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Editor's note...



Welcome to the May edition of your Gazette! Summer is finally on the horizon, and the weather is finally improving after a long, soggy winter. This month will see a horde of pirate crews arrive on the shores of Purbeck for the third Purbeck Pirate Festival, scheduled to take place in Swanage between 25 - 28 May (Bank Holiday). Prepare yourself to dress as a pirate or face walking the plank!

For the first time in 17 years, I have to have a slight moan - we do like to keep things positive here at Gazette Towers, but sometimes, things have to be said.... To all the event organisers who come to us for help with publicity; if you've come up with a great idea for the community, or an event which will enrich the area, we completely support you. What we don't support is the increasing rudeness we're encountering when contacted by organisers who 'refuse to put their money where their mouth is' and who expect us to pay for their marketing..... You may not be funded, but neither are we (how many times do we have to say this?!). Refusing to pay for your own publicity and expecting us personally to cut staff wages in order to cover the cost of publicising your events is unacceptable. Whilst we have ALWAYS helped where we can, we have no magic money tree.... We run pretty much as a not-for-profit outfit, and it costs around £450 to print each and every page, every month.

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Swanage Town Council Meetings - May 2018

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| Planning & Consultation Committee | Mon 14th | 6.30pm |
| Council (annual meeting) | Mon 21st | 7pm |
| Council (final accounts) | Wed 30th | 7pm |

Wareham Town Council Meetings - May 2018

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| Policy, Resources and Finance | Mon 7th | 7pm |
| Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | Thur 10th | 7pm |
| Planning & Transport | Mon 14th | 7pm |
| Council | Tue 22nd | 7pm |
| Amenities | Wed 30th | 7pm |

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - May 2018

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| Council | Tue 8th | 7pm |
| Policy Group | Wed 16th | 7pm |
| Planning Committee | Wed 30th | 9.15am |

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'Suicide' Is Not A Dirty Word

Dear Nico,

In reply to the letter in your March edition from Ann Connolly: 'Opening up about Suicide'.

My family and I have great respect for this lady and for yourself, Nico, for bringing this matter to light. We have been through the same as Ann. Two and a half years ago, we lost our son. He became one of the sad cases which is called suicide.

Our son was put into a situation where he could not see away out (they call it the black hole). In his mind there was no way out, only to take his own life, so that he could be at peace again with no more worries.

When people are accused of something, just make sure it's the truth, because the outcome could be severe. Please do not think I am against reporting matters, because if it's the truth, then that person or persons should get what is coming to them.

In my son's case, it was not the truth being told, and it resulted in his life being lost. I do not think people know what pain and suffering it causes.

We were blessed with three children, and now we have two, but we always include our son in everything; he will never be out of our minds and our hearts. When you have children, you take on a responsibility for the rest of your life, no matter how old they are, you always worry about them and take care of them the best way you can.

The bond between a mother and her children or child is so great, when she loses one, it's like losing a limb and having a broken heart for the rest of her life. Also, when a father loses a son, it's very hard believe me, every day I wish I told him more that I loved him.

When we lost our son, it left a very large hole in my family's life. Every day we wake up, hoping he will be there, and it was a bad dream, but we know that will never happen. I believe every family who has lost a child must feel the same as we do.

I think what hurts my family the most is so-called friends who turn their backs on us now. I do think this is one of the things families go through when they have lost a child. To our true friends, who have given us support over these past years, we thank them so very much.

What is it with people? The word suicide is not a dirty word, it's a cry for help. We hear people say they 'take the easy way out'; just stop and think what courage it must take to take your own life. So, stop and think before you say this and think of what that person is going through.

Ann, you are exactly right in what you are saying, the 'what ifs', the 'if only we were there' and the whys... These questions will go through our minds for the rest of our lives.

People are always telling us and I am sure they say this to other families and I am sure, Ann, you have heard this: 'It will get easier and time is a great healer.' No, that is not the case it will always hurt; people cannot begin to know how much hurt and heartache you are going through.

Like most families, you want to know the reasons why this happened. Well, in our case, we fought very hard to get questions answered, now after all this time, we have the answers from the D.C.C and the police. There was never a case or any files on our son, so a life was lost for nothing. We are sure this happens to other families and I say, never give up on getting the answers. Sometimes, it may not what you want to hear, but it will give you some sort of security.

Why do people think we are any different than the rest of the world? Just because someone has taken their own life, it makes us feel like outcasts in the community and that surely is not right?

Ever since we lost our son, we have suffered so much ill health. My wife and I have suffered strokes, but we still carry on. We try so very hard to help people, and all we get back is the back turning. But we will carry on

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until we are with our son again.

I just wish people could see that suicide is not a dirty word - it's a cry for help. I hope people will see that we, as families, need to talk about it, but not in the shade.

So, we thank you so very much Ann and you, Nico, for bringing this matter to light.

Thank you again. P. Norman, by email.

Wareham Area Mens' Shed

Dear Readers,

I'm in the process of launching the Wareham Area Men's Shed, which is part of a nationwide movement of Sheds, with over 450 sheds now in existence in the UK, and a national body supporting them (www.menssheds.org.uk).

They're basically communal workshops, where guys can either take their own projects, or work on projects for the benefit of the community and are seeing great success at helping to tackle social isolation, especially amongst older guys.

In Wareham, after an initial launch event in January, where we had twenty-five guys turn up, we've now formed a planning team, and have just secured a great site for our workshop, which is the Purbeck Connect day centre on Sandford Lane industrial estate. We'll be looking for Shed-ders, as well as funding, tools, and volunteers.

We're a not-for-profit and are defining our patch as that served by Purbeck District Council. Reaching men is one of the biggest issues reported by health professionals and aligned with the fact that 1 in 5 households in the UK consist of a chap living on their own, we are confident that there's a need for this in our area.

Kind regards, Chris Gates, 01929 554758

Defend Dorset NHS

Dear Nico,

Many Purbeck residents are extremely worried about the proposed cuts to our local NHS services: the downgrading of Poole A&E which will mean that we in Purbeck will be put at risk by unsafe travel times in order to access emergency services at the Royal Bournemouth; the reduction in acute hospital beds will provide only two-thirds of forecast need; the threat to maternity services; the closure of the community beds at Wareham Hospital (as well as the closure of community beds at four other Dorset Hospitals). These cuts are individually and collectively devastating for residents.

Thankfully, a legal challenge has been made by a local resident fearful of these changes with the support of Defend Dorset NHS. It is extremely promising for residents that the go-ahead for a Full Hearing was recently granted and will take place on July 17th and 18th.

The 36,910 people who opposed these cuts (including 8,048 Purbeck residents) have been let down by the consultation process but we are hopeful that the legal process is listening.

Please donate to this Judicial Review, its scrutiny has prevented similar loss of services proposed in other parts of the country. This is our last opportunity to be heard.

Please visit www.crowdjustice.com and search for Poole for more information and to donate to this vital case. Details of fund-raising events can be found there or contact Defend Dorset NHS with your proposals. Please help.

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| Sun | 13th | 2pm | D'Bize |
| Fri | 18th | 8pm | Eli West |
| Sat | 19th | 8pm | Young Waters |
| Sat | 26th | 8pm | Woody Pines |
| Sun | 27th | 2pm | Woody Pines |

In Favour Of National Park

Dear Editor,

National Park for Dorset

Purbeck is one of the most bio-diverse areas in the UK and was one of the original candidates shortlisted in 1949 for the very first National Parks after the war. This special area certainly deserves the protection afforded by National Park status. It would support the preservation and protection of the Isle of Purbeck's glorious landscape, flora and fauna and Thomas Hardy's Egdon Heath, one of if not the most biodiverse areas in the UK.

National Park status does not mean that necessary and reasonable development will not continue to be allowed, but it will ensure that this special area is protected from harmful and unwarranted development pressures.

National Park status also brings with it much needed additional government funding that will be a valuable support, not only to Dorset's special landscape and biodiversity, but also to its rural landowners and businesses including tourism within its boundaries. The time is now ripe for the designation of the Dorset National Park.

Sincerely, Nick Fagan, Chair, Wareham Town Trust

Keep Purbeck Special

Dear Gazette,

Keeping Purbeck Special

Barbara Philipp (Letters, Gazette April) may have looked at the wrong website when she suggests that a Dorset National Park would lead to "damage to the landscape" and "shops only stock products for tourists."

Purbeck District Council was surely nearer the mark when they unanimously approved a resolution that "Council notes with interest the Dorset National Park proposal and the opportunities this could offer to keep Purbeck special."

The key points informing the recommendation to PDC from a panel of Councillors supported by officers were (in their words):

"National Park designation would ensure that appropriate resources would be allocated to managing the impacts of recreation in the area.

National Parks are funded by central government and the resources are ring-fenced for the duties of a National Park – conserving and enhancing the environment and heritage, promoting recreation, and fostering the economic and social wellbeing of NP communities.

When considering development in a National Park, the primary purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty must be taken into account. This is generally effective in discouraging inappropriate development. National Parks also focus on local need for housing including for affordable homes."

The establishment of a unitary Dorset Council offers the opportunity for a partnership approach with a Dorset National Park helping to keep Purbeck special, develop homes for local people, help our farmers and land managers to thrive, and benefit the economy throughout rural Dorset.

If any group would like a presentation and discussion on the Dorset National Park, do please get in touch via our website: www.dorsetnationalpark.com where you will find a new informative leaflet.

Best regards, Richard Brown, by email

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Dream Come True

Dear Swanage and Wareham Community,

A little letter to say a huge thank you to each and every one who supported my project to raise money for our vandalised defibrillator casing to be repaired in Wareham Quay. Together, you all raised £540, which I was so chuffed and humbled to pass over to the Wareham Wednesdays team a month ago.

You all made a big Christmas dream come true for me to be able to help the community in some way. Everything is now crossed that it will be replaced soon with a safe, key coded system.

Thanks again so much, Maria Munn, by email

Rabbits In Trouble

Dear Editor,

Our wild rabbit population and the many predators dependant on their success for survival are in trouble.

A new strain of a disease called Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) is having a very serious effect on our wild rabbit population and that is impacting heavily on other species that are dependent on a healthy rabbit population for survival.

Our wild rabbits have been with us since the 12th century, having originally escaped from man-made enclosed warrens where they were bred for food.

Researchers from the James Hutton Institute are reporting that RHDV is proving to be a bigger killer than myxomatosis that causes swelling to a rabbits membranes. With less than four million wild rabbits left in the whole of the UK, these figures are proving to be similar to those at the height of myxomatosis in the 1950s.

Researchers have found that farms across Scotland and England have shown a significant loss of rabbits sighted and shot. On one farm wild rabbits were down from 300 to just 15.

Further research from the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust report declines of up to 90 per cent between 1995 and 2009.

My own observations around the Lytchetts show very few rabbits at all this year where once there was an abundance around the wider Purbeck area.

Our wild rabbits are a complex part of an important eco-system that feeds our birds of prey and many other predator species locally. The British Trust for Ornithology report a 20% fall in the number of buzzards between 2003 and 2013 attributed to rabbit loss.

May I urge your readers in joining with me in writing to DEFRA or speaking to their MPs for the cessation of people taking wild rabbits for human consumption or pest control until such time DEFRA scientists have properly researched the RHDV impact on our wildlife.

We already have a similar code of conduct whereby wildfowlers don't shoot ducks in harsh weather to conserve their numbers. I suggest the loss of so many wild rabbits warrants such urgent action immediately.

I remain Editor, yours sincerely, Mike Fry.

Project Team Not Listening

Dear Editor,

Negative consequences of the Moors Project

Ridge Moors Action Group – The Moors Flooding Proposal (aka The Moors Project).

When The Moors Project was first brought to public notice Redshanks were specifically mentioned, and used to partly justify the Project on BBC television news. RMAG knew very little about Redshanks and so

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investigated: it transpires that in Poole Harbour there are 170 breeding pairs and that the numbers have steadily increased over the past 10 years. This represents 1.2% of the UK population of Redshanks and is the largest single cluster in the UK.

It would be difficult to justify this Project on the basis of Redshanks and interestingly the Project Team has now stopped talking about them.

In the literature and Media coverage for the Project mention is made of saline lagoons as part of the minimum design component. Saline lagoons are not part of any intertidal habitat scheme as the tide cannot naturally ebb and flow to and from them. As this Project is all about replacing intertidal habitat which may be lost in the future as a result of projected sea level rise it is difficult to see how creating lagoons is part of a logical solution to this problem, in fact it has absolutely nothing to do with it.

Climate change scientists tell us that Global Warming is already happening. In the US there are real and ongoing problems with mosquitoes inhabiting saline lagoons and this is likely to happen in the UK in the future. Ridge residents already suffer from a biting insect locally termed the 'Ridge Midge' and do not want to be put at even greater risk in the future. It is well documented that mosquitoes in warmer climates carry a range of viruses, some very serious and it would not make sense to expose local residents to increased risks of infection in the future as a result of this scheme.

Documentation seen by RMAG states that the new sea walls are to be built at the same height as the existing seawalls and are not being increased in height to take into account sea level rise. The Environment Agency justify this by saying that the existing maintenance agreement does not take this into consideration and so it would not be appropriate for them to include sea level rise in the building of the new seawalls. This does not make any sense as the major justification for the Project is Sea Level Rise. Leading on to the construction of the new seawalls: the project team estimate that 90,000 cubic metres of appropriate bank material will have to be imported to build these walls. We feel that this underestimates the amount of material required.

However, even using this lower figure means that some 9000 x 10 tonne truck loads of material will be required. With truck movements on and off site, there could be 18,000 truck movements on minor roads that are already in a poor condition thus endangering the lives of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders who use Arne Road regularly. To put this in perspective this means that these 18,000 truck movements equates to 90 per day over a one year period (200 working days per year) or over 11 per hour (per 8 hour working day).

On this projection there will be huge disruption for residents and visitors alike as well as the increased danger that heavy construction traffic will bring for us all.

We envisage the whole area looking like a First World War battlefield by the time they have excavated the lagoons and built the new seawalls owing to the soggy peaty nature of the soil, not to mention that this sits on top of clay and sand.

We are questioning the whole so called "consultation process" as it is becoming increasingly obvious to us all that the Project Team are not listening to local businesses' concerns nor local residents' fears and worries about the Project. They need to start listening to us and demonstrating that a proper consultation process is underway before they present us with their final plans which will have a huge impact on us all.

