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Editor's note...



Welcome to the October edition of your Gazette!

We have had a really heartwarming response from our readers to last month's frank editorial about the fact we receive no funding to publish council meeting times, tide times and all other community editorial.

Readers have been taking-up subscriptions of the Purbeck Gazette (£42 per year) to help us cover rising costs since our last edition came out, so thanks to each and every one of you for your support!

We shall be here for decades into the future, have no fear!

We're now into autumn and the days are shortening and becoming darker. There's still plenty to get involved with, starting with the Swanage Blues Festival, so don't let the darker days get you down!

Our towns and villages may be quieter as the influx of visitors slows down, but this affords us the opportunity to enjoy our spectacular isle as winter approaches with less traffic, the ability to find a parking space and room in local eateries to find a seat!

Our feature this month: 'What's Cooking in Purbeck' may help to tempt you out and about in search of seasonal goodies and a full belly - hopefully you'll be in for a great evening somewhere local and cosy with friends and family! Remember to support your local businesses over the quieter months!

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| Planning & Consultation Committee | Mon 1st | 6.30pm |
| Beach Management Advisory Comm. | Wed 24th | 2.15pm |
| Council | Mon 29th | 7pm |
| Policy, Finance & Performance | Wed 31st | 9.30am |

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| Amenities | Wed 3rd | 7pm |
| Planning & Transport | Mon 8th | 6.30pm |
| Wareham In Bloom | Wed 10th | 7pm |
| Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | Thur 11th | 7pm |
| Policy, Resources & Finance | Mon 15th | 7pm |
| Human Resources | Tue 16th | 10.30am |
| Museum | Tue 23rd | 7pm |
| Planning & Transport | Mon 29th | 6.30pm |
| Council | Tue 30th | 7pm |

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| Council | Tue 9th | 7pm |
| Policy Group | Wed 17th | 7pm |
| Audit & Governance Committee | Tue 23rd | 2.30pm |
| Planning Committee | Wed 31st | 9.15am |

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St Aldhelm's Head, by Jason Selman

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Brexit Frustrations

Dear Gazette,

David Hollister rightly expresses his frustration at the progress, or not, of Brexit.

Theresa May seems to think the EU referendum question was "Do you want to prevent any more Eastern European people entering the country?" rather than the question actually posed. Because she has made this interpretation, perhaps due to being responsible for immigration as Home Secretary at the time, she has vetoed any freedom of movement.

This has kyboshed any hope of deals over the other freedoms of goods, services and capital, whilst at the same time endangering the NHS and some of our agricultural enterprises.

A second referendum would probably be made unnecessary by a simple u-turn on freedom of movement, which should clear the way for common sense to prevail on both sides.

Yours sincerely, David Drury, Swanage, by email

'Road to Damascus' Moment

Dear Editor,

So, Mr Hollister has just had his 'Road to Damascus' moment and has launched the 'Sorry' season for voting for Brexit.

I would like to join in and to offer my 'Sorry' for actually voting to join the then Common Market at the beginning; not realising it would turn into a monolithic nightmare called the EU.

Just prior to the last referendum, I watched an old recording of Ted Heath being interviewed about his part in the negotiations to take us into the Common Market. He was asked if he knew that the market was simply a footprint into the later EU.

Heath replied: 'Yes of course.' Interviewer: 'Why wasn't that explained to the voters?' Heath: 'Well if we had ... the UK would have voted NO!' Says it all!

R Thompson, Swanage, by email.

Carrying On Regardless...

Dear Readers,

Project fear - Dorset style.

Has anybody noticed all the Lidl and Aldi supermarkets springing up all over the place selling that lovely Austrian Bacon and German sausages? They even had the audacity to carry on opening stores in Blandford, Ringwood and Hamworthy after the Brexit vote in June 2016. What on earth are these silly Germans thinking of, showing such positivity when they know full well that they cannot trade with Britain after the apocalypse on the 29th March 2019?

Audi are inviting us to test drive their new 2019 range of vehicles. What on earth are they thinking of? I was considering popping over to Audi in Poole to see if they would take a down payment of £50,000 on a new Q8, or perhaps they will turn me away stating that they will be closing on 29th March 2019 and never selling us another car?

Do they not realise that here in the UK we are stock-piling toilet rolls in case we run out of paper and panic buying anti-depressants? We have just booked our holiday for next June in Corfu. TUI made no mention of the "fact" that aeroplane travel will not be possible next summer. These Europeans seem to be carrying on regardless.

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The UK has already declared that EU nationals working here can stay, so no need to fret about that one either. Our 1.3 million 'job-seekers' will not have to bend their backs picking fruit or delivering newspapers after all. I suggest we call in the RAF to do a leaflet drop of the Purbeck Gazette over Europe so that they can understand the depth of depression, hysteria and negativity in Swanage and Sandford.

But hang on a moment - we still have six months to abandon democracy and announce another vote. If Remain could only win this time that would make the score 1-1 with very little time left on the clock. We could then have another referendum as a decider or maybe go straight to penalties.

Imagine the scenes if some African country held an election where the establishment lost but refused to accept the result? Peace Envoy Blair would be on the phone to Bomber Command again, demanding military action to restore democracy.

Of course, all this hassle could easily be avoided if Mrs May stands down and calls an election. The new government could then abandon Brexit altogether if the new Home Secretary, Diane Abacus, declares that 48% was in fact a higher total than 52%.

As Corporal Jones so wisely said - "Don't panic!"

Colin Roberts, Swanage, by email

In For Rude Awakening?

Dear Editor,

Mrs Jones (Letters, September issue) makes a very sweeping assertion when she claims that all those who voted to leave the EU in the 2016 referendum voted 'to leave all aspects of the EU' and that this is somehow 'the will of the people'.

Really? How many voted to leave the single market and customs union to damage British jobs and trade? How many voted for a hard border between the two Irelands that will threaten the Good Friday Agreement? How many voted to leave Euratom, which helps to provide Britain with essential medical supplies? Did anyone vote for decreased security co-operation between Britain and the other twenty-seven countries? And who voted to see the recruitment crisis in the NHS deteriorate still further with fewer doctors and nurses emigrating from other EU countries as a result of the ending of freedom of movement and the xenophobic attitude shown towards foreign people since the Brexit vote?

Then, there were those, of course, who voted for entirely illogical reasons, such as the woman on the radio the day after the referendum who said she had voted leave, not because she actually wanted to leave, but because she wanted to make a protest against the Cameron government. What kind of vote was that?

The 2016 Cameron referendum has now been thoroughly discredited. Not only have the Brexit promises been shown to be lies, but Vote Leave is itself under a criminal investigation and legitimate questions are being asked about its biggest funder, Aaron Banks, and his connections with Russia (see excellent investigative journalism by Channel 4 News).

Mrs Jones might be interested to learn that Britain already has trade deals with about seventy non-EU countries as a result of the benefits of our membership of the EU, all of which could be put at risk if Britain leaves next March without any agreement. In the modern world, trade agreements are best done as part of a large organisation, not as individual countries.

Despite all the air miles Liam Fox has clocked up, he has very little to show for it and there is no evidence of countries queuing up to strike wonderful new trade agreements with a Britain outside the EU. In fact, many countries prefer to see Britain remain a member of the EU because they regard our country as a stepping stone to a single market of twenty-seven other nations.

Mrs Jones speaks about 'Project Fear', but does she seriously think that



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| Sun | 21st | 2pm Jess Morgan |
| Fri | 26th | 8pm Rag Mama Rag |
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| Sun | 28th | 2pm The Horsenecks |

the vast majority of our economists, trade unionists, health care providers, scientists (including Sir David Attenborough and the late Stephen Hawking), security experts and civil servants are all wrong, or perhaps part of some vast anti-Brexit conspiracy? Why would all these knowledgeable people be wrong and an ignorant, self-serving prat such as Boris Johnson be right?

It is very sad that Mrs Jones, just like Tory MP Peter Bone, is counting down the days to the end of March. I think it increasingly likely that the boneheads in this country are in for a rude awakening. The People's Vote campaign is gathering momentum and latest polls now suggest that more people want a fresh referendum than those who do not. There is also no majority in parliament for any kind of Brexit.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage.

Misguided Bleatings...

Dear Gazette readers,

Allow me to applaud Mrs J Jones (September Gazette, letters) in her admirable attempt to finally silence Mr Leadbetter's incessant and misguided Brexit bleatings. Mrs Jones' explanation is clear and concise - something that Mr Leadbetter appears to have trouble understanding.

I would like to add, through your pages, the similar view of none other than the author Frederick Forsyth, who recently wrote in a letter to the Daily Telegraph a similarly expansive and accurate view of the 'vox pop' regarding leaving the EU.

He wrote "When the outcome of a general election is announced, the people's wish is enacted within 24 hours. Either the re-elected government continues in office or the triumphant former opposition is installed. The outcome is not disputed by voters who simply disagree with it. That is what happened and continues to happen with the outcome of our national referendum of two years ago.

As to "an indication that the wishes of the electorate have changed", there is none. That is the wishful thinking of the EU fans who have arrogated to themselves, without any mandate, the right to alter the outcome of the referendum. There is no such right." Well said Fred and also Mrs Jones in her view that Mrs May has had her day - bring on a Brexiteer in her place.

Richard Ingall, Swanage, by email.

Unfolding Disaster

Dear Editor

The Real Project Fear

I'm writing in response to Mrs Jones letter "Will of the People" published in your September edition. Of course, Mrs Jones is right, the leave side did win the 2016 referendum with a small majority.

There is no doubt that the 2016 referendum was poorly fought on both sides. The Government concentrated on economic arguments, facts swiftly and efficiently batted down as "project fear".

Indeed the leave side had great catchphrases which clearly resonated with people. However, their claims were often misleading, over simplified or just plain wrong. The leave campaign's use of Facebook was clever and cynical. This was the real project fear, for instance being told that this country would be overrun with Turkish immigrants when they joined the EU - lies.

The government is only now publishing analyses on the impact of Brexit. Hence, people should be more aware of the complexities and true value

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of our partnerships within the EU, for example the value to our scientific community, medical services, higher education and security, to name just a few. One recent example is what has happened to Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

This has been successfully bidding to undertake drug authorisation processes for the European Medicines Agency (EMA) covering the whole of the EU, and gaining 25 % of all the contracts. This is valuable work. This year they bid for 36 contracts but gained only 2 and these were for drugs for which evaluation had already begun. The EMA was based in Britain but is now transferring its 900 staff to other EU countries. These are own goals.

No-one pretends that the EU is perfect; EU countries have called for reform. You say this country has been dictated to, but our MEPs and British bureaucrats have worked in partnership within the European Parliament to agree or veto decisions, that is how it works. This includes negotiating trade agreements with the rest of the world. The most recent one with Japan took thirteen years to negotiate. With those countries with which the EU has no agreement, we are free to make our own. Indeed, no-one has ever clearly explained what we could do better outside of the EU that we cannot already do within it.

Apart from the unfolding disaster of Brexit what has lead me to respond to Mrs Jones letter was the statement about justice and human rights - making our own laws. We have our own laws and interpret our own laws within our own courts. Our laws must be compliant with the Human Rights legislation and we are under the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice, but I can only see the protection of all European Citizens as a good thing.

The UK was a lead country in formulating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which came into being in 1948. It is the cornerstone of the Human Rights Act which are a set of ethical values reflecting the lessons we have painfully learned in the past. Through those values, I believe we have become a fairer and more tolerant society. Right now, I could weep at seeing those hard-won values becoming eroded within the Brexit debate.

We are in a different place two years on. I would encourage everyone to support the idea of a "Peoples Vote" now that we know what we are voting for. If Brexit proves to be such a great idea, then leavers should have nothing to fear and look to increase their slender majority, at which point I will respect that democratic decision as people will have been given an informed choice.

Gill Calvin Thomas, Chair, Isle of Purbeck and Swanage Liberal Democrats, by email.

An Opportunistic Alliance

Dear Editor,

As someone who has been involved in anti-racist and anti-fascist activity since the early 1960s in East London, I find it intensely frustrating that Lord Sachs and most of the printed and broadcast media are allowed to get away with his identification of anti-Zionism and support for the Palestinian struggle with anti-Semitism.

Zionism is not the ideology of Jewish people: it is the specific ideology of those who have supported the existence of the state of Israel, from its foundation in the violent expulsion of most Palestinians to the recent law that effectively defines Arabs living in Israel as aliens.

The current attack on Jeremy Corbyn and the left in the Labour Party is quite clearly an opportunistic alliance of leading Zionists with leading right wingers in the Labour Party, who are using the "anti-Semitism" lie to discredit Corbyn's political programme which challenges the neo-Liberal ideas which Blair, Brown and Co foisted on the Labour Party.

Jeremy should be much tougher in exposing this opportunism and denying the claims of people wrapped in the flag of Israel the right to speak for all Jewish people.

Yours, Fred Lindop, Swanage, by email.

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Dear Readers,

Adi is a local familiar figure and has been working in Swanage as a butcher for nearly thirty years at Tomes' Family Butchers in the High Street. Nearly three years ago, his daughter was involved in a car accident which left her sadly paralysed. During her time in hospital at the Salisbury Spinal Unit, the families were given a lot of support.

Adi was especially impressed by a small group of volunteers in the hospital who try and maintain normality for the families affected by arranging day trips out from the hospital for them.

Just after Christmas, Adi decided to get fit and raise money for the Stars Charity who were so excellent, and he signed up for a 10k run this October. He joined a local slimming club and has lost over two stone in weight and has been running three to four times a week. His plan to run the 10k in support of the Salisbury Stars is on track.

For practice, Adi ran the Swanage Carnival fun run. He has placed a sponsor form in the shop and has gained so much support. I thought this would make a good local story and hopefully readers will support Adi in his achievements. A big thank you to everyone who has sponsored him so far!

Yours faithfully, Joanne, by email

Slight Correction...

Dear Editor,

Thank you for including my article on Benjamin Fayle. I have a confession to make – I wrote Joseph Byerley (twice) when it should have been Thomas Byerley.

My apologies, should you receive correspondence pointing out the error.

Yours, John Rowley, by email.

