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## Editor's note...



Welcome to the October edition of your Purbeck Gazette!

Winter's on its way! Batten down those hatches and get the chimney swept for the cold is coming! I must be getting old as it only seems a few weeks since I last wrote something similar and yet a whole year has clearly flown past!

The last of our 'big' local events is scheduled for October - the Swanage Blues Festival. Festival organiser Steve Darrington has pulled it out of the bag again and a full line-up of sixty gigs held around Swanage in pubs and venues further out in the wilds of Purbeck are preparing to entertain you again. Gather friends, family and even people you're not that keen on, buy a festival-support wristband and hit the town! Dance the weekend away before the nights draw-in properly and we lose the will to leave the house!

This month our feature focuses on what delicious food is available locally, so have a browse at what's on offer this month in our local eateries and book in for a scrumptious lunch or supper. Dare I say it - it's also time to think about booking your Christmas meals out and Christmas work parties!

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Peveril Ledge, Swanage

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| 02-Oct |       | 06:34 | 12:01 | 18:56 |       |              | 07:09   | 18:45  |
| 03-Oct | 00:21 | 07:15 | 12:44 | 19:39 |       |              | 07:10   | 18:42  |
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|                                   |          |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Planning & Consultation Committee | Mon 7th  | 6.30pm |
| Beach Management Advisory Comm.   | Wed 16th | 2.15pm |
| Council                           | Mon 28th | 7pm    |
| Personnel Committee               | Wed 30th | 9.30am |

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|                                   |           |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Amenities                         | Wed 2nd   | 7pm     |
| Planning & Transport              | Mon 7th   | 6.30pm  |
| Wareham In Bloom                  | Wed 9th   | 7pm     |
| Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | Thur 10th | 7pm     |
| Human Resources (closed)          | Tue 15th  | 10.30am |
| Museum                            | Tue 22nd  | 7pm     |
| Planning & Transport              | Mon 28th  | 6.30pm  |
| Council                           | Tues 29th | 7pm     |

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## Bold Action Required

Dear Editor,

Readers of George Fowler's letter last month ('Die-In Pointless') would have been alerted early on by the attribution of melting permafrost to 'probably the result of careless campers' to the fact that someone is not being entirely straight.

However, I do take as authentic his concern about the involvement of Extinction Rebellion with Swanage Town Council and I would like to address that. The event George referred to was attended by local people taken from a ninety year span united by their concern about the issue of climate change and their desire to see action taken at all levels of society. In 2018 the United Nations Secretary General warned that humanity and life on Earth now face a 'direct existential threat'; in May this year, following the Extinction Rebellion protests, our Parliament declared a climate emergency and shortly thereafter, our Dorset Council followed suit.

As I write, over half of UK Councils have declared a climate emergency and committed to action at a local level to reduce carbon emissions and to work to improve habitat for our desperately dwindling biodiversity.

Given the gravity of the situation we are currently facing: the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which is comprised of 195 member countries) warned in 2018 we had a twelve-year window to implement changes to avoid 'catastrophic impact to life on earth'. Extinction Rebellion is a response to this, a last-ditch effort to take action to avoid this catastrophe, to raise the profile, to keep the pressure on, to have hope.

Without bold action at all levels of society there will be no chance to keep climate change in any manageable boundaries. Swanage Town Council are right to do what they can to expand the work that has previously been taken on sustainable issues, to endorse the directives of Dorset Council as stated above, and to work with the residents they represent.

Gill Dight, Stafford Road, Swanage, by email.

## Appalled By Letter

Dear Editor,

I was appalled by the letter by George Fowler in last month's Gazette ('Die-In Pointless') and only hope that it was a spoof?

In the meantime, local parish and town councils have or are working towards supporting the Dorset Council declaration on Climate Emergency. Langton Matravers Parish Council held an open meeting recently, which was well supported by the community and as a result are creating a working group to improve biodiversity, working in partnership with the National Trust; I hope this model will be replicated across Purbeck.

Corfe Castle Parish Council's Environment Working Group are holding an open meeting entitled: "Wondering what you can do to help combat climate change?" So, whether you're a business owner or parishioner, come and join us for an informal evening with guest speakers who'll tell you what small steps you can take that will make a big difference.

There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and open discussion and refreshments will be available. We'll be meeting at Corfe Castle Village Hall on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm. This event is hosted by Corfe Castle Parish Council which is one of 300+ councils who are supporting the declaration of a 'Climate Change Emergency'.

We also have a guest speaker from Low Carbon Dorset, Dr Derek Moss, who can give advice on how to lower your carbon footprint. Thank you to everyone in our community who are doing their bit to combat climate emergency!

Josephine Parish, by email

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## Re-Evaluate Your Priorities

Dear Editor,

George Fowler's rant (September letters) about the 'die-in' at Swanage Town Hall in which he described it as an 'eco-terrorist gathering' beggars belief. I guess he must have been brainwashed by populist rhetoric from climate change deniers such as Donald Trump and Bolsonaro, who are keen to play up to vested interests in the fossil fuel industry.

If Mr Fowler doubts the evidence of UN scientific papers on climate change and the damage that man's activities have caused to our natural environment (the UN, incidentally, does not equate to Europe, as Mr Fowler seems to believe), then he should seek guidance from Sir David Attenborough, who has spoken at length on the subject with great authority and experience.

It is true, of course, that temperature increases (and decreases) have occurred throughout Earth's history due to natural causes, but the accumulative scientific evidence from the last century and particularly the last few decades, has shown that the recent rise in global temperatures is due mainly to the level of CO2 in the atmosphere. Basic physics teaches us that an increase in CO2 in the atmosphere will lead to a corresponding increase in warming on our planet. Groups such as 'Extinction Rebellion' are drawing attention to the urgent need to cut CO2 emissions drastically before it is too late, hence 'die-in' events in order to rouse people to action.

I would urge Mr Fowler to look at the objective evidence gathered by thousands of scientists. The twenty warmest years on record have all occurred in the past twenty-two years and levels of CO2 in the atmosphere are now at their highest for at least three million years, when sea levels were ten-twenty meters higher.

In the Canadian Arctic layers of permafrost have been thawing, seventy years earlier than scientists expected, releasing more greenhouse gases from the stored carbon into the atmosphere. Temperatures are rising faster in the Arctic than elsewhere, leading to the loss of more sea ice, which will eventually cause severe flooding of low-lying areas in many countries. Forest fires raging around the globe have at least partly been caused by logging companies keen to exploit our natural world - hardly the result of a few 'careless campers', as Mr Fowler would have us believe.

Mr Fowler really does need to re-evaluate his priorities. Having a strong economy may be a laudable aim, but not at the expense of the destruction of our planet. Action needs to be taken now to mitigate the worst effects of climate change - if it is not, there will not be any economies, strong or otherwise, to speak of in the future. We should applaud the interest shown in our environment by young people; on this, as well as other issues, they put some older people to shame.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage, by email.

## Unnecessarily Hostile

Dear Editor

I would like to make a few comments about Mr Fowler's letter ('Die-in Pointless?') which appeared in the September Gazette.

I am not part of the 'die-in' group and I have no wish to add to the debate about the 'climate emergency'. However, Mr Fowler's letter was, I thought, unnecessarily hostile. He was a visitor to our town and yet he feels he is entitled to make judgements about our residents (what they wear, what they eat, etc.) and to call them 'eco-terrorists' and 'jobless scroungers'.

