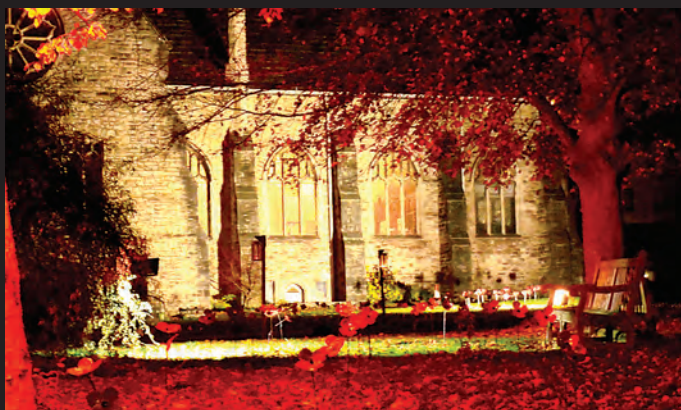


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Welcome to the December edition of your Gazette!

Well, that's yet another year almost behind us and what a tumultuous year it's been indeed! World politics seems to get ever-crazier and we seem to learn less and less from the past than one would believe possible.

At the point of writing, it is estimated that around seventy MILLION people are dispossessed world-wide (up from an estimated sixty-eight million earlier in 2018) and are literally walking - in search of somewhere, anywhere, safe to live, to work, to bring up their families. Right-wing leaderships are springing back up around the world and literally millions of real people like you and I are suffering unimaginable hardships as you read this.

Not relevant too Purbeck, you say? It is. We are all human - 'no man is an island....' - remember? So please, this Christmas, spare at least a thought for those millions in desperate need whilst we enjoy festivities in our quiet, safe, beautiful corner of the world. We are all connected, somehow, related somewhere along the genetic line. What affects one, affects us all - or it should.

Bring that closer to home if you wish and make that small effort to check on an elderly, possibly lonely neighbour, reconnect with those you've not seen for a while, stop arguing - even if only for a few days....!! Enjoy the rest of 2018 and we'll see you in January!

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Planning & Consultation Committee	Mon 3rd	6.30pm
Policy, Finance & Performance	Wed 12th	9.30am
Council	Mon 17th	7pm

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Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 3rd	7pm
Council	Mon 10th	7pm
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Thurs 13th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 17th	6.30pm

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Licensing Committee	Wed 5th	9.15am
Council	Tue 11th	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 19th	9.15am
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Turn Social Care Tide

Dear Editor,

Your readers may have heard recently of the £240m of extra money being allocated to the social care system to ease pressure on the NHS this winter. We now know this will mean that over 3.4 million will be made available in Dorset.

While it's important that the Government has recognised that social care underfunding lies at the heart of our hospitals' winter pressures, the amount committed is a let-down - less than 10% of what's needed to fix the social care crisis now.

The social care system is 'not just for Christmas' and people with dementia, as its biggest recipients, are experiencing the emotional and economic cost all year round.

To actually turn the tide for the 22,000 people with dementia in Dorset we need to plug the current funding gap and offer them the chance to access the good quality social care they have a right to.

Marion Child, Head of Region (South West), Alzheimer's Society.

Single-Use Plastic Ban

Dear Editor,

With our government accepting the consequences of using plastic packaging and bags to contain our groceries, it's a good news story that the EU has at last also woken up to the waste in our oceans and are pushing for a ban on single use plastic items such as straws and cotton buds. But I feel this progress will become a long and laborious task for a very serious problem and a better strategy is to have maximum impact by taking the fight directly to the worst polluters.

Based on the fact that two billion people live without waste collection and three billion without controlled waste disposal around the world, there should be a moral and environmental case for using more of our foreign aid budget to support poorer countries protect our oceans.

The statistics for such action come from the Chartered Institute of Waste Managers and the UK based NGO Waste Aid who point out that 70% of ocean plastic comes from developing countries. Just five countries in East Asia are responsible for most of this. Meanwhile, thirty-eight out of fifty of the world's largest uncontrolled dump sites are in coastal areas and many of them spill waste directly into the sea.

As a member of the United Nations, the UK has committed itself to spending 0.8% of gross national income on foreign aid, amounting to around £14 billion each year. Just 0.3% of this currently spent on waste management. Diverting additional money would help out some of the world's poorest countries. It would most certainly be a major boost towards cleaning up the environment and I feel there is no better, practical way of tackling the ocean plastic crisis with the urgency it desperately needs. This is in addition to the efforts being proposed in Europe.

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

New Herston Hall Appeal

Dear Readers,

Herston Hall on Jubilee Road, Herston was donated to the then Herston Hall Committee, in 1946, for the use of the people of Herston. It was run by a committee of local people and became a charity in 1981, with the object of maintaining a Village Hall for the people of Herston. The committee continued to successfully run the Hall through to the end of

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2017 when it decided, due to the ill health of its members, to approach the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust to take on the management of the charity and the building.

Following an AGM in January 2018 the Village Hall charity was taken on by the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust and a new committee, of local people, elected. The committee is working to the same objectives as the original charity.

The new committee has decided to revitalise the building, and the services it offers to the community of Herston. To achieve these aims the committee will need to raise substantial funds to carry out repair works and refurbish the building and its contents.

The works we are proposing will allow us to make the building more accessible to a wide range of users and local groups whilst maintaining a low-cost hire charge.

We are holding a Christmas Fair in the Hall from 12 noon - 3pm on 1st December. In addition to a wide range of stalls, we will be launching 'The Herston Village Hall Refurbishment Appeal'. There will be a stall setting out our proposals for works to the building, and its refitting, so that local people can learn about our vision for the Hall.

Come along to enjoy the fun and hear about what we are planning for the future! If you would like to book a stall at the fair, you can contact our bookings secretary on 01929 424152.

We look forward to seeing you all on December 1st.

Yours faithfully, Alison Tilley, Treasurer for Herston Village Hall Management Committee.

Barged By Joggers

Dear Editor,

Walking my grandchild to school this morning, we were accosted from behind by three adult joggers who pushed their way between us shouting 'make way' or something similar. Contrary to opinion as a mother and grandmother, I do not have eyes at the back of my head but fortunately I am not deaf.

Fortunately, because the tall ginger haired jogger, in way of apology, said 'well, we did shout to you'. I did not hear this until he was at my ear and in my vision between me and my grandchild. Shocked is not what I felt. Angry, disgusted and extremely upset that three adults would think it is OK to barge their way along a narrow footpath, yards from a school that was surrounded by children entering for the day.

Their extreme arrogance may help them in their place of work, but the footpath belongs to all of us; children, pensioners, families making their way to school. No-one should be pushed off the pavement to make way for anyone other than emergency services.

My grandson quickly moved onto the grass as the tall ginger haired chap crossed words with me - between me and my grandson. Never push your way between a child and its guardian.

I hope they are ashamed of themselves, but somehow, I think not.

Mrs Jones, Stoborough, by email.

Keep Calm And Brexit On!

Dear Gazette,

Thank you for publishing the article in the November edition regarding our on-going voluntary street cleaning and so on in Purbeck.

I have had many positive responses from residents and indeed donations from some, which will enable me to continue painting local street name signs next spring. The total I have painted to date is now thirty-six.

Could you please ask anyone wishing to make a donation to our ongoing efforts to take it into the Mulberry Tree Gallery on the High Street in



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Fri	28th	Eva Abraham
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Swanage? Donations will be used for paint, tools and other necessary materials to enable us to continue attempting to keep our streets clean and look after our local signage, fencing and so on.

I have just received an email from Purbeck District Council stating that they cannot repair any of the signs I have submitted for repair, apparently due to a sudden influx from residents wishing to have missing signs installed. They say this is a priority over signs awaiting repair.

This is a farcical contradiction as previously when I requested missing signs in Swanage to be installed/replaced, I was told the budget only allows for repair of signs!!

Thank you so much to all of the residents for their continued support for our efforts.

Kind regards, Rob Nunn, by email.

Ruining Own Environment

Dear Editor,

Would it be possible to put in the paper please for people to stop putting rubbish in the stream by St Mary's Church in Swanage?

It ruins all nature and this in turn will ruin them.

Kind regards, Kate Potter, by email.

Expensive South Coast!

Dear Readers,

To November's letter-writer, Chris Radford, who thinks their water rates are outrageous, all I can say is welcome to the South Coast!

If Chris thinks the water rates here are high, then I would point out that the Teddington Council Tax is £1416.89, while Westminster Band C charge for next year is £631.56. Purbeck tax payers will have to stump up £1739.00 for a Band C property.

We have no real police presence and bin collections only every two weeks. I am sure Teddington and Westminster have better services than that, but it is the price we pay for having second homes and a housing stock too expensive for local people to afford on the wages on offer!

Regards, Peter Wakefield, by email.

Water Rates Worry Wealthy?

Hello Nico

You published a letter last month November 2018 from a self catering second home owner Chris Radford objecting to paying extortionate wessex water rates.

I agree for the locals who often do low paid seasonal work and who see local homes bought out by lucky second home buyers that excessive water rates impinge on their personal economy which is very unfair, but is it not true that holiday home owners do not pay the same council taxes that locals pay?

Would holiday home buyers agree to pay fairer equal council taxes to support the local economy?

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Vital Services Are Protected

Dear Editor,

After several weeks in Poole Hospital, a family member was transferred to Swanage to find the best medical way forward for the future. A problem arose, but a phone call was made (thanks Tash!) and a remedy was found.

The advice, care and support we received as a family from Doctor Munday, nurses, care assistants, admin staff and all other staff was of great comfort at a stressful time.

If proof was needed how much help and support the hospital provides with its short-stay wards, clinics and A&E services, we witnessed it at a difficult time, we thank you all.

It is frightening to imagine the community without the hospital and its staff. It is vital that these services are protected in these challenging times.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Swanage hospital.

A patient and family, by hand.

Robin At Lyme...

Dear Readers,

My experience of Lyme Regis at the other end of Dorset from Swanage was driving along a very narrow and windy road surrounded by old cottages. This view soon changed after spending six hours in the area with the Swanage Walking Group. Some steps from the car park took us to the promenade with fabulous views of the coast to Golden Cap. After crossing the busy road by the clock, we soon came to an attractive square where there was a tea shop and a working water mill.

Further upstream we came across an unusual ford where horse drawn carts used to enter the stream by a ramp and emerge about one hundred yards further. There was also a waterfall.

There were forty-one people on the walk and most of us had a picnic lunch by the cricket pavilion at the nearby town of Uplyme in Devon. Afterwards I joined a small group for a drink at the Talbot Arms. Then we followed a country lane which went under a nine arch disused railway viaduct. This made Corfe Viaduct look small in comparison. We returned over the Ware cliffs to the Cobb at Lyme Regis where they filmed the French Lieutenant's Woman. After sharing a romantic hug at the Cobb, I left the group and spent about half an hour at the museum.

There were two main displays. One section was devoted to Mary Anning who discovered an ichthyosaur fossil which inspired Charles Darwin to develop his theory of evolution. The ichthyosaur was a huge dolphin like reptile with the biggest eyes of any creature.

A skull gave me some idea of the size. The other display showed the railway line from Axminster that Dr Beeching closed. There were a couple of pictures of trains crossing the viaduct which we had just walked over, and a model of a train hauled by an Adams Radial tank locomotive similar to those that ran on the Swanage Railway before the first World war.

A fascinating walk to an area we will doubtless return to.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher, Swanage

Badminton Celebrations!

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to tell you that after celebrating our one hundred years of playing Badminton at Swanage Badminton Club in 2018. We still meet and play every week on Monday Evenings, 19.15 to 21.15 at The Swanage School and also every week on Thursday afternoon at the Swanage Football Club, 13.30 to 15.00.

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Kind regards, Club Secretary, Greg Whatmough.

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Don't Misunderstand Point

Dear Editor/Gazette Readership,

It would appear that some of your readers/letter contributors have misunderstood the point I have been trying to make in my letters regarding Brexit. Whilst I can understand that they might fuel certain flames regarding the wisdom of Brexit or Remain in the opinions of others, I feel that I have quite clearly explained that it was the democratic will of the majority of those who voted in the referendum, to leave the EU for whatever reasons.

Anyone, in anyone's educated opinion, who tries to adversely affect such a democratic will, is clearly displaying anarchic tendencies. Such tendencies cannot be prevented within a democracy but can be waved aside as misguided fantasy.

I would point out to critics of the Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail (are they Sun readers?) that both newspapers are fully paid-up and regulated members of IPSO and as such, have a duty of responsible and accurate reporting and publication and, to add, have performed a long awaited duty of care to recipients of bullying, sexism and racism as well as successfully campaigning to arrest the harmful proliferation of plastics into the global environment.

Frederick Forsyth CBE is an author of fictional novels but many of which have been based upon facts witnessed and reported upon by Mr Forsyth in his commendable roles as a press reporter and spy for MI6 and as such, in my book, knows, better than some, what he is talking about.

Richard Ingall, Shore Road, Swanage, by email.