An Act Of Remembrance

Dear Gazette,

Battle's over – poppy exhibition

'Battle's over' ... the haunting tune, played by a lone piper at the end of WW1 on 11 November 1918, signalled the silencing of the guns and the world breathed a huge sigh of relief. Throughout the country this November – one hundred years later - acts of remembrance will take place to recall this extra special Armistice Day. There are remembrance services in churches throughout the land, parades and memories, celebrations and silence, Veterans and children – everyone has a part to play and Swanage will be no exception.

The Ringwood Pipe Band will play this poignant tune at 6am at the War Memorial on 11th November, joining with 1000 other pipe bands all over the country. It will be an amazing and evocative event. Then at the end of day when darkness has fallen, 1000 Beacons will be lit across the country. Swanage's beacon will be lit at 7pm up on Ballard Down for the whole town to see.

But the Act of Remembrance will not be just for one day in Swanage ... from 1st to 11th November, there will be a whole range of events to remind us – posters displayed in shop windows with the name of one of the ninety-nine soldiers who lost their lives in the two World Wars, quizzes, craft events, history displays and recollections, concerts, and much more. Silhouettes of 'Silent Soldiers' will grace the town and hopefully, houses, churches and public buildings will be lit up with red and white lights.

Emmanuel Church in Victoria Avenue, in conjunction with the British Legion, will be holding a Poppy Exhibition from 8th to 11th November ... displays of art, craft, poetry, stories and more ... so if you would like to create a piece of poppy art or craftwork for display there, please get in touch. We are also looking for stories from WW1 – maybe you have

a family member and can recall handed down stories? If so, again, please get in touch. If you are a poet or writer and feel inspired to put pen to paper, we would love to have your contribution. Our town's schools, care homes and other organisations are already thinking about what they can contribute so join in and create a 'remembrance.'

There will also be an afternoon tea and sing-along of wartime songs so we'll need people who remember them to come and join in!

Whatever you would like to do for the exhibition, please contact us at Emmanuel ... events@emmanuelbc.org.uk or call 427706 and pop in when passing and leave a message and we will contact you.

Marjorie Edwards, EBC, by email.

Support Our Poppy Fair

Dear Readers,

I am planning a Poppy Fair, with coffee and cake by the plenty! There will be stands and stalls, including crafts, artists, many products for pre-Christmas shopping from our finest! Maria Munn and Gail Green (with her arts and crafts) will be joining us.

The date for your diary is 3rd November, from 10am to 4pm at the Swanage Royal British Legion in Swanage High Street. We hope to have a day of family fun, tombola and a raffle. There will be plenty of fun for all.

I also want a table that will be a Christmas 'swap' table - bring a bag of your previous themed decorations (colours etc) and for £5 you can take away someone else's! This is recycling at its best and is more economical for families.

All monies will go for our wonderful Poppy Appeal. If you would like a table, ring 07756 664242 or email podyfrog@aol.com

I am also looking for more original stalls, and we will need plenty of volunteers to help during the day. This event is part of our town celebration of the anniversary of WW1, which features a programme of events for eleven days. I do hope you'll join us!

Kind regards, Carolyn Hooper, by email.

Why Don't Banks Share?!

Dear Editor,

I share Peter Clark's concern over the closure of local bank branches. I too have heard rumours of the closure of the Wareham branch of Lloyds, leaving the Nationwide Building Society as the only place in the town where over the counter services can be accessed.

This state of affairs is ridiculous. Internet banking is no substitute for an actual bank, just as, as Mr Clark points out, plastic is no substitute for hard cash.

Two weeks ago, I attempted to pay for a meal by card, but the restaurant's card machine malfunctioned. I didn't have enough cash and was obliged to withdraw some from Lloyds. If Lloyds closes, the only ATMs will be at Sainsburys and Co-op. Cashpoints are sometimes out of action. The less there are, the more of a problem this is.

I do hope no one in the planning department is misguided enough to endorse any more housebuilding in and around Wareham. The roads are clogged, an appointment at the health centre is like gold dust and it probably won't be long before the schools will be denounced as "unfit for purpose". We need more facilities in town, not less.

My brother-in-law is a financial advisor. He has seen an interesting solution to the bank closure problem in Jersey. One building is shared by more than one bank, each one having its own counter. It would make sense for Natwest, Barclays and Lloyds to adopt this model.

Yours faithfully, Mrs J Wellstead, by email.

Ed's note: We've been saying the same for years Mrs Wellstead - Lloyds Bank in Swanage has plenty of room to accomodate just such a suggestion.....

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Everest Babies Gather

Dear Readers,

Memories are made of this!

On Sunday 2 September, Swanage Football Club hosted a very special afternoon, when 'The Children of Everest Maternity Home' came together, to meet up and celebrate Everest and share their stories and memories.

The gathering consisted of people who had either been born at Everest or had worked there over the years between 1948 and 1976 when Everest closed. It was a real Swanage day with many people who had been born and lived in the town, sometimes for all their lives. They brought their extended families along too!

So, we had grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren and friends. This included Gillian Clarke, who had been a midwife at Everest for some years, and who celebrated her 90th birthday the following week. The weather was beautiful, and many people sat outside in the football grounds where four talented young men musicians from 'The Hyper-Vipers' entertained us. It was a wonderful, joyous occasion, with much laughter and a few happy tears.

This whole event was the brainchild of two locals, both born at Everest; Neil Harding and Steph Hollywood (nee Lock). For months they worked tirelessly to make the afternoon the great success it was – and special thanks must also go to Swanage Football Club staff who allowed the free use of the Club and grounds and who staffed the bar all afternoon.

Many townspeople and businesses donated exciting raffle prizes, including an exquisitely decorated original Everest key (courtesy of Nick Acres, who works at Swanage Hospital) in a stunning wooden box, created from 100-year-old wood from Swanage Pier by woodcraftsman artist, Brendan Gallagher, together with a framed picture of Everest presented by Matt and Heather from 4Matt Framers. Over £400 was raised, which was presented to the Friends of Swanage Hospital Committee for their funds.

We both want to express our heartfelt thanks to Neil and Steph, who allowed us to help organise and take part in this special celebration and to say we had a wonderful, memorable time. Thanks must also go to Nico (who was born at Everest) and The Purbeck Gazette who promoted and supported the event all the way.

Although Everest Maternity Home has now been demolished, these rekindled memories will always be there and who knows, perhaps this could become an annual event!

Sue Whitton and Gerry Norris, Friends of Swanage Hospital Committee, by email.

Langton Allotment Release!

Dear Readers,

Langton Matravers Allotment Association have launched their first and special edition of a booklet entitled 'The Priddle; Tales, Tips and Recipes'! It includes original and quirky ideas for home and garden, along with recipes and a little bit of our history; ideal for a slightly different gift!

All of the proceeds go towards maintenance of the allotments, and for our new community raised beds. It is available from Langton Matravers Post Office or by emailing: jibaker@btinternet.com at a cost of £4.50.

Kind regards, J. Baker, by email.

Difficulties Of Parking-Up

Dear Editor,

Re: Beloved 'Nigel' Keyed, letter, September Issue.

Your readers who know Prospect Crescent will understand the difficulty parking causes when on such a narrow road as vehicles park on both sides,

particularly at the (made-up) entrance from Victoria Avenue. That being said, we have had a large motorhome parked there since June.

I understand from members of the Town Council that this will remain there until the local owners take it away to Spain for the winter. This vehicle is often joined by other visitor's vans and motor homes.

However, in all the time the local empty motor home has been parked, it has never been vandalised, neither to my knowledge, have any other vans been affected in this way.

I have every sympathy for the owner of "Nigel", however, one asks why he was singled out, and if he was in the van at the time, why didn't he give chase?

Some weeks ago we had a fire on Prospect Allotments when some sheds caught fire (not vandalism, I hasten to add). The fire quickly spread and fire services from Swanage and Wareham had great difficulty in accessing the site due to parked vehicles. Thankfully no one was injured.

Yours sincerely, Jill Collins Prospect Crescent, Swanage, by email.

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Many thanks, Martin Hobdell, Swanage, by email.

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Plastic Chemical Warnings

Dear Editor,

It's been reported in the press that our PM, Theresa May, is considering raising the tax on plastic carrier bags from 5p to 10p each. Which will achieve virtually zero effect on plastic waste around the globe and the serious health risks associated with using the plastic itself has not even been touched upon by the government or its effects on humans. Yet the scientific evidence is available on how, we as consumers, are also being put at risk from plastic.

Plastic bottles containing water or soft drinks are by far the most popular use of plastic, but have a real risk of releasing a chemical called Bisphenol A (BPA) if they are marked with recycle codes 3 or 7. While BPA free plastics can release Bisphenol S (BPS), both of these chemicals when ingested, even in small amounts, can mimic oestrogen which can change the way your endocrine system functions. In humans, exposure has been linked to chronic diseases, including diabetes, asthma and cancer. Extended exposure can impair development of the brain and immune system, with effects that could be passed down to future generations.

Our government needs to research the effects of BPA and BPS with some urgency. Unlike glass, waxed cartons and cans which are by far the safest, plastic bottles break down from regular use. Even the smallest of cracks or scratches not visible to the naked eye can harbour bacteria such as norovirus, cold-and-flu-causing bacteria. Washing regularly simply breaks down the plastic even more.

While there are many reasons we urgently need to rid ourselves of plastic, few have considered the health risks mentioned, we appear to live in a time when sugar and plastic bag tax takes precedence over all the other risks to be found in the average families shopping trolley.

I remain Editor, yours sincerely, Mike Fry, by email.

Renovate The Rec Ground!

Dear Gazette,

Re: Wareham recreation ground

We have watched a fantastic Wareham Carnival, a thrilling circus from Holland and then on Bank Holiday Sunday, how lovely to experience another event on the recreation ground run by Legion Events; shame about the weather, but what a great band!

The recreation ground is for the folk of Wareham and events should be encouraged on this wonderful area which is accessible for all. It would be enhanced if the Pavilion could be rebuilt, including communal toilets and perhaps an upper mezzanine with a balcony that could be offered for catering facilities perfect for an afternoon tea watching the cricket.

Yours sincerely Wendy from Northport, by email.

Purbeck Joins 'Civic Voice'

Dear Readers,

The Purbeck Society has joined Civic Voice, the national organisation for local civic societies. This is an important development enabling the Purbeck Society to network with other local civic societies and to raise the profile of local heritage in and beyond Purbeck. Joining Civic Voice is a step that the Purbeck Society is taking in order to research, enhance and celebrate the heritage of the area.

The Purbeck Society www.purbecksociety.co.uk is the civic society for Swanage and South Purbeck.

It exists as a local civic society for the study of matters of local interest in the fields of history, local industries, architecture and all aspects of the heritage of the Isle of Purbeck. It supports other such appropriate organisations concerned with the preservation of this heritage. The Purbeck Society has a programme of talks and visits for its members. Details of the current programme are on the website and the Facebook page of the society.

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On 12th October, Martin Papworth, the National Trust archaeologist, will be giving a talk on the Treswell Map of Purbeck. The meeting is at 2.30pm in the Mowlem Institute Community Room. Non-members are welcome to attend this and other events. The heritage of Purbeck is under the threats of inappropriate development, limited funding of local government heritage functions, and a lack of awareness of the role that heritage can play in the local economy of the area.

Please share your local knowledge of and interest in the area with the committee of the Purbeck Society who will be at the meeting.

Yours sincerely, Peter Bowyer, Chair, Purbeck Society

Street Collection Thanks

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to the people of Wareham and visitors for their generosity and support for our street collections during 2018. We reached a grand total of £908.25.

Proceeds will help to equip our brave and dedicated crews continue saving lives at sea. A special thank you also to our volunteers who willingly give their time and collect in all weathers.

Kind regards, Margaret Jeskins, RNLI Street Collections, Wareham, by email.

Time For A Hug...

Dear Readers,

Sharing a hug is a lovely experience because it costs nothing and benefits both people. Ideally you should have four to eight hugs a day and each hug should last for eight seconds. Even if you have shared a hug before you should always ask before hugging someone. For instance, I asked a lady if she would like to share a hug with me a couple of years ago and she said of course she would and gave me a big hug. I saw her a year later and went up to give her a hug. She said no and told me to never invade her personal space again. It is also not a good idea to hug a lady at work in England.

In some other European countries these problems would never happen. In Italy, for instance, ladies hug other ladies, men and children and men hug ladies at work and everywhere else.

Here the older generation sometimes feel embarrassed about being hugged but younger people who have travelled in Europe and see people hugging each other enjoy the experience when they try it back home.

My experience of hugs was that after I left primary school I went to a single sex school for eight years. I never saw any girls and had no means of contacting any. No girls in the model railway club, none in the Scouts and none in the Crusaders.

For the next forty years I found it very difficult to relate to ladies and did not share any hugs. Then I found myself getting on very well with a landlady at a pub. I ordered a meal and she asked me if there was anything else I would like. I told her that I would like a hug please. She came out from behind the bar and gave me a big hug and told me that hugs were free.

After that I found some other ladies to hug with varying degrees of success.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher, Swanage, by email

Punchy Times

Dear Gazette,

'Good old Punch'. Who remembers? Those were the days - or were they?

Punch stipulates: 'I divide the world into two main classes - those who perpetually divide the world into two main classes, and those who don't.'

I prefer the latter. No doubt we are living at a time of radical change.

Kind regards, David Barsley, Swanage, by hand.

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1180 Miles on A Bike...



Dear Gazette,

1180 miles on a bike & over £2k for MacMillan Cancer Support

Anna Philps, 18, from Corfe Castle has ridden solo from Land's End to John O' Groats. Starting on 1st June the ride took seventeen days. She averaged seventy miles a day, often starting at 5am to allow for mechanical or navigational delays. Prone to losing her direction even locally, getting lost was her biggest concern.

"The worst bits were getting lost in Manchester for three hours and being blown around into the road by Storm Hector in Scotland," explained Anna. Many people have ridden this ride but to do it as a young girl of eighteen, totally unsupported, carrying all your kit, is an amazing achievement.