As there were children present and a large proportion of retired folk, this last insult doesn't even make sense. Also, he seems confused about whether the United Nations or the Europeans are responsible for brainwashing our children; perhaps both?

I suspect his letter will attract other responses and although I have no particular wish to see him back in our town, it is a shame that he won't



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| Sun  | 6th  | 2pm     | Midnight Skyracer                          |
| Sun  | 6th  | 3.30pm  | Rory Mcleod                                |
| Fri  | 11th | 8pm     | Will Killeen                               |
| Sat  | 12th | 8pm     | Kit Hawes & Aaron Catlow                   |
| Sun  | 13th | 2pm     | The Drystones                              |
| Wed  | 16th | 8pm     | Open Mic Night                             |
| Sat  | 19th | 8pm     | Kangaroo Moon                              |
| Sun  | 20th | 2pm     | Kirsty Mcgee & Ben Bedford                 |
| Tues | 22nd |         | Purbeck Film Festival (see programmes)     |
| Fri  | 25th | 8pm     | Grizzly Rhys Morgan                        |
| Sat  | 26th | 8pm     | Davey and Dyer                             |

see any of the replies to his unpleasant letter.

Yours in tolerance, Richard Jacobs, Swanage.

(Ed's note: As the Gazette is available to view/read worldwide online by PC, Mac, phone or tablet, here's hoping that Mr Fowler does indeed see your response Richard!)

## Hardly 'Terrorism'

Dear Gazette,

Regarding the letter from Mr George Fowler on visiting Swanage (September edition, 'Die-In Pointless'):

Mr Fowler states that he has been around long enough to know that temperature rises are natural and commonplace – has he been around for several centuries or millennia to observe this? Indeed, there have been Arctic fires in the past but the scale and impact of them is much greater due to hotter temperatures, drier peat soils and stronger winds.

The residents who protested about the climate emergency probably do some of those things he mentions such as drive cars and so on. However, they probably do more to minimise those things and because one cannot do everything, it is not an excuse for doing nothing. We all need to make some major changes. The protest may not have been to his taste, but it was hardly terrorism.

UN papers are produced by the UN (self-evidently!), not the EU. Scientists are trained to bring together observations and experimental data, cross check them, report the facts and indicate the most likely associated consequences. It is up to other people how to respond. The very dramatic changes in climate, loss of biodiversity, soil exhaustion and plastic pollution and their potential consequences are obvious to any intelligent person who examines the scientific findings.

It is also obvious that there are businesses and money being made and to be made from technologies and practices that work in much better ways and this should be celebrated as hopeful for the future. This will be how we will get a strong economy and be more successful. The costs of not doing this will be much greater and are already being incurred.

I do not think the councillors, retired people, people working different shifts or people on holiday or under working age would be too pleased to be called jobless scroungers. I doubt he bothered to ask each one if they were a jobless scrounger.

Finally, he suggested that the people of Swanage need God's help. He may have obliged as Mr George Fowler has gone home. Now we can get on with a more positive outlook.

Susie Clark, by email

## Correction To Declaration

Dear Gazette,

In September's issue of the Gazette I incorrectly stated that the declaration of climate emergency that Swanage Town Council are working on is the first of its kind in the Purbeck area. In fact, there are already two councils that have beaten them to it:

Corfe Castle PC made its declaration on 10th June and resolved to form a subgroup to explore ideas in which to mitigate climate breakdown. On the 4th October Derek Moss of Low Carbon Dorset will be giving advice on what residents and businesses can do in Corfe Village Hall.

West Lulworth PC agreed that there is a climate emergency on 1st July

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are currently working on further resolutions. They are also looking closely at the outcomes from Dorset Council's Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting in September.

In the past eight months, 204 of the UK's 408 principle authorities have declared a climate emergency, becoming one of the fastest growing environmental movements in recent history.

Kind Regards, Dean Storer, by email.

## Apologies For Cancellation

Dear Readers,

I would like to apologise for cancelling The September Artisans @ the Legion. After a few cancellations, the decision was made to concentrate on the upcoming Poppy Fair in November.

I would like to thank the artisans and the many who have supported our events. We are all grateful for the donations to raise money for Dan and Dani. These funds will be used for items that are not supplied by the NHS. The Poppy Fair will have a lovely variety of stalls, including artisans, arts, cosmetics, perfumery, books, produce, cakes, toys and wooden gifts.

There will be the official Poppy merchandise, new Poppy gifts and brooches, tombola, raffle and our very own coffee shop. Fit for Christmas shopping! This is all for the Poppy Appeal, so please support us! Come along on 2nd November from 10.30am at Swanage Legion.

Thank you as always, Carolyn (crazy Poppy lady), by email.

## Horse Show Sadly Ends

Dear Editor,

I sent the letter (below) to the Swanage & Wareham Advertiser recently. Unfortunately, they only printed the first paragraph and they cut out part of that paragraph, so what they actually printed sounded very abrupt and did not convey what I was trying to say.

I know you do not normally print multiple-publication letters, but could you please print this and state that what went into the Advertiser what not what I had written? I really wanted to thank everyone who has supported the event over all the years, either by competing, helping or sponsoring the event. Yours hopefully, Doreen Farr.

**Original letter in full:** Following appeals on social media and a published letter, we have not received enough support to enable us to run Harmans Cross Horse Show on August Bank Holiday weekend. Therefore, sadly, we are bringing an end to this event which has been held for nearly seventy years and has given a lot of fun to a great number of children and adults over the years. Thank you to the couple of people who did come forward.

The committee would like to thank everyone who has helped run the show and all our sponsors who have supported us over the years and enabled us to give a lot of money to local charities. Please accept this as our heartfelt thanks.

It has been decided to divide the sponsorship money we have left from last year's cancelled event between the local Riding for the Disabled Group, Swanage Rotary Organisation and Harmans Cross Village Hall.

Doreen Farr, on behalf of the committee, Haycrafts Lane, Swanage.

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## Are We Losing NHS Dentist?

Dear Editor,

### Swanage NHS dentist practice set to close?

Because of Government cuts to health services, including NHS dentist practices, a few years ago Swanage was left with no NHS dentist in town. The communities of Swanage and surrounding villages backed a vigorous year-long campaign organised by Swanage Area Forum, to restore an NHS dentist in the town. Our combined voices were heard and we won. "SCA Trafalgar" opened a brand-new dentist surgery in a converted house in Kings Road West, Swanage in June 2013. They promised to bring state-of-the-art NHS dentistry to the community; be it for young families, children and adults alike, including NHS care for those of us who sadly need dentures of all descriptions.

After a promising start, gradually over the ensuing years, Trafalgar reduced the number of dentists, surgeons, technicians and receptionists working in the practice. They say that they are having increasing difficulty in recruiting and keeping staff in Swanage, hence the constant changes in dentists. As a result, Trafalgar now cancels appointments on a regular basis. Many frustrated patients have given up and have looked elsewhere to find an NHS dental practice. "Elsewhere" includes Wareham, where the enormous overflow of patients seeking NHS treatment means that the two NHS practices are constantly having to close their doors; often with a long waiting list for NHS treatment.