Yours sincerely, Peter Sibthorp, Chair, Ridge Moors Action Group

Email: ridgemoorsactiongroup@hotmail.com

Karen G Raises Funds

Dear Readers,

There's no keeping a good woman down! Karen G loves to see others enjoying themselves and raising money for good causes at the same time. On 24th March at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, she put together a concert that raised £720 for the Bandstand Appeal and PLANETS.

The tickets sold very quickly as usual. The evening commenced with Harmony Rocks Choir conducted by Annie Campbell, comedy sketches with members of Swanage Drama Company, a musical tribute to the RAF, Karen G singing popular songs, a tribute to Pam Ayres and Dolly and the Dactyles.

The dance floor was occupied for most of the evening and Karen G has already planned another concert for October 13th.

Yours sincerely, Thelma Deacon

Fictional Enemies Defeated

Dear Readers,

Michael Ford's letter regarding the counterfactual SS occupation of Great Britain reveals something fundamental regarding the British character, or at least (I would imagine - see, I'm doing it too), of the character of about 51.9% of the voting population.

In his letter Michael shares his pride at the way a fictionalised Swanage population, under the heel of the fictionalised Nazi jackboot after the fictional Germans, had won a fictionalised version of World War Two, would have definitely (no fiction involved here, this is literally fact!) stood up to the smartly dressed, sausage-eating oppressors.

This demonstrates conclusively how we British stand head and shoulders above almost all other nations in being able to imagine fictional enemies and then defeat them in our minds.

It is surely this kind of pluck (should we be able to convert it from imagined pluck into real pluck) that is going to free us from the yoke of real (definitely not imagined (or made up by the Daily Mail)) European tyranny and drive forward our success as a proud independent nation that has not only won World War Two, but is even more determined to win it again.

Regards, Jon Brooke (Wareham), by email

New Hobby Needed?

Dear Editor,

Using the same logic that David Leadbetter used, surely even he can see that over 65% of the voting public did NOT vote to remain in the EU. He needs to stop twisting the figures in the hope that people won't realise that the majority that could be bothered to vote, voted to leave. That's how our voting system works. And where are all these misinformed people who voted leave but have now changed their minds? I haven't seen one letter from them yet. Surely the Russians didn't abduct them all after forcing them to vote?

The only sensible point Mr Leadbetter makes is when he says that young people need to balance the prejudiced views expressed in newspapers. This does not just apply to young people, we all need to challenge the extremist views held by papers like the Guardian and the Observer.

There is much mud slinging from the remoaners who say that mostly ignorant, ill-informed, racists voted leave, but all the informed, clever people voted remain!! Whereas I suspect most people who voted remain did so because they are scared of change or because they wanted to seem 'down with the kids'.

We are enjoying a period of close to full employment with one of the longest ever uninterrupted periods of economic growth on record, but no remoaner seems to want to acknowledge this.

It really is tiresome that Mr Leadbetter keeps making the same points ad nauseum, he is actually behaving like a small child who wants to take his ball home because the other side dared to score against him. He needs to get a different hobby, other than writing to local publications. Perhaps he would be happier with his friends on their remoaning forums and he can then leave the rest of us alone. Only 356 days to go (at the time of writing)!!

Mrs J Jones, Stoborough



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Sick Of Brexit Letters

Dear Editor,

I can well imagine that Brexit fanatics such as John Butler (April edition) are tired of reading letters pointing out the truth about the flaws in the 2016 referendum and why we need a new referendum on any deal the government may negotiate.

No one is advocating a re-run of 2016, but it is worth remembering that a majority of the electorate (63%) did not vote for Brexit and John Butler and the remaining rump of the party he represents would do well not to forget that. Those who believe in democracy should welcome a vote on the basis of factual information, not the voter manipulation and brainwashing that we know occurred in 2016.

Mr Butler accuses me of being 'lazy and ignorant' when I referred to UKIP as a party that seeks to divide this country through the politics of hatred and racism. I stand by what I said because the evidence is clear for anyone who wishes to take the trouble to investigate.

Regardless of whether UKIP's Constitution officially outlaws racist behaviour, the party has played the race card repeatedly, deliberately pandering to people's fears, prejudice and ignorance, which may have led in some cases to racial abuse and violence. As Diane Abbott once said to former UKIP MP Douglas Carswell: "If you lie down with dogs, you can expect to get fleas".

A classic example of the hateful propaganda (reminiscent of totalitarian regimes) that UKIP spews out was their party-political broadcast focusing on Turkey during the 2016 referendum. The whole tone of that broadcast was devoted to whipping up fear about the imminent prospect of Turkey joining the EU, in itself a totally false claim. The broadcast painted a picture of Turkey being a dangerous country because of its large population, the fact the majority are Muslim and its borders with countries such as Syria. No mention, of course, that Turkey is a NATO ally, has a good relationship with Britain and has taken in several million refugees.

In 2014 UKIP's leader, Nigel Farage ('Far-rage?') made a verbal attack on Romanian immigrants, saying he thought people would be concerned if a group of Romanians moved in next door. Faced with the choice of either Farage or a Romanian family moving in next door, I know which I would opt for!

Last year the UKIP Welsh Assembly member Michelle Brown referred to the Labour MP Chuka Umuna as a 'F...ing coconut' (hardly a term of endearment) in a foul-mouthed rant. More recently the girlfriend of Henry Bolton (the last UKIP leader if anyone can remember) made a racist slur against Meghan Markle.

Although UKIP is not the only political party to have issues with racism, the question that Mr Butler and others need to address is why their party attracts such elements, even allowing for the fact that a certain number of flag-waving zealots harking after the days of the Empire might be expected.

As for laziness and ignorance, not to mention hypocrisy, look no further than Mr Farage. As an MEP, his voting record and attendance are appalling (he apparently ranks 745th out of 746) and his sole purpose seems to be to undermine the EU, yet he presumably still draws his MEP salary (increasing as a result of the weak pound caused by Brexit) and apparently intends to draw his EU pension. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Farage is an admirer of Putin?

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage

Reality Of Keeping Bunnies

Dear Readers,

Bunnies are not just for Easter

As a mother of two house bunnies, I'd like to raise the issue of buying bunnies for Easter as presents for the kids.

Easter is the worst time of year for new purchases of bunnies and as an owner of two, I am really concerned about this. Many people think they are an "entry level pet" for their children when in fact, this cannot be further from the truth.

Being a prey animal, their needs and personalities couldn't be more opposite to a cuddly kitten or puppy. It takes months, if not, in some cases, years for a bunny to bond with their keepers whereas kittens and puppies love everyone straight away!

Bunnies can easily live up to twelve years old, can have serious medical conditions, need to live as a minimum as a bonded, neutered pair or in a group.

They need the correct diet of tons of hay, a small amount of nuggets and certain fresh vegetables. Yearly vaccinations, vet health checks and they must be neutered/spayed. Mine cost around £80 - £100 per month so they are not a cheap option.

If they are kept outside, they should be allowed to have a safe, free roaming space too. Keeping them stuck in a hutch is a cruel existence which is being fought for legislation by many bunny forums in this country - a hutch is not enough.

Having my two indoors, free roaming is an absolute joy. They each have different personalities and are intelligent, playful, inquisitive, loving pets, but this has taken time. We rescued Yasmin and had her professionally bonded to Oscar, nearly two years ago, and it is only been the last couple of months that she has started to properly bond with me. Oscar will be seven this year.

Bunnies are the third most popular pet in the UK but sadly, they are THE most neglected. Once the "kids have got bored with them" they are either left for years stuck in a hutch at the end of the garden or given into a rescue - to date there are over 67,000 - yes thousands of bunnies looking for their forever homes in rescues.

Breeders have a lot to answer for too as well as pet shops.

Please don't get me wrong, I know there are a lot of responsible people out there but there are many more not.

"It's just a rabbit" no actually. They really are gentle misunderstood animals that need more respect.

If you're considering getting a bunny, firstly please do some research. The RWA (Rabbit Welfare Association and Fund) is a great place to start for advice. Don't get one - always get two as they are sociable creatures and please ensure you have the space for them to run around. Lastly, if bunnies are for you, then welcome to my world!

Vanessa White, by email

Thank You From Rex Players

Dear Ed,

We would be grateful if you would print this letter to thank our supporters.

The Rex Players would like to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who supported or contributed to our recent Variety Show, 'Happy Days' at the Rex Cinema, Wareham.

Owing to the unprecedented weather conditions on the 1st and 2nd March we were unable to put on performances and all concerned have been hugely disappointed by this outcome. As a result we were determined to try and retrieve the situation and were able to put on a ticket holder's Show in Stoborough on 17th March.

Everyone's commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to "muck in" enabled us to put on a Show in less than 2 weeks. A huge thank you to Stoborough Village Hall for their time and help at the eleventh hour.

We always need people in any capacity who would like to join a vibrant group of amateur people ready to put on an entertaining Variety Show and raise lots of money for local charities. Please see our website for details.

Many thanks, Sue Minshall (Rex Player)

June For Vegans!

Dear Letters Editor,

Try veganism this June

This June will mark Animal Aid's first ever Summer Vegan Pledge - a 30-day vegan pledge that gives non-vegans, and those curious about a plant-based diet, all of the information and help they need to go vegan for a month, and hopefully stay vegan thereafter.

With the number of vegans in the UK growing by more than 350 per cent in ten years, and a recent study suggesting that now 7% of UK adults identify as vegans, it has never been easier to adopt a plant-based diet. The number of vegan products has grown rapidly with new vegan products hitting shelves seemingly on a daily basis.

There are now vegan alternatives to almost everything - including "chicken" nuggets, ice-cream, burgers, and even steak available in supermarkets, local shops, coffee shops, restaurants and beyond.

A vegan diet is kinder to animals, it is better for the environment and it is also healthy.

Sign up for Animal Aid's Summer Vegan Pledge today: www.govegan.org.uk or phone 01732 364 546 extension 223.

Tod Bradbury, Campaign Manager - Vegan Outreach, Animal Aid

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Thank You Bridget!

Dear Nico,

Litter-Free Purbeck has been clearing the streets, pavements and by-ways of Purbeck for two years. The group was started after you introduced Lara to Bridget Mayes and Frank Roberts.

We had all been doing our own litter-picking for a while and we decided to work together to help other people keep their own areas free of litter. We all hate the sight of litter ruining our beautiful area, whether on the beach, street or verge, and every little bit removed improves the environment slightly.

However, we now say goodbye and thank you to Bridget, who has thrown her energy and enthusiasm into the project, whether her own litter picks for Love Langton; regular beach cleans in Swanage; helping new groups such as Clean-Up Corfe and Wareham Wombles; running a stall at the local fete; giving a talk at various schools as well as all the admin behind the scenes.

Without her, the group would not have got off the ground, and we now have many regular litter-picks and lots of willing volunteers. (See our Facebook page or email litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com for further information)

We would like to thank Bridget for the time she has given and for her continued dedication to making Purbeck Litter-Free, and we wish her well in her new ventures.

Lara, Simon, Harold and John, from Litter-Free Purbeck

Help Us Improve Swanage

Dear Readers,

I'd like to highlight the absolutely awful and unforgiveable bus shelter in the High Street, Swanage, near to Costcutters.

As you may know, some of us (volunteers) are busy on the High Street in Swanage, clearing weeds and so on. I have been in correspondence with Martin Ayres at Swanage Town Council regarding replacing this dilapidated shelter - for the best part of a year, with absolutely no action taken as yet! I feel this lack of action is undermining our work.

Mr Ayres claims to be trying to get Dorset County Council and the bus company to help fund replacing this eyesore of a shelter. Apparently, this issue has been raised within at least two transport meetings at Swanage Town Hall.

Mr Ayres seems to take ages getting back to me and I feel he is hoping that I get fed up and forget about it. I have not had any response from him since before Christmas. His last email said it was being discussed at the meeting held on February 7th of this year - now some months back.

Can any readers please help me to get this issue resolved and consider writing to the Town Clerk c/o Swanage Town Hall?

A small team of volunteers are working extremely hard, in our own time, to ensure our streets are clean and tidy (a job which we actually pay others



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to do through our Council Tax levy!) and yet sometimes, we seem to struggle to get support and help from the very people who should be first in line to give us a hand!

Kind regards, Rob Nunn, by email.

Swanage Bandstand Update

Dear Gazette,

Friends of Swanage Bandstand.

Just to let everyone know that F.O.S.B are making a lot of progress towards the restoration of Swanage Bandstand, this is being achieved as a result of the support we have in the town, visiting holidaymakers (who also have memories connected to the bandstand) but also very important is the cooperation we have received from our local councillors.

We have various groups of entertainers including the Town Band that are also raising funds for us. A report has been submitted to show condition of remaining structure and it seems that most can be re used after restoration work, but pieces missing will have to be re cast as was.

We now have a subcommittee working with the council to discuss the specification needed. Once we get estimates for the work we can then apply for Heritage Lottery Funding. By the time you read this in May I'm confident that we will have banked £50,000 to match the pledge of £50,000 made by our Council.

We are aiming to have a sale of donated items for bandstand, also a large raffle, and for the people at home who are saving their 20ps in their jam jars we are doing around the bandstand with them, to raise even more funds.

We need please, more donations for the sale, raffle and 20ps. Once again, we say Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely, Alan Houghton, 3 Dingle Court, 29 De Moulham Rd, BH19 1NT. 01929 426380.

Joining Off-Shore Tax PIG A

Dear Nico,

April Fools Disappointment

I write to say what a disappointment your April Fool's joke was this year. Normally your fool's jokes are sophisticated and fun and are really quite difficult to separate from the truth.

This year, sadly, the 'joke' was nowhere as good as previous years. I mean, everybody knows that Swanage Pier is not being restored and is probably going the same way as the old Pierhead Cafe. What a disappointment. Hopefully you can do better next year.

By the way, whilst writing, I was really intrigued by the article concerning 'Purbeck Investment Group A' and have written to Mr Cougar, hoping that I can become a member.

Yours sincerely, Nick Collis Bird, Manwell Drive, Swanage

Purbeck Companies Complicit

Dear Readers,

While David and yourself are imploring us to shop locally, I see local Purbeck companies are embarking on a Tax avoidance scheme from the Isle of Man!

Do they really need our business? Should we really be complicit in an arrangement that takes money away from the exchequer, which provides our diminishing services?

