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Editor's note...



Welcome to the April edition of your Gazette!

We hear on the grapevine that summer is definitely on its way....shhhh....don't put it off!

Hopefully we'll have a fair amount of sunshine to come this year, and come what may as far as Brexit goes (or not), it's thought that numbers of UK residents holidaying at home are set to rise.

This means that our stunning Isle of Purbeck is likely to receive even more visitors than usual, which can only be good news for our hoteliers, retail outlets and eateries.

This edition is literally crammed with locals tempting you out to visit their stores and restaurants this month - so much so, we were turning advertisers away due to lack of space at the deadline!

There's plenty on offer for even the most jaded of us to get involved with, visit or join in with, so have a browse through our hallowed pages and make some plans for the month ahead!

Interesting plans are afoot with the disbanding of Purbeck District Council and we've discovered that some truly innovative new housing will shortly be in the pipeline for locals in desperate need of affordable housing - we're not saying too much at this point, but it certainly looks like an exciting and ecologically-friendly design that may well work for Purbeckians - at long last!

Have a great April folks - be kind to one another - and smile!

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Peveril Ledge, Swanage

Date	HW	LW	HW	LW	HW	Moon / Tides	Sunrise	Sunset
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02-Apr		02:52	08:37	15:07	20:43		06:42	19:40
03-Apr		03:31	09:05	15:45	21:15		06:39	19:42
04-Apr		04:06	09:32	16:20	21:45		06:37	19:44
05-Apr		04:39	09:59	16:53	22:13	NM	06:35	19:45
06-Apr		05:10	10:27	17:24	22:39		06:33	19:47
07-Apr		05:40	10:53	17:55	23:06	SP	06:31	19:48
08-Apr		06:11	11:21	18:26	23:36		06:28	19:50
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13-Apr	02:55	10:09	15:58	23:18			06:18	19:58
14-Apr	04:58	12:13	17:39			NP	06:16	20:00
15-Apr		00:54	06:21	13:22	18:50		06:14	20:01
16-Apr		01:54	07:25	14:16	19:48		06:11	20:03
17-Apr		02:43	08:19	15:04	20:38		06:09	20:04
18-Apr		03:29	09:06	15:49	21:22		06:07	20:06
19-Apr		04:12	09:48	16:31	22:04	FM	06:05	20:08
20-Apr		04:53	10:26	17:13	22:44	SP	06:03	20:09
21-Apr		05:33	11:04	17:53	23:23		06:01	20:11
22-Apr		06:13	11:43	18:32			05:59	20:12
23-Apr	00:03	06:52	12:22	19:12			05:57	20:14
24-Apr	00:43	07:31	13:04	19:53			05:55	20:16
25-Apr	01:26	08:13	13:51	20:42			05:53	20:17
26-Apr	02:16	09:06	14:46	21:59			05:51	20:19
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NM = New Moon + FM = Full Moon + NP = Neap tides + SP = Spring Tides

All times are local

Swanage Town Council Meetings - April 2019

Planning & Consultation Committee	Mon 1st	6.30pm
General Operations Committee	Wed 3rd	4.30pm
Parish Assembly	Mon 15th	7pm
Council	Mon 29th	7pm

Wareham Town Council Meetings - April 2019

Planning & Transport	Mon 1st	6.30pm
Human Resources (closed)	Tue 9th	10.30am
Amenities	Wed 10th	7pm
Wareham In Bloom	Wed 10th	7pm
Neighbourhood Steering Group	Thur 11th	7pm
Council	Tue 16th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Tue 23rd	6.30pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - April 2019

Council	Tue 9th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 17th	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 24th	9.15am

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Closed Crossing Splits Town

Dear Readers,

On 20th February, my daughter, Mrs. Annette Fuller, was coming back from Wareham in her wheelchair just before 6pm, only to find the railway crossing locked.

She didn't notice anything to say it would be locked at 6pm. Apparently there was a notice written in very small writing on a piece of cardboard, which she would only have seen if she was wearing her glasses.

Annette was stuck there for some time until someone she knew came along and used her mobile phone to contact her husband, who then had to come with their van to pick her up. If she hadn't been able to contact him, she would have had to negotiate two roundabouts, the main road bridge, down the hill onto the other roundabout to get to Northport Drive, to get back home. How dangerous that would have been!

It would have been far less dangerous to have left the crossing unlocked. Dorset County Council seem to think that the road is safer than the crossing. I wonder how many others have been inconvenienced because of the sheer stupidity of trying to close the right of way over the level crossing? Isn't it time Dorset County Council stopped supporting British Rail and worked for the people who pay their wages?

The railway crossing isn't dangerous. There has never been an accident, but British rail are hell bent on closing it!

Yours sincerely, Debbie Davis

Up To Us To Carry Baton

Dear Editor,

Community recognition of historical dates

Last year we had several military dates that were splendidly remembered over and above the annual Remembrance Parade. One hundred years after the cessation of hostilities in WWI and the RAF Centenary were two that spring to mind.

Annually, some places hold events to mark the Armed Forces (Flag Raising) Day (29 June) and the 75th anniversary of D-Day (6 June) of note in 2019. Although personally I hold these events as important and where possible, it would be wonderful to see these dates recognised by the public. One wonders just how important or not the general public consider the marking of these events?

With PDC closing on 1st April 2019 (it is believed that Westport House could still be used by the new county arrangement in some way), it will be up to other organisations to decide whether to pick up the baton in the future, along with the inevitable cost. Views either way would be appreciated.

Regards, Malcolm Russell, 106 Northmoor Way, Wareham. BH20 4ET

Fight To Keep Poole A&E

Dear Readers,

Save Poole Trauma A&E, Specialist Maternity & NHS Beds – Appeal Court Hearing!

Gazette Readers may have been wondering what's happening in the fight to Save Poole A&E and Maternity and NHS Beds?

It's good news – we found out on 25th February that the Claimant, a young Langton resident, who is supported by Defend Dorset NHS, has won the right to a Hearing in the Court of Appeal. The Appeal is against last year's decision to uphold Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's plans to move

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A&E and Maternity services to Royal Bournemouth Hospital in the far east of the county, out of safe reach for Swanage residents.

There are a number of critical conditions that cannot be treated in the Ambulance including heart attack, stroke, some types of cardiac arrest, sepsis and meningitis. Ambulances do not carry blood so cannot treat haemorrhage in trauma or maternity emergency. The CCG stated in their Equality Impact Assessment that longer travel time in labour, birth or where a child is very unwell is a 'significant risk'. The CCG's own Consultants cite maximum 'safe' travel times of 30-45 minutes in acute stroke, major trauma and maternity emergency.

Swanage and Rural Purbeck Labour are very concerned about the risk to life, and that more lives will be lived in disability, if these plans are allowed to go ahead. Over the winter of 2016/17, we collected over 8,000 signatures by hand, in Purbeck, on a petition to Save Poole A&E and Maternity. You may have signed the petition on the stall in Swanage, or in Corfe, or Wareham. More than half of Swanage voters signed the petition, which was fed into Dorset CCG's Consultation process. Unfortunately, the petitioners were dismissed as "emotional".

In September 2017 the CCG decided to go ahead with plans to downgrade Poole Regional Trauma A&E and move Poole Specialist Maternity and Children's Units to Bournemouth.

They also voted for plans to close 245 Acute Hospital beds, and Community Hospitals and/or beds at Wareham, Portland, Ferndown, Alderney (Poole) and Westhaven (Weymouth).

Defend Dorset NHS, founded by Debby Monkhouse (Swanage Labour Party Secretary) and the Claimant, brought a case for Judicial Review of all the CCG's plans. They fund-raised for legal costs, using specialist solicitors Leigh Day, who employed a Queens Counsel. The case was heard in the Royal Courts of Justice in July. Although the case was unsuccessful, a Hearing has now been granted in the Court of Appeal, date to be confirmed.

The other route to challenge the plans is for Health Scrutiny to send them back to the Secretary of State for Independent Review. Since October 2017 we have tirelessly lobbied Parish, Town, District, Borough and County Councillors. After a year of residents speaking up at County Hall, Dorset County Council finally voted to send the plans back, writing to the Secretary of State on 5th November to request Independent Review, due to risk to life, and due to there being no promised 'services closer to home' to replace the fifty-four Community Hospital beds closed since last summer. The risk to our lives made national headlines in the Independent on 15th December, and was followed by a lobby of Poole Borough Council, who then wrote to the Secretary of State to support Dorset County's referral.

Swanage and Purbeck adults, children and mums-to-be must be able to access emergency Hospital care within safe times. We face some of the longest journeys under the plans. Babies born under thirty-two weeks or needing intensive or high dependency care would only be able to be cared for at Bournemouth Hospital, on the other side of "the most congested town" in the UK. We will continue to stand up to save our beds and to ensure lives are not lost or disabilities suffered due to emergency care being moved out of safe reach.

Chris Bradey, Chair – Swanage and Rural Purbeck Labour Party

Do You Know What You Ask?

Dear Editor,

I wrote to you this time last year when I was staying in Corfe and you kindly printed my submission. I would like to offer another communication, please.

I wonder if the second referendum callers have really thought about what it is they are actually proposing?

Imagine that the EU referendum had gone the other way and the result was to remain. Then imagine that the very next day Boris Johnson and Jacob Rees-Mogg had announced that we would actually leave the EU immediately and completely "crash out" on WTO terms and then spent



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Fri	26	8pm	Striking Clock
Sat	27	8pm	Truckstop Honeymoon
Sun	28	2pm	Truckstop Honeymoon

the next two years renegotiating our re-entry.

Basing their permission to do this on the fact that those who voted remain were not extremists or looking for a hard remain and what the people really wanted was to compromise and actually leave some of the EU as no-one would have expected that remain meant remain.

If we have a second referendum now without having left the EU, what would be the point? If the first vote wasn't acted upon, why should a re-run?

Why would politicians ever heed the result of an election again? If the leaver campaign won again, would there be a demand for a third vote, or if the remain camp won, would the leavers declare a draw and demand a 'best-of-three'? This can of worms must never be opened - it is Pandora's box.

Yours, Nick Ford, Corfe Castle

Forecasts All Guesswork

Dear Editor,

It is disappointing to see that Mr Leadbetter's latest letter on behalf of the bad losers campaign doesn't really seem to have his heart in it. At least there are no dodgy statistics, just a list of the doom and gloom the country is currently in; though Mr Leadbetter fails to realise that we have not yet left the EU and therefore any mess we are in can only be because we are still in the EU.

He must now realise that all his forecasts are (and can only be) guesswork, crystal-ball gazing, although I'm sure he will come back quoting stalwarts like Mark Carney, whose project fear predictions have so far shown to be false. There are 'experts' on both sides of this argument.

I do agree however that we now have a worse PM than Gordon Brown (who would have thought that possible?) and an ever more pathetic leader of the opposition, who should be wiping the floor with the government's handling of the current situation, but isn't.

Though how Mr Leadbetter justifies his desire to deselect Richard Drax, who increased his majority at the last election to 56%, just because Mr Drax believes that the electorate's vote to leave the EU meant, strangely enough, that people were voting to leave the EU. What a bizarre notion.

Michael Lock, Swanage, by email.

Turn The Planet Into Dollars

Dear Readers,

The Corallian Corporation, despite opposition from Poole and Bournemouth councils, have been granted an extension on oil exploration in Poole Bay and are now proposing a pipeline to bring an estimated fifteen million barrels of fossil fuel on-shore. This is a plan unsubmitted to both authorities and worth an estimated \$7 billion, with only assurances that chemical discharges will not affect the wildlife of Purbeck's waters, where our children swim in summer, despite so far, the unexplained deaths of five dolphins and a number of seals (at the time of writing).

The rare and critically-endangered Spiny Seahorse species is in an MPZ anchor-free zone off South beach in Studland and has declined from around forty individuals to one sole seahorse - now named 'Hope'. She is a survivor in numerical extinction.

Exactly as whaling, so much damage goes unseen to integral ecosystems, but is also unheard - such as with sonic pollution by stealthy nuclear submarines, oil drilling rigs, jet skis, sonar pulses, cruise liners (one hundred more on-order at Southampton) and so on. These issues may well be

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responsible for the beaching of whales and pods of dolphins worldwide. Apex predators, such as sharks, are taken for the Asian market and a tuna fish recently sold for \$3,000 in a Japanese market - that's a lot of sushi!

You might well consider the relevance of our local government, where their decisions, with some higher approval, are overruled by giant corporations.

To quote the great native American Chief Seattle: "You may turn this planet into dollars, but we can't turn it back again. We do not inherit the Earth, we borrow her from our children.....".

Yours sincerely, MJK Hamilton, by hand.

Dangerous Dogs' Review

Dear Readers,

Dangerous Dogs' Act

Blue Cross pet charity has handed in a petition with more than 80,000 signatures to Downing Street calling on the Government to make urgent changes to the Dangerous Dogs' Act.