Treaties Have Legal Basis

Dear Purbeck Gazette,

Thank you, Gill Calvin Thomas of the Liberal Democrats (letters, October edition). Thomas mentioned British members of the European Parliament, and British bureaucrats, "that's how it works". But the national governments of the EU are the key decision-making body.

By "bureaucrats", Thomas maybe meant people working in the European Commission. Such as Sir Julian King, the UK's chief Commissioner. His job, Security Union.

King has put forward proposals to make it more difficult for would-be terrorists to get the chemicals used to make home-made explosives.

Before the referendum, the UK had Lord Jonathan Hall in charge of Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, at the European Commission. Hall resigned because of the referendum result.

Thomas probably also meant British permanent representatives. Permanent representatives are professional diplomats from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to assist government ministers in EU meetings.

The key decision-making body is called the Council of the European Union. The meeting of the twenty-eight national governments. For most things, both this Council and the European Parliament have to agree; this

is called co-decision.

Everything the EU does has a legal basis in the treaties approved democratically and voluntarily by every member country. Everything agreed is published. It has been a curse on this country that the work at the EU institutions, and the EU agencies, has been barely or badly reported.

An example is the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region.

I confess to having been just as much guilty of taking this work for granted as anyone. Before the referendum, I had never even heard of the Council of the EU, or read any EU legislation, or heard one word of a single MEP. My ignorance was appalling. I am ashamed.

Phil Jones, Member, European Movement UK, by email.

Give It A Rest, Please....

Dear Ed

I know I've missed the deadline for the next edition but I would be honoured and pleased if you could print the following in 'Your Letters' in the one after.

I know I'm not alone in looking forward to reading the Gazette every month, it is the only decent local publication we have, but I, and I'm sure I am speaking for many, many people when I say I am getting increasingly fed up with political letters.

Regarding Brexit, we have been lambasted with letters from Leave and Remain supporters for the past two years. O.K. we all have our own view and whatever we voted on two years ago, it was our decision and none of us need to be lectured by both sides on the decision that was made. Please Ed, let's give this a rest now, I am begging you.....

Many, many thanks, Linda Welsh, Langton Matravers, by email.

Editor Prints Propaganda

Dear Nico,

How marvellous, an edition with not one pro-Brexit letter; a personal triumph for you, I think. It is clear what effect having an opposing view to the Gazette or criticising you or Dave has.

Brooking no dissenters is rather like Mr Leadbetter expecting people to only vote for the 'right' reasons. If you choose to abuse your 'power' to try and silence the opposition you have lost the argument.

It took me nearly a week to find somewhere in Swanage that stocked the Gazette (admittedly I wasn't trying very hard) and I think I can see why. Maybe it's time to follow the Advertiser and shut up shop if you are only going to print propaganda.

Goodbye, Jenny Jones, by email.

Ed's note (wiping the tears of laughter away): Each month we publish as many reader's letters as space allows and very often we publish those which we do not personally agree with. It's the Purbeck community's paper, not our personal 'rant-mag'. Many write in with regards to Brexit. You may not like who writes

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and what they write, but that's the lovely free world we live in. You must have somehow missed the huge number of pro-Brexit letters we've published over the past two years, Jenny. The Advertiser has indeed closed their Swanage office and we, of course, wish them the best of luck for the future..... Anyway, must get back to the propaganda and power...!!! Mwah, mwah, mwah!!!

Buy A Knitted Volunteer!



Dear Readers,

Royal Voluntary Service knitted volunteers now for sale!

After spending two weeks on display at Dorchester Library and Learning Centre as ambassadors for the Royal Voluntary Service and being much admired and appreciated by visitors to the library, our knitted volunteers big and small have now returned to the office in The Old School House, 49 High West Street, Dorchester.

They are waiting patiently for people to buy them and give them a new home, and to raise some money for our charity.

Prices range from £2 for a small doll, £3.50 for a couple, and £4.50 for the large knitted dolls. All money raised will go directly to the work of the Royal Voluntary Service, and donations will be gratefully received. For more information please call the office on 01305 236666.

Kind regards, Maria Jacobson, Service Manager, Dorset Home Library Service, Royal Voluntary Service.

Compassionate Christmas

Dear Readers,

Animal Aid is calling on the public to extend the season of goodwill to all animals, including turkeys. Every year, around 10 million turkeys are slaughtered for Christmas dinners in the UK. The vast majority of these animals will have come from a factory farm, where they are forced to live in filthy, crowded sheds for their short existence.

Animal Aid investigations on turkey farms have found untreated injuries, dead animals, and turkeys attacking one another in the stressful, cramped conditions.

Turkeys have been selectively bred to grow so fast, so quickly that they can suffer many health problems - including cardiovascular conditions, and painful leg disorders.

Of course, regardless of where the turkeys spend their very short lives, they are sent to the abattoir to face a brutal and terrifying death. However, the good news is that there are so many delicious plant-based alternatives to meat and other animal products, that simply switching to a cruelty-free alternative has never been easier. Plant-based food is also much better for the environment.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Goodbye Debbie, I Must Leave You...

by David Hollister

A recent BBC 'South Today' programme reported that the current Chief Executive Officer of the Dorset County Council, Debbie Ward, applied for two jobs with the new Unitary Council but was unsuccessful with both applications. One would have imagined that five years in the role of Chief Executive Officer would have suited her for almost any post in the new Council, but clearly those appointing executives to the Unitary Council thought otherwise.

As a result, poor Debbie is being made redundant due to Local Government Reorganisation, the process whereby the number of Chief Executives in Dorset is cut from four to just one. But rather than hang around and see the job to its conclusion, Debbie is leaving on 30th November; her place is being temporarily filled by Mike Harries, the current Corporate Director for Environment & Economy.

Debbie is the DCC's first female chief executive, and has been credited with leading a transformation of the way in which the County Council delivers its services. So, as regards the appallingly disorganised 'Dorset Waste Partnership' and the ineffective and extravagant 'Dorset Highways', let alone the crazy discrepancies between the salaries of the Council bosses and the salaries of the workers and the remorselessly increasing Council Tax bills, the buck stopped with Debbie. In her defence, Debbie has not asked for anything other than the entitlements which the local government reorganisation policy provide for her if she is unable to find another position within the Unitary Council before her planned leaving date. That's almost £130,000 redundancy pay, around £40,000 payment in lieu of thirteen week's notice, and the right to receive her pension benefits early, that's around £300,000. Total golden goodbye £470,000. Of our money. In her place I would be on my knees praying that no-one found me a suitable position before 30th November, so that I could leave with my £470,000 and enjoy a Christmas in much more comfortable circumstances than so many Council workers will be able to afford.

I am advised that Dorset County Council has been named by the Tax Payers Alliance as the local authority with the most employees on more than £100,000 in the south west. Twenty five officers in Dorset, and that excludes Bournemouth and Poole, were awarded – and I didn't say 'earned' 'remuneration in excess of £100,000. I have to assume the part of the responsibility for this lies either with Debbie Ward, or with the current Council Leader, Rebecca Knox, who, if she has ever been to Purbeck, certainly keeps quiet about it.

I for one am glad to see the back of Debbie Ward, and can only hope that a good many more of these overpaid executives follow on her heels, even though it may take a few years for the Council's limited resources to recover from the financial impact of redundancy payments and early pension benefits. I wonder how many potholes could have been filled, how many teaching assistants, social workers or trainee police officers could have been employed, for £470,000? But when it comes to County Council, it's a case of the "Three Ups". Put Up, Pay up and Shut Up.

Each month, I read of yet more and more despicable crimes happening here in Purbeck. Charity boxes stolen, cars wantonly vandalised, cemeteries desecrated, and this month we learn that a valuable Dorset community project, the Veterans' Forge in Corfe Castle, has been broken into and £4000-worth of tools stolen. That's what Debbie Ward takes home in two whole weeks. This little local organisation offers help, training and employment to ex-service personnel, many still suffering from the mental and physical damage of their years serving our country. They were working on – and still hope to complete – the metal poppies for a display in Swanage, along with parts for the Armistice Day beacon on Ballard Down. But they are soldiers – like those they're helping to commemorate – and have vowed to 'soldier on'.

I know that they feel numb that people are stealing from their own community, but looking back over past months, I think we all feel numb that certain elements in our community still appear to be willing to defecate on their own doorsteps. I'm sure that in due course the police will let us know the results of their investigations, but in the meantime they are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in the area on the night of Tuesday 6 November to contact police. They would also like to hear from anyone who comes across specialist blacksmith tools or equipment being offered for sale in unusual circumstances. Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55180180224.

We, as a community, need to stop this sort of crime in its tracks. Don't automatically assume that it's got to be people from 'over the water' or 'itinerant travellers'; someone knew where the Veterans Forge was – well hidden away – and what they could expect to find inside. One way we could all help is to simply stop buying second-hand goods unless they come from a Charity Shop or some other well-regulated and well-documented source. Say 'no' to doorstep salesmen!

Yet it's the way of the world, isn't it? We all tut tut about government austerity, cuts to this, no funding for that, yet we all moan about paying tax and strive to avoid doing so, usually but not always legally. How often have you said to a trader "how much for cash?" meaning 'lose the VAT and I don't want a receipt.' I think that if we were more confident that those in charge of the purse strings at national and county level were using our money wisely, we might be more inclined to contribute our share.

I actually met Veterans' Forge organiser, William Spicer, and various members of the Forge project at Kingston Country Fair, held this summer in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. It was a super fair, let down only by the astonishing hot weather which resulted in almost everyone preferring to go to the beach. Yet over £9000 was raised, which is why I am so disappointed to learn from the organisers that it is not going to go ahead in 2019.

Sooner, rather than later, all these voluntary organisations will simply disappear without support from us all.

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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 October

A delegation of Friends of Wareham Hospital lobbied the Town Council for support in the fight for a Hub on the Middle School site.

Although dismayed by the closure of beds at the hospital and saddened by the loss of the associated staff, the Group is determined to keep pushing for the best possible health and social care for the people of Purbeck.

This means retaining locally all the services currently provided at the hospital and providing fit-for-purpose premises for the GP's. It means ensuring that the housing units for temporary accommodation on the Middle School Site do not infringe on the land needed for an effective Hub. The Council unanimously passed a resolution of support.

Repairs to the roof structure at 2 Mill Lane will cost £12,000. If the Town Council were to use its Reserve Fund, little would remain to cover other unforeseen expenses, so it will apply for a loan from the Public Works Board to be repaid over 5 years, the total interest being £673.

Purbeck Citizens Advice had asked for a Councillor to join its new, fundraising Friends Group. Northmoor Action Group had been invited to participate in the renovation of the sensory garden at Hauses Field. Wareham won Silver Gilt and only narrowly missed Gold in the Britain In Bloom competition.

Following a planning application to remove a cedar tree from St Martins House garden, Councillor Osmond suggested that prospective tree planters should consult the Tree Officer to ascertain suitable species. Councillor Green asked that the Town Council approach NatWest to find out whether a banking van could call at Wareham and possibly also Swanage, Wool and Corfe Castle.

Along with prospective purchasers the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, had viewed the former NatWest premises and reported that they had been gutted and were in an expensive state of disrepair.

The Tree of Light will be lit at Wareham Hospital at 4pm on Friday 7th December and on 9th December Father Christmas arrives with the Wareham procession.

The public is welcome to attend the next meetings of the Town Council on Monday 10th December and Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm in the Town Hall.

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The principal beneficiary this year was the Lexi May Trust, set up as a memorial fund to help seriously ill young people fulfil a wish or dream that might not normally be available to them. A worthy cause indeed that 41 Club are proud to support. For more information, see the website at: theleximaytrust.co.uk

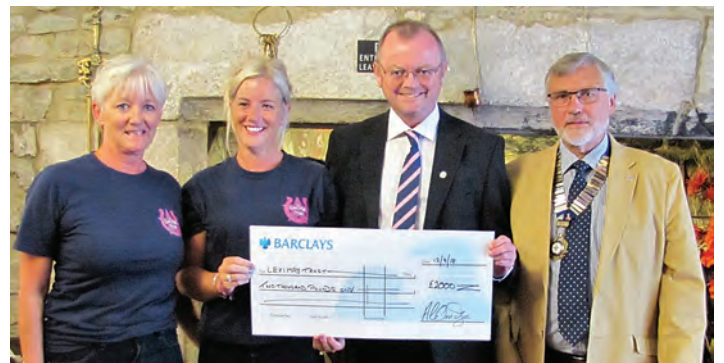
Planning for Beerex 2019 is well advanced, with some casks of ale and cider already sponsored but more sponsorship needed please!

The main beneficiary is The Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation (PYCF), which has been responsible for the running of Wareham's Youth Centre.

Now that funds have been withdrawn by Dorset County Council, PYCF a registered charity, needs to raise £55,000 per annum to continue its much-needed service for the young people of Purbeck.

Please help Beerex to raise a considerable to put towards this excellent organisation with your support and sponsorship!

For further information on how to join in by sponsoring this event, please contact the Sponsorship Officer by email at: warehambeerex@gmail.com



Friends Of Durlston 'Volunteer Group Of The Year'

The Friends of Durlston Country Park have been crowned one of the Dorset Volunteer Groups of the Year. The group's contribution to reimagining the Victorian landscape of Durlston Park has been recognised in the Dorset Volunteer Awards.