Regards, Peter Wakefield.



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Ladder Dancing For Retired?

Dear Gazette,

Could you please tell us the venues for Gender Fluid Ladder Dancing, please, and whether there will be classes for the retired?

Regards, Peter, by email.

Cancelled Classes At Centre

Dear Editor,

Recently, the Purbeck Sports Centre nearly had to cancel some of its exercise classes, partly because of the difficulty in finding qualified instructors in the area and partly because it no longer has enough permanent staff to cover all its activities.

This follows a significant reduction in the number of permanent gym staff, about a year ago. Presumably this was a cost saving exercise forced upon the sports centre by the district and/or county council, who both fund the centre. If the centre is unable to provide its existing range of activities, not only will it lose members and revenue, but the council will find it difficult to meet government commitments for healthy lifestyles.

Studies have shown that exercise not only contributes to levels of happiness and well-being, but also prevents illness, which in turn lightens the burden on our over-stretched NHS.

Purbeck Council has previously committed to provide sporting facilities to the community and "wants to see the sports centre run as it is now for many years to come".

To achieve this, it must be adequately funded, either by the council or by higher membership subscriptions (for those who can afford it), or both. Membership fees at Purbeck Sports Centre are still very reasonable compared with private sector sports centres.

I strongly urge the councils to support this marvellous sports centre, especially financially.

Regards, Mike Pollard, Wareham, by email

Why Trees Are Vital

Dear Readers,

In reponse to Phil Madson's letter regarding the eleven Scots Pines in Beach Gardens. Back in the day, when Friends of the Earth were active in Swanage, we would have paid for an independent assessment into their wellbeing. Prior to the council's felling plans, which hopefully they will reconsider.

These beautiful pines may well be over 100 years old and were probably planted when piney air was deemed beneficial in seaside resorts to people hoping to recover from respiratory conditions and tuberculosis. Therefore they are part of our local history. Parks and gardens in Bournemouth are still filled with them.

All trees are so much more than what you see; root systems, provision of habitat diversity, carbon capture, oxygenation, especially during carnival week. They also offer simple shade. Swanage Council might do well to consider the astronomical cost of felling these iconic trees with taxpayer's money, to say nothing of timber extraction and stump rotivation.

The only access to Beach Gardens is by a narrow pedestrian pathway where the heavy plant required after the winter rains would reduce this public amenity to a quagmire, all to remove (apparently) the evergreen needles which fall on the tennis courts. I wonder what the Swanage Bowling Club think?

Perhaps we would do better to intergrate with nature in urban environments, otherwise we're really going to 'kiss off' the squirrels!

Yours sincerely, S. Nutkin and friends, by leaf.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Another Spoonful Of Marmite

by David Hollister

Isn't it great that the lengthy roadworks on the Upton Bypass have finished and the ugly concrete barriers will protect the poor little bridge supports from marauding 48-tonners as well as providing a superb new canvas for the graffiti artists? Let's hope that the graffiti is more imaginative than the usual 'tags'.....

Those bridges, completed in the 1970s, hold the overhead Poole to Blandford road above the main A35. That's about forty years they have survived. I find myself struggling to find out why it's taken forty years for someone to decide that they needed to be protected. Maybe on the basis that every day someone doesn't crash into one is another day closer to the day when someone does.....

Of course, the same thinking applies to the seafront at Swanage; there were always double yellow lines and no parking because parking was dangerous. All of a sudden, Dorset County Council realised that they can make money out of parking, so all of a sudden they're not dangerous. There are still calls to pedestrianise the whole road from the Bull & Boat to the Mowlem, fifty-two weeks a year. Which will of course divert traffic into residential areas.

Appreciating that there have been some nasty accidents on that road over the years, the answer isn't to close it. The answer is 20mph two-way traffic and NO PARKING because – strangely – with more people and more cars about than ever there were in the old days, parking is still dangerous as it obstructs pedestrians and motorists view of each other.

Some time ago I was shown an imaginative plan of revisions to Shore Road and Institute Road. In typical DCC fashion, nothing has happened. Maybe this summer someone else will be seriously injured in Institute Road and perhaps DCC will revisit their plans. Or perhaps they won't. The junction between the Valley Road and Langton Road at Coombe corner was due for sensible safety modifications. Still no sign of them, either.

My Council Tax bill arrived just before 1st April, requiring me to pay £2500 annually for the privilege of living in a large house in a village. The police are always banging on about 'con-tricks', well they should take a look at the con being foisted on the residents of Purbeck by Dorset County Council. The old song "money for nothing" comes to mind.

I see that despite all the protestations from the people of Wareham and even from PDC, the DCC cabinet have decided to take the Wareham skateboard ramp bridge to the next stage, the regulatory committee, and also threaten to over-rule PDC Planners if they refuse permission.

This is NOT democracy in action, and I lay down a challenge through these pages for DCC Leader Rebecca Knox and CEO Debbie Ward to organise a public meeting – out of working hours, when more people can attend – in Wareham Town Hall or even The Rex cinema, whichever is bigger, and explain to the good folk of Wareham why it is that DCC seem intent on ignoring them, why they believe the proposed new bridge to be the best option, and for that matter to explain to the officers of PDC

why it is that they propose to over-rule the democratic process. Come on, Rebecca, email me c/o the Gazette and tell me when and where it is. I'll even pay the venue fee if DCC hasn't the funds for it.....

Isn't it good to see Knoll House under new ownership? An affordable restaurant and bistro. A pleasant garden which I'm going to enjoy if it ever stops raining. Yet already the critics are banging on about Enid Blyton and heritage and all that stuff. Get real, people, these guys have bought it as a commercial venture, which will stop it falling into disrepair, provide local jobs, and also (God Forbid) make a PROFIT.

Which brings me neatly on to the annual whingeing about the Ferry. We now have Purbeck District Council voting unanimously to object to proposed toll increases for the Studland Ferry and the Leader of the Council writing to the Secretary of State for Transport to make the Council's objections clear.

Ditto Corfe Castle Council and I would imagine Swanage Town Council will want to have their say. Not to mention all the adverse stuff on Facebook and in the press. And the calls for 'local discounts'..... And people threatening to boycott it and go round.....

Go on then. Go round. Use more fuel. Get stuck in the traffic. Wear out your tyres and your temper. D'you really think they will care when for six months of the year, the holiday traffic will be pouring across, both ways?

What the Councils and complainants need to remember is that it's a privately owned business, not a public company or a government department. Just like Purbeck Gazette, it is a private business. Not yours, not mine.

Yet it is still subject to the monumental pile of Health & Safety regulations which will, by the mid 2020s, require the ferry to be replaced. Regular increases in the fare will enable them not only to continue to employ local people, but also to set money aside towards the massive replacement costs.

Of course, if we all boycott it and go on whingeing then the owners have every right to withdraw the service – maybe from October to March – or even scrap it completely, take their money and leave us without a ferry service at all. Completely up to them, as private business owners. That will be fun, won't it? And what the devil it has to do with the Councils is totally beyond me; it's really nothing to do with them – and they have their own messes to clear up!

I am neither wealthy nor privileged. I try to buy about £100-worth of ferry tickets each March just before the fare goes up. Like everyone else, I enjoy a 22% discount for buying them in 10s.

Use a ticket, chuck £3.50 into the 'ferry pot' in the car (if I remember) so when I have to buy another ten, I have saved something towards it. I love the ferry and enjoy every trip, from the beautiful country drive, sitting peacefully waiting for it to arrive, and (weather permitting) standing on the top deck breathing God's good fresh air..... while you're 'going round'.

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Best Bread Award!



The 'best bread award' was presented to the Landlord of the Horse and Groom in Wareham, on Wednesday 21st March by the Court Leet of Wareham. Photo by Sue Booth.

Talbot Trust Support



Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust has been presented with a £10,000 grant from Talbot Village Trust to modernise its centre.

The Centre is owned and run by the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and operates as a focal point of Swanage, with many members of the community relying on it to provide a day care facility and a base for the local youth club. Talbot Village Trust provided The Centre with the funding needed to upgrade its heating system and refurbish the toilet facilities.

Bob Foster, Trustee and Chair of Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust (pictured, above), said: "This generous grant has enabled us to update The Centre in such a way that we now operate to a modern standard. It was our ambition to make it a vibrant social and caring hub at the heart of our community, and thanks to the funding we feel like we are achieving this goal."

"Currently we operate a wraparound childcare service, youth clubs, sports clubs and have hosted a series of local events including the Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra concert. Through this funding we plan to run many more activities with a learning, culture, health and wellbeing focus. We thank Talbot Village Trust for their valuable contribution to our ambitious project."

Talbot Village Trust meets biannually and will be accepting applications for funding from both previous and new applicants in the area before the Trustees meet in autumn of this year.

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The watch on Easter Sunday morning arrived with the appearance of several hardy souls for whom Easter meant the start of the boating season.

It also meant that the dive boats were back in business, the trip boats from Poole re-appeared and the "Moonfleet" sailed majestically past on her way to Portland with a complement of 5 plus Scrum the dog – perchance is that elusive thing called "Summer" approaching!

It was also a good day for visitors to Peveril Point with our Catering Crew dispensing Tea and Cakes at a rate of knots and many of the visitors coming upstairs to see what we were up to and letting the little ones look through the binoculars! All your support is very much appreciated – we couldn't do what we do without your support – thank you all.

The visitors in the morning were also treated to a meteorological phenomenon (I do try to connect to my titles somewhere) called a Solar Halo or a 22° Halo as the scientists call it as it can appear around either the Sun or the Moon.

In what can appear to be an almost clear sky, cirrus clouds need to be forming a thin veil of cirrostratus across the sky, usually above the 20,000 feet (6,100m) mark. These clouds are made up of millions of tiny ice crystals and the light from the Sun or Moon reflects and refracts through.

As there are millions of reflected/refracted light beams, we all see our own halos as moving only a short distance means that we are really seeing light from differing crystals.

If you consider that from the horizon to your zenith (the point immediately above you) is 90° and the halo is 22° in radius, therefore 44° in diameter it can be appreciated that this phenomenon occupies a large part of the sky. With a hard, inner edge and a diffused outer one, the area inside the halo is always darker than the surrounding sky.

The inner edge is usually red and the outer blue. As this cloud is often a forerunner of an approaching depression, there is usually rain within 24 hours (remember Easter Monday?). The ribbing around the sun in the picture is the waves of cirrus cloud. Taken using UV and Polarising filters on the camera – please do not look directly at the sun without protection even through clouds like these

Please see around Swanage and at the Lookout the schedule for our future 'Tea & Cake' days when we look forward to seeing you again.

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

Contact the Swanage NCI at the Lookout on 01929 422596, at nci.org.uk, on VHF 65 or the address below. We look forward to hearing your comments and/or questions.

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Wareham Area 50+ Forum

Last February our speaker was Hilary Foggo of Age UK. She gave us a Laughter Workshop – and we did.

She inspired some of us to get up to give short poems on 'Smiling' and to crack a few jokes. It was an inspiring morning and we all went home with a smile on our face.

On the 14th May, we are reverting to our information mode with a twist. Tax Care and Toy Boys has already had one slot with us a couple of years ago.

It proved to be very popular and we have asked the speaker back to bring us up-to-date on any new rulings that have come into force since she last spoke. A very well worth-while morning.

We will, of course, have our usual tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes. A donation of £2.00 is requested.

We hope to see old friends and new at our next meeting to be held at Carey Hall from 10 am to 12 noon on the 14th May.

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Out Of The Blue



Welcome all to the summer! About time too! The team have been busy of late, with increased patrols around notable areas reported for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). In particular, car park patrols have been increased with officers providing advice on vehicle crime prevention. Our current priorities can be seen below.

Current priorities: Purbeck South.

There have been a number of recent thefts of flowers and personal items from graves at Gods Acre cemetery in Corfe Castle. The local police team will be conducting additional patrols in the area to identify persons responsible for these thefts. Please help by reporting suspicious vehicles/people by giving registration numbers and descriptions.

Current priorities: Purbeck North

Outbuildings are being broken into. There have been a number of reports of sheds and garages being broken in to within the Upton area and power tools being stolen. We are currently stepping up patrols in the affected areas, visiting victims offering crime prevention advice. Please help by reporting suspicious vehicles/people, giving registration numbers and descriptions.

Vehicles are being broken into in beauty spot car parks. Police patrols are being directed to visit these car parks during the relevant times to try and identify offenders and bring them to justice.

There has been an increase in poaching across Purbeck. This includes methods used by the offenders which cause harm and distress to the animals. Offenders also damage farm gateways, crops and hedges at a detrimental cost to the rural and farming community.

We will be increasing Police patrols in the areas concerned and working on identifying offenders and bringing them to justice. We will also identify the communities affected and work with them on improving their communication.

ASB in Upton. There has recently been an increase in Anti Social Behaviour around the Upton area. Your local officers will be increasing their patrols to deal with this issue. Please report any incidents of ASB to Dorset police.

Dog Walkers. Lambing season is now in full flow so here's a gentle reminder to all dog owners. A person who owns, or is in charge of a dog/s which worries livestock on any agricultural land (fields, pig and poultry farms, allotments, nurseries and orchards) commits the offence of livestock worrying:

- attacking livestock;

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- chasing livestock in such a way as may be reasonably expected to cause injury or suffering; in the case of ewes, this includes abortion or loss or reduction in the number of offspring;
- not having a dog on a lead or under close control when close by, or in a field or enclosure with livestock.

It is your responsibility to ensure your dog/s are on a lead or under strict control. Remember livestock worrying is a crime and therefore should be reported. If you see a dog/s worrying livestock it should be reported using 999 or if livestock has been attacked and the dog/g have left the location report it using 101.

Finally, if you need to contact Dorset Police, please call our Police Enquiry Centre by calling 101. Always call 999 in an EMERGENCY when there is a risk of HARM or a CRIME in progress. Alternatively, call the free CRIMESTOPPERS line on 0800 555 111.

Don't forget to visit us on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/Purbeck-police](https://www.facebook.com/Purbeck-police) and Twitter - @PurbeckPolice - we really value your support and comments. You can also see our latest priorities and up and coming events at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/purbeck/>

Why not register on Dorset Alert? By registering for the free Dorset Police community messaging alerts you will receive information on, Local crime and incidents where we believe that sharing information with you will help to prevent further offences occurring, Crimes and incidents where you may be able to help by providing vital information, Current crime trends, Crime prevention advice and Safer Neighbourhood activity and opportunities to meet the team.