An Efra committee has recommended a review of the 27-year-old legislation including breed specific legislation, and Blue Cross agrees that the time has come for the Government to make much needed changes.

The years following the implementation of breed specific legislation has shown vilifying certain breeds of dog does not serve to reduce the number of dog attacks. Any dog can show aggression if they are incorrectly trained or badly treated. No dog should be assessed, and indeed sentenced to death, based on looks alone.

The Government should move the focus of the legislation from focusing on any breed to educating dog owners about their responsibilities and ensuring enforcement officers have the appropriate resources to crack down on irresponsible owners.

Blue Cross is calling on people to write to their local MPs to call for changes to the Dangerous Dogs' Act. If changes are not made to the legislation, we believe dog attacks will continue to rise and more innocent dogs will be needlessly handed a death sentence based on their looks alone.

Steve Goody, Deputy Chief Executive, Blue Cross pet charity

Can We Survive Purbeck?!

Dear Editor,

We moved to Swanage six years ago from Harpenden, a commuter town, about eighteen miles from Central London. We feared that we would be moving to a musical desert. We had been used to living very close to St Albans, a cathedral city, with an abundance of excellent music, a biennial organ festival and with concerts or plays available many weekends.

Would we survive in Purbeck, we wondered? We were pleasantly surprised when we began to explore. There is an abundance of excellent music to be enjoyed!

Organ recitals at Christchurch and Swanage, choral festivals, a splendid choral concert at the Lighthouse every two years, workshops and amateur choirs. We have to decide how many concerts we can cope with in the course of a month!

Two choirs that I am associated with are the Purbeck Arts Choir and Wareham Choral Society, but choirs need voices - particularly male voices! If you'd like to be part of the excellent musical tradition of Purbeck, give me a ring on: David Edgington 07342 855304

Come and enjoy an evening of singing!

Kind regards, David Edgington, by post

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Vintage Ploughing Match

Dear Editor,

Wareham & Purbeck YFC and Vintage Ploughing Committee are holding their 43rd Annual Ploughing Match at Newton Farm, Lytchett Matravers (BH16 6EZ) on Saturday 6th April from 9am onwards.

Entry is free. There will be hot food available and a raffle, all money raised will be split between The Air Ambulance and the Poole Cancer Ward. There will be lots of vintage and modern tractors to see.

Kind Regards, Helen Selby, Committee Secretary Harmans Cross, by email.

Unseat Ghastly Government

Dear Editor

Perhaps, like many others (three-quarters of a million at the last London People's Vote March, in October), I find myself utterly appalled and devastated by the direction the country of my birth has taken and the apparent desire (only 37% of the voting electorate, including our own MP) of some of my fellow citizens to take us back to the 1950s and to destroy everything good that has been built up since then.

I have loved being a part of Europe, with the freedom to move about, trade and mix with people of other nationalities with ease. All of that is to be taken away from me (and people like me) against my will.

When I am at my lowest, I think how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful part of the world. I look across the sea and my eye catches sight of the obscenity which is the oil rig, a real blot on the landscape and I am reminded that my government clearly does not care about any people at all and cares even less about the future of the planet.

I shall be doing my utmost to unseat this ghastly government. How about anyone else?

Beryl Hopkins, Swanage, by email

Blooming Wareham

Dear Readers,

Wareham In Bloom, Spring Update

The Wareham in Bloom Committee has not been idle over the winter period. In October there was an awards night for the local In Bloom and Best Kept Allotment competitions.

The Saxon Corner and Wareham Roundabouts have been regularly maintained and many will have noticed that, for the first time ever, planting of selected baskets and stands with floral displays has brightened up the town centre on dark winter days.

These have now been superseded by a beautiful springtime display featuring daffodils, primroses, ivy and other varieties. Well done to the Town Hall team who have worked so hard alongside committee volunteers to achieve

this impressive result. This work will continue with the usual summer displays from end of May, obtaining plants from a wholesaler and with planting up by the team to cut costs.

A recent committee meeting heard that some businesses in the town who ordered flower displays last year had neglected to fulfil their obligatory watering and deadheading arrangements. Any culprits this year will be receiving letters reminding them of their duty not to neglect the displays or face losing them!

There will be a fund-raising Coffee Morning hosted by Ross Hooper at Moretons Corner at the end of April, so watch out for posters around the town. The annual Wareham in Bloom Spring Fayre with stalls, plant sales at very reasonable prices, raffle prizes, refreshments and information stand will take place in the Corn Exchange, Town Hall on Saturday 4th May – do come along and support this worthy event.

For information, Wareham in Bloom now has a popular Facebook page with regular updates of events etc - please take a look for the latest news plus pics of our stunning displays.

Lastly, a message from Chairman Cllr Eric Osmond MBE: "Wareham in Bloom is a team effort, nothing can be achieved without the dedication and hard work of volunteers and we need YOU to help.

"If you can spare an hour or so a week to help with watering and deadheading of our wonderful displays, or other general maintenance tasks, please give me a call on 01929 551000 or the Town Hall staff on 01929 553006. You don't have to join the committee and we'd love to hear from you!"

Kind regards, Rod Curtis, Wareham in Bloom Press Officer



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Drains And Fountains

by David Hollister

According to Acts 9:4-6, Jesus commented: "It is hard to kick against the pricks." Always has been, probably always will be. Despite the freedom of speech for which our fathers and forefathers fought so valiantly, it really is hard because the likes of me can kick and kick and kick against establishment incompetence, but those at the receiving end of my diatribes seldom take any notice whatsoever.

Witness the ongoing sagas of the proposed flooding of Arne, Network Rail's intransigence on the Wareham crossing, the crazy behaviour of Dorset Highways, the failings of Dorset Waste Partnership..... much support from you, dear readers, but from those authorities? Not a dicky-bird. I was beginning to lose heart until, whilst watching a recent news bulletin, I saw a placard which read "Instead of accepting the things I cannot change, I will change the things I cannot accept." Clearly a take on the 'serenity prayer' of Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), which went on to ask God for "the wisdom to know the difference."

Just reading that placard made me realise that if I didn't do my bit trying to stand up for us small people with no influence whatsoever, I wouldn't be able to look at myself in the mirror each morning. (Never a pretty sight at the best of times!)

Can you change the things you cannot accept? Or can you at least try? Are you a joiner-in, or a stayer-behind-the-parapet? I was always taught that "winners make it happen and losers let it happen" and thank goodness we still have a few winners left in Purbeck. People like Bob Foster, tireless campaigner who, with his team, have managed to prise the old Youth Centre from DCC's grasp and have opened 'The Centre'. Look up the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust on Google and see what they have achieved – and are still achieving. The renovation of Herston Hall, once rather tired and run-down but now clean, fresh and welcoming.

People like Frank Roberts, who, totally unpaid, often gets up at silly-o'clock and goes out to clear the litter from the roadside, sometimes with a small team and sometimes on his own. Whose expensive brush-cutter was stolen from under his very nose at a time when most of us hadn't woken up, let alone got up. When the litter's picked up, who will then go on to tidy the overgrown hedgerows, clean and clear traffic signs; all that stuff for which we're apparently paying our Council Tax.

Why do they have to get up so early? Because according to Public Health England on 3rd July 2018, the risk of being killed or seriously injured in the Purbeck District Council area is one of the worst in the whole of England and Wales. 135 people were killed or injured on Purbeck's roads in 2015-2017 as against a national average of 105. Check their website. And pray for Frank and his team, volunteers working tirelessly on our behalf.

But we need more people to combat the ravages of age on such worthwhile organisations as the Lions, the Rotary, local Village Hall Committees, local Parish Councils, and so on. Parish Council elections are coming up. A bit late now but if you felt like standing, you'd need to get your nomination papers in by 4th April! Or you could sit on your local Village Hall Committee. Or join Rotary. Who knows, you might even make a difference! There are local seats coming up on the new Dorset Council: I cannot name the candidates because by the time this magazine is on the streets, we'll be in 'purdah' – the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place. But you could still stand for one of them!

Did you know that Dorset has the highest Band D Council tax bills in England? A shameful five out of the top ten are in our county; Weymouth & Portland, East Dorset, Purbeck (no 4), West Dorset and North Dorset. The national average is £1671. Purbeck is £1957. What are they doing with this money?

I refer the honourable reader to the comments I have made in almost every Purbeck Gazette in the past twelve months. Yes, you may well point out that the Government Rates Support Grant has been drastically cut, but so it has in many rural areas. We are not alone in that. We're just not dealing with it as well as some others.

Do we see our local MPs thumping the despatch box and demanding a better deal for their constituents? No, seems to me that they're too busy

with other matters..... but by the time this article hits your doormat, all that will be a 'done deal' or very probably a 'not done deal'; at least we'll know where we stand and maybe, just maybe, both our MPs can get back to the job they were elected for, which in my book was to represent the electorate not just prop up their party. But notwithstanding these reasons, the facts clearly show that it's more expensive to live in Dorset than almost anywhere else in the UK. Yes, there's less money about nationally.

Yes, we're in a period of 'austerity' but I take issue with the way in which public money is spent. Or in this case, not spent - on our filthy streets, overgrown hedgerows, potholed roads, absent police, poorly-paid council workers, whilst executive after executive goes swanning off with 'redundancy packages' and 'pension benefits', which may very well be their right and within the terms of their contracts, but for which we are all apparently paying.

Who exactly wrote their contracts? But facts is facts – local councillors might be elected but they appear to be subservient to the non-elected officers who make so many decisions without actually considering the effect they have on those of us paying their wages.

The new Dorset County local authority was supposed to save money. At the moment, hard to see where, so maybe one of its apologists might write to me in a year's time and point out what I've clearly missed. If it's going to be as cost-effective as claimed, I look forward to reading next year that Purbeck is no longer in the top ten most expensive places to live!


If you remember nothing else from this article, remember this: there are two sorts of people – drains and fountains. Which are you?

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Since 1981 on the Honours Board in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall in Wareham, there have been only nine nominated members of Wareham who had received the accolade of becoming an 'Honoured Townsman' of Wareham.

On Friday 14th December 2018, it was therefore a great pleasure and honour for the Mayor of Wareham to present Peter Andrews with his certificate and have his name added to this Honours Board.

This is in recognition of the generous and valuable contribution Peter has made to the improvement of the Wareham community and its environs over the past thirty years. This includes his work with Cllr Eric Osmond and the Wareham In Bloom committee and for the town in general, in particular, his work at the Saxon Roundabout and Wareham Roundabout and the cleaning of the Wareham Town Bridge.

Peter has provided invaluable help and support to many of the clubs and societies in Wareham, including the Wareham & Purbeck Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Christmas Lights Committee and the Carnival processions in both Wareham and Swanage for many years, to name but a few. We are sure that many people of Wareham will have their own accolades to add also. Many congratulations Peter!

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South West To Share In £1.6 Billion Fund

South West to get new £33m of investment to drive local growth and prosperity

People across the South West will benefit from £33m of new investment to ensure their towns prosper and grow as part of the new Stronger Towns Fund announced in March. Delivered over seven years from 2019-20, the £1.6 billion fund is part of the Government's commitment to providing long term support for places that have not shared in the proceeds of growth in the same way as more prosperous parts of the country. It will be used to create new jobs, help train local people and boost growth – with communities having a say on how the money is spent.

The UK Government will seek to ensure that towns also in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can benefit from the Stronger Towns Fund, building on the success of the UK Government's City and Growth Deals initiative.

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On Wednesday 13th February, Wareham Court Leet Bread Weighers, Tony and Paul, presented Adrian Hole, Manager of the Duke of Wellington, with the 'Bread Award for the Best Bread'.

This was judged during Court Leet week in Wareham during November 2018. Photographs above and below by Sue Kemp.



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If you are an NCI watch keeper, you are a member of a community of volunteers that stretch right around the English and Welsh coast. There are currently fifty-four NCI stations operational and they are manned by over 2400 volunteers. Being part of this community, it's always a treat, when I'm on holiday, to drop into a fellow Coastwatch station.

I've just returned from a visit to the Charlestown lookout. We are privileged, at Peveril Point, to have the most fantastic of views. Perhaps it's the Cornishman in me, but I have to say that the Charlestown station could rival ours. Situated high on the cliffs above St Austell Bay they can see from Polruan in the north to Black Head in the south. I would recommend anyone to visit our stations and chat to our friendly volunteers. You can find out where the stations are by looking on our website - www.nci.org.uk.

The first NCI station was opened in Cornwall, at Bass Point, and we are proud to be celebrating NCI's silver anniversary this year. Our station at Peveril Point opened shortly afterwards and we celebrate our 25th anniversary next year. The most recent station has recently opened at Hengistbury Head, making use of the old redundant Coastguard building. This link to old Coastguard stations is something that runs throughout

the organisation. There has been a coastguard station at Peveril Point since the 1800s. In the latter part of the 19th century, there was a coastal gun battery. The current buildings are the remains of World War II structures. Several years ago, we placed a number of information boards around the Point. These cover the history, natural history and the geography of Peveril Point. They are well worth a read and certainly add something to a visit to the point.