Just one example: a Swanage man, who works at Poole Hospital and was very happy with the excellent treatment initially offered by Trafalgar, then this year had three appointments cancelled, and was offered appointments that he could not fit in with his work shifts. He gave up. He trailed round Wareham looking for a replacement NHS dentist to no avail. Eventually, he has now found an NHS dentist in Poole, close to the hospital where he works and who fit his appointments around his work-shift patterns. How many other dissatisfied patients with similar stories are there, I wonder? It is now rumoured that Trafalgar are possibly leaving Swanage and the practice building is up for sale.

How many of you readers would agree that before Trafalgar closes its doors in Swanage, we need a concerted effort from the community again to fight to ensure we have a thriving NHS dentist practice in town? The community, too, has an important part to play: "If we don't use it – we'll lose it."

Gerry Norris, Swanage Area Forum

PS: On a personal note, I have just heard that my appointment for tomorrow has been cancelled.

## Response From DWT

Dear Editor,

Following comments made in David Hollister's article: 'Time For Changes' in the July edition and: 'We Are But Small Cogs...' in the August edition, I felt it important provide an accurate summary of our management at Stonehill Down Nature Reserve, referred to in the article as 'Furlongs Coppice'.

Last winter we undertook small scale coppicing of Ash within the woodland of Stonehill Down Nature reserve. This is a well-established management technique that has been undertaken for hundreds of years and has formed the 'unique Ash coppice' referred to in the 'Time For Change' article.

Coppice management prolongs the life of the trees which would otherwise split apart from the stools; improves vegetation structure within the woodland and lets light through to the woodland floor.

The later point is particularly prudent with the imminent onset of Ash Die back, which is likely to have a dramatic impact on many of our Ash woodlands and hedgerows. Letting pockets of light through to the

woodland floor by rotational coppicing promotes the growth of younger trees and seedlings, which will form the next generation of woodland at Stonehill Down.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) adheres to best practice in all areas of its work and as such, coppicing was undertaken during March, which is within the government permitted time frame of the 1st September – 30th April. Scrub management and hedge cutting are not permitted beyond the 28th February, as stated on the Government's website: 'Guide to cross compliance in England'.

A small area of coppice is cut every other year at Stonehill Down Nature Reserve and these areas rotate around the woodland. We appreciate that for a short period every other year, this may generate some noise disturbance and we sincerely apologise to the few people that have been directly affected.

Leo Henley Lock, Reserves Manager – South & East Dorset, Dorset Wildlife Trust, by email.

## Alive and Kicking!

Dear Gazette,

This is to let people know that the Home Producers Market in Wareham is still alive and kicking.

The market has joined forces with the United Reformed Church coffee morning. Please do come along and support both the church and market. The market opens at 7.30am and the coffee morning from 10.15am-ish. The church also has a Fair-Trade stall in the market every second and fourth week of the month.

The market is held in the United Reformed Church, Church Street, Wareham. 7.30am to 11.30am every Thursday, bar a couple of weeks over Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs J Smith, by email.

## Brexit Poetry

Dear Readers,

### Brexit - Trick or Treat

Halloween is the time of year for ghosts and ghouls galore

But this year there's another spectre that's knocking on our door

It's big bad Boris the Spider with his scary No Deal dream

More of a nightmare to most of us making us sweat and scream

It's a plot that's just like a pumpkin, all hollow and ugly and grim

A nasty trick without a treat and all because of him

On the 31st of October we'll jump off a cliff do or die

But unlike a witch on a broomstick we'll fall to the floor and not fly

We'll drop like our nation's economy and land with a bump in the night

We'll crash from the EU with fireworks on high - or perhaps a damp squib that won't light

But we'll still build a bonfire for Guy Fawkes and we'll still burn a top traitor there

The only small difference you'll notice will be ... that the Guy will have crazy blond hair!

Many thanks, Martin Hobdell, by email

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## Brexit Muddle Continues

Dear Gazette,

The Brexit muddle is still going on, with both sides claiming to be more democratic than their opponents. What should happen in a democracy is that the various factions campaign and then the question is decided by whatever rules have been agreed. After that, all the factions get together to obtain the best implementation of the decision in the interests of everyone.

The rules agreed by parliament were: that a majority of one was sufficient to decide whether the UK stayed in the EU or left. What actually happened was that the majority was more than a million and a quarter votes in favour of leaving.

However, the "Remainers" were bad losers and refusing to accept the result, have tried to thwart the result. They have prevented a good deal from being negotiated by giving hope to the EU that the decision could be reversed. How patriotic! - consorting with foreign powers to undermine the interests of the British people!

Oh, they said patronisingly: "The voters have been misled." Indeed they were, by both sides! But the voters are bombarded daily by misleading advertising and biased news reports. They have become adept at sorting the wheat from the chaff, the half-truths from reality.

On the other side of the channel, they have at least maintained an appearance of unity and so are able to run rings round the infighting Brits, have granted few concessions and have sought to split our union.

So, what is to be done with one month to go? Simple - stop squabbling! Accept the decision of the referendum and back Boris to obtain the good and fair deal with the EU that we all want!

Then the uncertainty will lift and with it the value of our currency, returning a mood of optimism to our great country.

Sincerely yours, Michael Oldman, Swanage, by email.

## Tunnel A Feasible Option?

Dear Editor,

Has everyone looked at feasibility of a tunnel instead of a ferry? Most of the work could be done from the Studland side. Look at the service you get from the ferry, plus the cost of labour to run it every day.

The tunnel would be in use twenty-four hours a day for emergency services. It would take a lot of traffic from Sandford and Corfe Castle. It would be expensive, so it would be a good time for investors; the money could be collected by swipe card or phone using the tunnel.

P.Hall, by email.

## Friendliest Hospital!

Dear Gazette,

A word of appreciation for the staff of what must be the most friendly hospital I have attended in the seventy-six years of my life.

I am referring particularly to Grahame and his colleagues in the nursing staff in the minor injuries department at Swanage, as well as the receptionists and others with whom I spoke while receiving treatment for a small, painful injury on one of my legs.

Their professional care and attention was swift and truly exemplary. Long may they continue to serve their community and I wish them all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely, Eugene Fraser, by email.

## I'm Watching You All

Dear Gazette,

Oh God. Please can people shut farm gates whilst they are out cycling or walking in our beautiful countryside?

I am sick to death of hiding in bushes, waiting to catch errant ramblers and cyclists forgetting to shut gates. One day, someone will have a heart attack when I leap out, shouting at their carelessness. I'd rather no one died.

Kind regards, J.P.Stiles, by carrier pigeon.

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## Roadside Flowers Are A Joy



Dear Editor,

I was interested to read of your management of roadside verges in Purbeck Gazette, August issue p31.

In Suffolk we have purposefully managed wildflower-designated verges, where a contained area of wildflowers are labelled at each end to stop grass cutters mowing them down. We have some rare flowers now.

Wildflowers are being killed off rapidly by farm pesticides and having these reserved spaces allows some of the less common and the more common wildflowers to thrive again.

They are overlooked by voluntary rangers and appear on online maps denoting their ease of accessibility. The cut grass is collected.

I understand the cutting down of large wildflowers at corners and roundabouts for visibility, but wildflowers are a joy to see and those who want to mow, concrete over and control everything, in sight are missing the point.

Sue Treadaway, Sudbury, Suffolk, by email.