You can also receive news from our partner agencies such as Dorset Fire and Rescue Service or Trading Standards and Community safety messages.

Please come along to our meet the team events being held in Purbeck North and South, dates can be found on the website, we'd love to see you there.

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IOPC Announces Investigation Into Dorset Police



The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) have recently announced their investigation into the actions of Dorset police following the disappearance of Gaia Pope, who was 19 years old.

Gaia was reported missing on 7 November 2017 in Swanage, Dorset, by a family member. Her family communicated their concern for the missing teenager, who had Post Traumatic Stress disorder, following a serious sexual assault when she was 17. Gaia had epilepsy and did not have her medication when she went missing. Following a police investigation and a public search for Gaia in which thousands of people participated, her body was found eleven days after her disappearance within a mile of where she was last seen.

In the months before her death she was increasingly afraid that the man who raped her and threatened her family would soon be eligible for early release. In addition to concerns about the conduct of the police, the family have questions about whether a lack of support from underfunded mental health and social services contributed to Gaia's death.

A Pre-Inquest Review is scheduled for Monday 14 May, 10am at Dorset Coroners Court.

Natasha Pope, mother of Gaia said: "My daughter should still be with us today. She was a survivor. She had a sharp wit, she was intelligent, compassionate and so courageous; she was magnificent. Gaia was inspired by the challenges she faced to work in health and social care and dedicate

her life to others. She tried to carry on her education, but her epilepsy was deteriorating as she remembered more about the sexual assault she had endured. In hospital she would speak about what she'd been through, but it felt like no one outside our family wanted to listen. Now, our family has been torn apart. As a mother, my heart will always be broken. As a woman, I'm determined to do all we can to make sure this never happens again. I will always be proud of Gaia's courage but what she went through should not have cost my daughter her life."

Clara Pope-Sutherland, sister of Gaia, said: "Gaia is a strong, fiery and beautiful spirit who always gave voice to what is right. In life, the systems that are meant to support people who've experienced sexual violence and mental health issues, undermined her and left her voiceless. But now she will be heard, and things will change for the better in her name."

Marianna Pope-Weidemann, cousin of Gaia and volunteer search coordinator, said: "When Gaia was missing we didn't want anything to distract from the search, so we said nothing about how our family was treated by the police and how poorly they coordinated the incredible search effort by the community. But now we have to ask the tough questions: why did it take eleven days to find her? Could she have been saved? Could proper support from mental health and social services have stopped this whole tragedy before it started? This isn't just about Gaia. How many women and girls have gone through this whose stories never make the papers? Gaia wanted justice for them and so do we. Time's up."

Deborah Coles, Executive Director of INQUEST said: "There are serious questions about the actions of Dorset police and their duty of care that this investigation must address. Gaia was a vulnerable young woman, due to the trauma and mental and physical ill health she was experiencing as a victim of sexual assault. How her life could end this way deserves the utmost scrutiny. This family and the public need answers in the hope of preventing another young life lost."

Sarah Kellas, solicitor for the family said: "It is hoped the IOPC investigation will be the start of the process by which the family can begin to pursue answers to their questions about failures in the police response and that this will feed into a full and fearless inquest exploring all the significant circumstances surrounding Gaia's death. Nothing can take away the pain of this tragedy, but truth and accountability will assist the grieving process."



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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

In May 2008, reader, David Peel of Northport, Wareham, wrote in to let readers know about a significant police response he'd witnessed whilst out buying chips one night.

Two police cars, a dog unit, an armed response unit and a further police car turned up, prior to two further police cars arriving at the scene. David counted at least ten officers at the scene, all, as far as David could see, in order to deal with a couple of young men brawling in a local pub.

David questioned this 'over response' and was interested to find out the actual cost involved in making these two arrests on a Sunday teatime.

Peter Barker of the 'Say Yes To Wind Power' campaign wrote in to update readers on public opinion, gathered during an open meeting. Peter stated that between 85-90% of respondents were in favour of utilising wind power, and they collected over 180 signatures of support of turbines being erected at the Masters Pit site.

Peter said: "We are not being paid to do this. We do it because we care about our future. Global warming is wrecking havoc on our ecosystems, species extinction is accelerating and human suffering is the inevitable consequence. We have to take responsibility for our power generation and do whatever we can to combat climate change; it's the only right thing to do."

MCS Beachwatch published their clean-up results with us in our May 2008 edition, declaring "The results are truly shocking; in the last ten years, plastic drinks bottles have increased by 67%, plastic bags by 54% and cigarette butts by 44%. Plastics are of particular concern as they could persist in the marine environment for centuries with fatal consequences for marine life." said Emma Snowden, MCS Litter Projects Coordinator.

3,911 volunteers took part in the beach clean, surveying 354 beaches, equalling 168.5km and collecting 2,771 bags of rubbish. Most collected items were: Plastic pieces (<1cm and >1cm), plastic rope, plastic caps and lids, crisp/sweet and lolly wrappers, polystyrene pieces, cotton bud sticks, cigarette stubs, fishing net (<50cm) and glass pieces.

The Ladies of Stoborough W.I. held a very successful fashion show at the Parish Hall in Wareham, parading in front of a packed audience of both men and women. The show featured a wide range of clothing from local charity shops. The W.I. girls looked fabulous as they strutted their stuff on the catwalk, and all attendees went home with a goodie bag full of bits and bobs donated by the companies sponsoring the event.

Rachael Aplin, landlady of the Royal Oak in Swanage took to the skies for charity, encouraged and supported by her devoted customers! Rachael bravely leapt from a perfectly good plane at 15,000ft, raising £1,000 for cardiology services at Swanage Hospital (Rachael is pictured below left),



handing over the cheque to Swanage Hospital).

Work experience student, Sarah Manley (15) wrote about perceptions - including the perception many of us hold that 'kids hanging around wearing hoodies are up to no good'. Sarah researched our perceptions of each other, often based on clothing/style, and undertook a small experiment. With a volunteer or two, Sarah encouraged her volunteers to hang around the back streets of Swanage to gauge the reaction of the passing public. Many did indeed seem to find the little gathering somewhat worrying - until



the hoods were removed and beneath were well-known charity worker, Gerry Norris (below left), Sarah herself and Sarah's mum (pictured above & below). The message? Possibly don't judge so much - underneath every raised hood is an actual human being, who may be feeling slightly shy or simply cold....!



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DCC Runner-Up In National Award

Top level commitment, efficiency and partnership working have resulted in Dorset County Council coming runners-up in the '30 Hours Team' award at the national Childcare Works Awards 2018.

The award recognises the work of local authorities in providing and promoting the national '30 free hours' childcare scheme, which enables eligible parents of three and four-year olds to continue to work by saving on the cost of childcare. Thirty-four local authorities were nominated for the award, and were judged on their whole team approach, commitment, effective and efficient local delivery, and partnership working.

Several county council teams were involved in delivering the 30 free hours scheme. The award was accepted by Liz Curtis-Jones (Early Years and Childcare Service) and Tina Ironside (Family Information Service). Tina said:

"We were proud to pick up this award on behalf of all the superb teams at the county council who got behind this agenda. We are passionate about the 30 free hours scheme which gives a few thousand Dorset parents more cash in their pockets, so they can afford to work and provide for their family."

Cllr Deborah Croney, Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for education, learning and skills, said: "I am delighted that the county council has been recognised for the hard work and dedication of our teams, and their collaborative cross-department working. We are proud of their commitment and achievements."

"The 30 free hours scheme has a positive impact on families, taking huge pressures off their finances. It will benefit children and families, both now and in the future."

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Update On Henry's Story...



We want to start by saying a huge thank you to Swanage for all the support, prayers and donations, and attending our fundraisers since Henry's diagnosis in 2014. It is a fact that he would not be where he is today without you. All of Henry's treatments are outside the NHS, as we were told that there are no treatments available.

To those who do not know us, Henry was diagnosed with an inoperable Grade 4 Multiform Glioblastoma Brain Tumour and given fourteen months to live in December 2014. You can read Henry's journey on www.support4henry.co.uk

I am Vicki, Henry's mother, and I have asked Nico to publish this article due to a misquote in the Daily Mail. At the time we agreed to do the article to help Care Oncology London to raise awareness of their prescribed cocktail of drugs that Henry has been on. The object is to present data to NICE of trials of over 100 patients in the hope they could be funded under the NHS.

Over the past three years, Henry has received a number of treatments which can be seen on the website. The article in question could give false

hope as it did not state all the treatments Henry had undergone. Without the fundraising, Henry would not have received all the treatments and now show a reduction in his tumour which is presently showing no active disease. We have had the biggest fight on our hands not only trying to get treatments for Henry to save his life, but to try and get funding from Cancer charities. Unfortunately, we cannot get a penny from any of them, as none of the drugs and treatments are supported by NICE. We have been battling for two years to get the Brains research team to help to look into the treatments, without success.



As Swanage is a town filled with talented people, I was hoping that someone may have expertise or legal clout and could possibly help us on our challenge in the quest to try and get these largely funded charities to research the treatments that are clearly working. The obstacle we have come across is that there is no money to be made with these treatments and you have to ask the question "why will they not be researched?" At the moment, the NHS can only offer chemotherapy and radiotherapy for inoperable brain tumours, and the survival rate is not good. We need to get these treatments recognised by NICE so that all brain tumour patients can benefit and be funded.

If anyone has spare time or advice and would like to help our very exhausted family, please contact me through Henry's website. We also need funding to continue his treatments. Fundraisers would be most appreciated as the fundraising becomes harder each year. If you would like to donate or agree to do our £1 pledge, you can donate on the website. Thank you for reading our plea and please continue to pray for Henry.

Vicki Searle, Henry's mum. www.support4henry.co.uk

Pictured: Above left: Henry (left), his brother (Jonathan) and father. Top: Henry receiving treatment in India in April 2018 (at the time of writing).

SWANAGE RAILWAY

Daily operation for the summer season commenced on Friday 30th March and will run until Sunday 28th October. Steam operates daily except during the Diesel Gala.

This year's Diesel Gala and Beer Festival – Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May (with a themed preview day on Thursday 10th May) promises to be an entertaining and exciting diesel gala including services between Swanage and Wareham as well as a mainline charter from / to Ealing Broadway, Preview Day Thursday 10th May featuring both diesel and steam traction. Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May an intensive timetable from 0800 to midnight on Friday and Saturday and from 08:00 to 19:00 on Sunday giving great opportunities to ride behind and photograph all the diesel locos attending.

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May shuttle service between Wareham and Swanage hauled by a variety of diesel traction. At least 7 diesel locos in action over the Gala including Class 20, 33, 50 and 66 diesel locomotives. See website for up to date guest loco list.

Class 33 Driving Experience on Thursday 10th May (advance booking essential). Purbeck Explorer 1 Train from Ealing Broadway to Wareham and Swanage Thu 10th May. Purbeck Explorer 2 Train from Corfe Castle to Ealing Broadway Sun 13th May.

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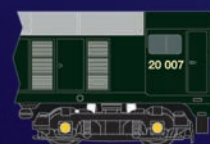
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SATURDAY 26 MAY

10am - 6pm Stalls and attractions at Sandpit Field

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SUNDAY 27 MAY

10am - 6pm Stalls and attractions at Sandpit Field

11am - 1pm Re-Enactment Battles at Sandpit Field

2.30pm Pirate Parade, Sandpit Field to Prince Albert Gardens

3pm Beach Skirmish at Monkey Beach

MONDAY 28 MAY

10am - 4pm Stalls and attractions at Sandpit Field

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SATURDAY 26 MAY

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3pm Wareham Whalers perform at Sandpit Field

4pm Bridport's Boarding Crew perform at Sandpit Field

7pm Pirate 'Beauty Contest' at The Red Lion, categories:
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8pm The Boarding Crew perform at The Red Lion

SUNDAY 27 MAY

2pm Kelp! perform Sea Shanties at Sandpit Field

7pm Pirate Parlay in local pubs

Evening - compete in the 'Yard of Grog' at The Red Lion

MONDAY 28 MAY

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Dear Readers,

Sparked by the interesting article about Kingston village memories in the March issue, I wondered whether any of the readers of The Purbeck Gazette have any memories or information about Eastbrook School at 19 Kings Road East, where I now live?

A few months ago, I was sitting in the garden and a man who was walking past told me that he had gone to school there. This was the first I knew of the school and a few weeks later he kindly dropped off a photo of the children and teachers at the school around 1958 (pictured, above).

I wonder whether any readers are in the picture or can name any of the people? I would be extremely interested to know more about the school, or indeed anything about the previous occupants of the building as I gather it was once divided into two separate dwellings.

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Wareham Town Council Update

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



News from Wareham Town Meeting April 2018

The Town Meeting takes place every year and is an opportunity for local people to raise concerns with their Town councillors.

A reduction in central government funding for local authorities particularly evident in pressure on children's and social services is the driver of local government reorganisation in Dorset. It is hoped that replacing the County and District Councils with 2 unitary authorities will save £30 million.

Gary Suttle, Leader of Purbeck District Council, reckons that for two years we will see no change in the way we access local authority services: it will be the same officer from the same office. Some residents will incur a greater increase in their Council Tax as the district elements are brought into line on top of the usual percentage increase. A Shadow Dorset Council will be set up this summer which will appoint officers and produce a budget. After the local elections next year the 206 County and District Council positions (held by 176 councillors) will be reduced to 82 or 84 Unitary councillors working more or less full-time. The first two terms of office will be 5 years.

PC Claire Jephcott and Inspector Andrew Keel attended the meeting. They warned us about theft of personal items from cars and of power tools and said that Police Officers enjoy working with youngsters locally. If you witness an act of vandalism, you should report it immediately by 'phoning 999. If you find damage later, you should report it on 101 or better on the Dorset Police website. In spite of Highway Authority measures to reduce speeding near Purbeck School, this dangerous practice persists.

The valuable work done by the Youth Centre warranted a financial contribution from the Town Council, said Joyce Spiller from the Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation. Councillor Critchley replied that the Council supported the Youth Centre and though no money was provided last year, funds had been allocated in this year's budget.

A resident of Westgate said that its play area was a waste: firstly, being located next to the bypass, it is a hazard; secondly, still under the authority of Bloor Homes, it is not officially open. A question was raised about the Council's view on the Hub on the Middle School site. The Council had passed a resolution in favour and included the Hub in the Local Neighbourhood Plan. The Council is not party to the plan to have modular housing for elderly, disabled on the same site.