The key word running through this month's article is "volunteer". The National Coastwatch Institute is a volunteer led and run organisation which does not receive any external funding. Each station has to raise its own running costs.

For several years now, to help with these costs, the Peveril Point station has been running our popular "Tea and Cakes" days. The Swanage NCI Catering Crew will be offering Tea and Cakes in the Exhibition Area, under the Lookout, on the following days in April:

Easter Saturday 20th April

Easter Sunday 21st April

Easter Monday 22nd April (Bank Holiday Monday)

From experience I can say that the cakes are worthy of appearing in "Bake Off", so come on down and enjoy some refreshments over the Easter weekend. More dates are planned throughout the summer, so stay tuned for future sessions!

On Saturday April 6th, we will also be running our popular Grand Quiz Night. This will take place at the Swanage Conservative Club (6.30pm for 7pm). Tickets, which include a Ploughman's Supper, are £8 per head. They are available from Corbens, Station Approach; @The Old Stables, Commercial Road; @ 61, High Street and the NCI Lookout at Peveril Point.

Local Appeals & Updates - Tractors, Sheep And Assault

Appeal for information following theft of tractor near Dorchester

Officers investigating the theft of a tractor from a farm near Dorchester are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to come forward. The incident occurred between 5.30pm on Saturday 2 March and 9.30am on Sunday 3 March 2019 at a farm on Norden Lane near Maiden Newton.

A gate padlock was cut and a blue Landlegend 254 tractor was stolen along with a number of other items including twenty aluminium sheets, a battery and a generator. Two chainsaws were also taken from a large metal container.

Muddy tyre prints indicate that the tractor was driven left out of the farm toward the A37. It was subsequently located overturned on the side of a road near to Yeovil in Somerset on the morning of Sunday 3 March 2019.

Police Community Support Officer Tom Balchin, of Dorset Police's Rural Crime Team, said: "We are carrying out enquiries into this incident and I am appealing for anyone with information to contact us. We are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity in the area on the night of Saturday 2 March 2019 or who saw a blue tractor driving between Maiden Newton and the A37."

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 55190032723. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Woman given criminal behaviour order following sheep worrying incident near Wimborne

A woman has been given a criminal behaviour order following a sheep worrying incident near Wimborne. The woman, of Sheasby Close in Sixpenny Handley, pleaded guilty to being in charge of a dog which worried livestock, namely sheep, in Knighton Lane, Wimborne on 12 March 2018.

She was sentenced at Poole Magistrates' Court on 11 February 2019 and fined £300. She was also made the subject of a criminal behaviour order for two years which states she must not:

- Walk or be in charge of any more than two dogs in any public area or place
- Walk or be in charge of any dog in a public area to which the public has access without the dog wearing a robust and correctly-fitted collar and be on a robust and well-fitted lead at all times
- Walk or be in charge of any dog in a public area without the dog wearing a correctly-fitted muzzle
- Walk or be in charge of any dog on any land that has livestock on it

The woman had been walking her dog - a German Shepherd - in a small

paddock next to Canford Magna Garden Centre and allowed her dog off its lead. It ran off and was seen by witnesses attacking and frightening a flock of around 200 sheep in fields formerly used by Canford Magna Golf Club. Some of the flock at the time of the offence were either pregnant or had just given birth to lambs.

Eventually the dog was located and put back on a lead. Two sheep sustained severe bite marks and two others had aborted pregnancies after being worried by the dog.

Police Constable Claire Dinsdale, of Dorset Police's Rural Crime Team, said: "This case is a clear example of why all dog owners must ensure their dog is on a lead whenever it is near livestock. It is both distressing for the animals concerned and for the farmers who are tending to them. It is also important farmers report each incident to us. If a crime is in progress then call 999. Other incidents can be reported online at Dorset Police website 'Do it Online' section or by calling 101.

"If members of the public have any information or concerns regarding dogs not under control near livestock, they too should contact police." Dorset Police supports the Take The Lead campaign and can supply metal-backed signs for farmers to warn dog owners of the dangers. The Rural Crime Team can be contacted to request signs or crime prevention advice at RuralCrimeTeam@dorset.pnn.police.uk. This email address is not to be used to report crimes or incidents.

Appeal after reported assault in Swanage

Officers are appealing for witnesses following a reported assault in Swanage. The incident happened at around 4.50pm on Saturday 2 March 2019 at the bus station.

The victim - a local man aged in his 50s who was standing on the pavement with his seven-year-old son - heard a disturbance on the number 50 bus which was parked. A woman got off the bus and approached the man and his son.

He outstretched his arms and asked the woman to go away, but she walked into him before she fell to the ground. When she got up, she is alleged to have punched the man on the arm a couple of times while verbally making threats. She then walked off.

A 49-year-old woman from Swanage was arrested on suspicion of assault and has been released under investigation.

Police Constable Paul Diffey, of Purbeck police, said: "The incident occurred at a busy time of the day and I am appealing to anyone who witnessed what happened and has not spoken to officers to please get in touch with us."

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 55190032455. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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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 March

The Town Council has chosen as Mayor Elect, Councillor Hilary Goodinge, and as Deputy Mayor Elect, Councillor Lucia Kirk, who, provided they are re-elected, will take office after the Mayor Making in May.

An election will be held if there are more than sixteen candidates from current Councillors who are not standing down and new prospective Councillors. A Council working party has been busy preparing a new set of Standing Orders which govern how the Council operates and which comply with new General Data Protection legislation.

Wareham Neighbourhood Plan is with the external examiner and it is hoped that it will be accepted in a local referendum before the end of the year. A small delay may be incurred in obtaining on the request of Natural England evidence that the owner of land to the west of Westminster Road would provide a Suitable Alternative Green Space to offset the development proposed for the area. The Purbeck Local Plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspector. The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team has prepared a plan for the next 5 years which awaits approval by its partners and the Secretary of State.

Dorset Council council tax rates will be the same for all its residents from 1 April 2019. For Purbeck District Council residents this will mean an increase of 2.99%. This will maintain the services currently provided by the County and District Councils and give extra funding for the care and education of children (£5.8 million, but no extra for Special Educational Needs), fostering services (£900,000), Dorset Waste Partnership services (£1.372 million), social care for vulnerable disabled and elderly adults (£1.5 million) and to tackle homelessness (£150,000). The Dorset Council member allowance will be £13,000 p. a.

There is now someone on duty to open and close the gates at the level crossing between 8am and 6pm and there are notices warning of pedestrians on the A351 road bridge over the railway. Councillors are pressing Dorset County Council to resolve this situation which is a danger to those who cannot use the footbridge.

The public is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm in the Town Hall. For further information, call 01929 553006 or visit the website at www.wareham-tc.gov.uk where from May you will find the new calendar of meetings.



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Out Of The Blue



Spring is upon us and with that comes the usual inclination to start clearing out the garden shed and dusting off the camping gear. However, have you ever stopped to consider exactly what's in your shed, especially its worth? No, well you can bet some individuals have. Sheds and outbuildings remain vulnerable to thieves looking for garden tools, machinery, bikes and sporting equipment. So, it's the perfect time to check on your garden security and to ensure that you are doing everything you can to keep your property safe.

So let's weed out the thieves by bearing in mind the following crime prevention points: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/home-property-belongings/protect-your-home/>

- Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences.
- Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed?
- External security lights which are activated by movement are very useful.
- Doors of sheds require attention – use close shackle padlocks.
- Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges.
- Chain cycles, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point.
- Alarms for sheds and garages are available very cheaply (under £20)
- Together we will crack crime – have you considered joining a Home Watch scheme?
- Exactly what insurance cover do you have? Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuildings.

We have also been listening to what you have been saying:

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 resulted in a decline in reports of anti-social behaviour.

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/> Please come along to our meet the team events at SWANAGE, WAREHAM and UPTON, dates can be found on the website, we'd love to see you there. *Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team*

New Appeal On Anniversary Of Disappearance Of Linda Millard



We're issuing a new appeal for information about Linda Millard who disappeared twenty-three years ago, on the 1st of March.

Linda (pictured left), 48, was last seen in Portishead, where she was staying with friends, at about 9.30am on Friday 1 March 1996.

She previously lived in the Swanage area of Dorset.

Linda was reported as missing at about 10pm on 1 March. A short time later, officers found her car – a white Austin Mini Metro – and some

of her personal possessions near Battery Point in Portishead. She has not been seen since.

DI Lisa Jones, of the Major Crime Review Team, said: "We are treating this as a missing person inquiry but we're keeping an open mind about the circumstances of Linda's disappearance and we cannot rule out foul play. The case has never been closed and reviews have taken place in the time since the original investigation but sadly we've been unable to locate Linda or find out definitively what happened to her.

"We want to help Linda's family find the truth as they're left with so many unanswered questions and deserve to know what happened to her. The passage of time sometimes allows people to come forward with information they may have felt unable to give to the police at the time or they initially felt was not relevant.

"We would encourage anyone with information about Linda's disappearance to come forward now and help her family find some form of closure."

Linda's family have issued a new statement for the anniversary appeal. Her daughter Yvonne Cathrall said: "On behalf of myself and my two brothers, we would like to appeal to the public in relation to the

disappearance of our mum. It has been twenty-three years since our mum went missing and we miss her very much. Not a day goes by when we don't think about her and ask ourselves what happened that day. "If anyone has any information (who may not have been confident at the time), please can they come forward to help. My brothers and I desperately wish to find out so that we can finally have some peace and closure."

Description of Linda Millard:

- White
- 48 years old
- 5ft 2ins
- Slim
- Blue eyes
- Chestnut brown hair in a bob style
- Last seen wearing a navy blue and white checked shirt, black jeans and a black anorak with a vivid pink trim and collar.

Can you help us with any of the following?

- Did you see, speak to, or have any other communication with Linda in the days or weeks leading up to her disappearance?
- Did you see her car – a white Austin Mini Metro (registration M987 LOE) prior to her disappearance or see it being parked in Battery Point in Portishead (Linda's car, pictured below)?
- Have you spoken to, seen or heard from Linda since 1 March 1996?

If you can help with any of the appeal points above, or have any other relevant information, please call the Major Crime Review Team on 101 and give the call handler the reference number **MP4472/11**.

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The previously-unseen architect's vision of the south-facing aspect of the new cliff/caving development

Purbeck's Caves To Be Revamped For Housing?

As PDC closes their doors, our planning expert delves deep into the archives....

When it was announced that Purbeck District Council (PDC) was being abolished, we asked for permission to access any previously 'hidden' or 'secret' files before they were transferred into the holding facility at Dorchester. After a huge amount of discussion and many emails, we were amazed to be given some time-limited approval to sort through and copy information from a significant pile of dusty boxes, each one packed with files going back many decades.

A crack team of highly paid researchers gathered from throughout Purbeck and beyond was despatched from Gazette Towers to Westport House. After a lengthy interrogation to establish and confirm our identity, we were issued with plastic laminated passes and were guided to a dimly lit room in the murky depths of the basement below the main council building. We were granted just thirty-six hours to search through forty-four years of old mildewed files to sieve out some jewels from the minutiae of local government procedure.

After a few hours (and many coffees!), we stumbled across a file that probably shouldn't have been there. It was a copy of the minutes from a series of meetings involving the councils of Swanage, Worth and Langton between 1967 - 1977. The interesting part was that the subject of these meetings had been revisited rather recently, in a housing meeting, minuted on 04/01/18 (see online PDC council meeting minutes for further details of more recent discussions).

Judging by the first pages in the folder, the council had approached a firm of consultants and asked them to find an innovative solution to the incipient housing crisis of Purbeck. (I couldn't find a receipt anywhere for the consultation costs - this appeared to have been removed from the file, with only an intonation and the shadow of a paperclip where once the receipt was secured remaining).

The consultants had apparently been employed by Purbeck District Council for about six months in total. Their report ran to 120 pages of almost impenetrable management gobbledegook, in some places, heavily redacted. I managed to translate most of it, and here follows a summary:

The main thrust of the document was a legal loophole to get around the Government's banning of new council-built housing. They figured that whilst new structures were not permitted, anything existing and council owned was not covered by the current planning legislation. With the aid of some old maps, they realised that the whole Swanage area was undermined by a massive network of old tunnels, some nearly four hundred years old. With the assistance of some old quarrymen, they explored some of the more accessible passages firstly with lidar (ground penetrating) radar to establish the stability of the networks explored, before sending in a team of

qualified professional surveyors to establish the possibilities of conversion.

The team discovered plenty of space underground, including caverns and galleries much larger than originally anticipated, many with more than acceptable structural integrity which would lend itself to safe development.

The document went on to suggest that it wouldn't be too difficult to fit out some of these spaces to form eco-style flats and apartments. Where necessary, the tunnels would be widened, reinforced and lined. Ventilation shafts would be accessed (many old, disused and mainly covered-up shafts could be easily reopened and re-enforced for this purpose), geo-thermal heating could be installed, as well as solar panels erected on the surface.