"I wanted to do something worthwhile for those suffering with cancer and their families and have raised over £2,000 for MacMillan Cancer Support," said Anna of her challenge. "Thank you to everyone who gave me encouragement on social media and all those who sponsored me, including the Purbeck Peloton Cycling Club that sponsored me per mile! Can't believe that I actually did it!"

During her ride Anna ascended over 19000m – equivalent to climbing Everest just over twice and ate approximately seventy-two energy bars and a lot of pasta! You can still sponsor Anna @ justgiving.com/anna-philps

Pictured: Anna arriving at John O' Groats June 17th.

Kind regards, Louise Philps (Anna's mum), by email.

Disconnected From Nature

Dear Editor,

In response to 'Clean-Up Our Downs', letters, September 2018

This recent letter referred to the wildflower area on the Downs as an

"annual blight", "bringing a dreaded infestation of biting insects" and doubting the safety of dogs in the area.

I found it shocking that somebody can be so disconnected with nature that they see wildflowers as "an unsightly mess". The alternative; cut grass, may seem pleasing to most people but is very little use to the environment.

A wildflower meadow can be a biodiversity hotspot with as much as 150 species of plant life that provide a home many different types of insects. Insects have important ecological functions; they pollinate other plants, they are the sole food source for many amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, they control pests and breakdown and dispose of waste, and we rely on insects to pollinate a third of our crops.

We have lost 97% of our wildflower meadows in the UK since the 1930s and recent study found 75% of all flying insects have vanished in the last twenty-five years, this is clearly having a knock-on effect as a fifth of wild mammals are at high risk of extinction in Britain.

I would argue that in the light of these devastating statistics we should allow this "annual blight" to become a permanent fixture and I'm pleased to see that other parks, verges and gardens are doing the same.

My children and I enjoy spending time on the Downs; watching butterflies and dragonflies zoom around and finding crickets and beetles in the grass.

It would be a tragic to allow all this to disappear during our generation.

Sincerely, Dean Storer, by email.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Lies, Damned Lies & Statistics

by David Hollister

I was somewhat flattered when the Editor chose to reproduce part of the very first 'telling it like it is' article in last month's Gazette as part of the 'Blast from the Past' article. After briefly describing how in 1981, the four of us built our house with our own bare hands, I went on to say "And indeed, because through the fruits of my labours I live in a nice house in the country, I have to pay huge amounts of 'Council Tax' to a council who seem hell-bent on removing the few services which are of use to me."

Nothing's changed there, then. Take for example the 'services' provided by Dorset Waste Partnership. Every other week they are supposed to empty my rubbish bin. I live at the bottom of a cul-de-sac in Harmans Cross where four houses leave their bins out for collection. Last week, three houses had their bins collected. Mine wasn't. There is no dog loose, the bin is in clear view, but no. As this wasn't the first time this had happened, I phoned DWP, got a lovely apology from a lady, followed by an email confirming that the rubbish would be collected within three working days, by 6pm on Tuesday. Today's Wednesday. Rubbish still there. I did suggest when I phoned this morning that the overpaid executive responsible might care to collect my bin, in his own car, and pop in for a coffee and to explain to me why my bin – amongst four – was being missed out. Fell on stony ground, that did.

This morning the recycling was not taken either, but I read in Another Publication that due to 'unforeseen challenges' they are going to change the fortnightly collection days. The words 'rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic' come to mind; either they have enough staff, or they don't; either they have enough lorries, or they don't; but one thing is for sure – even if they haven't got enough workers, they sure have enough chiefs.

This is not a pop at the 'bin men' who follow instructions and have limits on the facilities provided to them; it's a direct challenge to the DWP executives to stop making their problems into our problems, put on some overalls and go out with the team for a few weeks to help out and maybe see what the blokes on the front line have to put up with.

On the subject of 'blokes on the front line', it was about three weeks ago that St. Theresa proudly announced that the eight year pay cap on bottom-end civil service pay was to be lifted by between 1% and 3.5%. What they didn't do was to draw your attention to the fact that from April 2018, the employee minimum contributions to the obligatory but unwanted Auto-Enrolment pension scheme which started at 1% (which most people didn't notice) was going up to 3% in April 2018 and then to 5% in April 2019. Yes, I know pension saving is a good idea but when the minimum contribution rate goes up by more than the reduction in the pension cap, the working millions are actually going to be out of pocket.

Apart from which, I'm old enough to remember the original contributory state pension scheme. It was called 'National Insurance' and all working people are already paying that at around 6% on earnings of £162 per week and over. And which, as of now, has been swallowed up into the tax system and used as a way for the government to be able to brag about reducing

the tax rates and giving the working man 'more in his pocket'.

If successive governments hadn't kept on reducing the tax rates and increasing tax allowances, ostensibly to buy votes, we wouldn't be in this mess now. Including the mess being caused by central government continually reducing local authority funding to the point where said local authorities are unable to perform even basic services such as rubbish collection. How long, I wonder, before Dorset goes the way of Northampton and declares insolvency? Enjoy yourself – it's later than you think.....

Anyway, back to the housing issue. My original article continued: "But now it seems clear that the housing market has entered uncharted waters, with it being physically impossible for the young 'starters' to save enough for a deposit without heavy parental support, with lenders requiring huge deposits and crazy 'mortgage set up fees.'"

"Perhaps it's that sense of hopelessness which now sees a number of our young people maxing out their credit cards and wandering the streets, out of their heads on cheap alcohol and similar substances, trying to blot out the fact that will never go away – no matter how hard you work or how much you save, you'll never get a foot on the ladder." Except now it's worse and for an ever-increasing number of young men, that hopelessness leads to suicide.

"In the 'good old days' we had 'council houses' for those less fortunate than ourselves. They were sold off and the money was not ring-fenced to build more. Legislation designed to protect tenants sometimes resulted in a four-bedroomed house being occupied by a single person – perhaps a surviving spouse – whilst other families were put up in B&Bs.

"The council and the government have a duty of care to people in need. 'People in need' include those who have, through their own efforts, put themselves in this position. Drug addicts, alcoholics, teenage unmarried mothers; all these people need homes. And quite rightly so, a caring society looks after them. But if you're a single person with no children, no social problems, a job on minimum wage, then your chances of help are very slim indeed."

So, what's changed? What's got better? A token bunch of 'affordable homes' (ha ha!!) used as a sop to obtain planning permission for even more 'market homes'. More assertions from the government that more houses will be built for the homeless. More hot air. More lies.

Yet for every problem that now besets us – housing, health, pensions, transport, the infrastructure, etc – all they do is to bleat about "we will recruit 4000 more doctors" or "we will build two million more houses."

Oh yeah? Where are these doctors coming from? You're just about to make sure it won't be from Europe. Where are these new houses to be built? Which MP will dare to go to his constituents and say: "We need to do our bit and put six new council estates in our county..."? Answers on a postcard please..... Lies. Damned lies. And statistics.

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Wareham Men's Shed



A newly-formed group of volunteer woodwork enthusiasts has delivered its first commission – a giant storage cupboard for Wareham Youth Club.

The Wareham Area Men's Shed, as it is known, was formed in the early summer and now has twenty-five members beaver away on a host of projects at its workshop in the Purbeck Connect centre in Sandford Lane.

A spin-off from a worldwide movement of "shedders", it has the dual aim of making useful items for the community while giving both expert and novice volunteers a space to work together, share skills and make new friends.

The monster 8ft x 4ft x 2ft storage cupboard was created by shedders Stewart Fothergill and Phil Ashworth – and has delighted the youth club.

Joyce Spiller, the club's operations trustee, said: "It's brilliant because obviously at a youth centre there are an awful lot of activities going on and we need loads of storage space for things like sports equipment, art materials and games."

"The new cupboard looks great and is exactly what we wanted. We're so pleased with it and are so grateful to Wareham Men's Shed for doing this for us."

Proud Stewart, who provided pipe organs for cathedrals and churches before retiring, said: "Everybody seems to be happy with it, which is good. I loved working on it. I could play all day with timber and it was terrific to make a new friend or two along the way."

The Wareham shed currently hosts two three-hour sessions per week, on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings, but is aiming to expand.

Founder Chris Gates said: "We are raising funds to kit out the workshop with more tools and are actively looking for more projects commissioned both by private individuals and community groups. Anyone who fancies joining us would be more than welcome."

Picture shows, left to right: Youth club trustees Terry Lewis and Joyce Spiller, and shedders Phil Ashworth, Chris Gates (the tall man standing behind) and Stewart Fothergill with the giant storage cupboard.

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Wareham Town Council Update

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



News from Wareham Town Council August

Purbeck District Council seemed to be running down as its replacement by Dorset Council drew near. Next year in Wareham we will be voting for two Dorset Councillors as well as Town Councillors.

Meanwhile, Dorset County Council (DCC) Regulatory Committee will consider parking restrictions on the four corners of Monmouth Road and at the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

Dr David Evans told Councillors that eighty-three comments had been made during the consultation period on the Local Neighbourhood Plan (NP), of which most were generally supportive. However, DCC said that residential development near the household recycling centre would lead to complaints of noise and smell and re-siting the centre was unacceptable.

Dr Evans said that the resulting reduction in houses may be offset by an increase in the number of housing units proposed as part of the Health Hub development. Dr Evans encouraged all councillors to attend a meeting to discuss the consultation responses and any amendments to the NP. The NP Steering Group was to apply for funding for professional advice on moving the Green Belt boundary.

Following a visit to the council playgrounds, the Amenities Committee realised that to do a good repair and maintenance job, extra money was needed. There was money available as a result of the Bloor Homes development and it was hoped that the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee would consent to its use. The Human Resources Committee had agreed that the job titles of office staff be changed to better represent their roles.

Wareham Rotary sponsored the bench at the front of the Alms Houses where there are also new raised beds. Andrews Plant Hire had greatly assisted with the installation of the clay mining trolley on Wareham roundabout as well as cleaning South Bridge. Many local businesses including the Priory Hotel and the Kings Arms had helped in the Wareham In Bloom judging days.

The Mayor reported on the Civic Day walkabout, which included a visit to an Alms House pre-refurbishment and a much admired refurbished one. The welcoming resident requested that the civic dignitaries remove their wet shoes before proceeding on his new carpet.

The public is invited to attend the next meetings of the Town Council on Tuesday 30th October and Monday 10th December at 7pm in the Town Hall.

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Two days were spent visiting WWI cemeteries, where every recorded ultimate sacrifice of the Western Front engraved on the Wareham War Memorial lay buried or in the vast majority of cases, a name engraved on a granite wall. A named wooden cross and poppy were laid as close as possible to each engraving.

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Unlike Amiens these were all genuine veterans and supportive people, not Royalty or Ministers but your Royal British Legion members, led by the Royal Marines Band and backed up by the RBL Band.

Tony Rickard of Wool added: "This was a once in a lifetime event and we have the unique badge to prove that we were there." Our thanks, as always, go to Wareham Lions and in particular, Colin Appleton, for organising the transportation.

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Yours sincerely, Malcolm Russell, by email.



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Halloween Bistro: Friday 26th October

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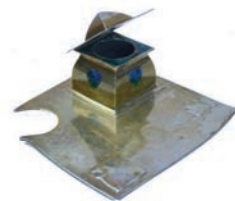
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2018 Everest Baby Summit...



The attending 'Everest babies' group photograph. NJ



The reworked 'Key to Everest', offered as part of the raffle and won by Richard Lock

Everest Maternity Home in Swanage, was a private residence, built and lived in, by Frederick W Pond in 1926. With the advent of our NHS, the house was sold and handed over to Swanage Cottage Hospital on 22nd February 1948, where, for many years, it flourished, with many babies born there, until it was closed in 1976. Sadly, the building was demolished in 2017/18.

At Swanage Football Club, on Sunday 2 September, for the first time, a group of 'Everest Babies' (including myself!) gathered together, some with their children and grandchildren in tow, for a celebration get-together. The wonderful afternoon was organised by Neil Harding and Steph Hollywood, both themselves Everest babies. Swanage Football Club gifted the use of the Club and grounds and staffed the bar all afternoon.

Gerry Norris from the Friends of Swanage Hospital had gathered as much historical information and memorabilia as possible, and Sue Whitton provided some scrumptious food – all of which created a marvellous display in the hall for the afternoon.

'Everest babies' from all over gathered in the sunshine to reminisce, talk and share their fond recollections and memories and four young musicians, The Hyper-Vipers, entertained us throughout.

Local businesses had donated many of the lovely raffle prizes, with some iconic gifts, including an original key from Everest, beautifully decorated by Nick Acres (a member of Swanage hospital staff), in a stunning little box crafted by Brendan Gallagher; and a framed picture of 'Everest' was donated by Matt and Heather from 4Matt Framers.

The proceeds from the raffle (over £400) was given to Friends of Swanage Hospital. Strangely, at the time of writing, my Uncle Martin was in Swanage visiting from Canada and only recently discovered that a colleague of his in Canada is also a Swanage Everest baby! It's a small world....

Nico Johnson

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From the May Bank Holidays onwards we extend our opening time to cover the Bank Holidays and school half-term and summer holidays. An extra watch is added to extend our working day to twelve hours from 0900 to 2100.

You will be surprised to discover how much evening activity there is around the coast near Swanage in summer and these extra watches have resulted in our being actively involved in several, thankfully mainly minor, incidents.

Most recently, a couple of engine failures attracted our attention; one was reported by the skipper of a RIB by mobile phone directly to our lookout. His first call advised of his problem and that he was trying to fix it and all on board were well and in no danger.

Our watchkeepers kept the boat under observation and there followed several phone calls from the skipper. After the fourth, which reported no progress with the engine, it was decided to inform the Coastguard. Shortly afterwards a passing motor boat towed the RIB to the Boatyard and safety.

Because the RIB's skipper used a mobile phone this created a convoluted communication channel with the towing motor boat and the outside world because the towing vessel was using his radio to talk to the Coastguard and keep them updated on progress. Carrying a marine radio on your boat is always the most reliable and effective way of summoning help for your boat should it be needed.

We don't just spend our time staring at the sea and the cliff tops – pleasant as that is – but we also enjoy ourselves by taking part in community activities. Once more we upheld our record of building watertight but slow boats in the Lifeboat Build-a-Boat competition and we took part in Sunflowers Over Swanage promoted by the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Thanks to the efforts of watchkeepers Ros, her husband John and another John, who added to our boat garden and created an extensive Sunflower display, on Saturday 8th September we were awarded a prize for "The Most Amusing Sunflower Display". The fact that most of our prominent Sunflowers had names like "Long John Silver" probably helped.