The public is welcome to attend the next meetings of the Town Council on Tuesdays 22nd May and 26th June at 7pm in the Town Hall. For further information, call 01929 553006 or visit the website at www.wareham-tc.gov.uk.



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The new Radiotherapy Unit will make radiotherapy services much easier to access for patients who live in North, West and South Dorset as they will no longer have to travel long distances to Poole.

The Cancer Appeal is raising £1.75 million to build a new Cancer and Haematology Outpatients Department on top of the Radiotherapy Unit.

This will provide additional rooms for counselling, consultancy, support services and alternative therapies and spaces for patient education and support groups.

The Appeal will also fund major improvements in the hospital's existing Chemotherapy suite enabling family and friends to sit with patients while they are receiving treatment.

The Cancer Appeal total now stands at just over £1.4 million – please help us reach our target.

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Application forms and Guidelines can be downloaded from our website at: www.wsmsolarcommunityfund.co.uk or can be requested from the Secretary at: 5 Border Drive, Upton, Poole, Dorset. BH16 5DU. Tel: 01202 624261 or debbie_weller@warehamstmartinpc.org.uk

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Economic Review Of The First Quarter of 2018

During the three months to end of March 2018, the FTSE 100 index fell by 8.2% and was down by 3.6% over the year. The FTSE All-World Sterling Index fell by 5% and was unchanged respectively over the same periods.

Our analysts summarised the global position as follows:

'In the first quarter of 2018, the global equity bull market encountered its first bout of significant profit taking since 2016. The equity market correction is unlikely to be the last but the IMF (International Monetary Fund) upgraded its global growth outlook for 2018 and said all the signs point to further strengthening both this year and next year.

Although we see more volatility, we believe there is still more potential upside for equities'

The UK stockmarket struggled in the first quarter although there was a lot of takeover activity. The Bank of England have signalled that they want to bring inflation back within targets sooner and would ideally like to increase interest rates earlier and faster than previously expected.

Whether or not these aims can be achieved remains to be seen. UK shares have suffered due to Brexit, but it is possible that too much negative news has been factored in and that share prices are lower than they should be.

This was certainly Neil Woodford's view at a presentation I attended towards the end of February. Software and technology shares performed particularly badly and there were high profile falls from AA, Capita and Dignity plus Carillion went into liquidation.

Following the increase in the base rate by 0.25% to 0.5% in November 2017, the Bank of England has maintained this level for the time being.

The US stockmarket also had a significant correction in Q1 which was partly due to fears over a trade war and was also not helped by the technology sector coming under pressure. The economic outlook for the US still, however, looks positive.

Although European markets generally fell, the European Central Bank said that the Eurozone continues to grow at a faster pace than expected. Japan slipped back a little following a 20-year high and although there were modest falls in the Far East and Emerging Markets, these are still viewed as areas of growth.

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Possible VAT Changes

Chancellor Philip Hammond has invited small businesses to provide feedback on the impact of the current VAT threshold on their firm.

In November 2017, the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) outlined a range of measures intended to help simplify the VAT system.

The OTS suggested examining the current approach to the level and design of the VAT registration threshold, and argued that the current registration threshold of £85,000 is 'costly', and has a 'distortionary impact' on business growth and activity.

The government has acknowledged that the current design of the VAT registration threshold could be 'disincentivising' small businesses from expanding their firm.

The consultation will explore the effects of the VAT threshold on small businesses and examine different policy options.

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You can register via the helpline number: 0300 3033 517

You will be asked to provide your name and relevant contact information so that you can be matched to the charity's records and the communication can be stopped.

Once all details have been provided and the request submitted, the FPS will send an automatic email to the charity/ies, with a 28-day deadline to remove your details from direct marketing lists. You will need to specify every charity you want to block – you won't be able to opt out of all charity contact.

Visit the website: <https://www.fundraisingpreference.org.uk> where you can choose to stop communications from a selected charity. You will need to identify the charity/ies you no longer want to hear from.

The easiest way to do that is to use the registered charity's number, which should be displayed on all their promotional material. If you cannot find the charity number, you can also search using the charity's name.

To confirm your request, you will need either an email address or a mobile telephone number, which will enable a confirmation code to be sent to you that you will need to enter later.

If you need help to complete the online form, there is a telephone helpline service: call 0300 3033 517.

For advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

CRASH: Don't Panic!



If you are involved in a road traffic accident, it is natural to feel unsure of what to do. You may feel anxious about speaking to the other drivers involved. These pointers may help:-

If you are involved in an accident, it is a legal requirement that you stop. If it looks as though someone may be injured, or you are injured yourself, you should dial 999 and ask for the ambulance service.

If it is possible to do so, you should speak to the other driver or drivers involved and obtain their insurance details, along with their name, address and telephone number. You should enquire as to whether or not the car is theirs.

If the car is owned by someone else, you should ask for their details too. You should also record the vehicle registration numbers and a description of all vehicles involved. This will assist should you need to make a claim either for damage to your vehicle or for a personal injury.

If any driver involved does not have their insurance details to hand and the accident is not serious enough for the Police to need to attend, the accident must be reported to the Police within 24 hours, either directly to a Police Constable or by attending a Police Station.

You should also take photographs of the positions of the cars along with any damage, but again this should only be if it is appropriate in the circumstances.

You should identify and obtain details of any eye witnesses to the accident, including their names, addresses and telephone numbers. Eye witnesses are crucial if there is an argument over who caused the accident.

You should report any accident to your insurer as soon as possible (preferably the same day) in case either you need to make a claim for vehicle damage or personal injuries you have suffered or if another driver involved makes a claim against you.

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There will also be opportunities to discuss methods of boosting staff productivity, cut absence rates and avoid health and safety mistakes.

Poole BID is offering the event free of charge to all businesses, not just levy payers.

Adam Keen, general manager of morebus and a director of Poole BID, said: "The GDPR changes are of the utmost importance to everyone – not just large businesses and their pertinence should not be underestimated. There will be some very important topics up for discussion and we hope that everyone will find the advice useful. At Poole BID, we felt that it was important to offer this event free of charge to make it accessible to businesses of all sizes."

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Spoiled For Choice...

by David Hollister

It has been many months since the co-op store and petrol station at Sandford closed their doors for a total re-development. At last they've re-opened and chose a beautiful sunny day (April 5th) to cut the ribbons and welcome back their customers. There are eight petrol pumps as before, but there's a lot more space on the forecourt, and the store itself is some six times bigger than before, offering a generous range of convenience items to villagers and passing trade alike.

Manager Lianne Fransen was accompanied by Wareham Town Crier Jacquie Hall, and the tape was cut by two members of the Emery family, whose mother Jackie had worked there for many years but who unfortunately passed away recently. A cheque for £1000 was presented by the builders, Williams Southern Ltd, to Maggie Hardy, chair of the friends of Wareham Hospital, in Jackie's memory.

Altogether a great day for Wareham hospital, and a great day for the residents of Sandford and indeed a great many passing motorists in need of fuel and refreshment!

There has been a garage on the crest of the hill in Harmans Cross for many years. Foleys was first established in the mid 1930s by Mr John Scott Foley, grandfather of the current owners, and enjoyed a reputation for honesty, efficiency and straight dealing. My own father worked there in the 1950s and I worked there in the 1960s.

Mr Foley, in his later years, was joined by Jocelyn and Stuart White to form a long-lasting family partnership which held a Vauxhall franchise for over sixty years. Their sons, current owners David and Steven White, have been involved with the business almost since they were born and for many years traded under the name Moonfleet Cars in partnership with Nick Rowley.

Nick has now gone to pastures new, as you will see below, whilst Steven and David have brought back the well-respected 'Foleys' name and continue to provide the area with the same friendly excellent service from the team, with a focus on the values that were at the core of the previous family partnership.

Avenue Garage – just over the railway bridge in Victoria Avenue, Swanage, was, for many years, owned and run by Steve and Gill Poultney. They have now sold the business and premises to Nick and Sarah Rowley, who have re-named it 'Moonfleet Garage'. They now hope to see customers old and new; Nick was, of course, until recently a partner at Moonfleet Garage in Harmans Cross, where he specialised in car sales.

Swanage Town Council have at last taken the plunge and installed two "pod-point" charge points for electric cars (EVs). They are situated in the Victoria Avenue car park and are easily accessible with parking areas reserved for charging up. Full marks to the Council! Now there's no excuse for not buying that Nissan Leaf! (Charging point pictured, left).

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Full marks again to Swanage Town Council; they have put our money

where their mouth is and bought a brand new Nissan ENV 200 van; no fuel, no emissions, no oil changes, peace and quiet whilst driving, and surprising capacity and performance.

Easy for the staff; the cargo height is just 52cm from the ground, it can carry up to 770kg in 4.2 cubic metres of space. I bet the staff are queuing up to use it!

On the subject of vans... Yet again, there have been overnight thefts of tools and materials from trade vans right here in Purbeck.

It is sad that the thieves take little heed of the small businesses that they are potentially wrecking, and the heartbreak that they are causing.

A notice 'No tools left in this van overnight' is actually a challenge to the thief who says "let's prove it" before breaking in.

A signwritten van stating 'Joe Bloggs Plumbing and Electrical Ltd' splashed all across the back and sides of the van is actually saying 'Plumbing and Electrical Tools – help yourself'. The place to advertise your business (and the fact that you may have a ton of expensive tools and equipment) is in the Purbeck Gazette – not on the side of the van for the benefit of thieves!

Our hearts go out to anyone who has been a victim of this crime recently, but please do heed advice and do not leave valuables in your car or van overnight, or whilst it is unattended.

I parked in Station Road, Swanage, last week; the summer charges have come in with a bang! 20p buys you fifteen minutes, 70p buys you thirty minutes, and £1.40 buys you an hour.

A clear hint that these are intended as short-term parking places for casual shopping, not long-term places for a full walk of the town. Wareham is a little more go-ahead; two hours in the Bonnets Lane car park is only £1.40!

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Members of the public can also share information on dangerous drivers, highlight areas where they are concerned about excess speed, find out more information on educational courses they can take part in, road safety operations Dorset Police is running as well as where fixed cameras and mobile speed enforcement vans are for the coming weeks. The site hosts the latest road safety news updates from the partnership, upcoming events that members of the public can get involved in as well as updates from local authorities on new engineering schemes, traffic calming measures and other initiatives.

Julie Fielding, Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police and Chair of the Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership, said: "This website joins up all

the road safety work that is taking place within Dorset and provides a one-stop-shop for members of the public with road safety enquiries or feedback.

"Visitors to the site can also take a look at historic road traffic collision data reported to us over the last few years and look at the circumstances of the collision, road conditions and resulting casualties. "We would encourage members of the public to get in touch about how they find using the site along with any further improvements that can be made."

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, committed to launching a new Dorset Road Safe website during his re-election campaign. He said: "In Dorset, road safety is a top concern for many of the residents I represent. Fantastic partnership work is taking place every day to prevent road tragedies from occurring, but few are aware of the many courses that are available. Meeting my pledge to transform the Dorset Road Safe website into a centre of excellence for road safety is just one step towards raising awareness of the various schemes that can help keep you and your family safe on Dorset roads."



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By Regula
Wright,
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Hollandaise Purple Sprouting Broccoli

The daylight hours are certainly longer but spring is late this year. As I'm writing this, I'm still squelching around, the soil is still cold and thoroughly waterlogged....working the ground in this condition is hard and actually pointless as I'd be just compacting it.

I'm late planting spuds, onion sets and Jerusalem artichokes but I'm trying not to panic- the weather usually sorts itself out during the growing season and late sown crops usually catch up.

The chickens, ducks and the geese certainly feel spring's in the air... everyone's laying really well and the boys are keeping a beady eye on things. The ganders are behaving particularly territorial and it won't be long before the first chicken will get broody and will not move from her clutch of eggs.

Back in the polytunnel where I've set up the indoor nursery, the space gets very crowded with all manner of seedlings like tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, peppers, beetroots, spinach, chard, turnips, globe artichokes, courgettes, summer and winter squashes, kale, cabbage, leeks, lettuce, bush beans, climbing beans, ornamental corn, tender herbs and annual flowers.

Soon there comes a point when the indoor nursery is bursting at the seams and all plantlets will be moved out, apart from the group that needs to grow to maturity indoors like the peppers, basil and aubergines. The seedlings will get used to outdoor conditions before being planted in the open ground.

I've just finished cropping the last of the purple sprouting broccoli. This is such a welcome and versatile vegetable this time of year when there really isn't much fresh green about. Unfortunately, it has a rather short cropping season and as soon as the weather warms up, the purple spears turn into yellow flowers and become rather bitter.

However, the bees really like them so I leave some for as long as I can in the ground, before the whole plant gets fed to the chickens - they like it too... I will sow next year's crop and the whole cycle will begin again.

I love purple sprouting broccoli as it is so very versatile. Just quickly blanched and added to pasta with a little walnut oil is delicious, stuck into a quiche or as part of a Thai green curry, equally good.

My favourite though is a pile of lightly steamed purple sprouting broccoli with a big bowl of Hollandaise sauce. Just dip and eat!

Hollandaise Sauce Ingredients (for 2 greedy people)

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- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
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- Salt and pepper

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Heat vinegar and lemon juice in another saucepan and bring to the boil

In a big bowl whisk the egg yolks with the salt, then add gradually the hot lemon juice/vinegar mix while whisking vigorously.

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Natural Matters

May

(The month. Not the shaggy haired badger loving guitarist with Queen. Or the cyborg like 'leader' of the country.)

by John Garner

May is almost upon us. How this has happened again is anyone's guess, but here we are. Barely had the snow melted when the April deluges topped up the already sodden land leaving mini lakes in the fields and huge puddles on the roads. But the weather has turned (God I hope it has by the time this is published) and May is soon to be in full flight.

April is for many the herald of spring, but it's not until May that you get those days with real warmth in them. It's a month when you head out and have to start shedding items of clothing as you go, until there's so many layers tied around your waist that you can barely move. This is a month of contrasts. Rain and sun battle it out.

Unfortunately, rain often wins but at least it is some sort of battle. It's a time when statistically you will see a sun, a cloud, rain, thunder and hail all represented in the weather forecast images more often than in any other month. That statistic is clearly made up, but hard to check by either you or me. It just feels like it could be the case. The seasons are in flux....again.