# Community Matters

## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

### What Kind Of World Is This?

by David Hollister

A couple of elderly friends from Corfe Castle decided to take the bus to Poole where they enjoyed a day out shopping without the worry of car parking, etc. They climbed aboard the Purbeck Breezer number 50 for their return journey, which went well until they reached Corfe Castle. As the bus approached the bus stop adjacent to the cemetery, they said to the driver "this is our stop".

"No it isn't, said the driver, "I am not allowed to stop here" and proceeded to drive his almost-empty bus past the stop, where our friends noted a queue of people waiting to get on, watching the bus sail past open-mouthed.

The bus carried on, past a 'request stop' right outside our friend's house and refused to permit them to alight until they reached Swanage, where they had to wait twenty-five minutes to get a bus back to Corfe.

What kind of a regulation is this? What driver would refuse two elderly ladies to get off his bus at a bus stop – even if the route in question (no.50) does not 'officially' stop in Corfe as it was only going that way whilst the ferry was off? Seems to me to be a regulation made by idiots and a driver apparently so afraid of contravening 'regulations' that he was scared to stop to allow the ladies to alight when they wanted to.

I was talking to a delivery driver from a national hire company recently as he delivered goods to the village hall. He was 'not allowed' to have a radio in the truck, indeed, he explained that it had been taken out. When

I suggested he brought his own radio or iPod, he said that the company actually had CCTV in the cab and that if he was caught with a radio, he could be fired. He also explained that they also monitored his stops to answer calls of nature!

What kind of a world are we living in? Where staff are in fear of their jobs for doing something that the rest of us would take for granted? But the boot's not always on this foot; a restaurant manager told me that she was unable to get sufficient waiting or washing-up staff, and that those she had would often turn up late, or not at all, because they'd been out partying the night before.

I suggested to her that she should modify the employees' contracts to permit her to fire the miscreant employee on the spot, but she said regretfully that so few people actually wanted to work that she would end up with no staff at all.

Apparently, the pool of students and summer holiday employees has dried up, along with the pool of people who actually want to earn money either full- or part-time.

I think I must be getting old. I saved my teenage summer holiday earnings towards my first car, or LPs, books, and clothes. As well as going out some nights and having a few beers! But, I always turned up for work on time. Albert made it quite clear to me that there were no second chances and that it was his way or the highway!

Which housing association in Swanage gave four tenant families three hours to leave their homes on the grounds of 'fire safety' and re-housed them at a local caravan site? As far as I know, the homes still haven't burned down.

Which national chain of chemists has announced that around two hundred of its stores are to close, but has still not revealed online either the locations of these stores or the anticipated closure date? A large number of employees must be waiting for the 'Sword of Damocles' to fall. Is this right or fair?

We have missed the iconic steamship 'Waverley' this year as she is having new boilers and equipment fitted. But the good news on their website is that over £500,000 has been donated by individuals to date, the new boilers were ordered in July, and that three new generators, a main electric switchboard and all other electrical components were ordered in August 2019. Great news for Waverley fans everywhere!

In light of local concern over the suspension of the chain ferry service which links Sandbanks to Shell Bay, the ferry operators recently met with local MPs Richard Drax and Robert Syms and presented them with a detailed briefing on progress to date.

Richard Drax MP said that there was little doubt in his mind that the breakdown could not have been foreseen or prevented. He understands from the company that the driveshaft, made with specialist steel, is designed to last the lifetime of the ferry and that this is the first such driveshaft to break in any other ferry of this type. He is reassured that the company is doing all it reasonably can to get the ferry back in service, which is expected in October. And so am I.

I was sad to read the vitriolic comments being heaped on the ferry company on social media by so many keyboard warriors who clearly knew so much better than the directors of the ferry company. Sad because frankly, I would have expected better from the people of Purbeck. Sad because so many of the remarks were so hateful that the ferry company had to take them off their own Facebook page.

On the subject of regulations made by idiots, may I refer you to the motoring page, further on in this edition?!

Finally - it was good to see the launch of Purbeck Coast FM in mid-August; a local radio station broadcast for the community, from the community and by the community. Its studios are on Swanage Pier by kind permission of the Swanage Pier Trust.

We hope that it will grow and grow; apparently there's always room for more volunteers for everything from studio management and technicians, to regular slots presenting shows.

If you can't get it clearly on 101.2 FM due to location, then log into [www.purbeckcoast.com](http://www.purbeckcoast.com) and press the 'listen now' button; you'll be able to listen wherever in the world you may be.

I hope that in the weeks and months to come, Purbeck Coast will join your Purbeck Gazette as Purbeck's real local media outlet, and provide all the news, features, and local interest programmes you could wish for.

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## Wareham In Bloom Update



Summer is already a memory as we move into autumn with its glorious tapestry of natural colour all around us. Wareham's glory this year has undoubtedly been its stunning floral displays in the town centre which have attracted much praise from visitors and residents alike.

Praise must go to the Town Hall team who sourced the plants from a local supplier and planted every basket and stand themselves, rather than buy them in ready-planted, thus saving a great deal of money. With help from committee members and sponsors, the results were superb and they are still thriving as I write in mid-September. It is now planned to switch over to winter displays, tried with great success for the first time last winter.

**Competitions:** the local Wareham in Bloom Competition has been judged and results will be announced at the annual Wareham in Bloom awards next month. This includes 'Best Public House' and this year saw some beautiful displays. Following the sudden passing of our Chairman, Eric Osmond, earlier in the year, the committee under its new Chairman, Cllr Carol Turner, took the decision not to enter the regional South/South East in Bloom Competition in 2019. All efforts will be concentrated towards the next entry being in 2021, after a breathing space whereby we regroup, rethink and update all of our projects throughout the town.

**Fundraising:** a very well supported fundraising Quiz Supper with raffle and silent auction at the Corn Exchange on 4th September raised a staggering total of over £1,500 towards much needed funds. Many thanks again to the Town Hall team of Tara, Heath, Bev and Keith who organised the night together with committee members, to donors of prizes, and to the formidable efforts of Mr 'Floss' Gould, Court Leet Bailiff, ace quizmaster and auctioneer!



Finally, a call for volunteers – if you would like to help out with any aspect of Wareham in Bloom, from digging and weeding, to planting up displays, maybe joining the committee and helping with future planning, please get in touch with Tara or Bev at the Town Hall on 01929 553006; they will be delighted to hear from you!

Rod Curtis, Wareham in Bloom publicity officer

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**The public are welcome**

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## Carnival Presentation Evening 2019

As we reflect on another hugely successful Carnival week, we look forward to the highlight of the Carnival calendar, our presentation evening. This is the night that we celebrate by giving away the proceeds from the week to our chosen charities and good causes.

This year we will be making donations to twenty-six organisations.

Everyone is invited to join us on Friday 11th October 7.30pm at The Purbeck House Hotel, when we get the opportunity to meet representatives from our chosen charities and good causes and find out how the money will be used.

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

Preparations for 2019 are already underway and we hope to select our theme in October, so if you have any ideas please get in touch.

**If you would like to join the Carnival team as a Friend or Carnival or Committee Member please let us know – [chair@swanagecarnival.com](mailto:chair@swanagecarnival.com)**

## The Bells Are Coming Down!



**St Mary's Church Lytchett Matravers**

After just under a year of Grant Applications, Fundraising Events and talks, St Mary's Church Lytchett Matravers have raised just over £30,000 to begin the process of preparing their bells for restoration.