The award, which was presented by Lady Emma Fellowes, also celebrates the 30 years of work by volunteers who work alongside Dorset County Council's ranger team to support the ongoing running and development of Durlston Country Park.

Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet member for the Natural and Built Environment said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Durlston who work so hard behind the scenes to keep it such a special place. Durlston has become a vital asset for the local community as well as visitors, and it's lovely to see volunteers' work there being recognised with this award."

Founded in 1988, the group now has over 800 members who have contributed over 10,000 hours of volunteer time to the park and national nature reserve, with duties including dry stone walling, visitor services, running activities for children and fundraising.

While many Friends live in the local area, members come from all over the world and range from young families to people in their nineties – and they come together to conserve and enhance Durlston for wildlife and people for generations to come.

The group was instrumental in the successful redevelopment of Durlston Castle and is a key supporter of the new Durlston Pleasure Grounds project, which will offer many new opportunities for volunteering and



training, especially for people with disabilities, older people and teenagers. Chair of Friends of Durlston, Catherine Olive, said: "This award is a great tribute to the many people of all ages and backgrounds who give up their time to volunteer. Durlston is home to a wide variety of wildlife and provides a perfect escape in our busy world. I feel very proud to be part of it and to see just how much Friends get out of volunteering."

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Interested? Then why not contact Flt Lt Mary Brennan at: oc-2185@aircadets.org or call in at Wareham Headquarters St Martin's Lane Wareham BH20 4HF on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm, or see us at the Swanage Headquarters at Court Road, Swanage BH19 1JU on Monday evenings 7-30-9-30pm.

Kind regards, Gary, Treasurer, Welfare Committee

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View from the Lookout

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This goes on the notice board at the bottom of the lookout steps and in our display room as well as on the watchkeepers' noticeboard. It's not unusual to see visitors heading straight for the noticeboard to check the day's tides.

Most people know we get high and low tides twice a day, but we often get asked to explain the terms "spring tide" and "neap tide". The tides with the biggest difference between high and low water are called springs and those with the smallest are called neaps. Despite the names we get spring tides and neap tides twice a month.

The reason we get these differences is all to do with the way the moon, the earth and the sun line up. Tides are caused by a combination of the earth's rotation and the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun on the earth.

Spring tides happen just after every full and new moon, when the sun, moon and earth are in line. That's when the sun and the moon reinforce each other's effect, making a bigger total tide. Neap tides occur when the moon is in the first or third quarter - when the sun, earth and moon form a right angle. The effect the moon has is partly cancelled out by the effect of the sun, giving a small total tide.

The shape of the coastline and the bathymetry (water depth) result in different tide times and heights around the coast of Britain. The highest tidal range (the difference between high and low tide) is in the Bristol Channel and can be as much as thirteen metres. In our area the tidal range is between half a metre during neap tides increasing to one and a half metres during spring tides.

Things are further complicated in Swanage by the presence of a double high tide. We get a second, usually lower high water just after the first high tide. If you ask an "expert" for the reason for this, you'll often get a variety of answers. To stop the Gazette getting a flood of letters about this, if you want to know more pop up to the lookout and talk to the watchkeepers!

If you want to know more about the tides, I can recommend a book by William Thomson. It's called 'The Book of Tides: A Journey Through the Coastal Waters of Our Island'. I know that Swanage Pier have a copy in their wonderful new shop!

Tides play a major role in anyone using the sea, whether it's an angler, a fisherman, a sailor or diver. Get the tides right and you have an enjoyable day, get it wrong and you may need to call out the emergency services!

Tides are generally very predictable and so planning your day out is simply a case of checking the local tide tables. They're normally available in angling shops, bookshops, tourist information shops and a variety of local outlets.

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Out Of The Blue



December is upon us and as usual we have been busy listening and acting upon what you have had to say.

PURBECK DISTRICT NORTH - You Said - There has been an upsurge in anti-social behaviour in the Upton area by local youths.

We did - Our team conducted additional patrols during prime times at key locations such as Upton Co-op, the triangle and recreational ground. Colleagues from across the force supported us. Parents were spoken to and partner services such as housing and social services were brought in where necessary. Protection and behavioural orders were also issued.

We are pleased to report that our enhanced presence was well received by the general public. Street corner meetings held in the evenings, gave us the opportunity to speak to residents and provide reassurance. Local young people were spoken to who positively engaged with Police. The action has reported in a decline in reports of anti-social behaviour.

PURBECK - As Christmas is fast approaching, we like to reiterate our crime reduction advice around burglaries both residential and shed/beech huts. Burglaries traditionally rise around Christmas with crooks on the lookout for those expensive items bought as presents or festive treats, TVs, tablets, phones, bikes, etc.

We would also strongly recommend that those with heating oil tanks review their security as we tend to see this type of theft rise at this time of year, as people fill their tanks ready for winter.

As we draw nearer to the winter/festive period we will be pushing this campaign on social media and during other events we hold. We always encourage people to join Home Watch/Neighbourhood Watch or even consider becoming a co-ordinator.

Home Watch isn't just about crime, it's about looking after vulnerable neighbours, being involved in the community and perhaps being aware of those who are more likely to become a victim of crime than others.



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And on a lighter note - Dorset Police wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas!

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/>

Cumulus Safety Awareness Raises Cash

Safety at sea awareness for young students enables RNLI donation

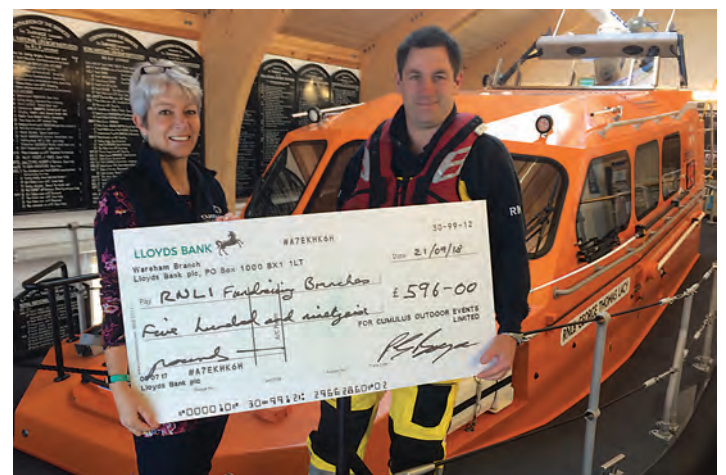
Following another successful season running adventure residential camps for schools, Cumulus Outdoors, based in Swanage and Wareham, were delighted to be able to make a donation of £596 to the RNLI.

Part of the adventure programme for the young students includes fishing with Swanage Seafishing, followed by a walk to the Swanage Lifeboat Station to learn more about how it operates and to create greater awareness of safety at sea.

Tom Campbell-Hill of Cumulus Outdoors said: "Like everyone else, we're very proud of our local lifeboat and the dedicated crew and team that supports it.

As well as enjoying the experience, the students have benefitted from learning more about the role of the RNLI and the vital role it plays along our coasts."

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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

December 2008's edition of the Purbeck Gazette featured a stunning image of Lulworth Castle in a snowy setting, along with headlines regarding David Cameron's visit to Swanage and big cats apparently roaming wild in Dorset....

In December 2008's letters pages, reader John Buck responded to Mya Pope-Weidemann's August 2008 column regarding the ridiculous and long-standing difficulties faced by sea-farers in coming ashore at Swanage - a seaside town surrounded by the sea, yet with a complete lack of acceptable facilities available for those wishing to securely moor-up, come ashore and enjoy what the town has to offer.

John stated he had over forty years' experience in the leisure marine industry and agreed that Swanage was the perfect location to offer safe moorings for visiting yachts and motor cruisers. Whilst accepting that the bay is exposed to strong winds, John stated that the holding ground is fair and, should acceptable facilities be provided, the area would be very popular indeed with sea-farers. John reiterated the suggestion that Swanage requires a marina or yacht haven at best, and at the very least, visitor moorings and a dingy pontoon for tenders.

John stated that contrary to apparent local opinion (when the mooted marina faced such strong local opposition and never got off the starting blocks), most visitors arriving by sea do indeed tend to come ashore, hit the town, shop, eat, and generally spend money. Surely something we should have welcomed as a seaside town?



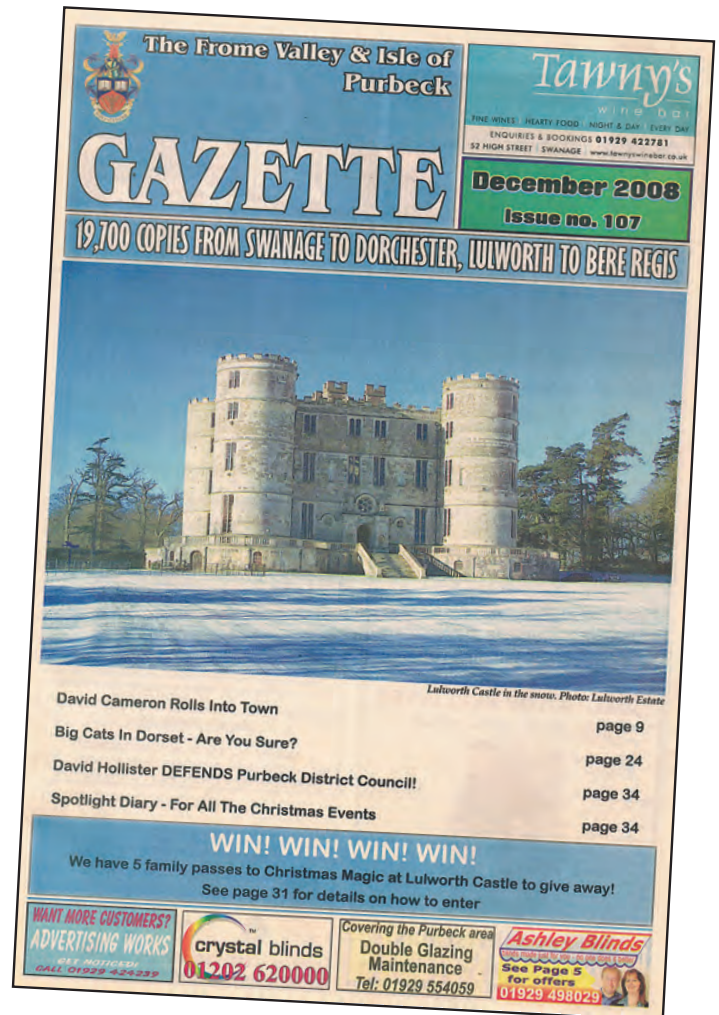
Then-leader of the Conservative Party, David Cameron, visited Swanage on November 14th 2008 during a whistle-stop tour researching grass roots opinions on the state of the economy and the knock-on effects of the credit crunch.

David met members of the local Federation of Small Businesses and spent some time chatting to locals at Swanage Railway Station. David is pictured above, enjoying an impassioned discussion with then-owner of Avenue Garage in Swanage, Steve Poultney, with local builder, Les Williams watching on in the background.

Purbeck District Council ran editorial on the current public consultation into future affordable housing provision in Purbeck. Councillor Mike Lovell, Housing and Social Issues Spokesperson, stated: "Once adopted, these documents will help enable the delivery of increased affordable housing across the district, meeting key objectives of Purbeck Community Strategy and Parish and Town Plans of enabling affordable housing for local people." Mike was referring to several impressively-titled documents which, when enacted, would enable the provision of affordable housing for locals....

Thankfully we can now rest easy as over the past ten years, we have undoubtedly built truly affordable housing for all of those requiring a home locally... or perhaps not!!

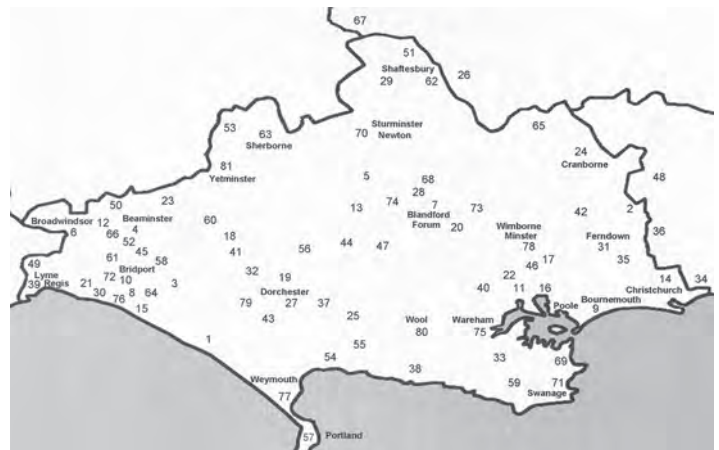
We ran a review of Merrily Harpur's book, 'Roaring Dorset! Encounters with Big Cats' in the December edition. Packed-full of eye witness accounts gathered from across Dorset, 'Roaring Dorset!' grouped the witness descriptions into area, including detailed information on where and when the sightings took place. Merrily attempted to answer questions such as: Where are these cats? Where did they come from? Where do they go?