Our thanks to the organisers at Emmanuel for their appreciation and for creating an innovative and inclusive community event. We must also thank Simon Goldsack at Holme for Gardens for his help with the provision and delivery of compost and other essentials.

The Lookout at Peveril Point is open from 0900 to 1800 every day, why not pop in for a chat and to see what we do?

If you want tide or local weather information contact us on 01929 422596 or visit our website, www.nci.org.uk/swanage, you will find some interesting local information there.

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WW1 At Milton Abbas



Do you have ancestors who lived in Milton Abbas around the time of the First World War? If so we would love to hear from you!

We are working on a project looking at the effect of World War I on the local community. This will culminate in a major exhibition being held from 5th – 7th October.

A considerable amount of information has already been obtained from researching local and national archives and online databases.

This has thrown up a large quantity of names of soldiers, sailors and airmen who served in the war, those who were

wounded or died and information about families who lived in Milton Abbas during the war period.

In order to enhance our findings and make the exhibition more relevant and personal, we would love to include family stories and anecdotes. From our research we have found that many families and individuals moved away from the village to surrounding villages and towns; and others who moved into the village.

We are keen to find out whether any residents in the surrounding areas have information about people who lived or worked in Milton Abbas during WWI, or Milton Abbas people who served in the war.

You will find a detailed list of all the Milton Abbas men we have found who fought in the war at our website www.miltonabbashistorygroup.com Please take a look and see if your ancestor is on the list. You can also find more information about the exhibition. Any information would be gratefully received. You can contact us by email via our website.

Sunflower Competition Winners



Swanage's annual Sunflower competition continued this year, with winners presented with prizes in September at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

They were: Ashleigh (seven years) helped by Grandma Grace with a 14ft 10" sunflower in Priests Road and Susanna Lucas with an 11 footer.

Mayor Mike Bonfield came to present the prizes.



FLYING THE FLAG FOR WAREHAM HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES IN THE PURBECK AREA

We are frequently asked why we, The Friends of Wareham Hospital, are still supporting and fundraising for Wareham Hospital when according to the Media it is destined for closure. The answer is simple:- IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE AND THEIR HEALTH NEEDS.

Whilst the hospital building *may* close (according to Dorset CCG changes), LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES will still be needed by us all, and these will need facilities and staff. The FRIENDS OF WAREHAM HOSPITAL support both hospital, staff and Purbeck community services.

Please help us to continue to support the local healthcare community as the area cannot afford to lose any services or staff and will indeed require more of each for the proposed new Purbeck "HUB". Our staff in particular are our most important asset and need whatever help you can give in maintaining the current high standards of care we enjoy in Purbeck.

Please contact:- The Friends of Wareham Hospital c/o Wareham Hospital, Streche Road, Wareham, BH20 4QQ

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Presentation Evening



SWANAGE REGATTA & CARNIVAL

PRESENTATION EVENING

Purbeck House Hotel, Friday 26th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start. The public are welcome.

Join us when we present the donations to this year's nominated charities & good causes.

This year we will be making donations to 23 organisations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As we reflect on another successful Swanage Carnival, we look forward to the highlight of the Carnival calendar, our presentation evening. This is the night that we get to give away all the proceeds from the week to our chosen charities and good causes. This year we will be making donations to 23 organisations.

Everyone is invited to join us on Friday 26 October, 7.30pm at The Purbeck House Hotel when we get the opportunity to meet representatives from our chosen charities and good causes and find out about how the money will be used.

The evening also gives the Carnival Committee the opportunity to thank the individuals, organisations, businesses, emergency services and our town council who make the week possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

Preparations for 2019 are already underway and we hope to select our theme in October, so if you have any ideas please get in touch. If you would like to join the Carnival team as a Friend or Carnival or Committee Member please get in touch – chair@swanagecarnival.com

Ricochet Supports



Ricochet, the support group for the families of gay children in the south-west, kicked off its autumn meetings in Hamworthy on 1 September. Topics covered include how to tell friends and family, how others may react to the news and adjusting to a different future.

Co-organiser Hazel Dent says there is still a clear need for this kind of support: "At Bourne Free and London Pride this summer, my family and I were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to find us to thank us for being there for them. There are so many people out there struggling with acceptance and we want to help them adjust to the news and understand that being gay is just another version of normal."

Ricochet meetings are held in Hamworthy on the first Saturday of the month from September to June.

For further information, visit www.ricochet-dorset.org

Pictured: David & Hazel Dent with daughter, Holly

Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

The October 2008 edition of the Purbeck Gazette welcomed the newly-formed 'Swanage Area Senior Forum' to the community. The group was formed earlier in 2008, with celebrity, Thelma Barlow (then of Swanage), cutting the ribbon at the Catholic Hall in Rempstone Road, Swanage.

The group aimed to welcome new members and assist in providing information, through a variety of speakers on relevant subjects to those over fifty years of age. The group planned to try and contact every one of the 3000+ seniors in Swanage to ensure they were supported, healthy and getting the most out of their lives.

Today, the group continues their good work within the community with a slight name change to 'Swanage Area Forum'.

The 'Friends of Swanage Day Centre' were also recently set-up, with a full page of advertising in October 2008 encouraging all locals to get involved with the task of saving the Day Centre from possible closure. Swanage Day Centre had been given a reprieve from closure (by Dorset Country Council) in February 2008. The reprieve had been as a result of fantastic support from local people who were insistent that the Day Centre should remain open.

A list of aims was drawn-up by the newly-formed Friends and a inaugural meeting was advertised for all interested parties to attend on 16th October 2008. Ten years on and Swanage Day Centre is still open - thanks in no small part to those truly dedicated members of our community who worked so tirelessly to ensure this local service continued.

David Hollister as Motoring Correspondent promoted a special deal offered by St Michael's Garage in Harmans Cross in 2008, whereby if you bought a new Ford from the garage you were eligible to purchase petrol or diesel for only 99p per litre for the first year of ownership of the new car. The scheme was open until 31st December 2008... did any of you take-up the offer?!



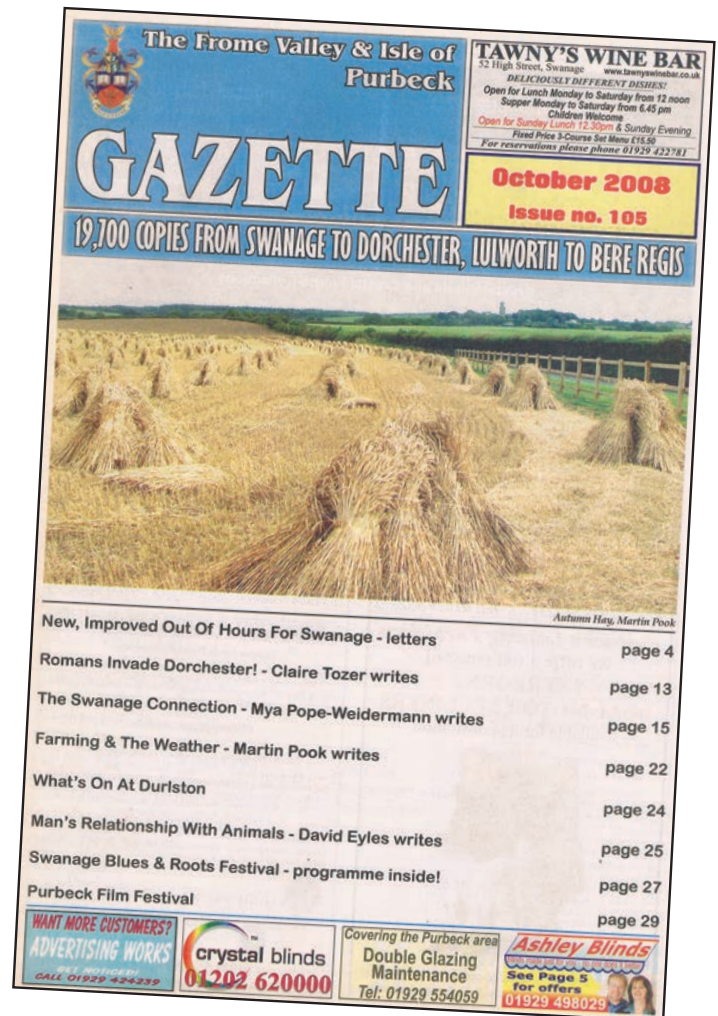
Staff at Swanage Hospital 'went pink' (pictured, above) as part of their 2008 New Year's Resolution and teamed-up with Swanage Sea Rowing Club and the 'Pink Plod' was born. Starting and finishing at Swanage Football Club, participants jogged four miles around the streets and lanes of Swanage, collecting sponsorship money in aid of Breast Cancer Care. The Pink Plod took place on 11th October 2008 at 2pm, with a limited entry number of one hundred participants.

Work experience student, Joseph Bailey, reported on the opening of the new observatory at Durlston Country Park, attending the opening event along with MP Lembit Opik, astronomers, teachers and more.

Joseph enjoyed a go on the park's Segway electric scooter before heading inside the visitor centre to learn more about the new observatory. Plans were afoot to raise the funds to renovate the castle and revamp it as Durlston's new visitor centre, with Ranger Ali promoting the plans to the gathering.

Ali stated that the area was one of the most biodiverse in the country (more recently we have been recognised as the most biodiverse area in the UK) and the Rangers were optimistic that they would reach the £5.3 million required for the project with support from the local community.

We are delighted that the Durlston team were successful and the area now boasts a fantastic visitor centre and experience, based at Durlston Castle.



Dorset artist, Antonia Phillips (pictured, left), won the second annual 'Underwater Art Award' from the Dorset Wildlife Trust in association with The Society of Wildlife Artists.

The award provided for an established artist to learn to dive and then to work underwater off the Dorset coast, recording the wildlife of the sea in art form. Antonia planned to sketch and paint from life as she went diving from Swanage Pier - known as one of the finest places to see marine wildlife off the Dorset coast.

Antonia used transparent perspex to allow her to see through to what she was painting, also using an innovative sketching block which was tied to prevent it from floating away.

The 2008 October Purbeck Film Festival was celebrating all things Garbo, offered up viewings of films such as 'Anna Karenina', 'Camille' and 'Ninotchka'. Modern films on offer during the festival included: 'Man on Wire', 'How to Lose Friends and Alienate People', 'Atonement' and 'Kite Runner'.

Steve Darrington of Swanage Blues was celebrating the tenth Swanage Blues Festival he'd organised, advertising forty gigs being performed in fifteen venues in October 2008. It was estimated that Steve had brought around £136,000 revenue in to the town coffers for each festival, therefore totalling around £1 million brought into Swanage by one man by 2008...

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CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE ISLE OF PURBECK

29th of March is a significant date. For one thing, it's the same time as my 70th birthday and I am wondering how to celebrate. Perhaps something active, unique and memorable?

Another significance is that it is the last day of operation of Purbeck District Council before the area is swallowed up into a 'Rest of Dorset' District Council. PDC has a good record and deserves some form of commemoration, but where does that leave the Isle of Purbeck? It will then be separated from Wareham/Sandford with its identity and future role to be redefined. For myself, the Isle of Purbeck is where I have settled - a magical mix of scenery, history, people and community activity. I got married, brought up a family and I have no intention of moving away. I fully expect the area will enjoy a peaceful and prosperous future!

To celebrate this new status and in my role as Swanage Town Crier, I am now planning that on March 29th - 31st 2019, I will complete a Circumnavigation of the Isle of Purbeck by land, sea, and air in the company of friends. This will be similar to the 'Beating of the Bounds' ceremony performed annually in many ancient towns to define boundaries. The route would start in Swanage, heading to Old Harry Rocks, Studland Ferry, Wareham Bridge, Holme Nursery, Arish Mell, Swyre Head, St Albans Head and back round to Durlston.

There is a suggestion that on Monday, April 1st, a group of Navigators will descend from Durlston to the Stone Quay to draw-up and sign a Declaration of Independence for the Isle of Purbeck (well... March 29th is also Brexit day....!).

Further events could include a schools' competition to design a Purbeck Flag, making a film of events, celebrate completion with a day of arts, music, drama, food and drink ('Purbeck Day').

To allow six months for preparation, I am looking to make a Declaration of Intent on October 1st 2018 (location to be decided! On South Today? In Swanage Town Centre?). The circumnavigation is intended to be a no-committee, minimalist budget opportunity to explore our local environment, as well as opening up opportunities for all in our community - just a bit of endurance and fun!

If you'd like to know more and get involved, please contact me by email at: flemingswanage@yahoo.co.uk or come to an information evening at the ROYAL OAK, High Street, Swanage on Tuesday October 9th at 7.30pm.

PURBECK - INTERESTING FACTS: No 1. Basil Fawlt, star of BBC hit series 'Fawlt Towers' comes from Swanage!



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You would expect a pub as renowned as the Square & Compass to know all there is to know about beer (which they do) but did you realise that they also know all about pumpkins – very big pumpkins indeed!! In the first weekend in October each year, they hold a festival in celebration of these orange beasts (as well as beer, naturally!).

Rumour has it that the contest for the largest pumpkin is often a two-horse race between two locals, and that in the run-up to competition day, each contestant's progress is shrouded in secrecy. The resulting monster pumpkins are so huge that in order to winch them onto the scales, it is not unknown for a JCB to be required.

There is also the annual vegetable monster competition (below and right), inviting adults and children alike to bring along their vegetable creations to share with one and all – get creative and see what you can create! But best of all – for the drinkers among you, while you watch the struggles of the great pumpkin grow-off, you can relax and enjoy a famous Square Pasty and sample some of the numerous real ales and ciders from small breweries, which will be available.

There will be up to forty different brews to try, plus ciders, so you might want to book

your taxi home well in advance! As usual, some truly fantastic, world-class live music will be on too – with bands and musicians from all over the world still travelling down to our fair isle to share their talents with us in the hallowed surroundings of the Square and Compass.