On Friday 16th August, Tower Captain, Debbie Phipps removed the first stay. Organised by our Steeple Keeper, Gordon Paterson, we had a great 'Clapper Team' who removed all the stays, sliders, clappers and wheels.

Thank you to John Marsh, Alec Cannings, Phil Stephens and Paul Tyson. We now await Andrew Mills from John Taylor & Co of Loughborough to lead some volunteers to dismantle the bells and fittings and take them to the foundry for a full restoration.

Tower Captain Debbie Phipps says: "Our church and ringing band have had the support of our Vicar and PCC, congregation, St Mary's ringing band, the East Dorset Branch of bellringers, the Salisbury Guild of ringers and visitors to our events to reach this point in such a short time."

Pictures: top - (left to right) Gordon, Alec, Phil, John. Right: Tower Captain, Debbie Phipps



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## Further Hearings On Purbeck Local Plan

Following two weeks of public hearings this summer on the Purbeck Local Plan, an additional three days of sessions are now planned for October. The hearings, which took place in July and August, saw discussions on a range of topics including housing allocations, second homes, affordable housing, employment, infrastructure and green belt.

Councillors, Dorset Council officers, residents and interested organisations took part in the sessions and members of the public attended to watch the proceedings.

Due to a large amount of content covered in the two weeks, the inspector chose to move three topics to an additional three days of public hearings in the autumn. These will be held on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October and will cover housing supply as well as habitats regulations assessments.

Everyone who is participating in the hearings is being contacted by the programme officer, however members of the public are welcome to observe.

Further details of what will be discussed, timings and location will be available on the council's website at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/purbeck-local-plan-examination](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/purbeck-local-plan-examination). The council's Planning Policy team can also be contacted on 01929 556561.

Cllr David Walsh, portfolio holder for planning said: "The Purbeck Local Plan is at an advanced stage and we have welcomed the valuable input residents and businesses have provided. It is vitally important the inspector is able to give every topic her full consideration and the final set of hearings has been organised for the earliest possible date.

"This further set of hearings will take us a step closer to adoption of the Purbeck Local Plan by Dorset Council. It will be used in determining planning applications in the Purbeck Local Plan area."

The Purbeck Local Plan covers issues such as how to protect the area's outstanding environment, where housing will be built, restricting the number of second homes, and retaining community facilities.

Consultations on the Purbeck Local Plan took place in 2015, 2016 and 2018. The council also engaged with town and parish councils, experts, individuals, residents' groups and planning professionals.

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An important letter by literary giant Thomas Hardy has been jointly purchased by Dorset Archives Trust and the Thomas Hardy Society for public benefit.

The handwritten letter, composed in June 1922, six years before the author's death, was addressed to Sir Clifford Allbutt, Regius Professor of Physics at Cambridge. Hardy references the “strange experience” of visiting a mental institution, Clerkenwell House, with Allbutt and of his fascination with meeting the patients there.

Hardy had a keen interest in the work of asylum hospitals and their treatment of the individuals within, although it is not known if he ever visited Dorset's own Herrison Hospital.

In the letter, Hardy also alludes to his first meeting with Allbutt in 1893, and that given that so much time has elapsed since then and because of Hardy's own advanced years, he refers to the two of them as “the remnants of the Victorians of that day”.

The letter, whilst one of thousands written by Thomas Hardy, who

was an energetic correspondent, represents an important part of our understanding and knowledge of this great Dorset writer.

Tony Fincham, Hon Chairman of the Thomas Hardy Society said: “The THS are very pleased to have been able to contribute to the acquisition of this important letter from Thomas Hardy to a physician, whom he most admired – and for the letter now to be kept safe and available for scholarly inspection at the Dorset History Centre.”

Carola Campbell, Chairman of the Dorset Archives Trust said: “The Dorset Archives Trust is delighted to have led the acquisition of this historic letter with the generous support of THS. Thomas Hardy's novels and poems reflect the social history of Dorset during his lifetime and are loved & admired across the globe. This correspondence provides another little window into the personal life of this iconic author”.

**The letter has been deposited at the Dorset History Centre where it can be viewed alongside a range of other Hardy-related archives.**

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## National Coastwatch

*Eyes along the coast*



As I write this month's article, the forecasts are predicting a very unsettled pattern of weather over the next week. This is caused by the remains of Hurricane Dorian and Storm Gabrielle affecting our weather. As well as some heavy rain, we are expecting some strong winds.

Along with the tide, the wind has one of the biggest effects on seafarers, especially the small boat users who we see passing the Lookout. Just a slight increase in speed or a little change in direction can mean the difference between a pleasant day out or a frightening experience.

The current trend seems to be to give wind speeds in miles per hour, but many mariners prefer using the Beaufort Scale. Anyone used to listening to the Shipping Forecast or reading the Met Office Inshore Waters Forecast will be familiar with terms such as "north westerly, force 3" or "force 4, increasing force 6, soon".

The scale was devised in 1805 by the Irish hydrographer Francis Beaufort (later Rear Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort), a Royal Navy officer, while serving on HMS Woolwich. In the early 19th century, naval officers made regular weather observations, but there was no standard scale and so they could be very subjective – one man's "stiff breeze" might be another's "soft breeze".

It was Beaufort who succeeded in standardising the scale and, when he became Hydrographer of the Navy, it was adopted officially. It is said to have been used first used during the voyage of HMS Beagle, under Captain Robert FitzRoy. Fitzroy later set up the first Meteorological Office in Britain giving regular weather forecasts and has a Shipping Forecast area named after him.

The scale divides the strength or speed of the wind into twelve. Each "Force" is characterised by the visible effects.

A "Force 1" is often described as a light air and has wind speeds of between 1-2 mph. Smoke drifts gently and there are ripples on the sea. It's the kind of sea conditions divers pray for, but sailors will probably stay in the clubhouse!

"Force 2" sees leaves beginning to rustle a little. On the sea, there are small wavelets with smooth crests with glassy appearance. It's often described as a light breeze and has wind speeds between 3-7mph.

"Force 3" is described as a gentle breeze and has wind speeds between 8-12 mph. Twigs and small branches will move. At sea you begin to get large wavelets, some crests break and there will be the occasional white horses

"Force 4" is what forecasters will refer to as moderate breeze. Wind speeds are between 13-18 mph and this is what you would expect on a breezy day in autumn. On land the branches of the trees will be moving. At sea you start to get small waves and frequent white horses. For sailors this provides exhilarating sailing but is probably the strongest wind you would want to be out on a RIB (rigid hull inflatable boat) with divers on board.

The highest division on the scale is "Force 12" and is often referred to as Hurricane Force, with winds in excess of 72mph. Buildings could be damaged, and trees are ripped up at the roots. Gusts could blow cars sideways even when parked and power lines can be brought down.

The descriptions of sea conditions vary slightly, but they all refer to huge waves often over fifteen metres; the sea being completely white with driving spray and visibility being extremely bad or nil. Thankfully these conditions are rare in English waters!

We have a weather station on top of the Lookout which is constantly recording the wind, temperature and pressure at Peveril Point. As more and more people become aware that we have our own dedicated radio channel, channel 65, we often get requests from sailors asking for wind speed and direction. It's something all our stations can offer.

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# Blast From The Past!