Wind turbines would be placed on the cliff-tops and rain water collectors and recycling systems would be used for the toilets. Mains water and electricity will be provided, but not gas; it was deemed as being "a bit dangerous". There was some suggestion of a canary in every unit detailed within the original '67-'77 report, but I'm not sure if it was serious or just an afterthought from a weary and down-trodden planning consultant.

Each new-built home would be made as comfortable as possible with modern kitchens and bathrooms and multiple electricity sockets in every room. Ultra-fast broadband and multi-channel TV would be available as part of the package. Some of these tunnels end up as openings in the cliffs where the stone would have originally been loaded onto barges. These units could be finished to a higher specification to command a significantly higher rent, or could even sold off to rich Londoners as part of a package to facilitate covering the costs of the build in all (this outwards-facing aspect of the development can be seen in the original architect's vision, above).

There was a lot more information in the folder, but I think I have picked out the salient bits.

The next meeting of this inter-council committee was proposed for Monday April 1st 2019 at 10am, to be held in basement room 15, lower levels, Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham.

As yet, there has been no public notification for any public admittance to the meeting, but as I am sure that the prospect of an outstanding and indeed, highly individual large-scale property development taking place on our World Heritage coastline would be of interest to many readers.

Whilst new housing developments are most certainly needed, often much local opposition is brought forth, in many cases, by those already safely housed and comfortable in the district. It is hoped that the 'inner' tunnel dwellings in this complex will lessen local outcry as they will be specifically made available to rent to locals who are on current housing lists, thus making a real difference to housing waiting times in Purbeck district.

Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

April 2009 brought us the astonishing news that a ground-breaking partnership between Intelligence Services here and abroad had been launched on a very local level.

Taking advantage of major roadworks which were scheduled for March and April 2009 in Swanage town centre, agencies had collaborated to install and test new technological advances in facial recognition software, enhanced CCTV capabilities and human footfall identification. The combination of all three technologies (inter-spliced with furthering advances in digital recognition of individual vehicle vibration) was seen to be cutting edge in technological unseen surveillance technology.

The new technological cabling was laid alongside new power cables down both sides of Station Road in Swanage, rolling out a programme of experimentation as part of a European/US collaboration. Information collected was channelled electronically to the US Air Force listening station near Brackley in Northamptonshire, before being transmitted to the Pentagon, Washington DC, for analysis.

A source for the Pentagon told our reporter: "The experiment is in its early stages of development, so there are no plans at present to store data on most people. However, the technology is expected to be developed to further levels of detail. In the end, the Pentagon will be able to identify you by looking up your trouser leg." He continued: "Swanage has been selected for this stage of the experiment because nothing much happens in Swanage and people move very slowly, thus giving us time to see who they are." A spokesperson for the Department of Work & Pensions (UK) declined to reveal how many personal details of Swanage residents had been lost over the previous twelve months.

In our letters pages, resident Mr Brown, wrote bitterly about the recent closure of the Bere Regis Royal British Legion HQ and Club, then based at the Bere Regis Sports Club. Mr Brown stated that: "...with all the conflict and world problems, we should be supporting the RBL, not kicking them in the teeth. After so many years of supporting activities for the older echelon of the village and the Foresters, Blood Donors, Youth Club, Garden Club and various other organisations, these will disappear at the end of July 2009. As from July, I hope the Sports Club will have this on their conscience for the rest of their lives." Strong words, Mr Brown! Let's hope that some of these clubs have found a new base in the intervening decade.

Volunteers were called upon locally by Purbeck District Council to show their community spirit and sign-up for the 'Pride in Purbeck' Spring Clean 2009, due to take place in April 2009. Residents and local groups were encouraged to spruce up their neighbourhoods, with Purbeck District Council providing free advice, plastic sacks and gloves, as well as organising to collect all the litter picked-up.



Councillor Paul Johns, Built Environment Spokesperson, said: "The district council is very keen to help residents keep their neighbourhoods tidy. The more people that get involved in the spring clean, the bigger the difference that can be made."

In the same edition, Paul Johns of Purbeck District Council also announced that they were going to introduce a charge for removal of mice and rats from domestic premises in the district. Free information on how to deal with vermin would still be offered, but residents wishing the council to assist with the removal of mice and rats would face a charge of £28.75 (inc. VAT), which would include a site visit and the application of bait.

On Saturday 18th April 2009, Jacob Rigg, 27, Special Counsel and Speechwriter to then-President, Barack Obama, came to Swanage and gave a workshop at Swanage Middle School. The workshop was aimed at anyone interested in successful campaigning and creating change. There was also

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an hour-long presentation held in the Mowlem Theatre about 'Speechwriting, working with Barack Obama and the US election campaign', for an entry charge of £5 per person.

The Mowlem Theatre in Swanage updated the community with regards to their then-new tenants for the bars and restaurants within the building and the plans for the renovation and reopening of these areas. The trustees were also commencing a programme of works themselves, repainting the foyer and stairs and making improvements to the toilets.

There were also plans for exterior painting, replacement of the existing canopy and fascia, new publicity display boards and a phased schedule of replacement and upgrading of the exterior windows. The trustees thanked local residents and reminded the community that they are not publicly-funded and receive no funding from town, district or county councils. They stated that they had, through fundraising and donations, brought-in around £44,000. This money was spent on new theatre seats and contributed to the ongoing refurbishment works.

Lulworth Rangers updated us with news that they had received reports of Common Frogs spawning in the pond at Park Lodge as early as 21st February, as well as noting a sighting of a Hen Harrier crossing the Range Road in February.

A new chestnut paling fence had been installed alongside the path to Durdle Door in the hope that it would act as a barrier between the path and the edge of the cliff. A tree nursery was also planned for 2009, where it was hoped that local veteran tree seeds would be replanted.



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After another huge round of voting, we are delighted to be able to announce the winners of the Best In Purbeck Awards, sponsored by Dorset Cottage Holidays.

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The Best In Purbeck Awards have now been running for several years and engage those who have something to say about excellence in Purbeck. Voters can choose to vote in several categories which include Best Eatery, Best Local Producer, Best Attractions, Best Event and Best Blogger.

This year we added a 'Customer Service Hero Award' and added a judge's panel to judge the Best Event Category, to make the voting system a little fairer.

We are proud to announce the following winners:

BEST BLOGGER - For the second year running, stealing the award for Best Purbeck Blogger, is Swanage Coastguard.

BEST EVENT - Purbeck Rally (*Organiser, Donna, receiving award, pictured top left*). "The Purbeck Rally is not only a place where likeminded enthusiasts can come together, but a show that creates an ideal environment and atmosphere for anyone of any age to enjoy, all whilst raising much needed funds for local charities and good causes," a representative said. "The Purbeck Rally prides itself on being a family friendly show with plenty of entertainment, things to see and do, a wide variety of catering to choose from and the opportunity to shop from a range of stalls and handmade crafts."

BEST ATTRACTION (*pictured, top right*). This year the trophy went



to The National Trust's Corfe Castle.

BEST LOCAL PRODUCER - Purbeck Ice Cream.

BEST EATERY - For the second year running - The Black Swan in Swanage! Owners Darren and Eric said: "What a fantastic start to 2019! The Black Swan Inn are the proud recipients of The Best In Purbeck awards (2017 and 2018) in the best eatery category. The Black Swan offers an excellent range of pub cuisine with a strong French influence. The well thought-out menu, which receives rave reviews, also caters for vegetarians and those with allergies, offering several gluten-free options. While the kitchen team provide delicious meals, the front of house team always offer a friendly reception to regulars and holidaymakers alike, with a good knowledge of the local ales and ciders."

Our last award was new for 2018, the **CUSTOMER SERVICE HERO**.

We surprised Liam Blake of Swanage Dairy, who was nominated by dozens of voters on Facebook. Liam's nomination came about after the snowfall we had back in February 2018 - Liam went above and beyond to assist his customers and the panel felt he was a deserving winner! Below (*left & right*) are a couple of images taken from Swanage Dairy's Facebook page, showing the struggle the team went through for their customers last year, delivering on a literal 3" thick ice rink to ensure everyone had their milk!

'Best In Purbeck' plans to get bigger and better in 2019 - voting is already off to a strong start with several new nominations in each category.

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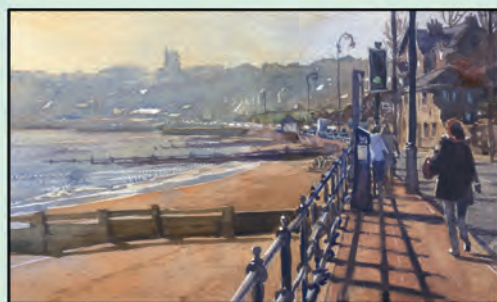
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An Active Contender

by David Hollister

I have to confess that I haven't driven a Ford Fiesta since the mid-1970s. That even includes holiday rentals in Europe where even when I specified a Ford, I usually ended up with something else! Have I been missing out?

Graham Lambert at St.Michael's Garage in Harmans Cross mentioned to me that there's an exciting new Fiesta in the range, the Fiesta Active. Ford describe it as a 'Fiesta for Outdoor Adventure' wrapped with the standout styling of an intrepid crossover. It has 'rough road' suspension including a ride height greater than the other Fiesta models in the range; would it, I wonder, cope with the large selection of 'rough roads' that our impoverished county has on offer?

The only way to really find out what a car's all about is a long test drive; in my case I always try to take three days and drive at least 200 miles. So, I was especially pleased when Graham offered me the car to use on one of our regular visits to James's house at Bourne End; 109 miles door to door.

Not being skiers, we had no need of the roof rails (!) but most of the other features of this classy little car were well exploited. It was a 5-door 'Active B & O' model, about half way up the Active range with a price just a tad under twenty grand. You really get a lot for your money, including a superb B & O Premium Sound System with 675 watts serving the ten speakers; we never did get it cranked up to full volume but the sound was faultless, complementing the Fiesta's stylish interior.

You can tailor the Fiesta driving experience to suit the conditions; there's "normal", "Eco" (which would probably suit if you weren't in hurry), and "Slippery" which would probably have come in handy had it snowed or rained really heavily, which thankfully it didn't. The sun shone all weekend for us! This particular car had optional extras fitted, including full LED headlamps (spectacular), rear parking distance sensors (necessary) and one of the best rear-view cameras that I have used. It didn't have 'advanced active auto park assistance' which is just as well because I'm not that trusting.....

A few really nice touches; when you open the doors, a little black plastic gizmo pops out and curls around that part of the door which tends to hit the car next to you when parking's tight. First time I've seen that! Rain-sensing variable-speed wipers, cruise control, auto-high beam lights, and a superb 4.2" TFT instrument cluster with Traffic Sign Recognition and Driver Alert which apparently wakes you up if you're nodding off although it dispenses neither coffee nor jellybabies.

Also showed the speed limit in force on any particular piece of road. Probably one of the most useful features! The cruise control wasn't 'adaptive' (i.e. keeping you at a safe distance) but that is an optional extra which I'd very probably opt for were I considering buying this Fiesta. I also



liked the black roof, particular to the 'Active B & O' range.

The eight-inch central screen gave access not only to the sat-nav, but the DAB entertainment system, phone controls and a range of 'apps'. Sat-nav superb, really accurate and really readable with the screen display dividing each time a change of direction was necessary, leaving no doubt as to where it wanted me to go. And it didn't make a fuss when I opted for a different route. Audio and Bluetooth controls duplicated on the steering wheel, very useful safety feature.

Will it fit your garage and take your luggage? Overall length 4065mm, overall width 1941 mm (that's 160 inches and 76 inches in proper). Luggage capacity 311 litres or a very adequate 1093 litres with the rear seats folded down. We managed a spectacular 48 mpg with the 1.0 litre Ecoboost engine developing 100 PS (that's 98 BHP!). Max speed 121 mph allegedly. I say 'spectacular' as the book says 42.8!

Traffic on the way up was challenging but it seemed like as soon as we'd got past Ferndown, it had dissipated. Made it in three hours with a stop for lunch on the way. We had been dreading the return journey; wrong end of 'half term', sun shining, mid-afternoon, all the features which normally found us going off-piste and taking all sorts of detours.

But – even the A31 wasn't at a standstill, and we made Wareham just before 5.00, found a vacant parking space on the Quay, a vacant table and chairs right outside the pub, so we sat in the sunset and realised that the pleasant and sunny trip home matched the pleasant and sunny little car that we'd been privileged to use for the weekend. Thank you, Graham!

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Wild Garlic Butter

By Regula
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Garden

The garden is transforming at top speed this time of year. Luckily, I did a lot of ploughing when we had those lovely, sunny days in February as at the time of writing, the soil is cold and sodden.

Ploughing now would be slippery and very messy and no good at all, as I'd be compacting the soil and squeezing out those essential air pockets. However, feeling smug never lasts long, as I've just been repairing wind damage on my poly tunnels and packing shed. Customers are sometimes wondering what I'm doing in the winter months when the growing takes a break.