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Out Of The Blue



In shadowy woods the brown nuts fall
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In golden bars through leafy doors
The sunshine falls on forest floors... (Phebe A. Holder, "A Song of October," in The Queries Magazine, October 1890).

Yes, October already, we hope you have all had a great summer and are fully recharged, ready for the winter.

So what have we been up to? **You said:** Drugs are becoming a problem.

We did: Towards the end of August, a series of drug warrants were conducted in Swanage, Wareham and Bovington in relation to the supply of controlled drugs. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team was supported by specialist departments and we undertook a total of six warrants. Drugs were located at five of the six addresses, a quantity of cash and valuable items were also located and seized by officers. Three people were arrested. We would encourage residents with any intelligence around drug-related activity to get in touch by calling Dorset Police on 101 or if you prefer, you can report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

October is the witching month, so for all you budding witches and warlocks, Halloween is only a few weeks away. With that in mind we hope you will all enjoy the festivities in a fun and safe manner. For those of you who would rather not have any trick or treat visitors at your door we would recommend that you display a polite notice in your window. I have included one for you to cut out and use. The notices are nice and clear, for all those little devils and witches to see.

Trick or Treating Safety Advice

- Children should always be accompanied by an adult when they are trick-or-treating.
- Only go to houses of people you know and who are happy for you to call.
- Stay safe, keep to places that you know and are well lit. Do not take short cuts through gardens, alleyways or parks.

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- Watch out for traffic – drivers might not see you.
- Carry a torch and a fully charged mobile phone (if you have one).
- Happy Halloween everyone, we hope you have a Spooktacular night!

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. You can also use our website to report a number of issues, from full crime reports to lost property; just use the following link <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

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Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

Spooky Delights!



Halloween is almost upon us and we prepare to face witches, monsters, ghouls and other spirits as the younger members of our community dress up and take to the streets in search of sweets!

Several local establishments are gearing-up to offer you something a little more organised this year - take a trip out to the magical Blue Pool and enjoy a 'spooky hunt' around the pool with the whole

family. Children under sixteen are admitted free and the Blue Pool is also offering some significant discounts around Halloween time, so make sure you plan a trip out to this stunning, special, local treasure.

Putlake Farm are putting on their annual Halloween Disco too, on the 24th October. Tickets are only £5 and an afternoon of fun is guaranteed!

Alternatively, you can take-up the challenge of the 'spooky trail' in the impressive ruins of Corfe Castle itself. The ever-popular 'Teddy Zipwire' will be installed once more - sure to make your stomach churn as you hook teddy up to the harness and prepare to let him or her fly down from the top of the ruins! Missile launches will also be taking place as the resident trebuchet will be in action too..... see the National Trust's website for further details (on the advert below).

Finally, the Square and Compass in Worth Matravers will once again be holding their 'Beer and Pumpkin' festival on 6th and 7th October, where locals will compete to see who has grown the largest pumpkin this year.

The pub gardens will be full to bursting with gourds, pumpkins, local produce and more, with the pub usually beautifully adorned for the occasion with hops and other seasonal greenery. The annual 'vegetable monster/being' competition will also be held once more, so get creative with those vegetables and bring your creation to the pub for judging!

Live music will also be on all weekend, although with the vast number of beers and ciders on offer, we'd suggest booking a taxi home before you leave!

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Purbeckian Pirates Inspire!

Dear Gazette Readers & People of Purbeck,
We recently took out a subscription to the Purbeck Gazette. It's a lovely way to keep in touch with our favourite holiday destination. We have been coming to Swanage for thirty years now and have seen the town change and the Railway grow, but the people of Swanage are still the same warm, friendly folk they have always

been. We were so inspired by seeing the forming of the 'Purbeck Pirates' and the pirate weekend that we decided to bring the pirates home!

After we saw 'Burt's Bits' window display last year, we now have our own 'Purbeck Pirates' in our garden. We even have Jack Sparrow in one spot and the other pirates on their own deck area.

I just thought that I would like to share this with the people of Swanage and we look forward to our next holiday in our beloved Swanage.

Yours faithfully, Derek Robinson, Northhants, by post.

Pictured: Below left, Jack Sparrow. Below: The collection of 'Purbeck Pirates' on their own deck in the garden in Northhants.





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After the long hot summer, we could be forgiven for thinking that now is the time to retreat indoors, but with autumn leaves falling perhaps it's time to get kitted out and explore the beautiful surrounding landscapes with friends and family.

A recent survey found only one in 10 children aged from 5 to 11 visit a park once a month, three quarters have never roller skated, half have never climbed a tree, and a third have not yet learnt to ride a bike, what's more...

- 72% of children have never played conkers
- 66% have never gone hunting for insects
- 60% have never flown a kite or built a den
- 57% have never made a daisy chain
- 47% have never played Frisbee

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With doom and gloom seemingly facing the great British High Street almost weekly, it's good to know that there is a new addition arriving in Swanage this Autumn. With the opening of Coast & Country - a sister store to Tilly Whims, with over 30 years history in town, the new store celebrates everything we love about coast and country with quality, affordable outdoor clothing brands for active spirits both young and old.

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by David Hollister

As most readers will be aware, I took the opportunity to make a FOI request to Dorset Highways regarding the comparative use of camera vans in Harmans Cross, Corfe Castle, Studland and Ulwell. The purpose of this was to satisfy myself and my readers that Harmans Cross was not being used as a 'honeypot'.

Briefly, the results indicated Harmans Cross - 23 times since 25/11/2016, Corfe Castle - 15 times since 20/04/2016, Ulwell Road - 10 times since 22/03/2016 and Studland - 27 times since 19/04/2016. Funny, I could have sworn that the van was in Harmans Cross more than that. Clearly, I was mistaken.

Seems odd to me that if the police want to deter motorists from speeding, they should put their camera vans in clear view not just round blind bends. A senior policeman once told me that the vans were so clearly marked that anyone who didn't spot one should actually be done for driving without due care and attention. But putting them round blind bends (Ulwell, Harmans Cross) seems to me like revenue-raising, pure and simple. But then I also have a huge problem with the use of unmarked police cars.

On the subject of Harmans Cross - yes, I know the limit was lobbied for by some of the residents, pushed forward by the Parish Council, and will remain there ad infinitum because there appears to be no way to change the situation. We just have to accept it.

But seems odd to me to impose the same 30-limit on a wide main highway into Swanage, as applies in the dangerous village of Langton Matravers, the convoluted village of Worth Matravers, and indeed outside most schools in Purbeck. No doubt people will soon be lobbying for 20 mph limits in those areas!

Seems strange to me that although car safety has improved a hundred-fold since the 1950s when cars were death-traps, the government keep on reducing the speed limits. If, like me, you're old enough to remember early Minis, Ford Anglias, and the like, you will recall no seatbelts, rotten brakes, no crumple zones, no airbags, then maybe like me you will wonder why whilst vehicle safety improves, limits are reduced.

Could it be that the authorities have caught on to the fact that most pedestrians, cyclists, and many drivers are in fact morons? Witness the way in which people step off the kerbs into the traffic in town; cyclists riding two abreast on a main road holding up a mile of traffic; drivers who roar through Langton between the parked cars as if it were their own personal racetrack. Not to mention crossing the road on Bankes corner in Corfe!

I'm afraid that I've taken to driving through Swanage with my window open, politely explaining to jay-walkers that there's a pedestrian crossing within ten yards of where they're ambling across the road. The resultant abuse is amazing! Same as I now stop where holidaymakers are walking down both sides of a narrow lane and politely explain that if they all walked on the same side, they would be in less danger of being squashed. Some of them actually realise that I'm not kidding!

Now that the summer's officially over, remember that the roads are covered in residual rubber and that they will be unusually slippery in the rain for a while. Now's the time to check the condition of your tyres, the tread and both sidewalls - inside and out.

Most local tyre suppliers will do these checks for you free of charge. And

whilst on the subject - don't forget to check their age, marked on the sidewall as explained in a previous column, and realise that a set of tyres over five years old is in no way going to be as safe and reliable as younger tyres. Oh dear. Oops!

Our Mazda 2 has reached the time when not only is an MOT due but also the original warranty and recovery policy has expired. Time to have a serious think about whether to purchase an extended warranty for around £300. Part of me says that Mazdas just don't go wrong to that extent - touching wood here - but the part of me that believes in sod's law knows that as soon as it expires the engine will blow up.....! What would you do?

Finally. If you're a town dweller you've no doubt experienced the frustration of having some inconsiderate motorist park across your driveway. Or even worse, actually on your driveway. What can you do? It all depends on whether there's a 'dropped kerb'.

Vehicles parked partially across the dropped kerb may be ticketed; it doesn't have to be fully blocking the driveway. Parking very close to a dropped kerb isn't illegal even if it restricts access.

If a vehicle is blocking access to your driveway then first make enquiries with the neighbours to see if they know who it belongs to. If nobody knows, then contact your local authority parking enforcement team in the first instance who will attend to the matter as soon as they are able (!).

Following the Road Traffic Act 1991, responsibility for parking offences was transferred from the police to local authorities, which can issue penalty charge notices for parking offences on the road. If the offence is committed on a public highway or the car is blocking the driveway while parked on a public road, the council has the power to act.

But when a car is on a drive, it's technically on private property - and the council has no authority to remove it. Where a vehicle has been abandoned, your local council would be required to move it regardless of whether it's on public or private land, but if the car has up-to-date tax, insurance, MOT and isn't in a dangerous condition, the council is powerless to do anything.

While there's no criminal law against someone parking on your driveway without your consent, your driveway is part of your property, so by driving onto it the person is committing an act of trespass. Trespass, however, is classed as a civil offence not a criminal offence, meaning the police don't have the power to make an arrest.

The best thing to do - and it may be difficult - is to keep calm and don't let the situation escalate; never take the law into your own hands and don't even think about taking revenge by vandalising the vehicle, or you could end up being prosecuted yourself!

All this advice does depend on whether you can actually get through to the police, find a policeman, navigate the DCC traffic department's switchboard (that's if it's in office hours) or indeed find a council traffic officer on the street.

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Back Seat Driver?!

Over 30% of drivers in the South West have ended up having an argument due to backseat driving and 27% missed their turning due to passenger distraction, according to a recent survey carried out by Accident Advice Helpline, one of the UK's top injury claim specialists. Criticising the driver's decisions, flinching when they appear to drive too close to the car in front and commenting when it is time to leave the junction only serve to irritate those at the wheel, with 45% of respondents in the South West confirming that there is nothing more annoying than driving with an interfering passenger.

Gasping loudly when the driver brakes, complaining about speed and stamping on an imaginary brake are all signs of a typical 'backseat driver'. David Carter, spokesman for Accident Advice Helpline, who carried out the research via OnePoll.com said: "If you are someone who drives regularly, it can be really hard to switch off and let someone else take control of the wheel.

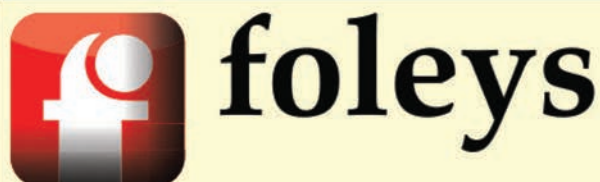
"Unfortunately, making comments and reacting to what is happening on the road while in the passenger seat can be a big distraction for the person driving, and you could be contributing to increasing the risk of an accident or near-miss."

Researchers found nagging partners are the biggest backseat drivers, followed by mum and then dad in the South West, while the top twenty list of annoyances include getting road rage on the driver's behalf, holding hands over your face and insisting on giving directions – even if they are not needed.

Only 16% of motorists in the South West admitted that THEY are backseat drivers when travelling in someone else's car.

TOP 20 SIGNS OF A BACKSEAT DRIVER

- Criticising the driver's decisions behind the wheel
- Complaining about the speed being too fast
- Gasping loudly at any slight braking movement
- Flinching when they feel the driver is too close to another vehicle/obstacle/wall



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- Insisting on giving directions
- Interfering with the music
- Swearing at other road users
- Gesticulating at other road users
- Getting road rage on the driver's behalf and swearing at other drivers
- Waving 'thanks' at other drivers for letting you out
- Reading out the road signs as you pass them
- Changing the heating levels
- Holding your hands over your face
- Closing your eyes frequently when someone else is driving
- Disagreeing with Satnav

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Some Things To Consider When Investing

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Only deal with FCA registered firms as they alone offer you proper protection against unscrupulous operators.

Trust your instincts and only deal with people you trust.

Have realistic expectations and remember that investment is for the long term – short term speculation is essentially gambling

Ensure that you split your assets according to your needs and that you maintain a good level of cash on deposit for unexpected expenses and events.

Make sure you understand what you are buying and keep asking questions until you do understand – no financial product needs to be that complicated – stick to simple things – you wouldn't buy a car you didn't know how to drive.

Keep records of your investments and details of correspondence plus notes on any telephone conversations – protect yourself. Plus keep simple records so it is easy to find information and remember to dispose of unnecessary paperwork or electronic communications.

Ensure that your investments are diversified, and they meet your risk profile and investment objectives.

Make sure that you are paying any tax due and if you are not sure about your tax position, check with a professional.

Review your investments from time to time and consider having them managed by a professional – the costs of doing so should pay off over time and you always have someone on hand for help and advice who knows you and your investments.

Finally, always remember - if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

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Making Tax Digital

When MTD for VAT comes into effect from 1 April 2019, businesses with a taxable turnover above the VAT registration threshold (currently £85,000) will be required to keep their records in a digital format.

Businesses will also need to file their VAT returns digitally using Application Programming Interface (API)-enabled software, and not through HMRC's current portal.

HMRC will allow a 'soft landing' period for businesses to ensure they have digital links in place between their MTD for VAT software programs. The Revenue also confirmed that, for the first year of mandation, businesses will not be required to have digital links between software programs in place.

The Notice states that a digital link is 'an electronic or digital transfer or exchange of data between software programs, products or applications', it also states 'the use of cut and paste does not constitute a digital link'.

If you are not using a current version of a software package such as Quickbooks Online, you need to act now to be ready in time for the changes. This will not be withdrawn because of Brexit!

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5 Tips For Employers When Recruiting Staff



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Preparation & Advert.