How do they avoid capture? and so on... Below is a map created by Merrily which shows the reported sightings in Dorset (as of 2008).

In the spirit of assisting in the gathering of evidence of the existence of these cats roaming Dorset, we offered a £20 cash reward (ooohhh!) to the reader who managed to capture a large cat locally on camera. As yet, no one has provided us with the photographic proof of a sighting locally, so the £20 remains ours at this point in time.....!

Lulworth Rangers published an article encouraging locals to keep an eye out for hedgehogs and to report any sightings as they felt that they were becoming noticeably less abundant. They were right and ahead of their time in noting the drop in numbers - in February this year it was reported nationally by wildlife charities that hedgehog numbers have declined by half since 2000. The Rangers also reported on the renovation of the view point at Stair Hole and the Coast Path to Durdle Door, due to take place during that coming winter.



Wareham Library's Spooky Storytime!



As part of our half term holiday events, Wareham Library led a spooky story time walk around Priory Meadow.

Staff and children dressed up for the event and along with fabulous input from parents, everyone had great fun acting out characters and using wonderful sound effects to bring our spooky story book to life.

The walk was based on a book by Linda Williams about a little old lady who wasn't afraid of anything. She finds a series of items as she walks home through the forest.

The items magically come to life and follow her, making her more afraid. She eventually collects all the items and makes them into a useful

scarecrow. The event was well-attended and children as well as adults had a very enjoyable time.

"It was such a creative session and the children had an amazing time." said one parent of two young children.

"It was great to see parents as well as the children really engaging in the story as we clomped, swished and boo'd our way around Priory Meadow!" said library assistant, Melissa.

Library opening hours: Monday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday 9.30am to 2pm (self service) 2pm to 6.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm (self service), Thursday 9.30am to 5pm, Friday 9.30am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 12.30pm, 12.30pm to 4pm (self service).



The Friends of Wareham Hospital are grateful for the continuing help we receive within the community of Wareham/Purbeck as we work with local organisations to get the best possible health and social care we can for our local population.

We have increased our range of support to include community services and will continue to highlight and support the many important out-patient services which are held within Wareham Hospital and which we hope will be transferred to the proposed new Hub.

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Remembrance In Purbeck 2018

Remembrance in Purbeck was a huge affair this year, mainly co-ordinated by the super-human otherwise known as Frank Roberts, among many others. William Spicer of the Veteran's Forge also put in an extraordinary amount of work, creating the hand-cast and handpainted poppies which were placed in the grounds of St Mary's Church in Swanage, as pictured above. Pictures on this page all by Tim Crabb (thanks Tim!).

Next month (when he's had a rest!), Frank will give us a full run-down of events and we'll share a lot more images of the packed and emotional fortnight-long programme, but for now, we're just going to share a few beautiful images of this year's events. We also received this short note from a reader, which we also wanted to include:

Dear Gazette, Attending the evening candlelit Commemoration with the tolling of 100 bells at St Mary's church in Swanage, I couldn't help but notice to the right of the tower was the Planet Mars, being particularly close to Earth this year. Mars the War Planet. Think Holst's Planet suite: Mars: The bringer of War. A poignant moment for us all to ponder. J Morino



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Monday 24 Dec	No change
Tuesday 25 Dec	Thursday 27 Dec
Wednesday 26 Dec	Friday 28 Dec
Thursday 27 Dec	Saturday 29 Dec
Friday 28 Dec	Monday 31 Dec
Monday 31 Dec	Wednesday 2 Jan
Tuesday 1 Jan	Thursday 3 Jan
Wednesday 2 Jan	Friday 4 Jan
Thursday 3 Jan	Saturday 5 Jan
Friday 4 Jan	Monday 7 Jan
Monday 7 Jan	Tuesday 8 Jan
Tuesday 8 Jan	Wednesday 9 Jan
Wednesday 9 Jan	Thursday 10 Jan
Thursday 10 Jan	Friday 11 Jan
Friday 11 Jan	Saturday 12 Jan
Monday 14 Jan	No change

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Thank you for recycling!

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Motoring

Mazda 2 - Non, je ne regrette rien!

by David Hollister

In the many years that I've contributed Motoring articles to the Purbeck Gazette, I've driven well over fifty new cars, by courtesy of friendly dealers who have recognised the value of an independent critique of their new models.

Most articles ended 'would I buy one' and only a very few got through the 'can we part Hollister from his money' test. The original 2003 Corsa led to my buying the brilliant 1.8 SRI which served me well for twelve years until it began to be expensive to maintain. Both the MX5s driven resulted in a purchase, but when the Corsa left, I realised we needed a proper family car as well as my MX5 fun toy.

We've always favoured Mazda for reliability – had over ten in the family over the years – so we looked carefully at the Mazda 2 range. I've always believed that if you're buying a new car, you should try and get the very top of the range so that you don't spend the next ten years either regretting you didn't or bolting on cheap after-market goodies.

Knowing this, the manager of Magna at Canford Cliffs lent us a top-of-the-range 115 bhp sport-nav demonstrator for the weekend and told us to go away and enjoy ourselves. Which we did; a superb trip up the Wye Valley with both of us driving – after all, it was going to be a family car! So, in October 2015 I wrote a piece for the Gazette entitled "hooked" because we really had been. And because manager Barney Steele really was a great fisherman.....

It's a really stunning little 5-door family hatchback with everything we could wish for. Yes, the car we borrowed and subsequently bought had every single top-of-the-range feature and cost around £17,300 as opposed to the standard base model at £13,500 but every additional penny was well spent. The 1.5 SKYACTIV-G is one of the cleanest cars in its class, producing only 117g/km CO₂; road tax is only £30 p.a.

This Mazda 2 competes against the Fiesta, Corsa, Polo, Yaris, Micra and Clio. And having driven most of those on test over the years, in my book the Mazda is a winner. Which is why when we took the demonstrator back, we ordered one there and then.

So that was then, and this is now. Three years and 20,000 miles later. Tina uses it the most, for shopping and social purposes, and can find no fault with it. Over the 3 years she's achieved 47.7 mpg as opposed to the advertised 56.5 combined cycle. That's 84.4% which is right at the top of our comparison list over the years. Possibly because she's doesn't have such a heavy right foot as me.

Yet it's great fun to drive. It's non-turbo, with a huge compression ratio of 14.1; it revs freely and has a really good throttle response, but quiet and economical at normal legal cruising speed. And it goes exactly as fast as you ask it to within the confines of common sense and current road-safety legislation, cos' you never know who's watching!

Over the years, when either of our Mazdas has been at Magna for annual service and maintenance, they've always lent us a Mazda 2 courtesy car from the range; I have to say that every one has been a pleasure to drive.

I'm not going to go into the numerous safety features and extras available as you can get that information from the brochure. But this article is a report on our own little car, and how much we've enjoyed owning it; I genuinely can't think of any of its competitors that I have driven that would be quite as good; yes, it's top-of-the-range but it was our conscious choice to spend a little more and get a lot more in return.



I think it looks really smart with 16-inch wheels, and LED daytime running lights. The Sat-Nav is idiot-proof and the sound system – with Bluetooth and USB inputs – is more than adequate because there's little wind or engine noise to challenge it. The engine is so quiet that occasionally I find myself forgetting to change from 4th – 5th – 6th; thankfully, there's a useful digital reminder!

I like the cruise control although on the 'pretty roads' which we prefer, there isn't much chance to use it. Soft leather covers the steering wheel and gearlever, and all the switches and knobs feel sturdy. The wipers turn on automatically when it rains; the lights come on automatically when it gets dark. Regrettably there is no Jelly Baby dispenser.....

The centre instrument is a rev counter incorporating a digital speedometer. I really love the blind spot monitoring, cross traffic alert and a superb pop-up 'active driving display' which actually shows your speed – and some sat-nav directions as well – right in the driver's eye-line. These are real aids to safety. Brilliant. Part of the £400 Safety Pack, and worth every penny. And how did we manage before i-stop !

There's also a trip computer with all sorts of information at your fingertips. The touch-screen doesn't operate while the car's moving; instead, most of the on-screen equipment is operated by a handy 'joystick knob' situated on the central panel just where your hand falls when you take it off the wheel. No fumbling around! Keyless ignition, auto-stop-start, this new Mazda 2 has it all!

One of my favourite features is the 'walk away locks' which mean that I can keep the key safely attached to my belt all the time and know that the car locks itself when I go more than two metres out of range. Getting back in is simple; a little black button on the door handle and you're in!

The boot will take 280-litres with the rear seats in place, or 960-litres with them folded. That's a lot of Waitrose bags! However, there's an annoying step up in the boot floor when you fold the rear seats. The car came with a 'squirty kit' so my first and only 'bolt on extras' were a jack and a proper spare space-saver spare wheel, which we've only had to use once.

When the 2 was a new model, many of its mechanical and electrical components had been proven in other cars in the Mazda range so the 'bugs' had been ironed out already. I'm never worried when Tina goes out in it alone; it has a four-star Euro NCAP crash test score; all models have six airbags.

Mazda's reputation for durability and reliability is legendary. We've regrettably discovered that even the smallest impact with roadside stonework can lead to big bills for our insurers; thank goodness for protected NCB – and it really makes us drive in a safer manner.

To sum up – non, je ne regrette rien – and if I had to do it all over again, I'd do it just the same. Talk to Simon or Barney at Magna – 01202 701222 – get a brochure, take a test drive of a new or used Mazda 2. You'll be really glad you did!



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Magna Deposit Contribution	£500
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Interest	£2,615.25
Interest rate	2.11%
Representative	4.1% APR
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Duration of the agreement	43 months

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Mazda Range: Urban 31.7 (8.9) - 65.7 (4.3), Extra Urban 46.3 (6.1) - 80.7 (3.5), Combined 40.4 (7.0) - 74.3 (3.8). CO₂ emissions (g/km) 160 - 99.

The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results obtained through laboratory testing. These are provided for comparability purposes only and may not reflect your actual driving results.

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Track Santa's progress each night via the live link on www.swanagerotary.org.

Monday 3rd December

Victoria Avenue (Northbrook Road to Prospect Crescent), Prospect Crescent, Rabbling Road, De Moulham Road (Walrond Road to Rabbling Road), Walrond Road and Gannetts Park.

Tuesday 4th December

Dolphin Court, Cauldron Barn Road, Cauldron Crescent, Cauldron Meadows, D'Urberville Drive, Anglebury Avenue, and Wessex Way.

Wednesday 5th December

Ulwell Road (layby near vets to All Saints Church), Whitecliff Road, Moor Road, Parsons Close, Hill Road, Ballard Way, Bay Crescent, Bay Close, Ballard Road and Streche Road.

Thursday 6th December

Redcliffe Road, Victoria Road, Burlington Road, Seaward Road, Vivian Park, Bonfields Avenue, Battlemead, Cauldron Avenue, Beach Gardens and De Moulham Road (Bonfields Avenue to Cauldron Avenue).

Friday 7th December

High Street (Holmes Road to Benlease Way), Days Road, Holmes Road, Sydenham Road, Bay View, Higher Days Road, Benlease Way and closes off.

Saturday 8th December SWANAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET. 10am - 4pm

Monday 10th December

Locarno Road, Argyle Road, Hanbury Road, Court Road, Princess Road, Kings Road West (St. Mary's Church to Victoria Avenue), Linden Road, High Street (between Princess Road and Hillsea Road), Cecil Road, Morrison Road, Hendrie Close and Findlay Place.



Tuesday 11th December

High Street (Benlease Way to Jubilee Road), Jubilee Road, Shirley Close, Bell Street (Jubilee Road to Priest's Road), Marsh Way, Ash Close, Priest's Road (Marsh Way to Hillview Road), Hillview Road, Panorama Road, Quarry Close and Wills Road.

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Thursday 13th December

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Friday 14th December

Bell Street (Jubilee Road to High Street), Globe Close, High Street (Victoria Avenue to Cecil Road, Newton Manor Close, Hillsea Road, Newton Rise, West Drive, Steer Road, Victoria Avenue (High Street to Aigburth Road), Ancaster Road and Aigburth Road.

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Advance Booking for both Santa Specials and Christmas Belles is essential, and seats are selling fast so don't delay book today! The ever-popular Christmas Luncheon Dining Trains have sold out! After Christmas, steam trains run daily Wednesday 26th December to Sunday 6th January 2019.

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During a fantastic evening paying homage to Dorset's finest Tourism businesses, 'Create at the Cove' won Gold for 'Tourism New Business' and Silver for 'Best Learning Experience of the Year'. Matthew commented: 'We are absolutely blown away by the continuous positive feedback our customers give us. A Gold and Silver award within our first year is a truly amazing accolade.'

With many years of visitor attraction management experience between them, the pair joined forces and opened Dorset's first unique indoor craft attraction. 'Create at the Cove' offers visitors of all ages a choice of many different activities. Adults and youngsters alike can choose from an array of things to make and create from Paint your own Pottery, Decopatch, Sewing, Model Making and Sand Art – to name just a few!

"The concept is simple," says Stuart, "come and relax and unwind with us whilst spending quality time with your family and friends and unleash your creative side."