We get the name from the Romans whose calendar we adopted. Our calendar system was a bit rubbish. It was based on an old Germanic calendar system. Eventually the Roman, Julien, calendar was adopted. In this system May is named after the Goddess Maia, which is from the Latin word for large, which seems an odd name for a month and a goddess for that matter. I don't imagine Maia was particularly thrilled when the names were being dished out. It feels a bit like they ran out of ideas at the agency.

However, the Romans were nothing if not contrary and the name became associated with fertility growth and spring, which is quite handy really. Dig around a bit more and you get another Goddess Maia mentioned in Greek history. She was the mother of Hermes and seems to have nothing to do with spring and growth, but the combination of the two are probably reflected in the month of May as we know it today.

The Romans were very adept at adopting Greek stuff, so I imagine they borrowed it and used it to suit their needs. I know. It's complicated, but not everything needs to make sense. Surely you know that by now?

The Romans were an impressive bunch in lots of ways and did some very

good and some very bad things. One of the bad things they did was to supplant the original name for May, which was apparently 'thrimilce', with this new goddess-related name.

Thrimilce was the old English word for three milkings. The fifth month of the year was the only month during which the cows could be milked three times a day, such was the abundance of lush, fertile grazing to be had. (It's possible you might put other negatives relating to the Romans ahead of replacing an existing word with another. The invitation to neighbouring tribes to come to Rome in the early days of the Empire so that the Romans could steal all their women might rank higher for example. Or the wiping out of various other cultures. It's all matter of opinion.)

Whatever your feelings, and I'm sure most of you have no feelings whatsoever in this regard, round about the 1000s AD, May became the name of the fifth month of the year, probably via the French and as a result of their own cultural expansion.

Anyway, as it is the month for growing things, I've set about growing things. Things to eat. Onions, lettuce, beans of various types, courgettes, tomatoes, rocket...and the like.

Given that the natural world seems to go a bit mad in May, I'm hopeful that I'll soon be eating food that has been produced in the garden and harvested and eaten almost immediately. It's about twenty paces from the cooker to the vegetable garden. Food miles are not an issue here.

While I'm waiting I'll still be able to grab the odd clump of wild garlic whilst wandering about the countryside. There are other wild foods about if you know what to look for. Get cracking. It doesn't last long.

Theresa and Brian of the May variety will no doubt carry on doing their thing. As for May the month, it also just needs to do its job. A bit of rain, lots of sun and the rewards will be there for all to see.

That said, when you do venture out, take less clothing than you think you'll need. A couple of fleeces and an anorak looped round your midriff can ruin a good walk.



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We can expect to see Early Purple Orchids and possibly Early Spider Orchids still, along with Eyebright, Horseshoe Vetch and Bird-foot Trefoil upon the downs providing nectar for a suite of insects.

During sunny spells butterflies including Wall Brown, Small Copper, Holly Blue, Peacock, and possibly Small Heath and Dingy Skipper can put in an appearance. Upon the sea cliffs Thrift, Sea Campion and even Kidney Vetch can be in flower, whilst off shore one might catch the morning breakfast run of Gannets from the Channel Islands to the Solent.

It has been known for the Puffins to be seen at this time off Dancing Ledge and not unknown for Scoter to pass by. Be sure to join one of Durlston Bird Boat Trips (18th & 25th) where we can also see the cliff nesting Swift colony. Stour Valley Ringing Group have caught Blackcap, Bullfinch, Garden Warbler, Willow Warbler and Sedge Warbler at this time.

On warm dry evenings our moth trap might attract such delights as Pale Tussocks, Buff Ermine, Light Brocade, Spectacle, Flame Shoulder and a Beautiful Shears. On Sunday 19th our moth sessions start again at the castle from 10:30am.

In the Gallery we have a duo of Artists for the Colourscapes exhibition. Margaret Thompson's landscapes and seascapes reflect moods as well as physical reality, whilst Jo Pethybridge ceramics are influenced by images from nature, textiles, architecture and patterns.

This is followed by Dorset Arts Week Exhibition Coast Paths featuring a second duo! Jim Hunter and Sarah Hough will show working drawings, primary studies, sketchbook examples and abstract realisations. However, if you wish to be creative yourselves you can join:

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Apprentice Ranger Catherine is offering a Willow Weaving in the Woodland session during the May half term!

Another half term activity is our popular Wild Wednesday drop in craft session for children will be at the Learning Centre.

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Can You Help To Survey Water Voles?



Charity appeals to public to survey endangered water voles

National Water Vole Monitoring Programme started 15 April 2018

People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling on all wildlife enthusiasts to help monitor signs of the UK's disappearing water voles as part of its annual National Water Vole Monitoring Programme.

Affectionately portrayed as Ratty in childhood favourite *Wind in the Willows*, water voles were once a common sight along UK riverbanks and waterways. However, over the last century water voles have experienced

the most severe decline of any wild mammal in the UK as they face threats from invasive American mink, habitat loss, agricultural intensification and river pollution. In response to this dramatic decline, PTES launched the National Water Vole Monitoring Programme (NWVMP) in 2015, appealing to members of the public to help look for signs and sightings of water voles. The annual survey starts again on 15 April 2018 and runs until 15 June.

Emily Thomas, Key Species Monitoring and Data Officer at PTES explains: "Volunteers are crucial to helping us collect robust data about the state of our water voles across the UK. We use the data gathered to monitor population trends year on year, which in turn help guide our conservation efforts and inform us where action is needed most."

Over two hundred volunteers have taken part in the NWVMP since 2015, and last year volunteers collected data from 222 sites across England, Scotland and Wales, of which 82 had water vole signs present (48% of sites surveyed). The distribution of positive sites is encouraging, from Cornwall and Suffolk, up to the Highlands and across to the Isle of Anglesey. However, there are gaps in survey areas where PTES needs more help, including the South West, parts of Wales, southern Scotland and across the West Midlands.

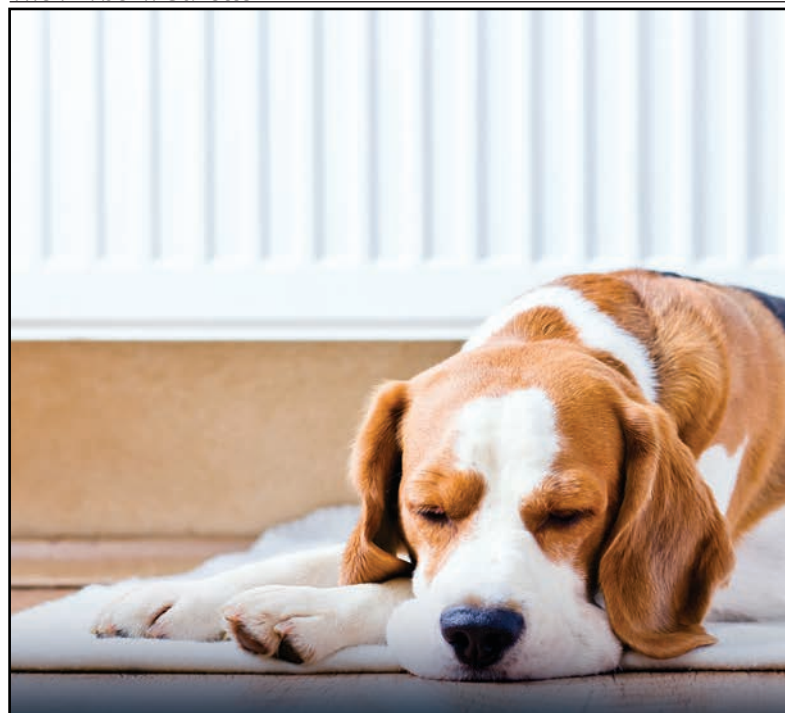
Volunteers are asked to survey one of the nearly 900 pre-selected sites across the UK, recording all sightings and signs of water voles along a 500m length of riverbank once during the course of the two-month period. Sites that are already being surveyed can also be registered with the NWVMP.

Though no prior experience is required, volunteers will need to learn how to identify water vole field signs. A survey pack, including clear instructions on how to do your survey and a field signs ID guide, will be provided.

To find out more, or to take part in PTES's 2018 National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, visit: www.ptes.org/watervoles

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Pictured: Water Vole by Ian Schofield. Front cover image: by Iain Green.



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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack

Crazy for Cranesbills

Cranesbill is the common name for hardy forms of Geranium. They are native to temperate regions like ours and so are well suited to the English climate. Pretty blooms, long flowering, reliable and easy to grow and slug resistant - sounds like the ideal plant and honestly, they really are!

Generally, they are low growing, mostly under 2 ft tall so they are great at the front of borders and in rockeries. There are hundreds of fine forms but here is a selection of very good varieties

Our native meadow cranesbill *Geranium pratense* can be found growing throughout the UK especially in verges, sometimes reaching 3ft and showing off its beautiful blue saucer shaped flowers.



In itself it makes a fine garden plant but there are several good cultivars to look out for such as *G. pratense* 'Mrs. Kendall Clarke' (above) with exquisite white veining. Ideal for subtle pastel planting but if you want something more dramatic try *G. 'Black Beauty'* (below left) with deep, rich purple foliage which is so useful in raising the interest of many a planting scheme.



Geranium Faya Anna (top of opposite column, both images) not only has beautifully veined lilac blue flowers, but also the spring foliage as it emerges from its winter slumbers is a vivid apricot.

Geranium 'Foundling's Friend' (2nd from top, opposite column) is a compact form only 30cms tall and has pink flowers with deep purple veining.

G. 'Orkney Cherry' is a low



growing form which flowers throughout summer with bright pink flowers and bronze coloured leaves.

G. 'Rozanne' (pictured, bottom) is probably the most popular form today with good justification. The large saucer shaped blue flowers are produced for months on end.

These are just a few, very good forms of a very diverse group of plants that should be high on any gardener's wanted list.

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Smedmore House & Gardens Open Day - Sunday 6th May 2pm – 5pm. Join us for a delightful afternoon raising money for our rescue animals in the beautiful grounds of Smedmore House. There will be stalls, refreshments, cake, vintage cars and games, a band and the chance to tour the house. House tours will be provided by Dr Philip Mansel. Entry is just £5, children under 16 free (house tours, £3) and dogs are welcome on a lead. This promises to be a great day out for all the family, raising money and enjoying one of Dorset's delightful houses, which this year is only open to the public for two days.

Come along, enjoy the day and find out more about the work we do caring for around 1,200 animals a year. If you would like to help out at this or other events or can support us by donating home-made cakes please contact Team Green via teamgreen@mgar.org.uk or call 01929 480474

Looking forward to other events... Make a note in your diary so that you don't miss out, we'd love you to come along, get involved and support us...

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- House tours provided by historian Dr. Philip Mansel and family.
- Dogs are welcome on a lead.

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2018 Wildlife Gardening Competition

Dorset Wildlife Trust's (DWT's) annual wildlife gardening competition, sponsored by The Gardens Group, opened for entries on 1st April, with the deadline for entries being Friday 25th May. The competition is for those who garden with wildlife in mind and create havens for wildlife on their doorstep.

Now in its ninth year, the popular competition is free to enter and is suitable for private gardeners, schools, housing associations, community groups and also for those in rented properties. This year, there is a new 'innovation' award, for gardeners using creative ways to create homes for wildlife such as using upcycled materials.

DWT's Community Conservation Officer, Katie Wilkinson said, "This competition is for anyone who has wildlife friendly features in their garden, such as a pond or a mini wildflower meadow. You don't have to be an expert. More than ever, our wildlife is dependent on gardens to provide food and shelter, so what we do in our gardens is really important."

Wildlife friendly features in the garden include ponds, bug hotels, and bird boxes. The closing date for applications is Friday 25th May 2018 and judging will start in June. Everyone who takes part in the competition will receive a DWT wildlife friendly garden plaque and will be invited to the prize-giving ceremony at The Gardens Group's Castle Gardens in Sherborne in July. Prizes will include wildlife garden products, gardening books, vouchers and a winners' plaque.

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Arts & Entertainment

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Yes, it's back - good 'ol Rock 'n' Roll is coming to the Swanage British Legion Club, 150, High Street, Swanage, BH19 2PA 01929-422722.

Local band JURASSIC ROCK 'N' ROLL featuring the original music "From the Dawn of Rock 'n' Roll" will be giving two full-powered performances this year - the dates are:

SATURDAY 5TH MAY and SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2018.

Music will start around 9pm. and a fully licensed bar is available all evening.

Tickets are only £5 from the Legion or by phone on 01929-421388 or 01929-421401. Tickets also 'on the door' - but only if space permits.

Rock 'n' Roll Dance

Saturday 5th May 2018 at 8.30 p.m.

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Concert To Support The Bandstand Appeal

The Belvedere Singers Spring Concert in support of the Swanage Bandstand Appeal, is under the baton of their new Music Director, Clive Watkiss, and has a distinctly transatlantic flavour.

On the centenary year of Bernstein's birth, the choir sings a selection from his popular musical, West Side Story.

Also, on the American theme are folk songs arranged by Aaron Copland, including the familiar Simple Gifts (also recognisable as Lord of the Dance). On the British side, there are some beautiful madrigals, together with traditional songs on a countryside theme.

To complement this pastoral theme is Vaughan Williams well-loved piece, The Lark Ascending, played by violinist, Todor Nikolaev.

The young local soprano Miro Vosper will be soloist in Stanford's The Blue Bird, and also joining the choir for solo performances will be two prize-winning musicians from St. Swithun's school in Winchester, a saxophonist and a viola player.

The concert is at St. Mary's Church, Swanage at 7:30pm. on 12th May.

Music Director
Clive Watkiss

Belvedere Singers

**SPRING
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**May
12th**

Soloists - Todor Nikolaev
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St. Mary's Church, Swanage at 7.30pm

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*Sunrise at the Great Globe, Durlston
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Stanford Quartet Coffee Concert



Join us for the Stanford Quartet Coffee Concert on Saturday 12th of May 10am Swanage United Reformed Church.

The Quartet will be performing the 'Suffragette' composer Ethel Smythe's Quartet in E minor, Webern's beautiful summer romance, Langsamersatz and Debussy's charming, Girl with the flaxen hair.