## This month, A Decade Ago...

October 2009's front cover asked a simple question: - 'Community - do we care?' Then-staff writer, Nico Johnson, took a look at the long-term stability of local community groups who had worked tirelessly for decades in our region to organise a wide range of events and raise substantial amounts of money for local charities.

Some groups had worldwide affiliation, such as the Rotary and Lions clubs. Others were smaller and specific to Purbeck or Dorset. Throughout 2009, we'd seen a marked increase in members of local groups popping into the office to ask how they could raise their profile and encourage new, younger members to top-up their dwindling numbers and take the place of aging members. Younger people seemed reluctant - or unable due to time constraints - to join these groups and clubs.

With hundreds of groups ranging from small theatrical groups putting on shows in village halls, to larger groups putting on town-wide festivals and working on long-term community campaigns, 2009 saw serious concerns that many of local groups would no longer exist within a decade due to falling numbers of new members.

We invited all local groups needing new members to write in for our November 2009 edition, with brief details of their group and information on what they required from new members (time, specific skills, etc) in an attempt to get the wider community to engage and encourage new members to join-up. The Gazette had already been running a full page, funded by a large, family-owned company in Bournemouth, which was dedicated to small, local groups, in light of the fact that many groups were short of funds to cover their own publicity or marketing costs.

We reminded readers that whilst many were of the opinion that local groups were of great import to a thriving community, many still did not want to give up **their** time - 'someone else could do it'. There is no 'someone else'. True a decade ago and true today. Some of the groups we had been helping with publicity no longer exist a decade later - either at all, or simply on a local level due to falling numbers on committees, etc. Most of the local festivals we're used to enjoying as part of our annual calendar of events are still run by the same people - a decade older, and often still short of supporting volunteers to share the load and ensure the continuation of these events.

If you take one thing from reading the above, let it be that you make a decision to give at least a few hours a month to a chosen local group, event or charity. Be that someone. Actually do something. Things are no better than they were a decade ago - some groups have already folded and gone. The only difference is that a decade further into the future, we may no longer have the vibrant schedule of Purbeckian festivals, carnivals, campaigns, fetes and so on - leading to a negative knock-on effect to so many local charities who often rely on donated funds from these events to continue their good work. Join something. Give up your time. Today.



Wareham District Guides (pictured, above, 2009) celebrated Girl Guiding's centenary at the beginning of September 2009 by taking part in the Wareham Music Festival (in existence from 2009 - 2014). The guides sang a mixture of traditional camp fire songs to a delighted audience. The 1st Wareham Guides had been running without a break for seventy years, as of November 2009. They are still running today - nearly eighty years.

Dorset County Council ran the last public 'drop-ins' in late September and early October 2009 in relation to the future of Swanage schools. It had recently been decided to drop back from a three-tier school system to two-tier and the public were being urged to get involved and have their say on the future of education locally. The local community group, 'Education Swanage' urged people through the pages of the Gazette to take this 'once in a lifetime opportunity to improve education for Swanage's children. Please make your voice heard.' Today our children are settled into the revised two-tier system and we have the fabulous Swanage School



as a result of the hard work, dedication and involvement of local people.

Local stone carver, Valentine Quinn, surprised the Langton Matravers Allotments Association during their official 'allotments opening' ceremony by presenting then-Parish Council Chairman, Norman Priddle, with a hand-carved name stone, revealing the allotment's 'official' name: 'The Priddle', named in Norman's honour.

Harmans Cross Village fete reported on another successful fete in August 2009 - judged by the selling of 750 burgers throughout the day! Funds were being raised for the new village hall project. David Hollister, one of the long-term organisers of the fete, thanked all stallholders, helpers and local clubs for making the fete a success once again. The fete thankfully continues to this day due to the dedication of the village hall committee.

The local PACT police team wrote in the October 2009 edition to offer their heartfelt thanks to the community of Wareham, including Barclays Bank, Wareham Rotary Club, Wareham Lions, Dorset Fire and Rescue and local Home Watches who mustered volunteers to search and assist in door-to-door searches for missing Harmans Cross pensioner, Michael Laing (74). Michael had been missing since August 7th 2009, when he had last been seen in Wareham, eating an ice cream. The community had assisted police in searching for him. Sadly, human remains found on Stoborough Heath were confirmed as being Michael's in December 2009.

Swanage Country Market celebrated trading for twenty years in 2009, opening every Friday at 10am at the Mowlem Institute in Swanage, selling a wide range of home-produced items and food. The group no longer exist today due to falling trader numbers.

Purbeck Products wrote in, reporting that a member of the group had bumped into a celebrity chef randomly on Studland Beach, and had invited him to try the delights offered-up by our local group of food producers, who ran local markets in Swanage and Langton Matravers under the group banner 'Purbeck Products'. Sadly, due to falling numbers, Purbeck Products is yet another group no longer in existence in 2019. Can we change this trend of losing community groups during the next decade, please folks!?



# Hello From Purbeck Mobility Centre!



**W**e are delighted to have taken over the Purbeck Mobility Centre following the retirement of Bob and Sue Richardson and John Jennings and would like to thank them for their help, support and invaluable guidance.

We have now been trading for three months and have enjoyed meeting our customers who have made us very welcome. Andrew and I realise how vital the mobility shop is to Purbeck (and beyond) and what an important role it plays in helping our customers to maintain mobility and independence.

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## Options For New Health, Care & Housing Hub In Wareham Revealed

**D**orset Council along with NHS partners, co-hosted a stakeholder event this week to show options for new health, care and housing facilities on the Wareham middle school site.

This initiative is part of Dorset Council's Building Better Lives scheme, which aims to use council-owned land to develop much-needed new housing and services for local communities.

Dorset Council has worked in partnership with Wareham Town Council, Dorset HealthCare and Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group to develop this project.

The proposed scheme in Wareham will include new health and GP services, extra care housing, supported living (offering care for people with disabilities and long-term health conditions), recreational areas, and a range of affordable housing available to rent and buy through the open market. The scheme also offers potential solutions to some of the local traffic issues around the school.

The new health and care hub will host all the services currently available at Wareham Hospital, plus the opportunity to develop additional clinics and services. It will also integrate with the town's GP practice – creating a more seamless, 'one-stop shop' for local residents.

High-quality, temporary housing units will be installed on the old middle school site for the first stage of the scheme. This will be available to local people with learning disabilities who are currently living in accommodation which doesn't suit their needs, while more permanent properties are being built on site.

Cllr Laura Miller, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, said: "Rather than simply selling off council owned land to big property developers, we are focussing on providing much-needed housing and health and care services for local residents in Wareham. I'd like to

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thank Wareham Town Council and colleagues from the NHS for working with us in partnership to develop these proposals, and we look forward to continuing work on this exciting scheme."

The meeting brought together stakeholders and partners and we are planning public information sessions along with Wareham Town Council and Friends of Wareham Hospital.

Planning permission will be sought towards the end of 2019, with work to begin on site and a public meeting planned for spring 2020. It is anticipated that the first phase of work will complete towards late 2021.

## Spending Round Details Welcomed By Dorset

**D**orset Council welcomes the Chancellor's spending round announcement to increase funding for council-run services. These include adult social care and services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

On Wednesday this week, Chancellor Sajid Javid promised access for councils across the country to £1.5bn new funding for social care, and an additional £700m to support children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). He also outlined plans to increase school spending by £7.1bn by 2022-23 and £54m of additional funding to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping.