Preparation is key. Be clear about the role you require and get the job description right for your business needs. Set out the duties and responsibilities the role will entail. Detail the person spec – what skills, knowledge, qualifications and

experience do you genuinely and reasonably require? What are truly relevant and justified for the role.

Ensure your advert has no criteria or statement that could be considered discriminatory – e.g. on the grounds of sex, age, or disability. A range of advertising media should be considered. Inform your agency of your equal opportunities policy.

The job description and person spec will not only form the basis of your advert, but also your interview and assessment process. It is the start of your paper trail. Make sure your paperwork is clear, fair, objective and consistent. Job applicants can bring claims for discrimination and there is no limit to the compensation a Tribunal can award. All your recruitment documents will have to be disclosed in any Tribunal proceedings.

Interview

Shortlist your candidates, matching their CV's against your job description and person spec. At interviews, consider any reasonable adjustments that need to be made for disabled candidates.

Assess candidates against the job description and spec. Questions should be objective and relevant. Don't ask discriminatory questions – such as plans for a family or about a candidate's childcare arrangements. Assess all applicants fairly, without bias and note your comments/scores.

In the event there is a challenge from an unsuccessful applicant, you will be able to demonstrate that you followed a fair, impartial and balanced recruitment process.

Right to work

You need to be satisfied that the applicant has a right to work in the UK. Do not make assumptions based on appearance! Request the prescribed documents as per the Home Office right to work checklist from all employees.

Contracts

Contracts have to be provided within 2 months of the start of employment. However, it is always sensible to have these in place beforehand, so the employee knows what is expected of them.

In addition to the minimum requirements, consider additional provisions such as confidentiality and restrictive covenants.

Probationary Period.

Include a probationary period within the contract and make good use of it. Your new recruit should be working hard from the start to impress you. If there are issues with their behaviour or performance, it is best to deal with those at an early stage.

If they can't be resolved either formally or informally, you will potentially be able to give notice within the probationary period, as long as there are no discriminatory factors in play. Always get advice first, BEFORE you do anything.

Spending time getting the recruitment process right will benefit your business in the long run, hopefully saving time and potentially costly issues later.

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What's Cooking In Purbeck?

It's October! Autumn is now upon us.....

Our little isle has so many things going for it; wonderous, unbeatable countryside, a magnificent coastline, a fantastic annual calendar of events, a vibrant community, and to top it off, a fantastic selection of food and local produce on offer throughout the year.

This month our feature 'What's cooking in Purbeck?' welcomes local eateries and food producers to connect with readers and tempt you out to visit their establishments for a tasty treat or two!

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Have a great autumn and get out there with friends and family to sample some local delights!



From The Kitchen Garden...



Fig Jam

By Regula
Wright,
Godlingston
Manor Kitchen
Garden

Now you'd think as the growing season is coming to an end, things are slowing down and you'd be right ...partly! However, there's a little sowing flurry happening before the days really get shorter and colder. Overwintering onion sets have been planted and the autumn sowing variety Broad Bean (Aquadulce Claudia) is sown and germinating. I still have to plant out the garlic cloves.

As the days are cooler, I've been finally able to clear out some polytunnels and I've sown some winter salads last month. During our long and hot summer, it was unbearable to work in there for any amount of time and the plants went wild.

I've still got quite a bit of harvesting to do; some indoor tomatoes are still ripening on the vine and I guess the green ones will be worked into a Green Tomato Chutney at some point. The last of my main crop potatoes still needs to be dug out and they are absolute huge baking spuds.

Thanks to this long, hot and dry summer I've completely missed the dreaded Blight, which often devastates the potatoes still in the ground by August. There's still the odd marrow to be had before I clear all plant material away and the same goes for the pumpkins and winter squashes.

As my compost heap grows massive at this time of year, I make sure it's moist enough and then I cover it with sheeting to keep the heat in. I let it 'cook' for a while, then turn it and cover the now smaller pile for some more maturing. By spring time, I have beautiful compost to add to my beds or spread around the soft fruit bushes and along the rhubarb row.

This is always a bitter sweet experience, picking the crop, clearing away this year's spent plants, then manuring, mulching or green manuring the plots ready for the next crop to be sown the following spring. At the time this seems such a long way away, but the ground needs to recover from producing and a little rest is beneficial. Actually, the earth worms are very busy pulling the plant material down and even a thick mulch layer disappears in no time at all.

This is the perfect time for bottling and preserving and a few weeks ago there was this glut of fantastic figs, all ready nearly at the same time, so I turned them into Fig Jam. Now, this concoction is delicious to eat with doorstep bread and butter as well as crackers and cheese. It also works really well as a middle layer in a plain flapjack!

Ingredients:

1.5 kg fresh figs

750 g sugar

Two lemons, juiced

Method:

Stick a saucer in your fridge

Sterilize your jam jars, lids, ladle and funnel

Look over the figs and discard any that look at all mouldy. Cut off the stems then quarter them.

Put the figs into the pan on a low heat then pour in the sugar, stir and let the sugar dissolve. Add the lemon juice and mash up the fruit a little, then turn up the heat and bring to the boil. Cook for 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally until thick.

Heat the jam to 105C or until a blob sets on a chilled saucer- if it runs off, boil the jam for a little longer. Remove from the heat and ladle into your sterilized jars, then cover with lids while still hot. Once cooled, the jam should keep up to six months unopened- if you can keep it that long....



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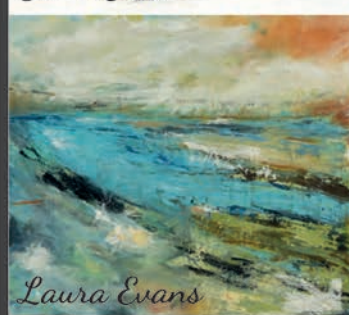
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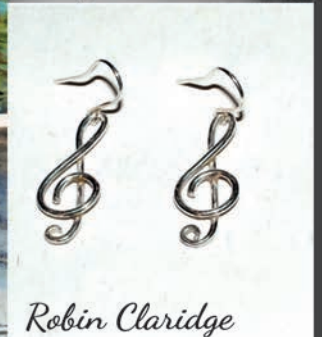
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Natural Matters

The Most Popular Column Of The Year

by John Garner

I suppose as a cyclist I am reluctant to throw my thoughts up into the atmosphere to join the many and largely polarised views on cycling today on the roads. I have no doubt that nothing I say will influence anyone in the slightest as I'm sure that you all have your ideas well and truly cemented.

I'm certainly not one to try to force my views on people and some of you will no doubt have already made the decision to turn the page and find something more to your liking. The debate 'rages' on with governments now trying to grab votes by talking about licensing cyclists with the car lobby jumping up and down in glee just like the politicians hoped they would.

Well here goes. I've talked about a number of things over the years in this column, but nothing lights up the letters page more strongly than expressing a view on cycling and car use. To begin with, I'm a car user and a cyclist. I pay my vehicle duty, none of which is spent on the roads and I ride my bike. I pay my tax dependant on how large the emissions from my vehicle are. Therefore, I don't pay tax on my bike, because that journey reduces the emissions as there is one less car on the roads. Don't thank me. Ultimately, it may well help to keep your own taxes down.

Sometimes in my car I drive well. Sometimes I'm tired or preoccupied and I don't drive as well. You are exactly the same. Whilst I'm generally more aware of the other traffic when I'm on my bike, I also sometimes don't ride perfectly. If I have an accident on the bike there's a good chance I'll sustain a pretty serious injury. That's the choice I make every time I decide to ride on roads with fast, heavy engine powered vehicles. I make sure I'm brightly clothed with visible kit. In the winter I'm lit up like a Christmas tree, but make sure my lights are not too bright to dazzle motorists.

You see, generally, most cyclists are like this. They don't want to be mown down by a vehicle. And generally, most motorists accept this and drive accordingly. Not France or Belgium or Netherlands or Spanish type of understanding, but understanding all the same. For example, I have rarely been waved across roads by motorists who have stopped to allow the cyclists the right of way. This happens routinely in Spain and France in my experience and anecdotally in these other countries.

A whole multi-million Euro museum was redesigned in Amsterdam when it was found that the original designs meant building over an existing cycle track. The museum now has an archway to allow cyclists to ride as they ever did...and safely. Surely, this is a sign of a civilised society?

Places such as La Rochelle in France, have triumphed the use of the cycle. Here you'll see cyclists, pedestrians and cars intermingling with an awareness of each other that means everyone has an entitlement to ride, walk or drive. Many of the places I've mentioned have made the decision to separate these three main modes of transport.

They cross and intermingle in La Rochelle and on the Isle de Rey, but they have clearly demarcated lanes and by and large everyone sticks to these. The bridge connecting the Isle de Rey to the mainline has a separate cycle route on one side and pedestrians on the other. There is a whopping great car park on the mainland and you're encouraged to park up and cycle over

to the Island. There are more than enough cars there at any given time.

I imagine those that don't want cyclists on the road are probably telling me to 'b***** off' over there if I like it that much. But that would be to miss the point. At present we have very little separation. Where there is some it often just runs out spewing the cyclist into a more dangerous situation.

Whilst we need the infrastructure to make cycling safer we may have to wait. Cycling has the advantage of being non-polluting, healthy and could be responsible for a massive saving of tax payer's money. More cycling means fitter, healthier people resulting in the burden on an already over stretched NHS being reduced. Obesity is at epidemic proportions. Sitting in a car and shouting at cyclists isn't going to help. Riding a bike or going for a walk will.

I try my best to be respectful cyclist. I try my best to be a respectful driver. Sometimes I fail. I see some utter idiots driving in cars from time to time and I see some utter idiots on bikes from time to time. I dare say I fall into both categories from time to time myself, but I try hard not to.

But I don't think all drivers are idiots as a result. Likewise, I don't think all cyclists are idiots if I see one riding on the wrong side of the road. If you ride like that you are an idiot. If you're staring at your phone while driving, you are an idiot. In both cases it's probably a matter of time before you have an accident. The difference is that you'll do a lot more damage in your car than the cyclist will.

I've seen some extraordinary reactions to cyclists in the last few years. The anger at seemingly tiny cycling indiscretions are the most alarming and I wonder at the disproportionate nature of some of these outbursts. But, in the main I completely ignore them and file them in the idiot file.

We are bursting at the seams on this small island and we're all going to have to be more tolerant if this is going to work.

So, my plea as a cyclist and a car driver is for tolerance. It's not a fashionable point of view. I doubt any politicians will take it up as their mantra, but what other options do we have.

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Decline Of Frogs And Toads



Survey results of more than 174,000 UK gardens reveal that sightings of frogs and toads have declined. Disappearance of garden ponds and pools has long been a factor linked to the declining numbers.

The RSPB is challenging families to take part in the Wild Challenge by getting outside and creating a simple pond or DIY pool in their outdoor space. Survey results reveal that sightings of our garden amphibians are drying up, with the RSPB calling on people to help them by creating more ponds and pools in their outdoor space.

Results from the RSPB's wildlife survey, which is part of the Big Garden Birdwatch, show that frogs had been seen in more than three-quarters of gardens across the UK. Despite being the most common non-bird garden visitor, seen at least monthly in close to 40% of gardens, this was 17% fewer regular sightings than the last time they were surveyed in 2014 when they were observed monthly in around 46% of gardens.

This pattern was similar for toads who were seen in 20% of our outdoor spaces on a monthly basis, an alarming 30% fewer gardens than the 28% of gardens in 2014. The survey included results from more than 174,000 UK gardens.

At a quick glance a nature novice may not be able to spot the difference between a frog and a toad. Frogs hop, their skin is smooth and moist and they have a pointed nose, whilst a toad crawls, their skin is warty and dry and their noses are rounded – almost semi-circular in shape.

Other results from the survey revealed a small increase in the number of recorded sightings of hedgehogs. Despite the UK population suffering widespread declines in recent decades, 65% of people spotted one in their gardens over the past year.

Foxes remained one of the other most common garden visitors with one being spotted in 72% of our gardens and outdoor spaces, while more secretive creatures such as moles, red squirrels and great-crested newts escaped much of the nation's gaze.

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey and takes place each year on the last weekend in January. The RSPB asks people to count the birds in their garden or outdoor space over the course of one hour at any point in the weekend to get an idea of how our feathered friends are getting on.

With the wildlife on people's doorsteps becoming increasingly elusive, the RSPB is calling on families to spend more time outside this summer, discovering the nature that surrounds them and seeing how they can give it a helping hand.

By taking part in the RSPB's Wild Challenge, families can have fun engaging in activities ranging from building a pool for amphibians to bug safaris, taking their first steps on their own wild adventure. There are 24 activities to choose from that will take you from your own back garden to exploring towns, cities, woodlands and even the coast.

The RSPB's ambition is for Wild Challenge to help more families across the country reap the benefits of spending time outside in nature. Research has shown that children who have a healthy connection to nature are more likely to benefit from higher achievement at school, better mental and physical health, and develop stronger social skills.

To learn more about the RSPB Wild Challenge and to see how you can take your first steps on your own wildlife adventure, visit www.rspb.org.uk/wildchallenge

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Derek Tarrant, Chairman.

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Flocks of Goldfinches can get up to forty in number whilst Brambling, Chiffchaffs, Chaffinches and Wood Pigeon can also be grouping for their journeys. Goldcrests, Blackcaps, Redpoll, Song Thrushes, Redwings may be seen in good quantities with late Swallows even on the wing. Early morning sea watching in rough weather can be rewarded with a steady flow of ducks - Teal, Scoter and Wigeon, plus the exciting Great and Pomarine Skuas. From the east come Brent Geese, while Guillemots may be revisiting the area on occasions.

Moth trappers can be active at this time of year capturing the likes of Crimson Speckled beautiful and delicate (a rare migrant from North Africa), Oak Rustics, Rush Veneer, Scarce Bordered Straw, Ear Moth and the green and black Merveille du Jour. It has been known for the occasional butterfly to put in an appearance such as a Red Admiral whilst less welcome insects may be the swarms of Winter Gnats!