The thing is, there are always more jobs to do before and after the actual growing. Tidying up after a good harvest, cleaning seed trays and pots, fixing fences and frames, maintaining hand tools and petrol strimmer and of course, most importantly, looking after the soil. When the weather allows, I've been cutting down the green manure, leaving it to wilt on the surface, to dig in at a later stage.

I've also been mulching thickly with homemade compost and composted down hen house litter. The paths in the polytunnels still need their yearly thick layer of woodchips, which after the summer get chucked onto the beds to rot down even more and by springtime the following year, only the biggest bits can still be seen. The creatures living in the soil are doing a fab job, dealing with decomposing plant matter and by doing that aerating the soil.

Sowing now is in full swing and I run out of nursery space far too quickly.... there's a lot of improvisation staging going on indoors until the biggest seedlings get to go outdoors to acclimatise to less cushy conditions and to get ready to be planted out to grow on.

Although we're getting close to the 'hungry gap', there's still some harvesting to be done. A tasty treat are the succulent spears of Purple Sprouting Broccoli. These are the closed flowering stalks of quite a tall vegetable and are best just lightly steamed or stir fried. The whole plant takes one year from sowing to harvesting and when all spears are picked, the chickens get the rest and they love the tasty greens!

Of course, some seasonal produce doesn't need to be sown every year, as there are some very tasty perennial plants. One of the first to show its lush green leaves through the woodland floor is the wild garlic. Very much in season about now and best picked before it sets flowers as the garlicky leaves get quite strong.

Gently pick the leaves without pulling too hard as the bulb needs to stay in the ground to produce more leaves next year. Pick sensibly, leave some for others too... The white flowers are also edible and make a lovely addition to a spring salad. This butter is great made in advance and kept in the fridge, ready to mix with freshly cooked pasta, toss through steamed greens or to smear onto warm bread.

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An application for the MA can be made online or by telephone. The application must be made by the non-taxpayer who is transferring their allowance.

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Local 'Bad Debtors' To Be Publicised In 2019

Purbeck Gazette joins local councils, chambers and local businesses to fight non-payment of business invoices to help stave-off local recession fears

In response to the currently-unknown future financial effects of the whole Brexit scenario on smaller businesses (come what may), local councils and leading local businesses have recently agreed to sponsor a published 'Debt Notification' for the Purbeck area to try and ensure that smaller local businesses are more able to stay afloat in light of what may become a slightly more difficult trading position.

Cash flow can be a huge problem for smaller businesses trading in the UK, with many of them literally working on a weekly or monthly cash-flow basis, meaning that if business clients do not stick to agreed terms and conditions applied to invoices, smaller businesses struggle to pay staff wages, cover the rental on retail or business units, keep up with stock purchase and so on. The failure by some businesses to pay invoices on time to other businesses is putting people out of work, closing down smaller shops and outlets and must be tackled harshly for the good of all.

Although governmental advice in the past has strongly recommended to all businesses that they take note of the trading terms for goods and services purchased and make a serious attempt to pay bills prior to the noted (and legally-binding) 'due by' date, this has not worked well to date on the ground, with many companies choosing to pay on their 'own terms', or basically, whenever they seem to feel like it – to the extreme detriment of suppliers, staff and sub-contractors. Failure to pay invoices on time leads to real-time supply shortages, cuts to staff hours and the inability for some smaller businesses to continue trading (in the worst cases).

From April 2019, the Purbeck Gazette has agreed to be part of a motion which was put forward recently at a special private meeting held between all local parish and town councils (with Purbeck District Council being disbanded as of this month), the Federation of Small Businesses, local Chamber of Trade groups and Trade Union representatives via Skype.

The agreement states that any invoice which is left unpaid after the agreed terms have passed will be publicised within the Purbeck Gazette in a monthly listing. For each unpaid invoice listed in the published notification,

the notice will include: the amount owed, the original due-date the invoice should have been paid by, the name of the company that's neglected to 'pay their way' and the name of the company owed.

It is hoped that by publishing the details of outstanding debts to local businesses on a monthly basis, local staff and business owners will be more aware of those who are systematically not paying their bills, thus putting other local small businesses they deal with at risk – despite providing the goods, staff or services invoiced for.

It is hoped that within a few months, those who deliberately do not pay under the terms which they agreed to purchase either services or goods by become well-known locally, thus enabling other smaller businesses to make a choice as to which companies they deal with – or not.

We (the Purbeck Gazette) as a small, local business ourselves, have signed-up to the motion along with hundreds of other local businesses, so we do warn our advertisers that we fully expect invoices to be settled by the clearly-noted due-date!

If you are suddenly experiencing financial difficulties after deciding to purchase advertising space and accepting an invoice for said space, please contact our office in the first instance to present us with a realistic payment plan – or expect to see the details of your unpaid debt published here! The same goes for any unpaid invoice owed to any local business; if you're suddenly and unexpectedly unable to settle it, please call the issuing business in the first instance and communicate openly – lest you see your name listed!

For those who continue to refuse to settle-up, it has been agreed that the old stocks will be brought out of storage and put back in place on the lawns of church grounds throughout the isle, for habitual debtors.

Friday afternoons will see 'active' debtors lined up in the stocks (more sets will be made, as required) and any unsold fruit and vegetables from local shops will be for offer to the public to 'pelt' those being held in the stocks. Dates and times to be announced as the motion becomes reality....

Businesses Given Brexit Boost At Conference



Businesses in Dorset were urged to seize the support on offer to help prepare for the challenges and opportunities of Brexit. More than 130 delegates attended the Business Brexit Conference to hear practical advice about the impact of the UK's departure from the EU. The non-partisan event – organised by the Dorset Chamber with Bournemouth University and Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership – featured top regional and national experts.

Issues raised in a question and answer session with an expert panel included supply chains, VAT registration, no-deal Brexit, working time directives, food safety, trade deals, employment and broadband. All delegates received a Brexit support pack via email from the Dorset Chamber – the county's voice of business – following the conference at the Hallmark Carlton Hotel in Bournemouth.

The Dorset Chamber, the county's leading business support organisation, held the event as part of its programme of activities to help firms during Brexit. Speakers included Matthew Elliott, who was chief executive of the Vote Leave campaign during the referendum, Stuart Chapman from the Government's Business Intelligence and Readiness Directorate and Prof Nigel Jump, a strategic and analytical economist from Bournemouth University.

The expert panel included REIDsteel managing director and CBI manufacturing council member Simon Boyd, Mr Elliott, Prof Jump, Kate Fretten of Fretten Solicitors, Bournemouth University professor of economics Dr Sangeeta Khorana and Lester Aldridge international trade lawyer Linda Jacques. It was chaired by Nicola Newman, who is chief executive of Ansbury Guidance.

The conference, sponsored by Purple HR, was free for members and non-members of the Chamber. It was the latest in the Chamber's series of Dorset Business Forums, which address heavyweight issues affecting the county. Dorset Chamber is offering more support for businesses, including seminars, international trade support and advice in a dedicated Brexit section on its website. Visit <https://www.dorsetchamber.co.uk> for more details.

Pictures: Top: Conference panel: From left, Matthew Elliot, political strategist and lobbyist, Mandy Fitzmaurice of event sponsor Purple HR, Ian Girling, chief executive of Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dr Sangeeta Khorana, an economics professor at Bournemouth University, Simon Boyd, managing director of export manufacturer REIDsteel, Professor Nigel Jump, a strategic and analytical economist at Bournemouth University, Linda Jacques, an international trade lawyer at Lester Aldridge, and Kate Fretten, a partner and head of employment at Fretten Solicitors.

Bottom: The Brexit Business Conference was a sold out event



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Natural Matters

Climbing Again

by John Garner

I have reached an age when I thought that such bonkers pastimes as climbing were behind me. About five years ago I started bouldering and threw myself into it with my usual gusto and about four years ago I stopped, due to the fact that my gusto was much more robust than my body. I was inured with the excitement of the novice who had found a sport that they just wanted to do all the time.

The ageing body was not up to this, but my diminutive brain refused to process this fact. I ignored the obvious consequences of my fervour. I wasn't warming up properly, nor was I stretching afterwards. I blocked out the warning signs, you know, inability to lift my arms above my head, screaming knee pain and a back that was threatening to go on strike at any point.

The inevitable happened. There's only so much Ibuprofen gel a body can absorb, after all. Almost as excitedly as I began, I stopped. After about a year of pushing myself like a very young person might, I succumbed to the fact that I was not a very young person and grudgingly admitted defeat.

But it really annoyed me that I'd done that. What was I expecting? It nagged away at me for a while. Anyway, life got in the way as it has a tendency to do and climbing was relegated to something I'd tried, but wasn't up to it.

Of course, the eagle eyed amongst you will have noted from the title that there is a big 'however' looming. In the intervening years I have kept a wayward eye on the climbing world. Reading about it and watching the odd documentary. It's always sort of been there in the background, more as a curiosity than as something I thought I might revisit.

Look, I'll put you out of your misery. I'm giving it another go. Only a little more gently this time.

I'd read something, not climbing related, that had got me thinking about it again. It was about setting realistic expectations and not necessarily age related, but linked to time and opportunity. I remembered how much I enjoyed climbing when nobody was around and there weren't any expectations other than those that I put on myself. Hang on. That last sentence is about as navel gazey as I get. Worry not. I'm not just about to go all 'goal setting and meaning of life' on you. Stick with it. As climbers will say, you've got this far, you might as well carry on.

I was also inspired by reading about various folk in their fifties and sixties and a few in their seventies that use bouldering gyms and rock faces as their means of enjoyment and keeping fit.

Mindful of previous agonies, I've started slowly. Some of the previous moves are starting to return, although the upper body strength may take more time. I'm a cyclist for God's sake. Our upper bodies don't really exist. Almost in direct proportion to climber's upper bodies. I'm trying to take a more systematic approach.

When my arms are howling to stop, I move onto other areas of the climbing walls that focus on the feet. Contrary to popular belief, the better you get, the more you use your legs, which are much more powerful. By concentrating on the technique rather than the strength, I'm hoping to avoid the pain and be able to climb for longer.

I also watched a few documentaries about climbing in Yosemite in America. Huge, great, sheer rock faces that people climb for fun. That's 3000-foot rock faces that people climb for fun. I would love to see those rock faces and watch people climbing them for fun.

I recently went to the cinema to watch *Free Solo*, a documentary about Alex Honnold free soloing one of those rock faces (El Capitan). I urge you to go and see it and if the palms of your hands aren't sweating profusely throughout, you are not human. Terrifying and mesmerising in equal measures. A few weeks after I saw it, it won an academy award for best documentary, but don't let that put you off. It's astonishing whether you climb or not.

To be crystal clear, I have no aspirations to free solo (climbing without any form of protection other than your shoes and a bag of chalk...oh and some clothes, although I have no doubt someone will have tried it in the buff. Not much of a view if you're below them looking up I imagine. Not that I want to imagine that).

I'm definitely all for the thrill of it with the added safety net of...well safety. I shall stick to bouldering although I have a friend who is going to take me out to try the roped stuff on Portland.

If you're keen to give it a go, head over to The Project boulder gym in Poole or get hold of the Rockfax boulder guide to Dorset.

Oh and (obligatory message in these risk averse days), make sure you're safe. Because you're never too old to think you're too old.

Pictured: The Agglestone on Studland Heath - oft used by those having a go at bouldering.

Red Rum - Memories Of Photographing A Legend

by Jeremy Hoare



As a newcomer to Swanage, I approached The Swanage Bookshop with my photobook of Red Rum images taken in 1974 which they happily accepted; I was proud to see it displayed prominently in the window the next time I passed by.

In the 1973 Grand National, Red Rum came from a long way behind and overtook Crisp just before the finish line to win. A year later he won the race again, a triumph for all those connected but particularly trainer Ginger McCain who brought this amazing steeplechaser to peak performance by training him on the beach at Southport, not far from Aintree. He was taken into the sea every day and the salt water cured a foot condition, he could not have raced otherwise.

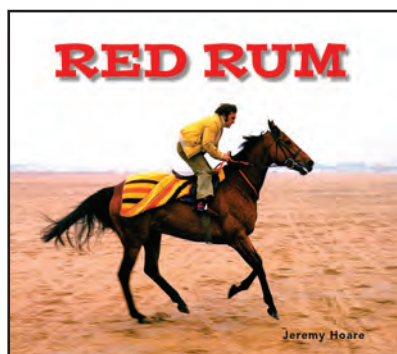
Following the 1974 race, I rang Ginger and asked if I could take photos for my equestrian artist wife, Gillian. He readily agreed so a short time later we drove up to see Red Rum in the stables behind Ginger's secondhand car showroom in Southport. That and taxi driving had been his main businesses before Red Rum. Ginger bought the horse at auction on behalf of Noel le Mare who he used to drive around and told him he'd find a Grand National winner for him.