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Following a successful antiques valuation day held at Swanage Railway Station in October, the Winchester Auction Rooms of Andrew Smith & Son offered many of the items consigned by those attending, in their 30th October Fine Arts, Antiques & Interiors auction, with some excellent results.

A trio of medals to a Private in the East Lancashire Regiment, included both Queens and Kings South Africa medals for the Second Boer War, with bar for the Defence of Kimberley and with a Kimberley Star medal awarded only to those defending the mining town in 1899-1900 against the Boer forces. This is a highly collectable area of medal collecting, demonstrated by the auctioneers achieving a hammer price of £650, against a £300-400 estimate.

Another single Queens South Africa medal, consigned by the same Swanage attendee, made a hammer price of £220, again against a lower estimate, demonstrating the current level of interest in medal collecting.

Appearing from a carrier bag and presented to the auctioneers valuer, lighting up the Swanage Railway Station Foyer, a gilt bronze figure of a seated Amitayus, the Celestial Deity of Mahayana Buddhism. The 20 cm high figure bore a nine character mark for the Qianlong period (1711-1799) and was considered to be of the period, as opposed to the multitude of later versions bearing similar marks. Estimated at £500-1,000, Andrew Smith & Son received many pre-sale enquiries resulting in a satisfying hammer price of £2,400, followed by a 1915 Austrian 100 corona coin, despite the addition of a soldered-on suspension hoop for wear as a necklace, made £750 and a silver basting spoon by Peter and Anne Bateman made £100.



Gilt bronze figure – sold for £2,400



Trio of Boer War medals – sold for £650

Victorian Wedgwood green leaf plates, watches, books, pictures were among the many other items successfully consigned from Swanage residents and sold by Andrew Smith & Son.

Andrew Smith & Sons Christmas sale will be held on 11th & 12th December (see accompanying advert) and the auctioneers will hold another valuation day at Swanage Railway Station on Wednesday 9th January 2018. No appointment necessary and the auctioneers will be happy to arrange home visits for large items or collections. They can also advise values from photographs.

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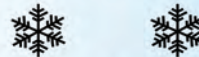
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Wild Mushroom Soup with Sherry & Thyme
Crunchy Croutons & Warm Bread

Pork & Chicken Pate with a Cranberry Topping
With toasted sourdough bread

Rosemary and Garlic Crusted Brie Wedges
With a sweet & sticky fig relish

Main Course

Fossil Farm Ribeye Steak

With chunky fries and a fresh basil hollandaise sauce

Mediterranean Style Seabass Fillets

With peppers, garlic, onions, olives and fresh lemon

Chicken Breast

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Or

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Christmas Pudding
with Brandy Sauce

Fresh Fruit Salad

Chocolate Profiteroles

Freshly Brewed Coffee with Cream
& Homemade Mince Pies

3 Course Menu

Roasted Vegetable Soup

With Croutons & crusty bread

Smoked Salmon & Watercress Tart

Served warm with cherry tomatoes & watercress salad

Duck Rillettes

A duck & pork pate with a hint of gin served on toasted sourdough
bread and a redcurrant compote

Halloumi Cheese Stuffed Peppers

Oven baked peppers with cous cous, halloumi, garlic and cherry tomatoes

Roast Dorset Turkey

With homemade stuffing, sausages wrapped in bacon,
served with gluten free gravy

Lemon & Herb Crusted Cod Loin

With a Provencal Sauce

Fossil Farm Braised Steak

Locally reared beef with a wild mushroom, pink peppercorn,
garlic & red wine jus finished with cream

Roasted Vegetable Wellington

With a red wine jus

*All served with seasonal vegetables & Roast Potatoes

Christmas Pudding
with brandy cream

Fresh Fruit Salad

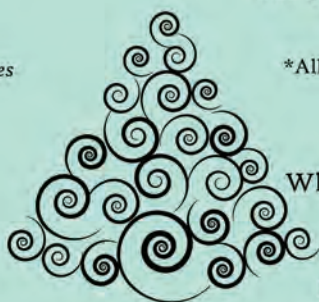
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With a winterberry compote

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The Autumn Budget

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond, announced his Autumn Budget on 29th October. This was the first Budget on a Monday since 1962 and Prime Minister, Teresa May, hailed it as the end to austerity and promised an extra £30bn for the NHS over the next five years.

The changes announced generally come into effect on 6th April 2019 and although the main changes are highlighted in the media, the less headline worthy details are also of interest to many people. I, am, therefore, covering the more commonly cited changes as well as some of the less obvious aspects of the Budget. The changes mentioned below all come into effect on 6th April 2019.

The basic rate Income Tax band will increase from £34,500 to £37,500.

The rules on the Dividend Allowance and Savings Allowance will not change.

The basic Personal Allowance will increase from £11,850 to £12,500.

The change to State Pensions is yet to be announced.

The ISA allowance remains at £20,000 although the Junior ISA allowance will be increased from £4,260 to £4,368.

Capital Gains Tax rates remain the same, but the full annual exemption will be increased from £11,700 to £12,000.

The Inheritance Tax nil-rate band will remain the same at £325,000. However, the Residence nil-rate band will increase from £125,000 to £150,000.

With uncertainty surrounding Brexit continuing, it is thought that the Spring Statement could become a full Budget depending on the outcome of Brexit.

Since the Budget was announced, controversially, it has also been announced that the Government are revisiting their plans to increase the Probate fees from the current standard of £155 via a solicitor (or £215 if applied for by family or friends) to a sliding scale depending on the size of the estate, with a maximum charge of £6,000 for estates worth £2million or more.

Probate fees are paid in order to give executors of an estate the legal authority (usually via a Grant of Probate) to administer the assets of an estate. This is less punishing than the previous suggestions when a maximum of £20,000 was mooted, but it is still a substantial increase and the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners calculate that 85% of estates will be paying more than compared to 2014/15.

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The tax treatment of pensions depends on individual circumstances and is subject to change in future. If you are in any doubt, you should seek professional tax advice. Occupational Pension Schemes are not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



Making Tax Digital – Are You Ready?

HMRC recently started to send out so-called 'encouragement letters' to businesses within the scope of Making Tax Digital for VAT (MTD for VAT).

The letters are being sent to 200,000 businesses which are eligible to join the current MTD for VAT pilot.

According to reports, HMRC is also sending letters to some VAT-registered businesses with a turnover just below the VAT registration threshold. However, the letters will not be sent to firms' agents.

The letters are being sent out in two waves. As part of the first wave, 20,000 letters were sent this week: a further 180,000 letters are set to be sent by HMRC during the week commencing 12 November.

Two versions of the letter are being used. The first version of the letter explains the changes to the way in which firms 'keep VAT records and submit their VAT returns to HMRC' under MTD for VAT. The second version will be a shorter letter and will supply businesses with advice on how to prepare for the introduction of MTD for VAT in April 2019.

HMRC stated that it is 'committed to writing to everyone within the scope of MTD for VAT', and that it aims to accomplish this by the end of November.

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Ellis Jones *Dealing with wills*

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Where a valid Will has been left then the Executors appointed under the Will shall have legal responsibility for dealing with the estate and we can provide them with the guidance needed to fulfil those responsibilities, including the various tax considerations, the Application for the Grant of Probate and any family matters which may arise.

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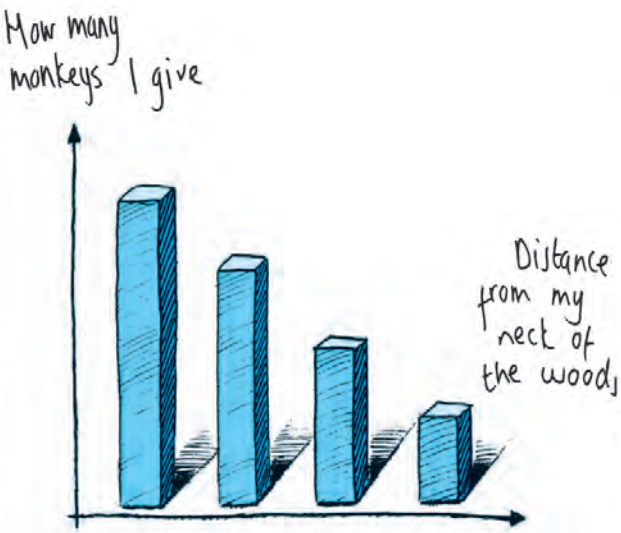
The various taxes to be considered include Inheritance Tax, Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. We are able to advise on the implications of these taxes on an estate and the necessary reporting required to HMRC.

We can also advise on Inheritance and Capital Gains Tax planning which may be required at this time, for example through the preparation of a Deed of Variation.

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When Should You Review Your Will?



Congratulations, you have prepared your Will!

However, you should ensure it is up-to-date. In what circumstances should you review your Will?

Change in your relationship status

You have married or entered into a civil partnership – any Will you have made before your marriage/civil partnership will automatically be revoked,

unless you made your Will in contemplation of your marriage/civil partnership.

You have separated – Is your ex-partner your main executor and beneficiary? This might not be what you want during the separation period.

You have divorced – Your Will still exists, but any gifts to your ex-partner will lapse and they will no longer be the executor of your Will if you so named them.

You are now cohabiting with your partner – Cohabiting couples do not have the same legal rights as married couples. Do you and your partner jointly own the property you are living in? If not, the surviving partner could be made homeless if the property is distributed according to the rules of intestacy.

Change in your beneficiaries' circumstances

Has one of your beneficiaries died or gone bankrupt? You probably want to avoid your estate passing to your beneficiary's creditors.

Is your beneficiary suffering marital problems? Any inheritance could form part of your beneficiary's matrimonial pot and be used to reach a fair financial settlement for both spouses upon divorce.

Change in the law

Pay attention to Budget announcements. Thankfully, Chancellor Philip Hammond made no major inheritance tax amendments in his Autumn 2018 Budget. The residence nil rate band is set to rise as planned from £125,000 to £150,000 in 2019 to 2020.

Other circumstances:

You now have children or grandchildren; there has been a change in your financial circumstances or your assets which might affect your inheritance tax position; there is a change in your executors' circumstances.

Passage of time

Even if none of the above changes apply to you, you should still review your Will every 3 to 5 years as you may find that your wishes and feelings have changed.

For advice about your Will and Estate Planning please contact Natalie Mason on 01929 500323 or natalie.mason@battens.co.uk or visit our Wills and Trusts page www.battens.co.uk/willsandtrusts



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From The Kitchen Garden...



Spice Cake

By Regula
Wright,
Godlingston
Manor Kitchen
Garden

We've not had any frosts yet as I'm writing this, but the promise of winter is hanging in the air.

I've been busy preparing the vacated plots for wetter times ahead and after clearing off the crop, I've mulched thickly with whatever I can get my hands on... mostly well rotted horse manure, garden waste compost and barley straw. So, when the raindrops hit the ground hard, this thick layer of mulch disperses the water and lets it seep in at a slower rate, thus less goodness is washed out.

The earth worms will be busy pulling all this good stuff deeper down and come spring time it'll nearly all have broken down and disappeared, any leftover big bits can just be raked off or dug in.

The roots of growing a green manure also help to keep the soil from being washed away in addition to adding nitrogen and/or increasing the hummus content once chopped down and dug in come springtime.

Now is a good time to plan which family of plants goes where, so crops are grown in rotation.

However, now is also the time to fix fences, after high winds have been battering the chicken enclosure and posts have become wobbly like milk teeth. The hens together with their ducky friends and the geese are free to scratch, peck and dabble wherever they like, being a very effective slug control of course.

I shall take advantage of a calm, sunny day to stick ripped poly tunnel bits back together again and wash down sides, so as much light as possible can get in.

From now on until about March, I'll also be pruning the blackcurrant and the gooseberry bushes. I cut out the old wood to ease congestion and try to shape the bushes in a way to make it easier for me to harvest the tasty soft fruit come July next year. This year's leaves have only just been blown off the branches and next season's buds are already there, ready and waiting to unfurl and start the whole cycle up again.

I'm already looking forward to it, but in the meantime, I shall also enjoy a proper sit down with tea and cake. At this time of year, a spiced cake is unbeatable.... warming cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves together with honey, orange peel and walnuts- it MUST be good for you!

SPICE CAKE

Ingredients:

125 g butter, soft
200g sugar

100g honey, liquid
3 egg yolks
1dl strong coffee, cooled down
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 pinch ground cloves
50 g each orange peel, diced dates, chopped walnuts
3 egg whites
1 pinch salt
350 g self raising flour
Icing sugar

Method:

Line a loaf tin with baking parchment. Stir together butter, 150g sugar, egg yolks and honey until smooth. Add coffee, spices, orange peel, dates and walnuts. Fold in flour.

Whisk egg whites with salt until peaks form, gently add the last 50 g sugar and keep beating until the mix becomes shiny. Fold gently into mix then put into tin and smooth down surface. Bake at 175C for around 40-45 minutes. Let the cake cool then sprinkle with icing sugar.