Do look out for the distinctively shaped and brilliant pink berries of Spindle. It is possible a few flowers can still be seen including Wild Parsnip, Wild Carrot, Yarrow, Selfheal, Herb Robert and both Field and Small Scabious. October can indeed be a month of changeable weather and thus it is worth

getting out to discovering what is about. At this time, it has been known to see the odd Dolphin and even a Minke Whale!

For the Purbeck Film Festival, Durlston will be showing: *The Cruel Sea* (1953); *Wild Strawberries* (1957); *Edie* (2017); *Crowhurst* (2017); *Get Out* (2017). In addition Andy Gent will hold two Puppet Making and Animation workshops, one for age 8 plus and the other for age 16 plus. Towards the month's end Richard Haynes holds a Stop Frame Animation Halloween Workshop. The Fine Foundation will host a photographic exploration of places in the South of England associated with the artist Paul Nash. Entitled 'everything seemed to be listening' this exhibition by David Foster utilises double-exposure photography, video and found objects.

For those keen to get active then you could join the South West Coast Path Association's 40th Anniversary fundraising challenge. On 27th October Durlston will be the start point for walkers taking up the "Finish the Path 10 mile hike". For details visit: https://swcp.secure.force.com/membership/Challenge_registration. For half term we also have a family "Introduction to Orienteering" workshop for those seeking mental and physical stimulation. We also see the popular return of a "Bush craft Bootcamp" and a new Halloween Kids Trail!

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Fiery Fruits for our Feathered Friends



One of the joys of autumn and winter gardening is the abundant colourful fruit provided many garden plants.

Whilst we enjoy the colour we can also derive much pleasure from the visiting birds who come to feed on the berries and for whom the fruit provides a natural and important contribution to their diet.

Fruit ripens at different rates so if you get a mix of the following plants you should attract a continuous flow birds to your garden. Try one or some of these



Rowan (above). The Rowans are a diverse group of small trees that have clusters of white flowers in June followed by very colourful fruit in autumn.

The most common berry colour is red but it also comes in orange, pink, yellow and white.

They make excellent garden trees with attractive divided leaves many

of which turn spectacular colours in autumn.

Viburnum opulus (right). This is our native guelder rose often found in hedgerows but it forms a fine garden shrub up to 10ft.

The fruit is a spectacular as bright red and the autumn leaf colour is excellent as well.

Callicarpa (Below right). These have unusual turquoise fruit and is best placed in front of a pale green or yellow background such as a Griselinia hedge or Choisya 'Sundance' to show off the fruit.

Crab Apples (bottom right).

These are large shrubs and small trees produce abundant and beautiful flowers in spring followed by the colourful red, yellow and pink fruits in autumn. You can make crab apple jelly from the fruit or leave it for the birds who will look to it as a

food source especially in cold weather when migratory species such as fieldfares are driven in by even harsher conditions elsewhere in Europe.

Cotoneaster (bottom left). This group of plants generally bear masses of small red fruit either singly or in clusters and range from dwarf ground hugging shrubs up to small trees. The fruit colours up in early autumn but does not ripen until after Christmas providing a good late food source.

Now is an excellent time of year to plant so consult one of the experts at Holme to help with your selection.

The Garden at Holme is still looking magnificent with plenty of flower and the autumn leaf colours will get better as October progresses.

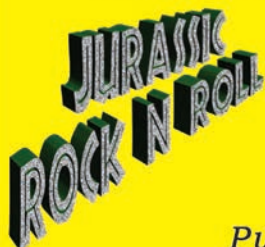


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Christmas Carols In Purbeck



Carols are an integral part of our celebration of Christmas but the Carols we sing today were not the Carols that our predecessors sang. Charles Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843 but many of the Carols he would have heard we would not recognise today.

People and communities then had their own carols and carol parties and as so wonderfully depicted by Thomas Hardy in the opening chapters of 'Under the Greenwood Tree' went 'The Rounds' on Christmas Eve singing them to one and all.

Not until the publication of Hymns: ancient and modern in 1861 did our carol repertoire effectively start to become standardised and limited to the now familiar set tunes and texts.

Up until then local musicians and singers, often the church bands, selected and arranged, usually in four-part harmony, their own tunes and texts.

Here in Purbeck, thanks to the efforts of the late Rollo Woods, we are aware of seven manuscripts featuring village carols from Lulworth, Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Church Knowle, Swanage, Wareham, and Woodlake.

There is also a BBC recording of a carol party from Wool, made in 1946. Then there is a small printed collection: The Worth Carols.

These carols would have been lost to folk memory by 1950 had it not been for the late Harold Bower of Blacklands, the last surviving fiddler from the Worth chapel band. Harold, then so old he could only play a few bars at a time, sang and played them for Sybil Sheppard, a music teacher of Langton Matravers. Many sessions were needed before the collection of all eight carols was complete.

In later recollections Sybil explained that she remembered singing the carols as a child, when they were still a living tradition in Worth and Langton Matravers. With these memories, and the melodies, she was able to arrange the carols in four parts, for a choir, accompanied either by a keyboard (she was an accomplished pianist), or other instruments, and saw them published in 1979.

When what is now the Purbeck Village Quire [PVQ] first came together in December 1988, the Worth carols were the only local carols available, and our first concert, in Worth Matravers Church, when Sybil Sheppard herself was present, consisted entirely of these carols. Since then, Purbeck Village Quire have always featured two or three of the Worth Carols in our Christmas Concerts.

As PVQ approaches its thirtieth year we, with the permission, help and encouragement of Roger Sheppard, thought it time to reprint these local carols.

To help those interested, to familiarise themselves with the carols we will be running a workshop at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Sat 3rd Nov, 12 noon to 5pm. All are welcome, the cost, £7.50 includes a copy of 'The Worth Carols', soup and a roll plus tea and coffee will be provided.

The ability to read music would be an advantage but not essential as the parts will be run through and can then be followed by ear with the scores used only as a guide. Musicians wishing to bring melody or bass instruments along would be welcome to join the Band.

For further information or to book contact Robin Plowman :

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Political Corruption, French Cinema And Bergman On The Menu...



Fans of the forthcoming Purbeck Film Festival (12-27 October) will be eager to learn of the latest line up of rich and diverse British and international films screening in rural locations around Purbeck and other parts of Dorset, films that are rarely screened outside London.

76 dynamic films and documentaries have been selected for the 2018 festival fortnight from Thailand, Lebanon, Hungary, Korea, France, US, Pakistan, India, Sweden, Romania and the UK.

It is the magical hallucination of cinema that offers the chance to visit so many countries and a film festival is the perfect opportunity to compare and marvel at the cultural and existential differences across our world. With over thirty screenings in village halls, pubs, hotels and churches the festival provides an ideal chance for people to share experiences and help restate a sense of community across the Isle of Purbeck.

The issues spawned by political intrigue invariably create great drama. This is certainly the case with a selection of seven great films under this headline theme such as *The Post* (Harmans Cross) and *All the President's Men* (Festival "Elevenesens") and *All the King's Men* showing the rise and fall of a corrupt politician, who makes his friends richer and retains power by dint of a populist appeal. There is a rare opportunity to see *I as in Icarus*, starring Yves Montand, which brilliantly depicts the assassination of a French President. Looking remarkably similar to Kennedy's killing, it is a smart and intelligent presentation of psychology and paranoia.

Following the BFI in its retrospective of Ingmar Bergman, we are screening three of his celebrated films. In his fifty-nine years as a filmmaker, Bergman wrote and/or directed more than sixty films. Often criticised for being theatrical in style with his then experimental innovations, now often seen as passé, it will be interesting to judge their worth five decades on.

It would be remiss not to mention the presence of French cinema in the programme. We begin with Bertrand Taverniers' *Journey through French Cinema* with an evening screening enhanced by French wine, food and music. This three-hour personal journey is an insightful, sincere and professional summary of the films which influenced Tavernier's life. Revisit and learn about the masters of French cinema and relive periods of French culture that have given cinema such a rich legacy. Look out for the evening entitled 'The French Escape' with Jacques Becker's *Le Trou* and Fred Cavaye's *Pour Elle*.

In line with this issue's theme of "What's Cooking in Purbeck?", the festival has fourteen different occasions to enjoy food with film. There are seven films with a meal before each screening: two featuring the contemporary Indian and Nepalese cuisine at The 29029 restaurant in Sandford; two at Purbeck's favourite garden centre Holme





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With unprecedented numbers attending screenings in 2017, together with many sold-out events, we recommend you head over to www.purbeckfilm.com and book on-line.

Festival brochures can be picked up from tourist information centres, libraries, The Rex Cinema and various cafés, bars, restaurants, shops and galleries around Purbeck and Dorset. The Purbeck Film Festival will take place from 12th to 27th October 2018.



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By Steve Darrington, organiser

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Who'd have thought when George Crane, Phil Bird and I sat down in 2000 to organise a 'birthday party/blues weekend with a band or two' that years later there would be a 30th Swanage Blues Festival?

The festivals are now twice-yearly, the number of artists and venues have all grown, Open Mic and Jam Sessions added, Buskers have appeared, and this time there's even a special film followed by a question and answer session with the director.

Suburban Steps To Rockland is about The Ealing Club, which opened in 1962 and was Britain's first Rhythm and Blues venue. Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Paul Jones, Eric Burdon, Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker and many more youngsters (!) learnt about The Blues first hand. Tickets are required, and all details are on the website www.swanage-blues.org and in the Festival Programme, price £2.

Our primary source of income is the sale of Support Wristbands, still only £10. We are grateful to all the people who buy one to show their support, without which the festival would just cease. If you or your business benefits from a Swanage Blues Festival weekend, please buy one to help keep us going.

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Purbeck Valley Folk Festival 2018



Above: Molotov Jukebox perform in the Main Barn (featuring Natalia Tena of Harry Potter fame (Nymphadora Tonks) and Wildling Osha in Game of Thrones). Pic by Tim Crabb



Above: Natalia Tena of Molotov Jukebox. Tim Crabb



Above: Richard Thompson performs in the Main Barn. Tim Crabb

From relaxing in the sun whilst partaking in the 'wang a welly' competition through to bopping along to the very best folk acts on the circuit spread over five stages, Purbeck Valley Folk Festival has grown and developed over the past few years into an extremely well thought out, thoroughly entertaining festival with a heart of pure folk gold.

The atmosphere is fantastically open and friendly, with a nod to the obscure, with festival goers wearing whatever takes their fancy - from 'everyday wear' to bearded ladies (entering the 'Beard-Off' competition, of course) and gentlemen in wedding dresses, this once-a-year wonder welcomes all to worship at the feet of the folk greats in Harmans Cross.

This year acts included folk-god, Richard Thompson (with his daughter, Kami, also putting on a performance with her duo 'The Rails') and Natalia Tena (also known for acting in Harry Potter and Game of Thrones) among the impressive and varied line-up. Other well known names included Threepenny Bit, Trad. Attack, Coco and the Butterfields, Beth Orton, Quinns Quinney and Ninebarrow, amongst many, many more.

Festival organiser, Catherine Burke, played with the 'Catherine Burke band' (varied members, dependent on the day, including her brother, Bob) on the Fire Stage, showing a flair of natural ability which comes from years of performing. Catherine has come into her own performance-wise and her rapport with the audience is hard to beat, coupled with original songwriting on a variety of highly relatable subjects.

The only downside of having five stages spread over the site is the 'fear' of missing something wonderful on the other side of the festival site whilst dancing away at one stage.... it's a rarity to find a festival with so many quality acts performing that one wishes one could split oneself into five!

Whilst the activities on offer for the whole family are added to each year, the old favourites are retained, such as the kid's space hopper assault course, the wishing tree, the plethora of open mic sessions, poetry slams, fancy dress competitions, the 'Beard-Off' (men, women and children!), yoga sessions, and varied craft activities on-site. The farm is imaginatively decorated each year, turning the site into a delightfully artistic, safe and welcoming space, nestled in the valley, looking out over the ruins of Corfe Castle. A more splendid festival site would be difficult to imagine. The campsite is comfortable and generally quiet enough to get a good night's sleep, ready for the offerings of the day to come.

The Gazette team gave it a good shot this year - taking in as much varied music as possible, whilst trying out the plentiful activities available. Some of our team camped over, whilst others drove to and fro during the weekend. The bar and excellent, well-priced food offerings kept everyone on the team happy and provided the energy to keep going throughout what was an utterly splendid weekend. A huge congratulations to all involved!

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Health & Beauty

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



John's Campaign: Carer's Passport

We are pleased to be part of John's Campaign at Wareham and Swanage Hospitals.

John's Campaign was launched in 2014 after the death of Dr John Gerrard who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's in his mid 70s.

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



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Sport

Swanage Football Club

Our first team have had an unusual start to the 2018-19 season in drawing four of the seven league games, whereas last season we were the only team not to draw a single game. We have only been defeated the once vs Holt and have claimed victories over Blandford 4-1 and most recently produced a superb performance in a pulsating clash to defeat second in the table and last season's DPL runners up Westland Sports 5-3 at Day's Park in the Dorset Premier League.

We were behind after sixteen minutes, Charlie Gay scoring from close range. Garan Bennett scored for the third consecutive game on 28 minutes to equalise, the same player grabbed his second after thirty-seven minutes, smashing home after the referee played on following a foul on Atkinson in the penalty box. Skipper and birthday boy Paul Best headed the third on the stroke of half time following a superb cross from Bennett following neat work by Clark. H.T. 3-1.

Westlands hit back with two goals in seven minutes from Anthony Herrin to even things up however a minute later The Swans were ahead again when man of the moment, Paul Best, dispossessed an opponent and struck an unstoppable shot from fully thirty yards that screamed past the helpless keeper.

Keeper Dan Beeston produced three superb saves to keep his side in the game. Skipper Paul Best celebrated his birthday in style by completing his hat-trick with an exquisite chip over the keeper following a great pass from Atkinson for his side's fifth, this secured the points and extended the unbeaten run to six games the only defeat being on the opening game of the season

Another game of note this season saw us against last season's champions Swans shared the points and eight goals with Dorset Premier League reigning champions Hamworthy Recreation at Day's Park.