On that visit, and on another in the summer when Red Rum was on his holiday, followed by seeing him run at Kempton Park, I had many images to choose from. Some have been used in magazines and in the definitive book by Ivor Herbert.

Then in 1977, after finishing second in 1975 and 1976, Red Rum ran again to become the most famous horse in the UK when he won his third Grand National, taking him straight into history as a living legend.

As a judge on the Travel Photographer Of The Year competition, in 2016 I met a new judge who was the ex-jockey turned photographer, Richard Dunwoody, who had been Champion Jockey three times and won two Grand Nationals himself, in 1986 on West Tip and in 1994 on Minnehoma. He urged me to turn the photos into a book as the negatives and transparencies had sat around in files and boxes for over forty years doing nothing. It was what I needed, so I set to and this volume is the result.

Red Rum's real legacy is that he saved the Grand National from extinction, it was becoming less popular with the public and racegoers alike. The three wins in 1973, 1974 and 1977, and two second places in 1975 and 1976, changed jump racing and restored the Grand National back to being a public favourite.



It is also true that the racecourse itself was on the brink of being closed down but after this string of successes, it came back into being a favourite with the public, who came back in droves.

At the time I took these photos, I was a television cameraman for ATV at Elstree where I worked on many programmes



which were shown not only in the UK but thanks to the brilliant showbiz entrepreneur Lew Grade, who ran the company, were seen in many other countries around the world. The one that most people know of today is 'The Muppet Show', of which the first of five series were made in 1976. The 2019 Grand National is on 6th April at 5:15pm and can be seen on ITV.

Red Rum is available in The Swanage Bookshop and online from www.jeremyhoare.com/red-rum

Photographs:

Top left: Red Rum being led by stable lad Billy Ellison back to the stables.

Top right: Red Rum looking out of his stable door.

Left: Jeremy Hoare. Bottom left: Red Rum book cover,

Bottom right: Trainer, Ginger McCain, with Red Rum.



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Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project Launch Day

On Friday the 12th April between 11 and 3, we will be holding a day of free events to celebrate the Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project. The Project will enhance Durlston's Grade II-listed Victorian landscape for nature, history and the local community, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Lottery players.

Activities on the 12th will include:

- Try woodland crafts – hurdle making, willow weaving and woodland jewellery making.
- Meet Heavy Horses Fleur and Celine and find out how they are lending a 'helping hoof' to woodland management work.
- Take a gentle stroll to find out about the past, present and future of Durlston's historic landscape.
- Try volunteering, with a mini work party.
- Check out plans and drawings for the enhancement of the landscape and meet the Project team.
- Find out about how you can get involved with the 'Everyone Needs a Shed!' project and how our new lift-share scheme will help people get to Durlston without a car.

Activities are open to all ages, so come along and celebrate with us!

April Events

Litter Free Coast and Sea Exhibition - Clean Seas Weeks. 4th to 21st April 4th 10:30-17:00. Events, activities, walks, talks and displays celebrating our seas and how we can keep them clean and safe for people and wildlife. Free. FFG.

Easter Trail: Wildlife Superheroes! 5th to 23rd April 2019, 11:00 to 15:00. An egg-citing Easter trail for kids! Head out for a superhero adventure through the park. £3.

The Spring Has Sprung - Spring Wildlife Walk, April 7th, 2:00pm. Walk to look for early spring wildlife at Durlston. £3.

Beachcombing Crafts, 8th April, 14:30, Children's event. Get creative with shells, driftwood & beachcombed rubbish! Please book. £3 LC

Bottle Rockets! April 9th 2:00 15:30, Bring a pop bottle to create and launch a rocket! £3. Booking essential LC.

Easter Chase, April 12th 10:00am. Catch the Easter Bunny on this fun running event for ages 7-11! Refreshments provided. £2 suggested donation. 10am Registration. 10.30am chase begins.

Park to Pier Walk: History and Wildlife. April 13th 10:30am. Join a stroll Walk from Durlston Castle to Swanage Pier, discovering the history, wildlife and geology of Durlston Bay. £3.

Great Dorset Beach Clean, April 27th 10:00am. Help clean Swanage Bay along North Beach! Meet outside 'Bull and Boat'.

Art Workshop: Drawing with Pen and Pencil, April 21st 11:00am Develop your drawing in pencil, pen and ink. £20 Booking essential LC.

Early Spider Orchids and Other Spring Flowers, April 28th 14:30.

Take a stroll with botanist Ted Pratt to look for spring flowers, including orchids. £3.

For more details, please pick up a leaflet or visit:
<https://www.durlston.co.uk/events.aspx>

Join In With Our Big Green Dog Walk!



Margaret Green Week takes place between 19 – 26th May and this year we are asking supporters to pledge a walk and donate to our rescue animals.

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St Mary's Sign-Up With Surfers Against Sewage



St Mary's School in Swanage has signed up with the Plastic-Free Schools Campaign being run by Surfers Against Sewage.

Last year the school's Green Team wrote to the supplier Cool Milk to request that they looked at alternatives to cartons and plastic straws. Now milk is delivered to St Mary's in two litre containers and the children are given their milk in reusable cups.

This year the Green Team have done a Beach Litter Pick with Litter-Free Purbeck and are working on reducing single-use plastic in lunchboxes. They also have visited the two supermarkets in the town and are writing to them to ask why there is so much unnecessary packaging.

Dobrochna and Sunny (Year 6 Green Team) said: "As we live near the sea we think it is especially important to cut down on our plastic use. Much of the plastic dropped as litter ends up in the sea. We were very surprised how much plastic we found on a small part of the beach."





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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack

Why the Japanese love Cherry Blossom



The Japanese passion for the spectacular flowers of ornamental cherry or as they call it Sakura, goes back well over 1000 years. The blossom is revered as a symbol of the impermanence of life and is closely related to its warrior traditions.

The brief but amazing display of bloom is emblematic of the fighter demonstrating wonderful fighting prowess in battle and the falling blossom represents their heroes dying young.

Hanami Parties

Hanami is the tradition of walking or sitting under the Sakura and virtually all Japanese picnic and party among the flowering trees



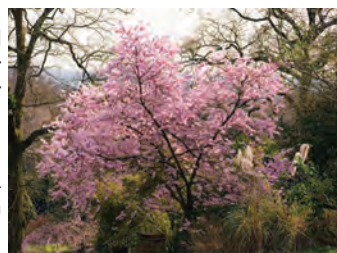
drinking sake or specially brewed beer. At the end of March and early April the public parks are packed.

The most widely planted form is the pale pink *Prunus x yedoensis* with millions planted throughout Japan.

However, there are over a hundred varieties which have been bred over the centuries and now imported for UK gardeners to enjoy as well.

Here are some of my favourites:

Prunus 'Accolade' (top right) is a small to medium garden tree with gorgeous pink to pale pink blossom and is one of the earlier flowering forms.



Prunus 'Ukon' (second right) my favourite cherry with its beautiful creamy flowers ageing to antique pink

Prunus 'Shirofugen' (third right) The flowers are exquisite double pale pink opening to white like clusters of miniature roses.



Prunus 'Tai Haku' (bottom left) - Striking pure white flowers and the tree also has excellent autumn leaf colour.

Prunus 'Chocolate Ice' (bottom right) - This is a great name as it perfectly describes the colour of the emerging leaves and flowers.

At Holme we have an extensive collection of Japanese Cherry varieties planted in the garden and late March and April is normally the best time to appreciate them.

A double bonus is that this coincides with the wonderful Tulip display so set some time aside this month to visit the beautiful gardens at Holme.



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Heavy Horses Provide 'Helping Hoof' At Durlston



Some hairy new additions, Fleur and Celine the working heavy horses, joined the Heritage Lottery Funded 'Durlston Pleasure Grounds' Project at Dorset County Council's Durlston Country Park between Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March 2019.

Woodsmen Toby Hoad of Dorset Horse Logging and his hooved companions worked alongside staff and volunteers to transport cut timber across the site. The timber will be re-used in the Project area, including as fuel for a wood burning stove in the recently installed 'Everyone Needs a Shed!' volunteer workshop.

Over the next three years, the 'Durlston Pleasure Grounds' Project will restore and enhance the Victorian landscape at Durlston for nature and

the local community, creating new opportunities for training, volunteering and wellbeing, whilst also improving access for people with disabilities. Management of this historic woodland will improve habitats for wildlife, maintain safety, and create new opportunities for access and play.

Marie Sanchez, Project Officer at Durlston said: "Heavy horses are able to move large trees around the Country Park in an ecologically sensitive way, minimising damage to the ground and woodland flora. Using this traditional method instead of heavy machinery helps protect the National Nature Reserve."

Toby Hoad said: "It's great they have decided to use horses to extract the timber at Durlston and to be part of this exciting project."

Project Promotes 'Natural Sparkle' For Dorset Folk

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has launched an exciting new health and wellbeing project, 'Natural Sparkle'. Supported by Southern Co-op, the project aims to provide a suite of nature-based activities that benefit both physical and mental wellbeing for local people and will also help wildlife in the area.

The project was launched in March at DWT's Happy Bottom nature reserve in east Dorset, where volunteers from Southern Co-op joined DWT volunteers to re-seed the community orchard with wildflowers. Volunteers were also taken on nature walks around the Corfe Barrow Nature park.

Activities which are organised through the project will become part of Natural Choices – a programme of nature-based activities from over twenty providers across Dorset which is led by the Dorset Local Nature Partnership (LNP). The LNP is working with Dorset's health services to raise the profile of the benefits of nature on our health and wellbeing.

DWT's East Dorset Living Landscapes Manager, Nicki Brunt said: "As part of the Natural Sparkle project we will be offering activities such as practical conservation volunteering, talks, walks and mindfulness sessions. By working in partnership through the Dorset LNP, the aim is to embed the wellbeing opportunities into the Dorset health system through health and social care professionals such as nurses and GPs. But these activities will benefit anyone wanting to have a healthy lifestyle and to help local wildlife at the same time."

The generous funding from Southern Co-op has also unlocked further funding for projects to link up Natural Sparkle's activities in nature reserves and community green spaces, increasing the reach of the project hugely in the first two years of delivery as a tool to prevent ill health, and support recovery through nature.

Gemma Lacey, Southern Co-op's Director of Sustainability and Communications, said: "The work carried out by our Wildlife Trusts is



absolutely incredible and gives people an opportunity to connect with our natural world. This project will bring a variety of positive impacts improving people's health and wellbeing whilst also benefitting nature.

"Being a regional, independent co-operative, improving our local communities is incredibly important to us and this is an exciting move forward in our commitment to securing a more sustainable future for everybody."

To find out more about Natural Choices activities on offer, visit www.livewelldorset.co.uk.

Photo: Walking at Happy Bottom © Brian Bleese

Arts & Entertainment

Swanage Blues Spring Festival Round-Up!



Swanage Blues Festival once again roused the town from its wintry slumber and brought it to life with over 1,000 fans and 200 musicians for what people are now calling 'The Biggest Blues Party on the South Coast'.

The initial birthday party for local George Crane eighteen years ago has grown like Topsy and this time embraced eighteen venues including bars, restaurants, holiday parks, the golf club, YHA, the Royal British Legion and spread as far as the Greyhound in Corfe Castle.

Organiser Steve Darrington said: "Everybody's welcome to take part and it's amazing how some sessions are starting up spontaneously. It's all about having a good time!"

Steve reckons that the success is due to a number of factors including cost, quality of diverse entertainment, the pick-and-mix nature of a multi-venue event but definitely Swanage itself. "Friendly and welcoming. They're the words most used when people describe their experiences of Swanage Blues Festivals," he said. "So, a big hand for all the local folk who give our

guests such a warm reception."

Steve added: "I've managed to keep support wristbands down to £10, which is staggering value for money" he said, "and purchase is still voluntary! There's an enormous fun factor behind the standard of entertainment, and at jam sessions sometimes it's difficult to tell who are professionals and who are enthusiastic amateurs."

Steve is a wheelchair user and is currently looking for people who can help in getting him around the town. You can contact him by email at s.darrington@btopenworld.com, drop a note into either the Swanage Information Centre on Shore Road or the shop @61, 61 High Street, or phone him on 01929 422338.

Festival fan Derek Stimson said: "The atmosphere around the town was incredible. I have made so many friends over the last six years I feel blessed. If the real world could ever be as it was this weekend, we could all be in a better place."

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As ever the Beerex committee must thank the generous sponsors, local pubs, businesses and many supporters who have made the event so successful for the past twenty-six years and raised around £110,000 for deserving causes - so let's all drink to that!

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Swanage Carnival Ambassador Competition

In 2019 we are introducing our brand-new competition to select three youth representatives of Swanage Carnival.

After lots of discussion and taking onboard feedback from our supporters we are launching the Carnival Ambassador event, which will replace our Carnival Queen and Princess competition.