Dorset Council will not find out its local allocation of this promised funding until December. However, the council's finance officers estimate that the funding could be as much as £10m from government for the next financial year. This is against current funding levels of £295m.

Leader of Dorset Council, Cllr Spencer Flower, said: "I am pleased to see that the government has recognised the need to rebalance the past cuts in funding for essential local government services. I wrote to Chancellor Sajid Javid on 20 August with a plea for fairer funding for Dorset. I explained to the Chancellor that the recent local government reorganisation in Dorset, which he approved in his former role as Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, is indeed achieving significant efficiencies and cost reductions.

"We are on track to achieve a £10m reduction in our salary bill resulting from de-duplication of roles. And we will make further significant budget

savings next year and in ongoing years through service redesign and economies of scale.

"However, despite this, Dorset Council still faces a challenging budget position due to growing demand for children's services (both children in care and SEND services) and adult social care, both of which we have a statutory duty to provide. This growing demand is due to demographic changes such as our ageing population and more children being diagnosed with special educational needs. Due to these pressures, we find ourselves forecasting a budget overspend of £12.6m for this financial year, which we are working hard to address. This is despite an increase in our 2019/20 budget provision in both adults and children's services of about £10m.

"Councils have extremely limited tools at their disposal to deal with such demographic and demand pressures. With the lack of funding provided by government over recent years, we have to rely on income from council tax to provide 82% of the council's funding to deliver essential services for residents.

"I also want to be absolutely clear: the financial situation for local government in Dorset would be significantly worse if we had not gone ahead with local government reorganisation and the creation of Dorset Council.

"The government's promise this week of additional funding is very much welcomed and should help to address our budget pressures. We look forward to seeing the detail of what additional funding Dorset Council will receive from Wednesday's spending round in December."





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The parish has now been legally designated as a Neighbourhood Plan (Dorset Innovation Park and MOD land are out of scope). The aim is to increase any funding available to improve facilities in the parish as a result of development; to identify and protect important green spaces and to influence what new homes should be like.

Every address in the parish will receive a leaflet, asking four simple questions about the Parish:

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What would you like to see?

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The questionnaires should be returned by 31st October to local collection points - details of which are printed on the leaflets.

To complete the questionnaire online or for further information, there is a new website: [www.woolparishnp.com](http://www.woolparishnp.com)

Once the views of local people are known, work will focus on the issues people raise. A draft plan will be developed with policies that can carry legal weight in future planning decisions. After examination by a planning inspector it will be put to a referendum for local people to vote 'yes' or 'no' to adopt the plan.

Martin Hiles, the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said: "We are facing huge growth so we want to give the community a voice and to create some legally binding policies to help shape our future."

Vice Chair of the group and local Parish Councillor Steve Smith added: "We want to make the parish a better place for the next generations and we can only do that if people have their say and get involved."



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# Reclaiming 'Home' And Making New Memories.....

*Gaia Pope's twin sister and cousin revisit Purbeck Valley Folk Festival in memory of Gaia and open-up about mental health in the wake of tragedy*



*Trev Rich Photography*



*In November 2017, the Purbeck community desperately searched for missing teenager, Gaia Pope. Sadly, after eleven intensive days, Gaia's body was found on 18th November 2017. Gaia's cousin, Marienna Pope-Weidemann (pictured, left), writes about dealing with the aftermath of losing Gaia and talks about the positive steps Gaia's family are taking to 'reclaim' their home and how they are purposefully making new, positive memories with Gaia in mind.....*

**I**n 2016 we were at the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival with Gaia and swelling a little with pride to see that even her wish on the Wishing Tree was a wish for others: for the people she loved, for strangers in pain, for people half way round the

world she'd never meet. It's been a long road back to that Wishing Tree, but this year we made it and of course, our wishes were for her.

We knew that going without Gaia would be hard and it was. Of course, a couple of beers in and the tears started to prick at our eyes, but you couldn't really ask for a safer or more beautiful space to deal with some rising emotion. The Purbeck Valley Folk Festival has always been our favourite because it's a family-run, grassroots event and that really shines through in every aspect, from the activities on offer to the welcoming space given to open mic performers. It embodies the best of Purbeck: community, creativity, art, a warm welcome - a place that we will always call home.

This year was no exception. Unperturbed by the downpour of rain that came in on Friday but rolled off the hill like water off a duck's back (rendering our wellies unnecessary and looking slightly melodramatic), we spent the weekend floating around with old friends and making new ones.

This year's line-up was as impressive as ever, featuring brilliant

performances from a broad range; local, national and international folk artists. Headlining on Saturday night, Afro Celt Sound System and Ushti Baba both brought the house down with unforgettable performances and we danced our feet off, rendering ourselves not good for much more than a cheese toastie and a lot of sitting down by Sunday morning. By then the wind was really picking up, but even vendors having to stand with their hands locked around their tents to keep them from flying away couldn't make a dent in the vibrant atmosphere.

Over the course of the weekend, we also had our first gong bath, a wonderful experience we're not likely to forget anytime soon, and it was great to see visitors trying their hand at the fine Purbeck tradition of stone carving, under Mike Bamba's patient tutelage (The Charlotte Rose Studio).

We also promptly discovered how unhealthy we were by throwing ourselves into an absolutely fantastic Scottish Ceilidh ("Kaylee"), which is practically an Olympic sport. While it looks quite elegant from a distance, once you're in the scrum, it's every dancer for themselves - struggling not to get left behind! Still, no one minds if you're all elbows and knees, that's half the fun, and we felt Gaia there, laughing at us but still dancing right alongside. She'd have put us all to shame, no doubt.

For us, being at the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival this summer was part of a broader effort to reclaim our home in Purbeck on an emotional level. The trauma of Gaia's disappearance and death in November 2017 shattered our lives and changed us all forever.

For a long time, there have been so many streets we can't bear to walk down; so many places we once loved, which now seemed haunted and unbearably empty without Gaia. We didn't want to be asked questions and reminded of how many remain unanswered. Sometimes a warm smile and a hug from strangers and friends alike made our day; sometimes just that gesture of kindness reduced us to a trembling wreck.

Only this summer has it started to feel like we've got our heads above water, like we can begin to look forwards. We'll never be the same people we were before and it's a wound we don't think can ever truly heal, but we're pushing through as a family by taking care of each other the way Gaia would want us to - because that's all we can do.



*Pictured: Left - Marienna and Gaia at the Wishing Tree at Purbeck Valley Folk Festival in 2016. Above - Maya, Gaia's twin sister, placing her wish on the Wishing Tree this year. Right - the Wishing Tree at dusk at the 2019 festival.*







The other side of how we're coping, something that breaks the borders of Purbeck, is our Justice for Gaia campaign, which has given us something to focus on and move forward with. We've needed that, because the legal investigations into Gaia's death have dragged on, still answering no questions, as yet.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) is still carrying out its investigations into how Dorset Police handled not only Gaia's disappearance, but also the rape allegation she brought to them previously, which was not pursued. The perpetrator, now imprisoned for a second time for sex offences, is likely due for release again next year and though he was never convicted for assaulting Gaia, we know she was telling the truth and that it was the impact this horrific attack had on her mental health which ultimately contributed to her death, aged 19.