Swans started well, and Tommy Beard smashed the woodwork with a snap shot, however the visitors took the lead after fifteen minutes against the run of play through Chris Long following a defensive mix up. Hamworthy's Brad Hill doubled his side's lead five minutes before half time with a free header, but Dave Best reduced the arrears when he lobbed the keeper three minutes later. H.T. 1-2.

With only the half three minutes, old Sam Carter scored The Rec's third, but the Swans showed great resilience and determination to haul themselves back into the game and substitute and new signing from Corfe Castle, Garan Bennett, scored a fantastic goal from the angle of the penalty box into the top corner. Hamworthy doubled their lead through John Webb. At 4-2 behind, the Swans were staring defeat in the face but showed great character and Cody Rose-Moore scored a

rare headed goal following a great cross from Aaron Atkinson. Super Sub Garan Bennett grabbed the equaliser with ten minutes remaining from a close-range effort following good work by Mo Kanyi.

Both sides went close to gaining the three points in the remaining ten minutes, but the visitors were denied by keeper Dan Beeston who produced three great saves. Tim Brown's boys showed character and determination to share the points with last season's champions Hamworthy Recreation. Manager Tim Brown and his boys can now look forward to the mouth-watering FA Vase match at Day's Park next week, Saturday 15th September.

Our Reserves suffered a 5-2 defeat against Stalbridge in their opening league match at Day's Park.

The first twenty-five minutes were pretty even with Swans keeper George Taylor making a couple of smart saves, however the visitors hit three quick fire goals to take control of the game. Striker Sam Willcocks gave his side a lifeline when he reduced the arrears just before the interval with a well taken goal. H.T. 1-3.

Swans battled hard in the second half but were unable to stop Stalbridge stretching their lead to 5-1. Flo Bujour reduced the arrears with a couple of minutes remaining from an acute angle.

Both teams observed a minute's silence for Life Vice President Chris Enoch who sadly passed away on Friday 31st August. Chris (83) was a local builder who played for the club as a goalkeeper in the 50s & 60s.

He was instrumental in building the Clubhouse and sports hall in the 70s. The football club would like offer their condolences to his family at this sad time.

A few 1st team statistics from the season so far:

Lost the first game

Unbeaten in last six

New signing Garan Bennett (from Corfe) five goals in three games

Captain Paul Best - leading goalscorer with six. Swans scored thirteen in last three home games, nine against top two sides.

So, with the exciting games we've had recently at Day's Park, why not come on down and support your LOCAL team!? We would be only too pleased to see you. Refreshments available throughout the game and after in our bar.

COME ON YOU SWANS!

John Peacock

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Swanage Cricket Club Update

Last month, Swanage Cricket Club completed another memorable season both on and off the field. The incredibly successful, thriving youth section continues to go from strength-to-strength with all seven teams from Under-8s through to Under-15s performing admirably. The youth section now boasts a membership well in excess of one hundred and there has also been the introduction of a Women's/Girl's team this year. There have been two youngsters who have been recognized by their respective County teams as well as a number who have also represented the south district. There have also been two girls who have had the honour of playing for the county.

The club were also immensely proud that Tim Ives - the Youth Co-Ordinator, was recently honoured by the Dorset Cricket Board for all his sterling efforts with regards to the way he has overseen the transformation of the youth section over the last five years.

The First Team

Due to the lack of availability of a number of last season's regular players, the 1stXI endured a tough season culminating in their relegation from the Premier Division after six seasons. Despite this, there were still a number of outstanding performances...the highlight of the batting was Tom Salmon's

century - he also registered a half-century. As well as that, there were half-centuries for Elliott Baczala (2), Simon Goldsack, Jon Gregory, Steve Kent, John Lewis, Ryan Norman (2) and Craig Wells (4). With regards to the bowling, the stand-out performance was Mike Salmon's 4-wicket-haul. There were also useful contributions from Mike Hernandez, Kent, Mike Nash, Norman and Wells.

The Second Team

The 2ndXI won five of their fifteen matches to finish comfortably in mid-table in Division 4. The highlights of the batting were Elliott Baczala's two centuries as well as Scott Orchard's century. The following players also registered half-centuries:- Baczala, Tim Ives (3), Mike Nash, Paul Norman (2), Orchard (2) and both Geoff and Sam Willcocks. The highlights of the bowling were the six wicket-hauls recorded by Ron Barker, Nash and Ryan Stearn. There were also useful contributions from Pete Barker, Matt Dunster, Charlie Dyke and Mike Wells.

Please visit our website:- www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk for all the latest news including winter training session times for the youth section etc.

Kind regards, Mike

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 NOV is noon, 9th OCT

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.

OCTOBER 2018

- Mon 1st
18:30 **Swanage Town Council Meeting Planning & Consultation Committee.**
- Wed 3rd
19:00 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Amenities.**
- Thu 4th
* **Swanage Blues Festival Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org**
- Fri 5th
* **Swanage Blues Festival Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org**
19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: An Illustrated talk on "North Corsica " Eric Watson Visitors welcome. ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841
- Sat 6th
* **Swanage Blues Festival Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org**
* **All DAY Pumpkin & Beer Festival** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
* **Coast & Country Opening** New sister store to Tilly Whims opening in The Square, Swanage.
20:00 **Don Kipper** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 7th
* **Swanage Blues Festival Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org**
* **Coast & Country Opening** New sister store to Tilly Whims opening in The Square, Swanage.
* **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** will be at Tyneham, Purbeck. We we will be maintaining this historic site and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
14:00 **Maurice Dickson & Catherine Ashcroft** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Mon 8th
18:30 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Planning & Transport.**
- Tue 9th
10:30 **West Country Embroiderers (Wareham)** Open Day At Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham, for a showcase and sale of work. Free admission.
19:00 **Purbeck DC Meeting Open to Public Council.**
- Wed 10th
11:00 **Antiques Valuation day** At The Foyer, Swanage Railway Station.
19:00 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Wareham in Bloom.**
- Thu 11th
19:00 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**
- Fri 12th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** At Various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
* **Historic Highlights of Kent - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 4 Day Tour - £275 per person.** Ffi: 01305 851697
* **Autumn Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.**
20:00 **Manos Puestos** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 13th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
* **Historic Highlights of Kent - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 4 Day Tour - £275 per person.** Ffi: 01305 851697
* **Autumn Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.**
10:30 **Handmade 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 "
19:00 **Retro Groove Mob** Live music at Kingston Country Courtyard. Free admission.
20:00 **Peter Bruntnell** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 14th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
* **Historic Highlights of Kent - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 4 Day Tour - £275 per person.** Ffi: 01305 851697
* **Autumn Steam Gala At Swanage Railway.**
* **Kingston Maurwood College Open Morning Pre- register now at kmc.ac.uk/courseinfo/**
* **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** Will be at Upton Wood, Purbeck. We we will be maintaining this green space by removing bramble and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- 14:15 **Funday Sunday Monthly Filmshow 'Oklahoma!'** At Swanage Day Centre, High st, Swanage.
- Mon 15th
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* **Historic Highlights of Kent - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 4 Day Tour - £275 per person.** Ffi: 01305 851697
19:00 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Policy, Resources & Finance.**
- Tue 16th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
10:30 **Wareham Town Council Meeting Human Resources.**
14:00 **New Christian Spiritualist Church** Swanage At the Queensmead Community Room, at 2 pm with guest Medium is Elaine Astin, we look forward to seeing you.
14:30 **Purbeck Ass'n of the National Trust** At All Saints Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw. Illustrated talk 'Puffins and Their Kin in Purbeck' - Ilay Cooper, the well-known author and photographer, talks about puffins and other auks on our coast from his boyhood to today. All welcome. £3.00 incl refreshments Ffi 01929 427300.
- Wed 17th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Joyce Meates, "The History of Studland School". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.
19:00 **Purbeck DC Meeting Open to Public - Policy Group.**
19:00 **Swanage Area Forum** At The Emmanuel Church Community Hall, Victoria Ave, Swanage.
19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Dr Martin Green - New Light on the Knowlton Complex.
- Thu 18th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- Fri 19th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harmans Cross Village Hall for "A Selection of Films from the Andrew P.M. Wright Collection", a presentation by Andrew Wright, in association with the Purbeck Film Festival. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 421 913. Everyone is welcome.
20:00 **Andreas Tophoj & Rune Barslund** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 20th
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
* **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** Will be at Wytch Heath, Rempstone, Purbeck. We we will be maintaining this heath by removing pine trees and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool!
12:00 **Langton Mtrvs Allotment Assoc Fund Raising Event** Langton Matravers Village Hall. Homemade Soup with Roll plus Cakes, Produce, Bric a Brac and maybe a Tombola. Entry free from 12.00 noon. Enquiries Pat Wright 421864
19:30 **The Craig Milverton Trio** At Harman's Cross Village Hall. Tickets £10 from harmanscrosshall.co.uk or Ffi: 01929 422215.
20:00 **Kangaroo Moon** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 21st
* **Purbeck Film Festival** at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
* **Barking Mud** At Lincoln Farm.
* **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** Will be at Wytch Heath, Rempstone, Purbeck. We we will be maintaining this heath by removing pine trees and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool!

14:00 Jess Morgan Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Mon 22nd

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- * Yorkshire Television Highlights - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 5 Day Tour - £420 per person. Ffi: 01305 851697

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

Tue 23rd

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- * Yorkshire Television Highlights - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 5 Day Tour - £420 per person. Ffi: 01305 851697

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

14:30 Purbeck DC Meeting Open to Public Audit & Governance Committee.

19:00 Wareham Town Council Meeting - Museum.

Wed 24th

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- * Yorkshire Television Highlights - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 5 Day Tour - £420 per person. Ffi: 01305 851697

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

14:15 Swanage Town Council Meeting Beach Management and advisory Committee.

14:30 Halloween Disco At Putlake Adventure Farm. Ticket only, £5 per person, includes refreshments.

Thu 25th

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

Fri 26th

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- * Yorkshire Television Highlights - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 5 Day Tour - £420 per person. Ffi: 01305 851697

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

19:00 Swanage Regatta & Carnival Presentation Eve At Purbeck House Hotel. Public Welcome.

20:00 Rag Mama Rag Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sat 27th

- * Purbeck Film Festival at various venues accross Purbeck and other parts of Dorset. Ffi: purbeckfilm.com
- * Yorkshire Television Highlights - A Crossways Travel Coach Tour. 5 Day Tour - £420 per person. Ffi: 01305 851697

10:00 Halloween at The Blue Pool Spooky hunts around the pool!

10:00 Meeting of local Microscopists In the Village Hall, Langton Matravers. They are showing a wide variety instruments and subjects, eg pond & marine life, geological (micro fossils etc) Visitors including children are very welcome, Entrance free. Tea and coffee with biscuit available. Enquiries phone 01929 – 422218 or 424211.

20:00 2 Man Ting Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sun 28th

14:00 The Horsenecks Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

15:00 'Music for a while' - afternoon concert with Canzo At Parish Church of St Edward, King and Martyr, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EQ. Free admission, retiring collection for St Edward's. Contact: www.canzonettadorset.com

Mon 29th

18:30 Wareham Town Council Meeting - Planning & Transport.

19:00 Swanage Town Council Meeting - Council.

Tue 30th

19:00 Wareham Town Council Meeting - Council.

Wed 31st

09:15 Purbeck DC Meeting Open to Public - Planning Committee.

09:30 Swanage Town Council Meeting - Policy, Finance & Performance.

NOVEMBER

Sat 3rd

10:00 Autumn Fayre At Swanage Hospital. Cakes, produce, teas, coffees and raffle.

21:00 Rock 'n' Roll Dance At The Legion, Swanage. Tickets £5, licensed bar.

Sun 4th

19:30 The Spats Langham 'Hot Fingers' Trio At Harmans Cross Village Hall. Tickets £10 available from the Swanage Jazz Club Treasurer. Ffi: 01929 422215

Sat 10th

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 "

Sun 18th

* Kingston Maurwood College Open Morning Pre- register now at kmc.ac.uk/courseinfo/

Wed 21st

19:30 Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Ben Buxton - Archaeological adventures in Orkney and beyond

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

09.00 U3A Table Tennis Group meet at Harmans Cross VH.

09.30 Under 2.5 years old group. Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.

09.45 Toddler Club URC, Sw. Till 11.15

10.00 Table Tennis Club Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093

10.30 Flowers with Liz at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com

13.00 Play and Learn at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm

Under 1s and Tums at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm

14.00 Pins and Needles at Harmans Cross VH.

14.00 Swanage Disabled Club meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.

16.45 Soccer Skills Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175

18.00 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.com

18.00 Swanage Tennis Club at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm

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.

19.00 Wareham Choral Society meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460

19.00 Swanage Youth Club. School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm

19.00 Whist. Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733

19.00 Purbeck Chess Club. Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call 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. 552763/551029

19.30 Swanage Badminton Club at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07966 136641.

19.30 Swanage Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.

20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.

20.00 Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY

09.00 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylviag@swanagemethodist.org.uk

09.00 Swanage Tennis Club at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am

09.30 Isle of Purbeck Arts Club. Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.

09.30 Well Baby Clinic at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.

09.30 Kiddies Corner Mother & Toddler Group (term time only) No fee - donations welcome. Purbeck Gateway Church. 551415

09.30 Wareham Art Club Workshop at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.

10.00 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.com

10.00 Sandford Toddlers at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.

10.00 Short Tennis at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175

10.00 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: 481000

10.30 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylviag@swanagemethodist.org.uk

10.30 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 2pm

14.00 Swanage Walking for Health Group. Walks of 60-90mins, various locations.

- Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.
- 14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Furzebrook VH. Roll-up session, all standards welcome. Ffi 401799
- 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 **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 **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
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- 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.
- 16.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 01929 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 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
- 19.15 **Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind** players welcome. 551478/01202 242147
- 19.30 **Short Mat Bowls** in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 **Purbeck Arts Choir** meet for rehearsals, with conductor Jay Buckle, at St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage. Sept-May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club Youth Action** (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
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- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30am. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 10.00 **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.
- 11.00 **Swanage Library Rhyme Time,** ages 0-4, until 11.30am.
- 11.00 **Toddler Time** For Under 5s And Carers. Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 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)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice** till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket** till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 11.00 **Fantastic Family Fun** at Swanage Library, ages 3-8. Free story and craft session until 11.30am.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
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