Visitors welcome, ffi: 01929 423841.  
20:00 **Radio Banska Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 5th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
\* **Cider Festival Live** acts at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.  
09:30 **FreeBay Tabletop Sale** At The URC, High St, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi: Elizabeth on 01929 422406.  
11:00 **Litter Pick - Let's Make Corfe Castle Litter-free.** Meet at 11am, the Square, Corfe Castle, for a short litter pick of approx. 1hr. (Equipment provided but please bring gardening gloves.) litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com  
20:00 **Crooked Brothers Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.
- Sun 6th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
11:00 **Litter Pick Let's Make Corfe Castle Litter-free.** Meet at 11am, the Square, Corfe Castle, for a short litter pick of approx 1 hr. (Equipment provided but please bring gardening gloves.) litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com
- Mon 7th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.
- Tue 8th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
\* **Purbeck Parkinson's Group** At The All Saints Church Hall, Swanage  
14:00 **Purbeck Parkinson's Group** At the All Saints Church Hall, Swanage. Ffi: T. Lander 01929 425970 or D Peters 01929 551962
- Wed 9th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.
- \* **Swanage Probus** - Note change of date - Wednesday 9 November. Held every month at the Purbeck House Hotel, our programme continues with a talk on Policing Today by Norman Robertson. Visitors welcome. Contact Andrew Yeandle 421945, Brian Darnton 424211 or Roger Livingstone 425002.  
19:30 **Studland WI** At Studland Village Hall. Open Meeting. Leanne Colverson. "Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance". Competition: Old first aid remedy.
- Thu 10th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
\* **Gardeners Question Time & Quiz** At Holme Nurseries. 3 12 with supper.
- Fri 11th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled "Military Railways - Planning for D-Day" plus "Rowland Emmet - his Cartoons, Machines and Railways". These two contrasting presentations, both with a railway theme, are presented by Mike Walshaw. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
20:00 **The 3 Pilgrims Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 12th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
10:00 **Arts, Crafts & Vintage Fair** At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone road, Swanage.  
10:00 **Autumn Fayre** At Swanage Hospital.  
20:00 **Sheesham Lotus & Son Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.
- Sun 13th  
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- Wed 16th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
19:00 **Swanage Area Senior Forum** At The Emmanuel Church Centre, Swanage. Public meeting on: 'Purbeck: National Park Opportunity'  
19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall, Swanage. AGM, followed by cheese and wine.
- Thu 17th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
10:30 **Mobile Library Visit** At Harman's Cross Village Hall, with Coffee Junction.  
19:30 **'Kidnapped' The panto**, at Corfe Castle Village Hall. Adults £9, Children £6, OAP £7 (on 17th only). Matinee 2.30pm on Sat 19th.
- Fri 18th  
\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.  
\* **Liz Charity Quiz** At Holme Nurseries, £8.  
19:30 **'Kidnapped' The panto**, at Corfe Castle Village Hall. Adults £9, Children £6, OAP £7 (17th only). Matinee 2.30pm Sat 19th.



19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill For illustrated talk : 'Get creative with your compact camera and phone, above and underwater'. With Maria Munn. Visitors welcome, ffi: 01929 423841.

19:30 **A Concert For Children** in Need At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £7 adults, £6 Cons, £5 Child.

Sat 19th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

\* **Rock 'n' Roll Dances** At Swanage Conservative Club.

10:00 **Craft Fair** At The Courtyard Craft Centre, Lychett Matravers. Free parking and free entry.

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

11:00 **Family History Day** At The Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre. Entrance FREE.

19:30 **'Kidnapped' The panto**, at Corfe Castle Village Hall. Adults £9, Children £6, OAP £7 (on 17th only). Matinee 2.30pm on Sat 19th.

20:00 **John Langan Band Live** acts at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.

20:00 **Rock 'n' Roll Dance** At The Legion, Swanage. Tickets £12.

Sun 20th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

11:00 **Swanage Beach Walkies** Meet on Sandpit Field. Ffi: dorsetdogs.org.uk

Mon 21st

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

19:30 **Sandford Heritage Community Group AGM** At Sandford Community Hall, Keysworth Drive, Sandford BH20 7BD With talks on the cordite factory and on local wildlife. Entrance free.

Tue 22nd

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

19:15 **Rotary Club of Wareham** We are looking for more members and are having a talk from a vet Martin Fielding, at Springfield Country Hotel at 7.15pm. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk"

Wed 23rd

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

Thu 24th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

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Fri 25th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

20:00 **Buffalo Skinners Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.

Sat 26th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

\* **Santa Special Train** At Swanage Railway.

\* **Christmas Luncheon** Train At Swanage Railway.

10:00 **Christmas Market** At Putlake Farm.

10:30 **A Star Bazaar** At The URC, High Street, Swanage. Father Christmas in his magical forest from 12 noon.

20:00 **Cam Teacher Live acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers.

Sun 27th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

\* **Santa Special Train** At Swanage Railway.

\* **Christmas Luncheon Train** At Swanage Railway.

\* **Rose Day** At Holme Nurseries.

10:00 **Purbeck Antiques & Collectors' Fairs** At Furzebrook Hall, Furzebrook, Wareham. £1 entry. www.purbeckantiquesfairs.co.uk

18:00 **Church Service** At Harman's Cross Village Hall.

Mon 28th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

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Tue 29th

\* **'Speed to the West'** An Exhibition of 20th Century Railway Posters at The Dorset County Museum.

\* **'The Milking Parlour'** Exhibition by Nessie Reid, at the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle.

19:15 **Rotary Club of Wareham** We are looking for more members and are holding a quiz night at Springfield Country Hotel at 7.15pm. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk".

Wed 30th

18:00 **Public Meeting - Traffic Flow** DCC's proposals for Shore road and Institute road.

## 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 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

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 **Wm Folk Dance Club** Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 552763/551029

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**

### EVERY TUESDAY

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 Bridget on 01929 552816 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email [warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Seafrost. 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 [sylviag@swanagemethodist.org.uk](mailto:sylviag@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](mailto:bereheath@btinternet.com) or John England on 01929 471469 or email [st\\_george@stanbarrow.f9.co.uk](mailto: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: [oc.2185@aircadets.mod](mailto:oc.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 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night** (16+) Till 11.59  
**EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers Veg,** cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **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](mailto:warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com)
- 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](http://www.purbeckworkshop.org) 07757 776907. Email: [richris95@gmail.com](mailto: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 Harman's Cross Village Hall from 2pm till 4pm. For further information, ring 427621.
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s Meet** in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: [Lewisbell1@aol.com](mailto: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 10.30am. 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.
- 19.30 **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.
- 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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