Carnival chairperson Maria Foot said "We are excited to be introducing a new event which is open to all children in our community. We hope this role will provide a great opportunity for some of our local youngsters to get involved with Carnival and find out a bit more about what is involved in organising such an event and how the money raised benefits those around us".

On 26th April 2019 all children from Swanage, Studland, Langton, Worth Matravers, Kingston and Corfe Castle who are between the ages of 10 and 13 years old, are invited to a disco along with their family and friends. The disco will be held at Swanage Bay View from 7.30pm.

Children who would like to become a Carnival Ambassador can buy a numbered ticket for £3. One winning ticket will be drawn from each age group category and if the ticket has your number, you are a winner! It's that simple!

The Carnival Ambassadors 2019 will be a key part of Carnival Week 2019, getting involved in lots of fun activities. As part of the role, the three chosen Carnival Ambassadors will be representing Swanage Carnival at a range of local events and supporting the Carnival Committee by assisting with our events during Carnival Week.

Please come and join us for this special evening!

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Age 11 - 12 years

Age 12 - 13 years

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Full details and entry forms are available on the night, or available to download from our website:

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Wareham's 2019 Carnival Royalty Announced!



Wareham Carnival 2019 Royalty team will be: Carnival Queen, Eleanor Williams, with her two princesses: Mia Gillard and Lily Watson.

Last but not least, we have this year's three princes: Freddie Haskell, Charlie Haskell and Jacob Bissett. Our congratulations to all of you on your royal appointments! The judging took place at Wareham Town Hall on Saturday 23rd February 2019.

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In keeping with Jay's involvement with the musical youth of Purbeck the concert is in support of young people in the arts through the Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme and the Douglas Strickland Bursary Fund.

Admission to the concert is £10 in advance and £12 on the door for adults with children free.

Tickets are available from choir members, Corbens and me - Liz Roberts 01929 481419 lizcat55@yahoo.co.uk

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Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

THE PURBECK HUB

The hospitals at Swanage and Wareham link with other services. This month I have asked Sally Hill, Advance Nurse Practitioner for Purbeck, RGN Adult Dip Ed, Specialist Practitioner Community BSc – Community Nursing, Advanced Nurse Practitioner MSc to tell us a little about her team who work across Purbeck supporting people whether they are at home or in one of the community hospitals:

"The Purbeck Hub is based at Purbeck Local Office in Wareham and houses a collection of Community Nurses, GPs, Therapy Teams, and Adult Social Services who work closely together to meet patients' health and social care needs.

"The team meets every morning to discuss daily referrals and to mobilise treatment and interventions in an attempt to prevent hospital admission and provide a rapid assessment of need. In addition, we have a multi-disciplinary virtual ward meeting twice a week to discuss patients with complex medical and social needs.

"This breaks down organisational barriers to provide appropriate and timely interventions in an attempt to promote patient independence and enable the residents of Purbeck to live the lives they want to live.

"Nobody wants to go into hospital; however, there are times when patient need is such that safe care cannot be provided in the community setting.

Within Purbeck, we are lucky to have Swanage Community hospital, which has 15 beds supported by a fabulous nursing and therapies team and local medical cover to provide patients with the care that they need during their stay.

"Within the hospital there are some "Step Up" beds, these beds are for Purbeck patients who are in need of a period of rehabilitation from an injury or an episode of ill health, to prevent an acute hospital admission. During the hospital stay, close connections with the community hub are maintained to help facilitate discharge back to the patient place of residence.

"Referrals into the Hub are made through health and social care professionals across the whole of the county.

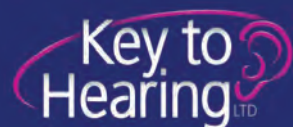
"Working collaboratively in this way enables us to provide seamless care to Purbeck patients with Purbeck keeping care closer to home."

Until next time, take care,

Matron Donna



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Apart from being a general dentist, Dr de Waal is also registered as a Specialist Periodontist in the UK, Germany and the USA, with thirty-five years clinical experience in treating periodontal disease problems and, when required, placing dental implants.

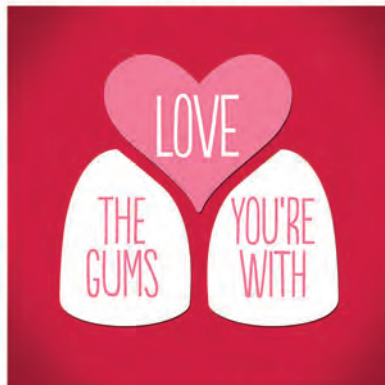
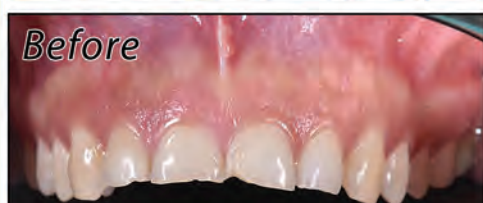
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Radiology Revamp Underway At Swanage Hospital



Patients at Swanage Hospital will soon have access to some of the most advanced digital X-ray technology in the world.

Work has begun to refurbish the site's Radiology Department to not only upgrade its outdated imaging equipment, but also make the facility a lot more

spacious and modern. The Dorset HealthCare-run hospital has a long history of providing high quality care to its local community, with a continual focus on innovation and promoting clinical excellence.

However, its Radiology Department - which sees around fifty-sixty patients each week - is badly in need of a refresh.

More than £275,000 is being spent on the facility which, when finished, will

boast a state-of-the-art digital X-ray room that will provide high resolution images in a shorter time. This will result in reduced waiting times and enable staff to make more accurate diagnoses.

Matron Donna Kiss said: "This is fantastic news for the people of Swanage who rely on our services, and this project shows we are committed to providing the highest standards of care we possibly can. We are delighted to be installing some of the best X-ray imaging equipment available, which will enable us to run a more efficient service in more attractive surroundings."

The refurbishment does mean the X-ray service will be temporarily closed until work is completed on Thursday, 13 June, with patients being redirected to either Poole Hospital or the Victoria Hospital in Wimborne during this period.

Service opening times will remain the same, and staff will ensure patients are signposted to the most convenient site for treatment.

Ultrasound examinations won't be affected, but will take place in the hospital's Outpatient Department.

Radiology, Pathology And Referrals On-Stream In Dorset Care Record

People living in Dorset can look forward to enhanced coordinated care as further records are joined up within the Dorset Care Record (DCR).

The latest records to come on stream cover radiology results from Dorset County Hospital (DCHFT), Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals (RBCH) and Poole Hospital (PHFT), as well as pathology reports and referrals from Dorset County Hospital.

Encounter information - covering information on inpatient, outpatient and admissions from RBCH and PHFT - has also been added. This provides details on appointments, visits and hospital stays, helping GPs, community health and social care professionals, who will be able to see records updated in real time. The package will be particularly beneficial to senior clinicians, GPs, nurses and pharmacists and will provide much easier access to results and reports performed across the county, as well as ensuring there will be clearer decisions about people's care.

Peter Gill, Director of informatics at Royal Bournemouth Hospital and Christchurch hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and DCR senior responsible owner, said: "This is a significant milestone for the Dorset Care Record and will ensure that people receive coordinated and safer care as well

as enabling health and social care professionals to better understand the needs of patients across the county."

The Dorset Care Record already holds demographic data from the county's three acute hospitals, including name, date of birth, address, next of kin, NHS number and ethnicity. It also contains GP records covering diagnosis, events, examinations, investigations, medication and allergies, procedures and risks. Information on inpatient, outpatient and admissions from Dorset County Hospital was also added earlier this summer. Work has also begun on developing the Dorset Care Record Citizen Portal, which will in time enable people to check their own records.

Two pilot groups - expectant mothers and certain cancer patients - have been chosen for the pilot of the Citizen Portal and are being developed in partnership with provider Orion Health. They have been chosen due to the frequent interaction and high level of correspondence between patients and clinicians.

It will empower patients within the groups and enable them to have early access to their individual records relevant to their care being provided, replacing large volumes of paperwork, and is due for completion early next year.

Cervical Screening Saves Lives

Healthwatch Dorset has been finding out more about women's experience of screening services to help inform local GPs and the national NHS screening programme.

Fewer women are going for cervical and breast screening appointments. According to the NHS, one in four women did not attend a cervical screening appointment in 2017/18. Healthwatch groups across the region have been working with Wessex Voices to find out what stops women from attending screening appointments.

They've spoken to over 230 women as well as holding focus groups and running a social media campaign. They found that many women didn't know they were eligible for screening, put off going because they'd previously had a bad experience or thought it would be embarrassing and/or painful.

Wessex Voices have used the feedback they've gathered to make some recommendations to the NHS to help improve screening rates, such as: Consider how to make appointments more accessible for women in terms of times, places and booking methods.

Offer double appointments for those who find screening distressing.

Promote the benefits of screening and create a searchable online tool for

women to seek information anonymously according to individual needs.

Nikki took part in this project and has also recorded a podcast with Healthwatch Dorset about her experience. Nikki explains: "My smear test came back with pre-cancerous cells, which was a real shock. I had to go into hospital for a biopsy and was called back in for a loop excision procedure. The little operation went really well, honestly, I didn't feel a thing, and what made it go so well was the nurses there. They were friendly, compassionate and made me feel relaxed. I brought someone to support me as well, which was a good idea. It's certainly a lot better than dying of cervical cancer."

To hear Nikki's podcast interview with Healthwatch Dorset go to:

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Sport

Swanage Football Club

The first team have had a few good results this last month. In the latest game we secured all three points, with a 3-2 away win against Blandford United in the Dorset Premier. League Keeper Dan Beeston produced a great save after three minutes and apart from the hosts hitting the post, the Swans controlled the first half and deservedly led 2-0 at half time. Goals from top scorer, Paul Best, followed a superb pass from Parslow, then the maker became scorer when Elliot Parslow hit a speculative shot that nestled in the far corner of the net. H.T.0-2.

The Royals seemed more determined in the second half and produced some good chances, however the Swans gave the hosts a lifeline with a defensive error, which Blandford managed to convert from close range for 1-2 and game on.

The home side were now pressing for the equaliser with several near misses, but it was the Swans who increased their lead when skipper Paul Best completed his brace and seventeenth goal of the season with a great finish from close range following a superb cross from Atkinson. The Royals never gave up and reduced the arrears to produce a tense finish, but the Swans held firm for the three points. We are now up to 10th in the DPL. The last three seasons we have finished seventh, sixth and eighth, so it will be a great achievement if we can get in and around those positions this season. We have recently signed a few new players, so this will be our goal. You've heard of clubs clambering to get into the top four in the Premier League - well we have our own ambitions!

Talking of ambitions, our long-term one is for the first team is to progress up the leagues. The Wessex League being our immediate goal. This will hopefully bring in more supporters and with the new redevelopment going at Day's Park over the coming months/years, we really need to be playing at a higher level.

We have just recently appointed a new Board at the Football Club. This will sit above our present football committee and social committee. The primary function of this board is to oversee the running of the club and to make strategic decisions instructing both the committees (social and football) that will run underneath it. Board members are: Mark Watson, Alison Newell, Barry Audley, Andy Dunster and myself. This will be a more business-like way of running the club, which is exactly what we need to be doing as we look to approach a number of different funders

for the new development. Just to recap for those of you that aren't regular readers of this article: We are in partnership with the Swanage & Purbeck Development trust and we are working closely with them. The first stage of the redevelopment will be for a brand-new stand to replace our existing structure, followed by a brand new 3 or 4G pitch, which will have a new perimeter fence and floodlights.

This will enable all of our youth teams to be based at Day's Park, playing and training on the new synthetic pitch. We can also hire this out to a number of different clubs, benefitting the whole town. The next stage once this has been achieved will be to start work on the demolition of the hall, bar area and changing facilities. This will then be replaced with a purpose-built sports centre. We have just recently given a team of architects our requirements and are looking forward to what they will come up with.

Our next social event at the club is the Fashion Show on Thursday 18th April - please note this is a new date. This is back by popular demand as it was such a success back in October last year. Tickets are available from Alison Newell on: 07545 762401

We are running a Girls' Event Day on Tuesday 2nd April 18:00-19:00. We are inviting all girls between the ages of 7-12 who are keen on joining a team. On the evening we will be running coaching sessions by fully qualified FA coaches, so put the date in your diary. Either just turn up, or for more info, contact Club Sec Alison on the number above.

Another team we are looking to start up for the new season will be the U8s. There was a get together for anyone interested in being in this team after our Mini Soccer session on the 23 March. If you're reading this and missed the date, contact the club through our social media.

There has recently been some great news for the Swans walking football team. Two of their players have been selected for South Western England trials. Steve Finney went for the over 50s and Ivor Hughes for the over 60s. I will update you with the outcome of the trials in next month's column.

Why not come along to walking football every Thursday evening in the hall at the club from 19:00?

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Caffe Tratt Chess Success!



Just over a year ago, Purbeck Chess Club member, Derek Mount, arranged with Bruno Forte of the Trattoria in Swanage to welcome chess players of any age or ability to go along for a friendly game of chess and a cup of coffee on a Thursday morning at the Caffe Tratt.