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Starters

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Smoked Salmon and Prawn Cocktail
Warm Roasted Pumpkin, Cashew Nut and Spinach Salad
Pork and Apple Pate with Toasted Brioche and Chutney

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey served with all the Trimmings.
Plaice Fillet stuffed with a Crab Mousse in a Cream, White Wine and Mushroom sauce.
Mixed Game Casserole with Redcurrant Jelly.
Aubergine Parmigiana Layers of Aubergine, tomato basil, mozzarella and Parmesan.

All served with Roast Potatoes, and Seasonal Vegetables.

Desserts

Christmas Pudding and Brandy Butter
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Winter Spiced Butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup with Parsnip Crisps.
Smoked Duck Breast and Vegetable Samosas with a Spiced Plum Chutney and Dressed Mixed Leaves.
Pork, chicken and Apricot Terrines served with Toasted Brioche and Tomato Chutney.

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey, served with all the Trimmings.
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Slow Roasted Belly Pork with a Sweet Potato Mash and a Sticky Toffee Apple Sauce.
Loin of Kimmeridge Lamb, with a Chestnut and Brandy Stuffing wrapped in Parma Ham. Served with a Minted Cream Sauce. (£3 supplement)
Fillet of Rose Veal Wellington Fillet of Veal topped with a Mushroom Pate wrapped in Filo Pastry. Served with a Madeira Sauce. (£2 supplement)
Whole Roast Partridge wrapped in Bacon with a Blackberry and Brandy Sauce.

Desserts

Aubergine Parmigiana
Layers of Aubergine, Tomato Basil, Mozzarella and Parmesan.
All of the above dishes are served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.

Desserts

Homemade Christmas Pudding and Brandy Butter
Mixed Berry Pavlova
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Natural Matters

PLASTIC

by John Garner

As we live by or near the sea, it is almost impossible to be unaware of the amount of plastic waste that ends up there. Of the 300million tonnes of plastic we produce each year, over half is used once, sometimes for next to no time at all, and then discarded.

At this rate it's inevitable that as the landfills can't cope and the plastic will end up in the lakes, rivers and seas. The surprise is really that we haven't been sufficiently aware of it sooner, the general public that is. The Scientists and environmental experts have been warning us for years.

Somewhere between eight million and twelve million tonnes a year ends up in the sea. It's very difficult to grasp these great amounts, but, in short it means disaster for just about any marine life you care to mention.

Marine habitats become endangered and then have a knock-on effect to marine life. Coral reefs, absolutely essential to marine life, have been drastically affected.

Animals are also ingesting plastic in sufficient degrees to kill them. Another issue is the arrival, effectively hitchhiking on plastic debris, of invasive species which would never have been able to reach our shores without the wasting plastic. Marine animals also ingest plastic inadvertently with life threatening consequences.

As the elements work away on the plastics, they break down into micro plastics forming tiny particles. These in turn absorb toxins that are passed through the food chain. In the past they have been in sufficiently small numbers as to not really affect us, but the concentrations have increased dramatically over the recent past and this dilution effect is no longer sufficient. In short, you and I are digesting plastic and associated toxins on a regular basis.

It's a mess. You can find dozens of pretty unappealing facts if you do a cursory search. You'll soon come to the conclusion that something needs to be done quickly.

So, what can we actually do to help this situation? The obvious starting point is at home. Reduce your plastic consumption. You could start with the coffee cup you get your daily jolt of caffeine in, should you choose the take away variety. And if it's a take away drink that you can have through a straw...don't. Plastic straws and stirrers can take up to two hundred years to break down.

Plastic bottles are the most prominent waste plastic product on our

beaches. Get a refillable bottle and fill it up from the tap at home. It will save you a fortune as well.

Don't use plastic cutlery. Nothing more to say on that one!

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One you might not have thought about is the use of tea bags. They are bound together with plastics. Use loose leaf tea or tea bags with no plastic in them. If, like me, you drink gallons of tea, this could be significant.

Chewing gum is basically a form of plastic. For all sorts of reasons, get rid of the gum - properly.

Try to buy goods without plastic packaging or at least with a minimum amount. Sometimes you have to do a bit of research to find out what things include plastic. It might be possible to change the way the supermarkets deliver and package their products. You can ask for bag-free deliveries and whilst these can add a few minutes to our unpacking times, this is surely a small price to pay?

You could also take part in a beach clean - either organised or not.

It's estimated that we could be eating 70,000 microplastics each year on average. That's about one hundred pieces per meal. This could be from car tyres, synthetic clothing, carpets and other synthetic fibres. These are in your food! Microplastics are even becoming more prevalent in tap water and bottled water.

I am not a scientist, but even a rudimentary grasp of the facts tells me I need to try everything I can to reduce plastic use, especially the single use plastics. So, I urge you to do your bit at home, do your bit outside the home and just generally think about the way you use plastic.

It's harder to cut out plastic use now, but if we all have a go the industries that use so much of them will have to change.

I'm sat here now typing away on a plastic keyboard, looking at a plastic screen, which is sat on a plastic covered desk on a synthetically covered floor, lit by bulbs housed in plastic lighting. It's not easy, but we can make a start with our single use plastics. Just to make the point again.

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Picture: plastic floating in our seas, by Andy Pearson



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Dorset National Park Update



An Opportunity for Dorset

The Government has asked Julian Glover to lead a review of Designated Landscapes: Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks. This review gives Dorset the opportunity to seek stronger national recognition of our outstanding landscapes and heritage and secure greater resources to benefit our communities, economy and environment. This can be achieved by upgrading the existing Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to a National Park partnership.



A National Park Prospectus

A draft Prospectus suggests how a National Park should benefit all of Dorset. It suggests that it should work with others as a catalyst for a living, working, thriving and sustainable Dorset by helping to promote action to benefit the environment, heritage, communities and the economy. It should promote Dorset products and services, attract new investment and businesses, develop a sustainable tourism strategy for the whole of Dorset, promote homes for local people and bring in new Government funding.

A Dorset National Park should work in close partnership with farmers and land managers to help the long-term viability of agribusinesses including through farm diversification, the adaptation of farm and forestry buildings, and through facilitating access to additional farm funding.

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December is not known as a time for flowers, however, it may be possible to catch sight of Winter Heliotrope flowering. This plant spends most of its life as a dense carpet of fleshy, kidney shaped leaves particularly seen about the Small Copse. Overwintering Redwing, our smallest thrush, will be visiting and seeking out wild fruits. It will be joined by fellow thrushes including flocks of Fieldfares as well as the more familiar Blackbird, Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush.

On the cliffs Guillemots will continue their winter visits to their breeding grounds, popping in, but not staying. Bullfinches can bring a welcome splash of colour within the scrub. Long Tailed Tits, Goldcrests, Chaffinches and a chance of a Hawfinch add to the variety. Jays are likely to harvest Holm Oak acorns from their autumn stores. Up to three thousand acorns could be buried by one Jay within a month! Numbers can be boosted by additional continental visitors. Great Spotted Woodpeckers may be viewed thanks to the reduced leaf cover.

Foxes are often more vocal at this time as they defend their territories prior to the mating season, sometimes giving three barks followed by a chilling scream. We had records of Bottlenose Dolphins during December 2016, so it might be worth keeping a lookout during this month.

A photograph dated 1908 shows a beautiful vintage scene of a snow covered Durlston Castle. Whilst we cannot predict Christmas Snow, we can offer you the opportunity to create your own seasonal scene during the Glass Engraving workshop. The mid-December Stargazing evening is scheduled to focus upon autumn and winter constellations.

This year's Christmas Pudding Plod on the 16th December is a sponsored fun run supporting Dementia Friendly Swanage and the Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project. Christmas costumes are encouraged to be worn by adult and junior participants alike – do sign up to run, or sponsor the brave team of Rangers and support these good causes.

Our Christmas Children's Trail might be equally appropriate for seasonal attire! This month's exhibition focuses upon Durlston Past. Kindly remember that the Castle will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day only.

Do visit our website or read our events leaflet for further details!

For more details of the above and booking, please visit: www.durlston.co.uk/events.aspx

Margaret Green Animal Rescue



It's Santa Paws time!

The annual Santa Paws Appeal in conjunction with Pets At Home and Support Adoption For Pets is back for 2018 and we can't wait to hopefully see you in store.

We've been selected by Dorchester and Bournemouth stores and will be in stores from the end of November right through until Christmas eve.

Make sure you pop in and say hello, to find out more about the work of Margaret Green Animal Rescue, how you can help us to care for around 1,200 animals a year and share some festive cheer!

We can't wait to see you!

You can also help make our rescue animals very happy this Christmas by filling a shoebox with animal goodies.

Our rescue animals have all written their lists to Santa and it would be great to give them all an extra treat this Festive Season whilst they are awaiting their Forever Homes. A present to open on Christmas day would make their day!

To view the individual lists please head to our website:

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/Shoe_Box_Appeal_2018

You can drop your shoebox off at our Church Knowle Rehoming and Visitor Centre, Wareham BH20 5NQ or Lincoln Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centres, Blandford DT11 9BP or at selected locations across the area – full details can be found online in the link above.

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So, consider carefully shape, soil type, overhead cables, views, exposure, shelter, shade, fruit, wildlife benefits, proximity to neighbours, flower and autumn colour before making your selection.

December to March is a great time to plant trees so long as the ground is not frozen or waterlogged. The earlier you plant them in the winter the higher the soil temperature and therefore the more roots it can grow before next spring.

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Proceeds from a retiring collection will be shared between the Renal Dialysis Unit, Dorchester, and Julia's House Children's Hospice.

With FREE admission and mince pies, as well as tea and coffee being available in the interval, this is an evening not to be missed!

The Town Band look forward to seeing you all and wish all readers a very merry Christmas indeed!



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The Handwritten Letter Appreciation Society

Do you love writing and receiving handwritten letters? Has it been a while since you put pen to paper? If so then you might like to be part of a handwritten letter revival.

Back on 26th October, The Handwritten Letter Appreciation Society celebrated its first birthday, and what a first year it's been. Swanage resident, Dinah Johnson, has had a lifelong passion for letter writing and wanted to make sure everyone experienced the joy of not only writing letters to someone special, but receiving them too, which encouraged her to set-up the society. One of the highlights of the year was receiving a letter

from Stephen Fry saying: "Bravo for setting up The Handwritten Letter Appreciation Society." Dinah says: "The best thing about the society has been making connections with so many interesting people and organisations from all over the world also keen to keep letter writing alive. It's lovely to know the art of letter writing isn't dead yet!"

To find out more and to join the society, visit:

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The Purbeck Mummers 2018 Schedule



The Purbeck Mummers will again be out and about in Purbeck and Poole during December, performing their two-hundred-year-old traditional Christmas time play.

This depicts the battle of good over evil or looking at it another way, it depicts the end of the year and the beginning of the new year.

Look out for us:

Sunday 9th Tour about Wareham, starting 12.45pm at the Quay Inn.

Wednesday 19th, Clay Pipe, Organford.

Thursday 20th, Black Bear, Wool, 8.15pm. Anglebury, Wareham, 9pm

Boxing day:

12 noon, Corfe Castle Square

12.30pm, The Fox Inn

1.00pm, Bankes Arms

1.30pm, Castle Inn

2.15pm, Square and Compass Worth Matravers

During our play we will be collecting for local charities.

For more dates please check our web site:

www.wareham-tc.gov.uk/mummers/mummers_pages/schedule.htm



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What better way to celebrate Christmas than with "The Messiah"? Please join the Purbeck Arts Choir, Youth Choir and Orchestra on Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm in the stunning setting of St. Mary's Church, Swanage.

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Health & Beauty

Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

Flu season

With the flu season upon us I would like to share information on flu (influenza), preventing the spread of flu, and what would happen if you are an inpatient in the hospitals with flu.

Seasonal flu is not life threatening for most people and it usually lasts between 7 to 10 days. However, it can have a bigger impact on people in the 'at-risk' groups. These groups are:- elderly people (over the age of 65); pregnant women; people with heart, liver, lung, and kidney problems; diabetics; those people who have weak immune systems who are at risk of developing complications.

The most common symptoms of flu are:

A sudden fever,
Shivering,
Headache,
Muscle ache and,
Dry cough.

Many people confuse flu with a heavy cold; however, flu is usually a more severe illness than the common cold, which is caused by other respiratory viruses such as rhinovirus.

The best advice for treating flu in healthy people is to:

Rest,
Drink plenty of fluids

Take pain relievers such as paracetamol.

Most people can look after themselves at home until the illness goes away. It is important for you to monitor your health closely for a few days during this time. Good hand hygiene can help to reduce the transmission of all viruses, including flu.

If you are admitted to hospital with flu, precautions will be put into place to prevent the spread of the virus from you to other patients. Ways of limiting the spread of infection include frequent hand washing, cleaning equipment after use, and keeping the environment clean.

The hospital will move you into a single room or to an area with other affected patients to reduce the risk of spread to non-affected patients. Sometimes a single room is not available in which case you will be nursed in a ward with other flu patients. Staff will wear gloves, aprons, and facemasks when in contact with you. As a patient you may be asked to wear a facemask when going out for investigations e.g. for an x-ray.

We would like to keep visiting to a minimum when there are cases of flu on the ward. If you do have visitors, they must wash their hands on entering and leaving the ward and your room. Please do not visit other patients within the hospital or other areas within the Trust. Children should not visit the ward, and if your visitor has flu-like symptoms, they should not come into the hospital.