Following the concert, the audience are invited to join the Stanford Quartet for complementary coffee and cake. Coffee Concert tickets are £10 adults - sold on the door (children and students free)

During the rest of the day Purbeck Strings Orchestra will be rehearsing Medelssohn Sinfonia No.10, Dag Wiren Serenade, Dvorak Walzes with their guest conductor Richard Studd - who for many years led and directed the Bournemouth Sinfonietta.

This music will be performed at Purbeck Strings Prom Concert at the Mowlem on 31st of July during Swanage Carnival. Sections of the orchestra will be led by the Stanford Quartet



STANFORD QUARTET COFFEE CONCERT

Saturday 12th of May at 10am

Ethel Smythe Quartet, Debussy and Webern

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FRIDAY 13th, SATURDAY 14th, SUNDAY 15th JULY 2018

FRIDAY - Steam Train Dance at 2pm with Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band (£17.50). Alan Barnes Octet, Tony Jacobs' Tuxedo Jazz Orchestra with guest Catherine Sykes, Bateman Brothers Jazz Band - 'Tribute to Louis Armstrong and his All-Stars', Tony Kofi's 'Portrait of Cannonball'. Jam session 11pm 'til 1am in the Conservative Club. **MOWLEM THEATRE** - The Ronnie Scott's All Stars present 'The Ronnie Scott's Story' + Claire Martin OBE & Nigel Price. £25 or £5 for festival ticket holders.

SATURDAY - 'Echoes Of Ellington' 18 piece jazz orchestra feat. Claire Martin OBE, Scott Hamilton and Champion Fulton, Ian Bateman and Simon Spillett with the Craig Milverton Trio 'Coppin' The Bop' - A tribute to J.J. Johnson and Frank Rosolino, Phronesis, Brass Volcanoes, Clark Tracey Quintet, Simon Spillett Quartet, Pete Oxley/Nic Meier Quartet. 'Learn to Lindy Hop' with Kai Hoffman and her Kombo, Greg Abate, Martin Litton's Red Hot Peppers, The Magnificent 7, The Dixie Strollers, John Maddocks, Byron Wallen's 'Four Corners, Gary Willcox Quartet, Georgia Mancio's 'Salud! Tom Jobim', Johnny Hepbir Trio, Dart Valley Stompers, John Hallam/Amy Roberts Quintet, Graham Smith's Allsorts Quintet feat. John Hallam and Alan Barnes, Alison Rayner Quintet ARQ, Mark Crooks/Colin Oxley Quartet, Terry Quinney's 'The Sound Of BlueNote'. Jam session 11pm 'til 1am in the Conservative Club.

SUNDAY - Pete Long's 'Benny Goodman at Carnegie Hall' show, Keith Nichols' Blue Devils, Jazz Jamaica, Fletch's Brew, Jazz At The Philharmonic, Andrew McCormack/Jason Yarde Duo, 'Spats' Langham, Vitality Five, Sara Dowling Quartet. Paulus Shafer trio, Old Hat Jazz Band, Julian Phillips, Dave Moorwood's 'Rascals of Rhythm Jazz Band', Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra, Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band, Anthony Kerr Quartet, Sarah Bolter, Julian Siegel Quartet.



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Purbeck Valley Folk Festival 2018



Purbeck Valley Folk Festival are thrilled to have Molotov Jukebox at the festival at last. Fronted by actress Natalia Tena (pictured, left), this lively world-music influenced band is a favourite on the festival scene.

Natalia is the English actress and musician who plays Nymphadora Tonks in the Harry Potter film series, and the wildling Osha in the HBO series Game of Thrones.

The band were booked to play at last year's festival but Natalia was called over to Hollywood earlier than expected. "We're so happy that they're free to come and play for us this year. They will have absolutely everyone dancing. Such brilliant and fun music!" said Catherine Burke, Festival Director.

Tena is the lead singer and accordionist. The band released their debut album *Carnival Flower* (2014), in Spring 2014, featuring their single "Neon Lights". Their second studio album, *Tropical Gypsy* (2016), was released on 15 April 2016 and was preceded by its lead single, "Pineapple Girl". It was promoted on the band's *Tropical Gypsy Tour* in April and May 2016.

Major headline acts announced so far include Richard Thompson and his Electric Trio, Beth Orton, King Creosote, Trad.Attack! and a selection of the cream of UK folk acts. Other attractions for the family festival include kid's entertainers, storytellers, craft workshops, music workshops, theatre workshops, song sessions, poetry, Purbeck Rising (for new talent) and open mics.

Tier 1 tickets have now sold-out but weekend tickets (from Thursday to Sunday with or without camping) are available from £106 (youth £66, children age 4-11 £36).

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Purbeck is such a special place, according to Carlotta, who returned after a successful career in London. As one of the founder members of Purbeck Art Weeks, she is passionate about art; part, present and future. **Past:** creating the Swanage Seen Art Trail, a journey through time, with paintings by famous artists who visited Swanage. Also, the **Swanage and Purbeck Sculpture Trail**, discovering works in Purbeck of stone, steel and wood.

Present: Carlotta is working on commissions and showing paintings at the RSPB Cafe in Arne, with **Sky Dance**, an exhibition of sea birds in flight. **Future:** working with pupils of the Swanage School on the **Sea Life Young People's Stone Carving Project** at the Burngate Stone Carving Centre. There are also plans to enlarge the Sculpture Trail with works sited in prominent positions in and around Swanage. Carlotta extends grateful thanks to many people and organisations who helped launch these projects.



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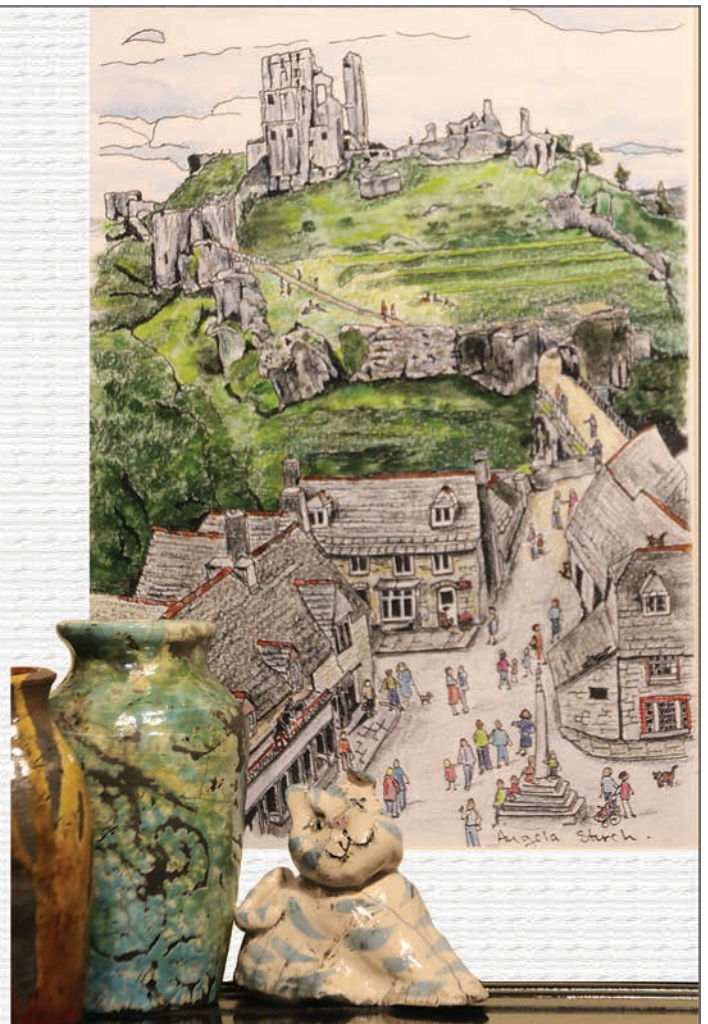
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STONE CARVING CENTRE



With 'Movement' being the theme for PAW18, Carlotta Barrow has been leading the Sea Life project, created at the Burngate Stone Carving Centre.

The *SEA LIFE* project aims to combine history with the natural world and has given young people the chance to explore their local environment and will enhance an area on the Jurassic coast path, a small garden belonging to Wessex Water, with stone benches overlooking Swanage Pier and the sea.

Swanage, being situated at the start of the World Heritage site of the Jurassic Coast, having links with the ancient stone trade, quarrying and carving is the perfect setting for this project.

Carlotta Barrow, Trustee at the Burngate Stone Carving Centre, had

the idea for the Sea Life Young People's stone carving project inspired by the constant movement of the sea and the life beneath the waves.

The project has given students the opportunity to research and discover the prehistoric and present living marine creatures, fish and plant life. It has also taught them a local skill that has been handed down through generations. The Burngate Stone Carving Centre hosted several stone carving sessions with the pupils from the Swanage School and gradually the panels for the bench came to life.

The stone panels have been prepared with a crest of a wave carved on the top to evoke the rolling waters and pupils from The Swanage School, led by art teacher Sarah Mulhern and as part of their GCSE Art Exam, have developed their own designs and carved the panels at Burngate.

Within the next few weeks the panels will be placed into position and the unveiling



of the bench is set to take place during this year's Purbeck Art Weeks.

The Burngate Stone Carving Centre would like to thank Carlotta Barrow for her inspiration, artistic direction and dedicated hard work, Lovell's Quarry for providing the stone, all the staff at the Centre for facilities and hosting the project, Roger Mordaunt and Jigger Stockley for so much involvement, knowledge and tuition and of course huge thanks to Wessex Water, Red Orb Artists, ANOB and PAW for funding.

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For more details, please go to www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk or the Swanage and Wareham Tourist Information Centres, where you can pick up a free Festival Brochure or Events Programme (£2) – also available at selected shops and other outlets. Pictured right: Toby Hoad, Open Studio artist.





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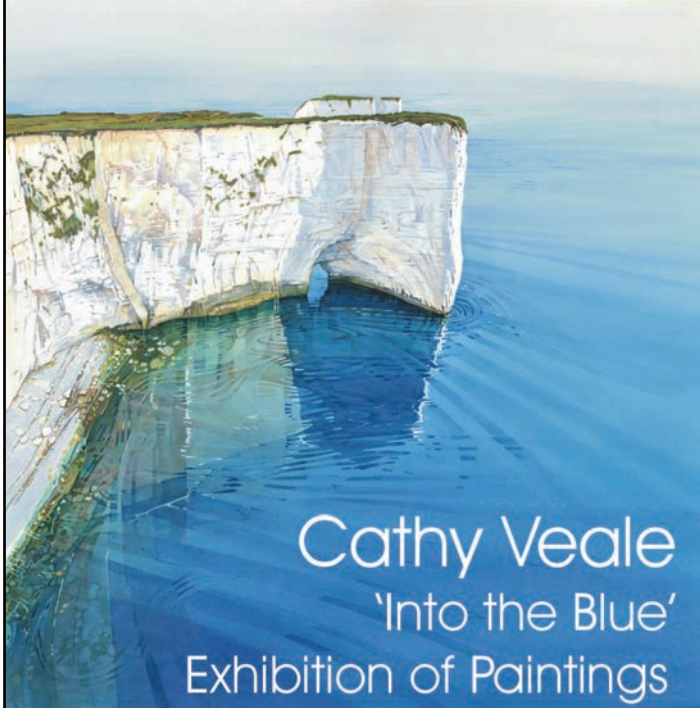
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Sea birds in the snow, by Mo Murray

Health & Beauty

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

The snow and ice that occurred at the beginning of spring may be a fading memory now, but the fear of falling that most of us felt during that time is something that for many people is constant. Research has shown that one in three people aged over 65, and half of those aged over 80, fall at least once a year.

Falls are the commonest cause of death from injury in the over 65s, and many falls result in life changing injuries. It is often thought that falling is a consequence of ageing, and that nothing can be done to prevent it.

However there is growing scientific evidence that specific types of exercise can improve balance and mobility in older people and help to decrease the risk of falls.

In the Purbeck area we offer NHS led Better Balance Groups in both Swanage and Wareham, which have an aim of reducing your falls risk. The groups are run by trained staff from the Purbeck Integrated Community Rehabilitation Team.

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Information is also provided on other activities in Purbeck to help keep you active once you have finished the course.

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For more information, contact:

**Brian Beeston, President: 01929 289084 or
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our website: www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk**

Swanage Bowls Club Update

Our Club Secretary and Men's Captain, Barrie Tatman is delighted to write his first Swanage Bowls Club Report:

The green shoots of the bowling season appeared in early April this year when the Swanage bowlers got together to make merry.

On Thursday 5th we held our President's Coffee Morning where Club members signed up for the coming season; bought new clothing, equipment and raffle tickets and also took advantage of the delightful cakes, plants, books and other exotics, donated by our members for our President's chosen Charity.

This was followed up on Saturday 7th when low and behold the sun came out (eventually) and we played our first friendly game of the season, 'The Opening Game'. Swanage Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Team, led by Steve, had worked very hard, considering the weather we have had. The green looked good and bowled extremely well (thanks Steve).

We had a winning top rink and prizes were presented by the President (due to modesty, I cannot name names!). The game was followed by a Fish & Chip lunch and the Bowlers Arms was officially reopened for the 2018 season.

The Coffee Morning and Opening Day raised £400 for the Wareham and Purbeck Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, this being the President, Brian Beeston's, chosen charity for the season.

We look forward to a great season, with our first matches against other teams taking place in May. Our Club Triples League is already in full swing, practice sessions take place each week and our friendly Club nights continue each Friday.

If you fancy a go at BOWLS, do not miss the chance to 'have a go' FREE on Sunday 6th or 13th May, both at 10.00 am.

Equipment will be provided, but please wear flat heeled shoes. Look for our advert in this month's Purbeck Gazette or for our posters strategically

placed around Purbeck. We all look forward to the summer months so 'PLEASE LET THE SUN SHINE'!!

For more information please call Barrie Tatman on 01929 421162, go to our website www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk or visit our Facebook page Swanage Bowls Club.

PUSH THE BOAT OUT IN MAY!

In a national RYA initiative, a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get afloat and have a go at sailing....



**Swanage
Sailing Club**



**Invites you to a free taster session
to try sailing for yourself!**

Saturday 26 May 2pm - 5pm

**For info: gbuglass@bipcom.co.uk
01202 069692**

**Bring family and friends, there's no charge at all!
So come on down, we're by the main pier!**

Swanage Football Club

The ongoing saga of incurring a 12-point ban from the Dorset Premier League (DPL) committee due to us playing an ineligible player has now been resolved.