This has proved very popular. Not only have Purbeck Chess Club members played regularly, but also other local chess players.

In addition, people on holiday in Swanage have popped in for a game and there is a regular contingent of students from Harrow House language school.

One of the visitors is Florence Spirling (pictured, left), who is aged nine. Her parents visit Swanage during school holidays (in fact they are hoping to move to the area) and her

mum Lucy brings her along to the cafe. Her grandmother was born in Swanage and Florence has a great love for the area. Interestingly, Florence is a cousin (a couple of generations distant) of Robert Brown, the actor who played M in James Bond and who was born and died in Swanage.

She is very enthusiastic about her chess and has made tremendous progress during the last year. With the support of her parents, Florence decided to enter the Dorset County Junior Chess Championship, which was held at Bournemouth School for Girls on Saturday the 9th February - this was the first ever tournament she had entered.



Florence had tremendous success! She won four games out of six and finished third out of twenty in her section for children in years 3, 4 and 5. She was the highest placed girl of her age in Dorset and won a bronze medal, as shown in the photo.

Everyone at the Tratt and from the Purbeck Chess club is very proud of Florence's success and we wish her all the best for the future. We would encourage anyone, of whatever age, to come along any Thursday morning to learn or improve at chess.

Please contact Derek Mount on 07774 248319 if you want any more information.

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 MAY is noon, 9th APR

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.

APRIL 2019

- Mon 1st
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- 10:00 **Brexit / Anti-Brexit Purbeckian Independence March** on Purbeck District Council offices to officially declare independence for the Isle of Purbeck. Flags, banners and pitchforks welcome. Drummers called to lead the march. Depth-charges to be laid along the River Frome prior, which will be detonated at 11am sharp to set the isle afloat, drifting away from the mainland. Purbeckian passports to be issued from 10am at Swanage Town Hall and at Passport Control, based next to the Kings Arms in Stoborough. Charges apply.
- Tue 2nd
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- 11:00 **Celebration of Purbeck Art & Italian Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen & The Italian Bakery, South st, Wareham.
- Wed 3rd
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- 11:00 **Celebration of Purbeck Art & Italian Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen & The Italian Bakery, South st, Wareham.
- Thu 4th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- 11:00 **Celebration of Purbeck Art & Italian Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen & The Italian Bakery, South st, Wareham.
- Fri 5th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory classroom, Church Hill for: Theme boards (prints) – 'Open' and The Ken Moore Trophy – 'Open' Judge: Members. Visitors welcome, ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841
- Sat 6th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- 10:00 **Engraving Skills with Val Quinn** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £50 per adult.
- 10:00 **Open Day At Beach Gardens**, Swanage. Putting Green and 'Tea on the Green. Play 18 holes free of charge.
- 14:00 **Wareham Museum Grand Opening** Fun activities for kids, refreshments, entrance free. www.wtm.org.uk
- 19:00 **John Maddock's Madmen** At Harman's Cross Village Hall. Doors open for bar 7pm. Tickets £12 from the hall, or 01929 422215.
- 19:30 **Celebration of English Music** At St Mary's Church, Swanage. Tickets £10 in advance, from choir members or Corben's. £12 on the door.
- 20:00 **Count Bobo Live** acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 7th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- * **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** At Tyneham (Purbeck) where we will be helping look after this historic deserted village. We welcome new people interested in caring for this very special place. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, email DCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- 10:00 **Clean Up Corfe Litter Pick** (Litter-free Purbeck) Meet at the National Trust Tea Rooms. Ffi litterfreepurbeck@gmail.co.uk
- 14:00 **Spring has Sprung** - Spring Wildlife Walk At Durlston Country Park. £3.
- Mon 8th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- 14:30 **Beachcombing Crafts** At Durlston Country Park. Please book, £3.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for "A Wander round the West Country". A presentation by Colin Stone. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 421 913. Everyone is welcome.
- Tue 9th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- 10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.
- 10:30 **The Purbeck Carers Group** We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in a private room, Wareham Library. On behalf of everyone you are most welcome. The groups ethos is with friendship and information to support carers with varied speakers to empower your caring role, over a cup of tea. Ffi: Marilyn Butler 01929 553826 or 07785741733
- 14:00 **Bottle Rockets!** At Durlston Country Park. Bring a pop bottle and get creative, booking essential, £3.
- 14:00 **Purbeck Parkinson's Meetings** At All Saints Church, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 425970 or 01929 551962.
- 15:30 **Bottle Rockets!** At Durlston Country Park. Bring a pop bottle and get creative, booking essential, £3.
- Wed 10th
* **Flying Scotsman** on static display At Corfe Castle Station.
- * **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- 10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.
- 12:30 **Christian Aid Lunch** At the URC. Suggested minimum donation £5 also Traidcraft stall. All welcome. Ffi: Email: asalter83@live.co.uk
- Thu 11th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Spring Exhibition** In the Gallery at 41, East st, Corfe Castle.
- 10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.
- Fri 12th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- 10:30 **Easter Chase** At Durlston Country Park. Catch the Easter bunny on this fun running event for ages 7-11. £2 suggested donation, 10am registration.
- 11:00 **Project Launch Day At Durlston Country Park**. Try woodland crafts, meet heavy horses, try volunteering, lots of activities to celebrate the Durlston Pleasure Grounds project.
- 14:30 **Purbeck Society Talks** In the community room The Mowlem. "The Dorset Fingerposts" A presentation by Roger Bond of a countywide project by Dorset AONB group. doors open at 2pm refreshments available.
- 20:00 **Amelia White Live** acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 13th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- * **Steak & Lobster Night** At Clavells Restaurant, Kimmeridge. £29.95 per head, booking essential on 01929 480 701.
- 09:30 **Wareham Wombles' Litter Pick** (Litter-free Purbeck) Meet at Westport House. Ffi litterfreepurbeck@gmail.co.uk
- 10:00 **Meeting of local Microscopists** In the Langton Matravers village hall. There will be a variety of microscopes - both ancient and modern - showing a range of subjects from pond and marine life to rocks and fossils. Drop in and chat with the microscopists and check out the specimens; entrance is free. For more details see www.quekett.org
- 10:30 **Park to Pier Walk** From Durlston Country Park. £3
- 20:00 **Jez Hellard Live** acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 14th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- 14:00 **Patch & The Giant Live** acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Mon 15th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- Tue 16th
* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.
- * **Easter Trail** At Durlston Country Park. Activity for kids, £3.
- 10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per

adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.

19:00 **Wareham Town Council Meeting** In the Town Hall. Public welcome.

19:30 **Carnival Easter Bingo** At Swanage Bay View.

Wed 17th

* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.

10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.

14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Steve Roberts, "Dad's Army – Fact and Fiction". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01919 439245.

19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Julian Richards - Stonehenge – old rocks – new theories.

Thu 18th

* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.

10:00 **Family Have a go at Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £30 per adult, £17.50 per child. Booking essential. Ffi: 01929 439405.

Fri 19th

* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.

* **Wareham Easter Beerex** In The Masonic Hall, Wareham. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk

* **Swanage market Opens** Open ALL DAY every Friday this season at Victoria Ave car park.

10:00 **Easter Makers Market** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. Woodworking, silver smithing, stone carving, ceramics and more.

19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory classroom, Church Hill for: Members essays and pictures, plus critique. Visitors welcome, ffi: www.swanagephotographicsociety.com or 01929 423841

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

Sat 20th

* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.

* **Wareham Easter Beerex** In The Masonic Hall, Wareham. Tickets online at www.beerex.org.uk

10:00 **Easter Makers Market** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. Woodworking, silver smithing, stone carving, ceramics and more.

Sun 21st

* **Litter Free Coast & Sea Exhibition** At Durlston Country Park.

10:00 **Easter Makers Market** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. Woodworking, silver smithing, stone carving, ceramics and more.

11:00 **Art Workshop** At Durlston Country Park. Drawing with pen and pencil. Booking essential, £20.

Mon 22nd

10:00 **Easter Makers Market** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. Woodworking, silver smithing, stone carving, ceramics and more.

10:00 **Table Top Sale** (indoors) At Moreton Village Hall DT2 8RE. Pre-loved items for sale, refreshments (including home-made cakes), home-made produce all within a relaxing rural setting. Free entry. Easy car parking. Great Bank Holiday day out! Email: mvhsecretary17@gmail.com

Tue 23rd

19:30 **Carnival Easter Bingo** At Swanage Bay View.

Wed 24th

19:00 **Dorset Wildlife Trust Talk** In St Mary's Church Lytchett Matravers, come and hear one of the Trustees of Dorset Wildlife Trust talking about: The Living Churchyard Project Local Wildlife The Dorset Wildlife Trust FREE entry but Donations may be given for the restoration of the church.

Thu 25th

* **Probus 2 of Purbeck** New members welcome. Ffi: swanageprobus.org.uk

Fri 26th

19:00 **Save our Village Bells** - Restoration Project At Lytchett Matravers St Mary's Church. Enjoy a glass of wine, listen to our village bells, hear what needs to be done to them to restore them, model Bell demonstration. We are eager to see the 15th Century bell and its younger companions ringing for many more years for services, weddings, funerals and other events. Come and join us to hear the many different ways you could partner us in this exciting venture.

19:30 **Confusion's Masterpiece** A talk at Swanage Catholic Hall, Rempstone rd. Dr Phil Rudkins tells a story of spies, double agents, code breaking, deception and decoy surrounding the D-Day landings.

19:30 **Carnival Ambassador Disco** At Swanage Bay View. An exciting new role, open to all, age categories: Age 10- 11, Age 11 - 12, Age 12 - 13. Tickets £3, winning attendee to be selected at random to represent Swanage Carnival throughout the year. Ffi: swanagecarnival.com

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

Sat 27th

09:15 **Swanage Landers Litter Pick Meet** at The main Beach Car Park. Ffi: litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com

10:00 **Stone Carving** At Burngate Stonecarving Centre. £80 per adult.

10:00 **Great Dorset Beach Clean** Meet outside the Bull & Boat, Swanage.

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

Sun 28th

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

courseinfo/

11:00 **Fun in the Park** At King George's Field, Swanage. Activities, events and displays put together by local organisations. A Rotary Club Of Swanage & Purbeck event.

14:00 **Truckstop Honeymoon** 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.

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.

10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.

12.00 **Nature Tots** (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm

14.00 **Swanage Walking for Health Group.** Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.

14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5

- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Furzebrook VH. Roll-up session, all standards welcome. Ffi 401799
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night (Yr 8+)** Till 10
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 8.30pm
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Wareham Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 **Swanage Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Swanage Day Centre, High Street, Swanage. If you want help to stop drinking, you are welcome. Or call 01202 296000 for more details.
- 19.30 **Sw & Langton Folk Dance Club** Langton VH. Ffi: 421913
- 19.00 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 423350.
- 20.00 **Carey Hall, Wm Bingo**
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
- 09.00 **St Mark's Toddlers Group**, St Mark's Church, Swanage. Herston, Sw Till 11am
- 09.45 **Corfe Wool Workshop** Corfe VH, East St. Members £1.50; non-members £2.50. Till 12.00. 427067
- 10.00 **Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club.** All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till noon.
- 10.00 **Breast Feeding Group** at Wareham's Children Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864
- 10.30 **Play and Learn at Kids of Wool** (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class**, now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s** Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s** Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.00 **Table Tennis** at Harmans Cross Village Hall. All ages & abilities welcome. Coaching given. Till 8pm or later. Ffi: 424591
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club** Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552046
- 19.00 **Swanage Town Band** meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.
- 19.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at Beach Gardens Pavillion, Sw.
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+)** Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts.** URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Carey Crafters** meet every Thursday at Carey Hall, Mistover Road, until 12.30pm (come anytime between). No age or gender restriction. All crafts welcome we have a wide variety!. Come along and share your craft or learn a new one! Contact Donna on 07870 993311 or Helen on 07368 352737 ffi.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Tratt, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 11.00 **Sensory Play** for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers**, United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at the Youth Hostel classroom, Cluny Crescent, Swanage, till 9pm.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
- 19.15 **Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind** players welcome. 551478/01202 242147
- 19.30 **Short Mat Bowls** in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 **Purbeck Arts Choir** meet for rehearsals, with conductor Jay Buckle, at St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage. Sept-May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club** Youth Action (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
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- 08.45 **Coffee @ 112 - Drop In For Coffee!** Catch up with friends at 112 High Street (United Reform Church) in Sw. Cake and bacon butties. Fair trade stall. Donations for 'Besom in Purbeck' and church funds.
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- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
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- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club** 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 9.30pm.
- 19.30 **Short tennis** for adults at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Live Bands** (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Late Session (Yr 9+)** till 11.59pm (members free)
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- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice** till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket** till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Till 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 11.00 **Lego and Megablok Mayhem** at Swanage Library, until 12 noon.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
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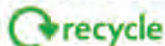
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