The best preventative measure that we can take to protect ourselves is to have the flu vaccine, as worryingly, we can carry the virus whilst not showing any symptoms, I would recommend anyone within the at risk group to have the vaccine and Dorset Healthcare encourage all our staff to have the vaccine to protect themselves, our patients and our families.

**Until next time, take care and keep well,
Matron Donna**



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Happy Christmas and a healthy 2019 to our friends and patients from the team at Swanage Medical Practice!

As we indulge our senses in the glory of Autumn our minds turn to Christmas and the joy that brings. For some this can be a time of loneliness and sorrow. The season of good will is a great opportunity to give some time to neighbours and friends who might be on their own. It's our time of year to offer you our sincere thanks for your patience and support. It has been a challenging year battling the storm of increased demand, funding constraints and GP recruitment. The positive feedback we continue receive from you is an immense boost that inspires us to provide the best possible care to this lovely community.

GP Recruitment.

In the new year we hope to have some good news for you, in the meantime we have been fortunate to have the support of Dr Jonathan Easterbrook and Dr Nayan Solanki who have valiantly stepped into the breach and have proved very popular with you all.

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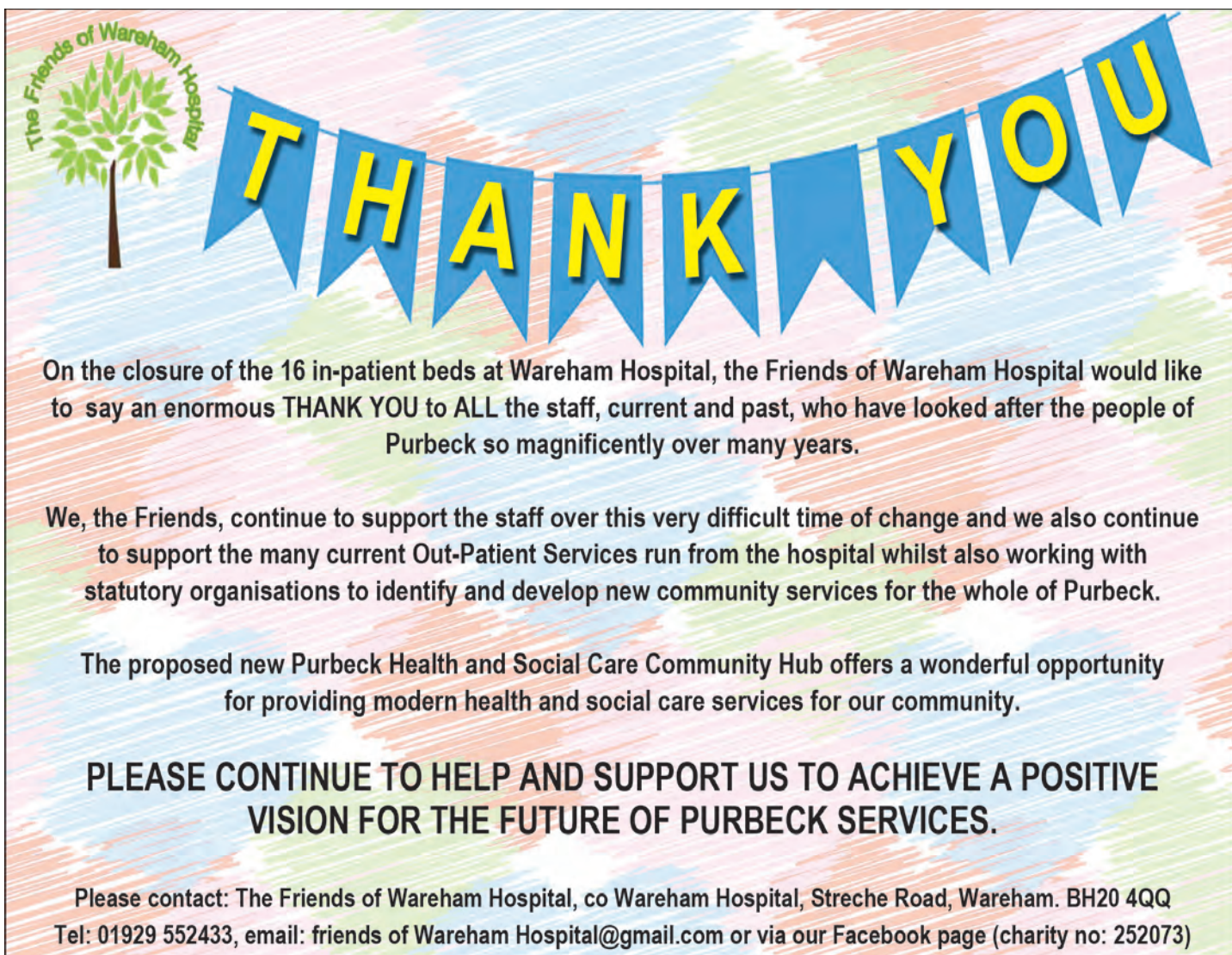
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On the closure of the 16 in-patient beds at Wareham Hospital, the Friends of Wareham Hospital would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to ALL the staff, current and past, who have looked after the people of Purbeck so magnificently over many years.

We, the Friends, continue to support the staff over this very difficult time of change and we also continue to support the many current Out-Patient Services run from the hospital whilst also working with statutory organisations to identify and develop new community services for the whole of Purbeck.

The proposed new Purbeck Health and Social Care Community Hub offers a wonderful opportunity for providing modern health and social care services for our community.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP AND SUPPORT US TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF PURBECK SERVICES.

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Sport



Swanage Bowls Club Report



SWANAGE BOWLING CLUB
Ladies bowling on the Dorset Coast

Promoted to Section I of the Bournemouth and District Saturday Mixed Triples League at the end of last season, the Swanage team followed up with a further successful campaign this term. Competing at the higher standard of play the team finished in a creditable mid table position thereby retaining a place in the top section for next season.

Our ladies did exceptionally well to reach the Final of the Edna Paisley league, playing Blandford Ladies at Wimborne. This was a tight match in which the team won one rink, lost on the other but unfortunately lost on the overall score. In the Dorset Ladies Bowling League our team won nine of their matches and lost five, resulting in a mid-table position at the end of the season.

In the Percy Baker Triples League final, the Swanage Men's team faced tough opposition from Wellworthy. After a tense and nail-biting match Swanage came out victors with a 36 – 31 win, carrying away a well-earned Trophy for the Swanage Trophy Cabinet! Swanage won seven games, drew one and lost six in the Men's Dorset League. Just another four points would have given them a 3rd place final position in the table but in their last match they were soundly beaten at West Moors.

In the B&D League, in their final match with relegation looming Swanage thrashed Braeside 118-38, their best win for years, but sadly it was not enough as rival relegation candidates also picked up valuable points. Next season, Swanage will be playing in Division 4 and face some long-distance fixtures at Downton, Fordingbridge and Ringwood.

To end our season the Club's Finals were impressive, competitive and great fun to watch. The winners were as follows:

Ladies Singles – Uta Keats

Men's Singles – Mike Barron

Ladies Pairs – Enid Ball and Margaret Highland

Men's Pairs – Brian Beeston and Mike Keats

Australian Pairs – Ro Bibby and Gordon Wallis

Ladies Handicap – Linda Wallis

Men's Handicap – Mike Barron

Curtis Trophy – Ro Bibby

Levi Cup – Tony Bell

Chosen Mixed Pairs – Uta and Mike Keats

Ladies 2 Woods – Sue King

Men's 2 Woods – Mark Sheppard

Mixed Triples League – Norman Love, Margaret Highland, Julie Lomas-Smith, Mary Vye, Kath Senior, Graham Smooker, Peter Davies, Tony Bell

Ladies Club Night – Lesley Fletcher

Men's Club Night – Sid Phillips

Our President, Brian Beeston was delighted to be able to present the local Multiple Sclerosis Society with a donation of £1,437.73; raised throughout the season from raffles, social events and a donation box for "mishaps" on the green!

Please take a look at our Facebook page; Swanage bowls Club or visit our website www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk.

You can also contact our Club Secretary, Barrie Tatman on 01929 421162 or our President Brian Beeston on 01929 289084 for more information.

Dorset Chess Blitz Championship



The second Dorset Chess Blitz Championship was held on Sunday, 16th September at Furzebrook Village Hall. As its name implies, Blitz chess is the fastest of the three forms of chess for which there is a Dorset championship – in Standardplay chess, each player has up to two hours on the clock in which to complete the game; in Rapidplay each player has thirty minutes and in Blitz each player has ten minutes.

Thirty players entered from across Dorset, Devon and Hampshire including Purbeck chess club members Derek Mount and Richard Quin. The players

were split into three groups of ten, based on their grades with the winner of group A becoming the champion.

The fast time limit meant we were able to play nine rounds, so each group was an all-play-all. Four rounds were played before lunch and five after. As has become a tradition in one-day Dorset chess tournaments, lunch was provided by Southbourne's Martin Simons, who provided a choice of chicken korma, sweet and sour chicken, chilli con carne and fish & chips – I'm convinced a lot of the players only come for the lunch! I should point out that Martin also helped with the organisation and played in the event!

With such a short time on the clock, there were many tales of woe during the day where players were winning but then blundered when in time trouble and ended up losing.

But despite that, everyone seemed to enjoy the day. All the groups were closely fought, particularly Group A which ended in a three-way tie for first between Paul Hampton (Seaton), Mark Littleton (Wimborne) and Martin Simons (Southbourne) – yes, despite doing all the cooking he still managed to come equal first! Local player Derek Mount came a creditable equal 2nd in group C.

A full list of winners can be found on the Dorset Chess website here:

<https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/2nd-dorset-blitz-has-30-competitors-and-is-a-success-3/>

Furzebrook village hall is a fantastic venue and many of the players made a point of telling me how much they enjoyed playing there. We'll certainly be back next year.

Steve Peirson, Tournament organiser.

Swanage Football Club



The First team results have been a little up and down so far this season. Our last fixture at the time of writing was a lively affair against Dorchester Sports, a team in and around us in the Dorset Premier League. So, we entered the game hoping for a good game and 3 points. We were not disappointed.

We took the lead after eighteen minutes with a superb goal from skipper and leading scorer Paul Best winning the ball and chipping the keeper with a superb shot. Swans deservedly doubled their lead when just before the interval Paul Best completed his brace with a header following a cross from Garip. H.T. 2-0.

Manager Tim Brown introduced new signing Charles Daries as a second half substitute and it took the French man only five minutes to make an impression when he created the third goal for his side with Paul Best completing his hat-trick.

Swans took their foot off the gas and the visitors scored two goals in two minutes to cause a nervous finish for the hosts. However, it was the home side who secured the points with a minute remaining, when debutant Charles Daries finished well, following good work from substitute Landers. The win was tarnished when outstanding performer Paul Best was harshly sent off following a challenge on a Sports defender Pat Thomas.

Tim Brown was delighted with good performances from debutant keeper Ben Hodder and striker Charles

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER:

- 01 - Holt United - Away - KO 2pm
- 04 - Poole Town Away KO 19:45 Dorset Senior Cup Quarter Final
- 08 - Gillingham Town - Away - KO 2.00pm
- 15 - Portland United Reserves - Away KO 2pm
- 22 - Bridport Town Reserves - Home KO 3pm
- 29 - Merley Cobham Sports - Home KO 3pm

The Reserves are having a real tough start to this season. We are looking for our first win, having lost all eight league games. With several of our reserve players progressing in to the first team, which is great, it leaves manager Andy Dunster struggling to field a squad capable of competing in Dorset League 1. In saying that it is still early days in the season and we are traditionally slow starters so there is still time to climb up the league.

The reserve fixtures haven't been published for December yet but just check our website if you'd like to come down and support. You will be given a very warm welcome.

We are constantly looking at different ways to raise funds, and Club Secretary Alison Newell has organised a fashion show which will include a live catwalk show and a chance to buy this season's High Street and branded fashion at bargain prices!

Included in the price is a glass of wine on arrival. All proceeds will be going towards our new development and improvements to support all of our teams. This will have happened by the time you read this, but Ali has the idea of making this a regular event, so keep an eye on this article and our social media for information of another similar event in the New Year.

We were delighted recently, to receive a letter from Gareth Davies, our former press officer and award-winning programme editor:

Dear Swanage Town & Herston Football Club,

Most kids growing up want to be a professional footballer and whilst I had genuine aspirations to be the next Luther Blissett, I was never that good, despite my gold Puma King boots!

In fact I enjoyed watching football more than playing and when I was 18, I was offered a place to study Sports Journalism at Northampton University.

For one reason or another I never took up that opportunity and for many years, I often thought my dream job of working as a sports journalist would always be an aspiration and would never become reality.

Back in 2009, something changed however as your then Chairman and my good friend Adrian Bishop, who knew of my interest in the media, asked if I would like to help the club with the Days Park matchday programme.

I jumped at this opportunity and quickly, 'The Swan' became renowned as one of the best programmes in the DPL.