As regular readers of this article will be aware we were totally oblivious to the fact we needed International clearance for signing Nat Scott. That said being ignorant of a ruling doesn't take away the fact we did break a rule. We were given a 12-point deduction by the DPL and we appealed this decision to the Dorset Football Association in the hope they might show us some leniency.

Three members from the football club attended Chairman Mark Watson, Club Secretary Alison Newell and myself. We sat in front of the Dorset FA at their headquarters in Hamworthy with two members of the DPL committee in attendance. Alison eloquently put the Club's case forward then the DPL their response.

We were then told to leave the room to await their verdict. On our return we told our appeal had been upheld and we have been deducted 6 points as opposed to the 12 that the DPL had originally charged us. Although we are pleased to get this halved this still makes our promotion target for this season a tough ask.

It really has affected the club and at the time of writing this promotion looks a step too far. We will not let this stop us from progressing as a Club. If we don't manage to obtain promotion this season we will be all the more determined to achieve this next season.

On the pitch the first team have suffered with players being injured and not being able to make games. Because of this last week's fixture had 4 U18s in the starting line-up. Cody Littleford, Matt Dunster, Thomas Johnson & Charlie Dyke. This is great to see these young players given a chance in our first team.

They did not disgrace themselves, but it was always going to be hard to get a result and we suffered two defeats in the last couple of weeks a 6-1 loss away to Hamworthy Res. then a 3-0 defeat at Gillingham.

We are in the process of updating our facilities at Day's Park and have chosen a company to provide us with a brand-new stand. This is something we hope to have in place by the start of next season.

Keep reading this article or follow us on Twitter/Facebook to keep abreast of all the goings on on and off the field.

We want to encourage more support at our games at home and we hope upgrading our facilities will help in this.

Recently our Under 9s got an invitation from A.F.C. Bournemouth to play in a mini tournament at the Vitality stadium. Manager Graham Biles was delighted to take up the offer.

The games were played on the 3G surface alongside the Vitality Stadium. Unfortunately, we're not allowed to publish results at this age but the young Swans were not disgraced and thoroughly enjoyed the experience which after all is what the game should be all about, especially at this tender age.

Remaining 1st team games:

MAY

01 - Balti Sports - Away - kick off 6.30pm (Tuesday)

05 - Dorchester Sports - Home - kick off 3.00pm

07 - Westland Sports - Home - kick off 3.00pm (May Day Monday)

09 - Parley Sports - Home - kick off 7.45pm

12 - Mere Town - Home - kick off 3.00pm

16 - Wareham Rangers - Home - kick off 7.45pm

19 - Sturminster Newton United - Home - kick off 3.00pm

26 - Holt United - Home - kick off 3.00pm

COME ON YOU SWANS!

John Peacock

The Purbeck Gazette - Proudly Supporting The Swans

Swanage Carnival's First 'Sporting Saturday'!

This year we are introducing Carnival's Sporting Saturday to kick off the week and will be encouraging people young and old to get fit with carnival!

The day will include running events, gig racing, indoor rowing and bicycle displays.

For the first time we will be holding dedicated children's running races on a closed road hoping to inspire the younger generation to grow an interest in being active.

During Saturday morning Swanage Sea Rowing Club will be running an indoor rowing championship from their boathouse. The challenge will be open to children and adults.

During the day our popular gig racing competition will be taking place (a change of day from the usual Carnival Wednesday).

You will have the opportunity to take part in some training rows over the coming months, ready for the tournament style event on the opening Saturday of carnival. Start training now to give your team the edge!

In the evening the 'Low Tide Legit' along Swanage beach will take place for participants 13 years or over. This is your chance to race over the sand and through the water in a fast and furious beach race.

Savage Skills freestyle mountain bike stunt team will be the main attraction on Sandpit Field with regular demonstrations throughout the day.

Timings of the displays will be available in our programme that will be



published from July. Our popular sea swim remains on Carnival Monday, Wacky Races continues on Carnival Tuesday and our 4 mile fun run will remain on the Carnival Thursday, but perhaps you can take part in one of Saturday's events for some pre-race training?!

Entry details for all our events will be available in the coming months on our website and through our social media sites. #getfitwithcarnival

**JUNE EDITION DEADLINE
NOON, 9th MAY**

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 JUNE is noon, 9th MAY

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.

MAY 2018



- Wed 2nd
10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Pamphill Common car park opposite Kingston Lacy church for a 6 mile circular walk out via Chilbridge, King Down and bluebell woods. Ffi 01929 422795.
- Thu 3rd
19:15 **Swanage Trefoil** Meet at the Guide hall Bell St for a talk on Durlston, Visitors welcome contact 01929 556374 . Email: declare7@btinternet.com
- Fri 4th
19:30 **Swanage Carnival Queen & Princess Competition** At Swanage Bay View. Entry £3, forms available on the night or online at www.swanagecarnival.com
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: Our AGM and presentation of Trophies. Visitors welcome, ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841
- 20:00 **Emily Maguire** Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 5th
10:00 **Venfest 2018** The Dorset Food & Venison Festival at Post Green, Lychett Minster. Adults £3, under 12's free. Ffi: www.venfest.org
- 10:00 **Swanage Rotary Club** Walks! Meet at King George's Playing Field. All welcome including dogs on leads.
- 10:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at car park lay-by a short way east of Hardy's Monument for a 7 mile walk on woodland tracks and quiet roads above Abbotsbury. Ffi 01929 288427.
- 14:30 **Highwood Gardens Open Day** Charborough Park, Wareham, BH20 7EN. Entry £5, children £2.50.
- 20:30 **Rock 'n' Roll Dance** At The Legion, Swanage. Tickets £5 from The Legion or 01929 421388 or 421401.
- Sun 6th
* **Smedmore House Open Day** At Kimmeridge.
- 10:00 **'Have a Go' Mornings** At Swanage Bowls Club, Beach Gardens. Ffi: 01929 289084 or 01929 421162.
- Mon 7th
* **Sponsor Andrew to swim Swanage Bay** Sponsor him at Defend Dorset NHS Facebook.
- * **'Hidden Treasures on Luxembourg'** 6-day Travel tour with Crossways Travel, £525. Ffi: 01305 851697.
- Tue 8th
19:30 **Purbeck Stamp and Postcard Club** Meets at Queens Mead Community Centre, Swanage. New & experienced collectors welcome. Ffi: 01929 450439.
- Wed 9th
10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Stroud Bridge CP on Wareham to Bere Regis road for a level walk across fields and tracks on the Trigon Estate. Ffi 02929 553640.
- Thu 10th
* **Class 33 Driving Experience** At Swanage Railway, booking essential.
- 19:00 **NT Live - 'Macbeth'** (15) At The Rex, Wareham.
- Fri 11th
* **Diesel Gala & Beer Festival** At Swanage Railway.
- 20:00 **Barbara Nesbitt** Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 12th
* **Diesel Gala & Beer Festival** At Swanage Railway.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at NT car park, Corfe Castle for circular walk over Knowle Hill, Ridgeway Hill and returning through Norden Wood. Ffi 07903 676909.
- 10:00 **Stanford Quartet** Coffee Concert At The URC Church, High St Swanage. Tickets £10 adults, children & students free.
- 10:30 **Hand made Art and Crafts** By the Makers at St Edwards Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Free Entry. Hot drinks and Cake available. Facebook "Art and Crafts Fairs at St Edwards Hall, Swanage." Ffi karen@karenboniface.plus.com or patsypeanut@gmail.com
- 19:30 **Belvedere Singers** Spring Concert At St Mary's Church, Swanage. Tickets £10, under 18's free, from Albury & Hall or on the door.
- 20:00 **Elephant Sessions** Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 13th
* **Diesel Gala & Beer Festival** At Swanage Railway.
- 10:00 **'Have a Go' Mornings** At Swanage Bowls Club, Beach Gardens. Ffi: 01929 289084 or 01929 421162.
- 14:00 **D'Bize** Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Mon 14th
* **Margaret Green Week** Church Knowle.
- 10:00 **Wareham Area 50+ Forum** At Carey Hall, Mistover rd, Wareham. Tax care and toy boys!
- Wed 16th
* **Margaret Green Week** Church Knowle.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Bere Regis car park for a 5 mile circular walk through Turner's Puddle, Briantpuddle and Shitterton. Ffi 01202 623230
- Thu 17th
* **Margaret Green Week** Church Knowle.
- Fri 18th
* **Margaret Green Week** Church Knowle.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for "Tourist Trains of Ecuador and Peru 2014". Presentation by David Peel. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 421 913. Everyone is welcome.
- 20:00 **Eli West** Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sat 19th

* Margaret Green Week Church Knowle.

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at small lay by on A350 to Child Okeford road for a circular walk around the two exposed hill forts of Hod Hill and Hambledon Hill. Ffi 01929 422554.14:00 **Highwood Gardens Open Day** Charborough Park, BH20 7EN, on the A31. Entry £5 adults, £2.50 children, under 6's free.20:00 **Young Waters Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.** Ffi: 01929 439229

Sun 20th

* Margaret Green Week Church Knowle.

* **Ground Dog Day** At Lincoln Farm.

Wed 23rd

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in Bon Accord Road, opposite Russell Avenue for circular walk around Durlston Country Park. Ffi 01929 425287.

Fri 25th

* **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage Town & Coast.10:00 **Stalls & Attractions** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.18:30 **Kids Pirate Disco with Scooby Crew** At Sandpit Field. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.19:30 **The Pirate Pub Crawl** From The East Bar, a hand stamp for every drink purchased along the way! Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.

Sat 26th

* **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage Town & Coast.10:00 **Re-Enactment Battles** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Steeple CP for circular walk along Ridgeway, down through Whiteway farm to Kimmeridge quarry. Return via Steeple Lease farm. Ffi 01929 421039.10:00 **Stalls & Attractions** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.10:00 **Moreton Flower Festival** At St Nicholas' Church, Moreton DT2 8RH. www.stnicholasmoretton.org.uk or 0843 886 8668.13:00 **Storytelling** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.13:30 **Pirate Parade** from Sandpit Field to PAG Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.14:00 **Free Sailing Taster Session** At Swanage Sailing Club, no charge, by the main pier. Ffi gbuglass@bipcom.co.uk / 01929 069692.14:00 **Beach Skirmish** at Monkey Beach Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.15:00 **Wareham Whalers** At Sandpit Field. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.16:00 **Bridport's 'Boarding Crew' Performance** at Sandpit Field. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.18:30 **Visions & Mystics** - Gabriele Consort At Lady St Mary, Wareham. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks.19:00 **Pirate Beauty Contest** At Pirate HQ - The Red Lion. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.20:00 **'The Boarding Crew'** At The Red Lion. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.20:00 **Woody Pines Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.** Ffi: 01929 439229

Sun 27th

* **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage Town & Coast.10:00 **Moreton Flower Festival** At St Nicholas' Church, Moreton DT2 8RH. www.stnicholasmoretton.org.uk or 0843 886 8668.10:00 **Stalls & Attractions** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.11:00 **Re-Enactment Battles** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.14:00 **'Kelp!' Performance** at Sandpit Field. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.14:00 **Woody Pines Live acts at the Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.** Ffi: 01929 43922914:30 **Pirate Parade** from Sandpit Field to PAG Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.15:00 **Beach Skirmish** at Monkey Beach Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.19:00 **Pirate Parlay in local pubs** Compete in the 'Yard of Grog' in the Red Lion. Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.19:30 **Purbeck Island Discs.** At The Swanage School. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks

Mon 28th

* **Purbeck Pirate Festival** Swanage Town & Coast.10:00 **Moreton Flower Festival** At St Nicholas' Church, Moreton DT2 8RH. www.stnicholasmoretton.org.uk or 0843 886 8668.10:00 **Stalls & Attractions** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.10:00 **Festival of Flowers and Photos** At Saint John's the Evangelist's Church, East Holme. This year we have an exhibition of photographs from Wareham Camera Club as well. Tea, coffee and cake to be served throughout the day, there will be a book stall, tombola and children's games.12:30 **Pirate Games** at Sandpit Field Part of Purbeck Pirate Festival.

Tue 29th

* **'Britain's Industrial Heritage'** 4-day Travel tour with Crossways Travel, £339. Ffi: 01305 851697.19:00 **Any Questions?** At Swanage Methodist Church. Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Queen and to the Speaker of the House of Commons, will be leading a discussion of Christian Involvement in Politics. Free admission and refreshments. Ffi Email: freedman@hardyhouse.plus.com

Wed 30th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at the Martyr's Inn at Tolpuddle for a circular walk around Tolpuddle, Cowpond Wood and Southover Heath. Ffi 01929 550399.

Thu 31st

10:30 **Probus 2 of Purbeck** Meet at the Pines Hotel, Swanage. Talk by David Corben - 35 Years a Local Lifeboatman.

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 11.1510.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 48009310.30 **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.com13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm13.00 **Under 1s and Tums** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm14.00 **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. 42517518.00 **Lesbian and Gay Friendship Group** meets every Monday evening for social events and shared interests, such as meals, walking and outings. Ffi: contact Karen via email: outinpurbeck@gmail.com18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.19.00 **Wareham Choral Society** meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/55346019.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm19.00 **Whist. Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage.** Ffi, call 07984 96873319.00 **Purbeck Chess Club.** Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Steve Peirson on 01929 552504.19.30 **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. 552763/55102919.30 **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.uk09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am09.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Remstone 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. 55141509.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.10.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11.30am.10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com10.00 **Sandford Toddlers** at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.10.00 **Short Tennis** at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 42517510.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.10.30 **Swanage Walking for Health Group** starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 48100010.30 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@swanagemethodist.org.uk10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.12.00 **Nature Tots** (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm14.00 **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
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 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.
- 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
- 19.00 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 423350.
- 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.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 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
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 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 Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.00 **Table Tennis** at Harmans Cross Village Hall. All ages & abilities welcome. £2.50 per session. Ffi: 424591
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club Training** Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552046
- 19.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club** Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.00 **Swanage Town Band** meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.
- 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
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 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 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 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 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Tratt, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 11.00 **Sensory Play** for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.
- 13.30 **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 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
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- 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
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at the Youth Hostel classroom, Cluny Crescent, Swanage, till 9pm.
- 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
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- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
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- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
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- 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.
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- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
- 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
- 18.30 **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)
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- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
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