Naturally, the committee then asked if I could oversee all press related matters, which included social media channels and the official website – I think I even ended up driving the mini-bus to an away game once, but that's for another day!

In 2013, it's a well-known fact that the club endured some very turbulent times and I decided to relinquish all my roles at Days Park for a variety of reasons, but not before The Swan was voted 21st Nationally out of 500 entries in the Soccer Club Swap Shop Non-League Programme awards.

At the time, Swanage's effort finished above nineteen clubs playing in National League and it was something that I and the club felt very proud to have achieved.

As one door shut another opened, and after taking a backward step I took up a role at AFC Bournemouth writing articles for their programme and on the back of this, I began freelancing for Newsquest who publish the Bournemouth Echo and Swanage Advertiser.

In 2016, my wife and I decided to move to Cornwall to pursue a business opportunity and since living West, I have picked up work freelancing for publications covering football and rugby.

Earlier this month, I was offered the position of Sports Editor at the St Austell Voice newspaper and naturally, I accepted!

Finally, I have achieved an ambition that I have held since my youth, but without Swanage and everyone at the club, I would not be where I am today.

I would like to thank-you for that initial opportunity and despite it not all being a bed of roses, it was a fantastic experience.

Of course, my focus is now on the fortunes of clubs such as AFC St Austell, St Blazey and Sticker, but one result I will always look out for at 5pm on a Saturday is that of Swanage, the place where it all began.

We would like to wish Gareth all the best in his new career.

COME ON YOU SWANS

John Peacock Pictured: Swans reserve team.

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Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for JAN is noon, 7th DEC

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.

DECEMBER 2018

Sat 1st		Sat 8th	
*	Arty Bazaar At The Boilerhouse Gallery, next to Corfe Castle Station.	*	Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passanger. Boking essential.
*	Wareham Scout and Guide Xmas Post. The Wareham Scouts and Guides will again deliver local Christmas cards in the Wareham ,Northmoor and Stoborough /Ridge area. Stamps 25p, available from Horsey's in North St and at the Tourist Information South St and at Carey Home and Garden. Special postboxes will be in these locations and at the Scout and Guide Hall . Last day for posting will be Sat 15th December and the cards will be delivered by Xmas. Email: atsalterandfamily@btinternet.com	*	Santa Specials At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
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*	Artisans on the Beach At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.	19:30	Messiah - Purbeck Arts Choir At St Mary's Church Swanage.
10:00	Creech Christmas At The Old Blacksmiths. Laura Evans & Claire Cameron artists work and pop up cafe. Sat & Sun 10-5	20:00	Pronghorn Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
13:00	Christmas Fair At St Mary's Church Lytchett Matravers. Lots to do for all the family. Father Christmas will be there listening to special wishes that are asked for! Seasonal 'goodies' and a decoration or two will be on sale, as well as that all important decoration for your door! And while you are relaxing socialising and enjoying refreshments, the children or grandchildren, can join in with a craft activity!	Sun 9th	
13:00	Sandford and Wareham WI Christmas Fayre At Sandford Heritage hall, Sandford Rd, Sandford.	*	Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passanger. Boking essential.
15:00	Purbeck Village Quire At Corfe Castle Congregational Chapel, Christmas Concert.	*	Santa Specials At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
19:30	The Belvedere Singers At St Mary's Church, Swanage. Tickets £10 - from Albury & Hall or on the door, under 18's free	*	Kingston Maurwood College Open Morning Pre- register now at kmc.ac.uk/courseinfo/
20:00	Mother Uckers & Beard & Bottled Beer Festival Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229	12:45	Purbeck Mummies In Wareham, starting at the Quay Inn.
Sun 2nd		16:00	Purbeck Village Quire At URC Swanage. Carols by Candelight in aid of Christian Aid.
10:00	Creech Christmas At The Old Blacksmiths. Laura Evans & Claire Cameron artists work and pop up cafe. Sat & Sun 10-5	Mon 10th	
Mon 3rd		18:00	Rotary Santa Route Locarno Road, Argyle Road, Hanbury Road, Court Road, Princess Road, Kings Road West (St. Mary's Church to Victoria Avenue), Linden Road, High Street (between Princess Road and Hillsea Road), Cecil Road, Morrison Road, Hendrie Close and Findlay Place.
*	Rotary Santa Route Victoria Avenue (Northbrook Road to Prospect Crescent SWITCH), Prospect Crescent, Rabling Road, De Moulham Road (Walrond Road to Rabling Road), Walrond Road and Gannetts Park.	Tue 11th	
14:30	Swanage Poets at Arts Workshop At 21 Commercial Rd, Swanage. A small, friendly group where we share and discuss our poems and poetry generally. New members welcome. We meet monthly.	*	Live online Auction Andrew Smith & Son at www.the-saleroom.com/andrewsmaithandson
Tue 4th		14:00	Purbeck Parkinson's Meetings At All Saints Church, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 425970 or 01929 551962.
*	Rotary Santa Route Dolphin Court, Cauldron Barn Road, Cauldron Crescent, Cauldron Meadows, D'Urberville Drive, Anglebury Avenue, and Wessex Way.	18:00	Rotary Santa Route High Street (Benlease Way to Jubilee Road), Jubilee Road, Shirley Close, Bell Street (Jubilee Road to Priest's Road), Marsh Way, Ash Close, Priest's Road ((Marsh Way to Hillview Road), Hillview Road, Panorama Road, Quarry Close and Wills Road.
19:15	Swanage Trefoil Meet at The Guide Hall, Bell St to celebrate Christmas, visitors and new members welcome contact 01929 556374.	Wed 12th	
Wed 5th		*	Wareham Scout and Guide Xmas Post The Wareham Scouts and Guides will again deliver local Christmas cards in the Wareham ,Northmoor and Stoborough /Ridge area. Stamps 25p, available from Horsey's in North St and at the Tourist Information South St and at Carey Home and Garden. Special postboxes will be in these locations and at the Scout and Guide Hall . Last day for posting will be Sat 15th December and the cards will be delivered by Xmas. Email: atsalterandfamily@btinternet.com
*	Rotary Santa Route Ulwell Road (layby near vets to All Saints Church), Whitecliff Road, Moor Road, Parsons Close, Hill Road, Ballard Way, Bay Crescent, Bay Close, Ballard Road and Streche Road.	*	Artisans on the Beach At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
12:30	Christian Aid Lunch At LSM Parish hall the Quay Wareham. Come and have lunch at a church during Advent and help raise funds for Christian Aid. suggested minimum donation £5 Traidcraft Fairtrade Stall will also be available Wednesday 12.30 – 1.30pm 5th December. Email: atsalterandfamily@btinternet.com	*	Live online Auction Andrew Smith & Son at www.the-saleroom.com/andrewsmaithandson
19:30	Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Festive Xmas Meeting with mince pies and raffle. Gordon Le Pard - A Day in a Georgian House – nothing like home for real comfort.	18:00	Rotary Santa Route Starting at Capston Field, travelling down the hill and including most side turnings to Serrells Mead.
Thu 6th		19:30	Swanage Town Band At Swanage High St Methodist Church. Mince pies & drinks. Ffi: 01929 422421
*	Rotary Santa Route Redcliffe Road, Victoria Road, Burlington Road, Seaward Road, Vivian Park, Bonfields Avenue, Battlemead, Cauldron Avenue, Beach Gardens and De Moulham Road (Bonfields Avenue to Cauldron Avenue).	20:00	John Hegley Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Tickets on the door. Ffi: 01929 439229
Fri 7th		Thu 13th	
*	Rotary Santa Route High Street (Holmes Road to Benlease Way), Days Road, Holmes Road, Sydenham Road, Bay View, Higher Days Road, Benlease Way and closes off.	*	Artisans on the Beach At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
20:00	Radorchestra & Frogbelly & Symphony Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229	18:00	Rotary Santa Route High Street (Methodist Church to Gordon Road), Townsend Road, Richmond Road, Manwell Road, Manwell Drive, Osborne Road, Mount Scar, Queens Mead and down Queens Road, Gordon Road, Priest's Road (High Street to Gordon Road), Holburne Road, Holburne Park (if time), Foxhill Close, Mariners Drive and Cowlease.
19:30	Coppelia At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Vienna Festival Ballet. Tickets £19.50 full, £18.50 concessions, Children £12.	Fri 14th	
19:30	Swanage Photographic Society Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: The Harris Cup (prints) 'Open' and The Bichard Trophy - 'Reflections' Competitions. Judge: Penny Piddock Visitors welcome, ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841.	*	Wareham Scout and Guide Xmas Post The Wareham Scouts and Guides will again deliver local Christmas cards in the Wareham ,Northmoor and Stoborough /Ridge area. Stamps 25p, available from Horsey's in North St and at the Tourist Information South St and at Carey Home and Garden. Special postboxes will be in these locations and at the Scout and Guide Hall . Last day for posting will be Sat 15th December and the cards will be delivered by Xmas. Email: atsalterandfamily@btinternet.com
		*	Artisans on the Beach At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
		14:00	'A Brief History of Corfe Castle Charities' At Corfe Castle Community Library. A talk by Louise Hayward, plus signing of her new book 'Penny Loaves'.

- 18:00 **Rotary Santa Route** Bell Street (Jubilee Road to High Street), Globe Close, High Street (Victoria Avenue to Cecil Road, Newton Manor Close, Hillsea Road, Newton Rise, West Drive, Steer Road, Victoria Avenue (High Street to Aigburth Road), Ancaster Road and Aigburth Road.
- Sat 15th
* **Wareham Scout and Guide Xmas Post.** The Wareham Scouts and Guides will again deliver local Christmas cards in the Wareham, Northmoor and Stoborough/Ridge area. Stamps 25p, available from Horsey's in North St and at the Tourist Information South St and at Carey Home and Garden. Special postboxes will be in these locations and at the Scout and Guide Hall. **Last day for posting will be Sat 15th December** and the cards will be delivered by Xmas. Email: atsalterandfamily@btinternet.com
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- * **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- * **Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes** At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passenger. Booking essential.
- 09:00 **Rotary Santa Route** CO-OPERATIVE SUPERMARKET CAR PARK. 9am – 3pm
- 10:00 **Christmas Celebrations** At Corfe Castle Community Library.
- 20:00 **Tori Reed Band** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 16th
* **Artisans on the Beach** At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
- * **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- * **Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes** At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passenger. Booking essential.
- Mon 17th
18:00 **Rotary Santa Route** CORFE CASTLE - new this year, with Crazy4Corfe! West Street, East Street, including side roads to Mead Road
- Tue 18th
18:00 **Rotary Santa Route** CORFE CASTLE - new this year, with Crazy4Corfe! East Street from Mead Road to Townsend Mead, including accessible side roads.
- Wed 19th
* **Purbeck Mummers** At The Clay Pipe, Organford.
- Thu 20th
* **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- 20:15 **Purbeck Mummers** At The Black Bear, Wool. Anglebury, Wareham at 9pm.
- Fri 21st
* **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: Anders 2 - 'Open' and Browne 2 - 'Sun' Competitions. Judge: John Tisley ARPS. Visitors welcome, ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841
- Sat 22nd
* **Artisans on the Beach** At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
- * **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- * **Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes** At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passenger. Booking essential.
- 20:00 **JC & The Hopeless Sinners** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 23rd
* **Artisans on the Beach** At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
- * **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- * **Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes** At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passenger. Booking essential.
- Mon 24th
* **Artisans on the Beach** At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.
- * **Santa Specials** At Swanage Railway. £17 per person, (age 3 upwards). Booking essential.
- * **Christmas Belle Champagne & Canapes** At Swanage Railway. £32.50 per passenger. Booking essential.
- Wed 26th
12:00 **Purbeck Mummers** At Corfe Castle Square, on to the Fox Inn at 12.30pm, Bankes Arms 1pm and Castle Inn 1.30pm. Square & Compass 2.15pm.
- Fri 28th
* **Winter Warmup** At Swanage Railway. Day of intensive timetables of steam and diesel trains.
- 20:00 **Eva Abraham** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 29th
19:30 **The Big Band at Christmas** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £ 17

full, £16 Concessions.

20:00 **Velvet Doonicans** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Mon 31st

20:00 **New Year's Eve!** Celebrate with Kasai Masai - Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
- 09.30 **Under 2.5 years old group.** Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.
- 09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 10.30 **Flowers with Liz** at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm
- 13.00 **Under 1s and Tums** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm
- 14.00 **Pins and Needles** at Harmans Cross VH.
- 14.00 **Swanage Disabled Club** meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.
- 16.45 **Soccer Skills** Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175
- 18.00 **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 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. Ff: 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+. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: 471490.
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s Training** til 5.15pm. £1. Ff: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s Training** til 6.15pm. £1. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: 426161
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+)** Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers** Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Carey Crafters** meet every other Thursday (call to check if it's this Thursday!) at Carey hall, until 12.30pm. No age restriction, all crafts welcome (we have a wide variety!), £2 charge for coffee & cake. Come share your craft or learn a new one! Always welcoming new members.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **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. Ff: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ff: 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. Ff: 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. Ff: 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
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
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- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ff: 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. Ff: 01929 556146
- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ff: 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
- EVERY SUNDAY**
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- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.
- 13.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 2.30pm
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