We hope that by the end of September, the IOPC will conclude with recommendations that could help provide better protection to others in the area in future and do so in time for the inquest into Gaia's death to resume in November.

Meanwhile, through our crowdfunding campaign this year, community support helped raise over £1000. We've put that money to work creating Gaia's Guide: a community organising tool to help communities and families organise search efforts when someone goes missing. Inspired by the heroic effort of local people in Purbeck to find Gaia, we hope to produce a free guide for others to replicate what you achieved and hopefully help others to bring missing people home safely.

Having already received some amazing submissions from folk around Purbeck - and around the world - we're also still running the Art for Gaia project. The project brings together contributions from artists, survivors of sexual violence and members of the public, in memory of Gaia and to highlight pressing social justice issues around sexual violence, mental health and inequality. The project is being followed by BBC News and some of our favourite entries will be displayed in a special exhibition in London in 2020.

The project now also offers free, participatory workshops to student and community groups who want to get involved, but you don't need to organise a workshop to participate - just make something beautiful for Gaia and drop it off at the Purbeck Gazette office or drop us an email.

The road to justice for Gaia - and for all those survivors out there in our community, struggling to make it through without adequate support - is a long one. But if there's a community that can make it, it's ours.

Whatever comes next, we'll be there at the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival in 2020, celebrating the small steps we make every day and how blessed we are that however steep the climb, we know we don't have to make it alone.

*Pictures - top left facing page, Trev Rich Photography. Others by Nico Johnson and members of the Pope family.*



*Pictured: above - The Gazette team with Maya (Gaia's twin) and Marienna heading down to the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival*



*Pictured: above - Gaia Pope on Purbeck the coast path*



*Pictured: above - The festival 'gong bath' to release tension and meditate....*



*Pictured: above - Maya (Gaia's twin sister) and Marienna, Gaia's cousin. Below: Marienna dances in the ceilidh with Gazette Editor, Nico Johnson*



# Justice for Gaia

Website: [www.justiceforgaia.com](http://www.justiceforgaia.com)

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## Swanage Football Club Planning Major Upgrade Of Grounds At Day's Park

Swanage Football Club have been working with Swanage Town Council and Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust on plans for the redevelopment of its football ground at Days Park.

Architects are instructed to provide a Master Plan of the site to replace the existing pitch with a multi-use 3G pitch and build new stands and a Club House.

This will provide a new home for all the youth and senior teams on one site. The Plan also includes an exciting new Community Sports Centre for Swanage.

The Sports Centre will include: a multi-purpose Sports Hall; a Gymnasium; a Fitness Suite; a large permanent Soft Play area; a Café and Bar and a range of public meeting rooms.

Other Community facilities, for public use, are planned within the buildings and surrounding site. The Master Plan is the first stage, to gain feedback on the views of local people. Subsequent stages include fund raising, detailed Architects and Engineers Surveys and Plans and a Planning Application.

**Come and see the Master Plan at Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage on 16 October between 2pm and 8pm and at Days Park FC Club House on 17 October between 4pm and 7pm. We need your views.**

## A New Community Sports Centre for Swanage at Days Park Football Ground

You are invited to view the Architects Masterplan for the planned development on 16 and 17 October:

See the plans for the **new Football Pitch**, the development of a **new Club House and Spectator Stands PLUS** a major new **Community Sports Centre for Swanage**, to include:

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Gymnasium</b>        | <b>Badminton</b>      |
| <b>Sports Hall</b>      | <b>Fitness Suite</b>  |
| <b>Performance Hall</b> | <b>Softplay</b>       |
| <b>Meeting Rooms</b>    | <b>Enterprise Hub</b> |
|                         | <b>Café and Bar</b>   |
|                         | <b>Table Tennis</b>   |

### Exhibition Venues:

16 October: Emmanuel Church 2pm to 8pm (Hosted by Swanage Forum)

17 October: Days Park, STHFC Club House 4pm to 7pm (Hosted by STHFC)

Feedback forms will be available for your comments.



"Working together"



## Another Successful Country Day Out At Creech!



In August, the Parish Church of Wareham held its Annual Country Day Out at the historic Creech Grange Estate, the home of Mr. Norman Hayward.

The day broke all attendance records and raised over £10,750 for parish funds. Mrs. Pat Cherrett, who organises the event, along with her husband, Clive Cherrett, says: "We are so very grateful to Norman Hayward for letting us use his home for the venue. Norman works incredibly hard before and during the event to ensure the grounds and house are beautifully presented."

The idea behind the event is to put on an old-fashioned Country Day Out, starting with an open-air communion service and ending with an Evensong service in the Creech Grange Chapel.

For the children there were sports games, face painting and a fancy dress competition, as well as alpacas, side shows, stalls and of course, the home made cream teas and burger stall, which was kept busy all day!

To the front of the house there was an impressive display of vintage and

Morgan sports cars and an added attraction was a fully working replica of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang", which enchanted young and old alike.

During the day the visitors were entertained by the Dorset Quire and singer Karen Grant from Swanage.

The Team Rector of the Wareham, Canon Simon Everett said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of the church to reach out, meet and greet locals, and those from further afield, and give them a great day out."



## Local Community Lottery Survey

Dorset Council is considering introducing a community lottery. This is part of the council's aim to develop a support package for the voluntary and community organisations.

It is proposed that a ticket will cost £1 with 60p going to local causes. Players will be able to nominate good causes they wish to support when buying their ticket. Of this 60p – 50p would go to the local cause and 10p will go towards a community grant.

All players get a chance to win prizes of up to £25,000. Every ticket purchased has a 1 in 50 chance of winning and winners will be given the option to reinvest their winnings to their nominated charity or community group.

Tickets will be available to purchase online for a weekly draw.

Before a final decision is made the council want to hear from local voluntary and community organisations, partners and local residents for their views on the scheme.

**To share your views on the idea of a local community lottery visit:**  
<https://www.snapsurveys.com/whls.asp?k=156328632851>



# Swanage beach hut bookings are changing for 2020

See our website or visit us for more information

[www.swanage.gov.uk/BeachHuts.aspx](http://www.swanage.gov.uk/BeachHuts.aspx)

Beach huts for 2020 will be available for booking on a phased basis from 2nd October 2019 to 30th October 2019, depending on how many weeks you would like to book



Contact us on 01929 766018 for bookings and further information



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## Comment On The Arne Neighbourhood Plan

There is an opportunity to comment on the final version of the Arne Neighbourhood Plan which has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. The plan has been drawn up by local people and approved by Arne Parish Council who feel confident the plan reflects the hopes and views of the local community.

### What is a Neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood plans were introduced in the Localism Act 2011 and aim to give residents more say in the future use of land and buildings in their area. For example, the plan can say where new homes, shops or offices might be built or where important green spaces might be protected.

If the neighbourhood plan is approved following examination, and supported by a local referendum, it will be used to make decisions on planning applications. Dorset Council is required to consult on the plan proposals before the examination can take place.

### View the Arne Neighbourhood plan

A hard copy of the plan is available at the council offices in Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham BH20 4PP and at Wareham Library, South Street, Wareham, BH20 4LR. The plan can also be viewed online at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/arne-neighbourhood-plan](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/arne-neighbourhood-plan).

### Comment on the plan

People who live, work or run a business in the Arne neighbourhood area have until Friday 4 October to make comments on the plan. The council needs to receive the responses by 4pm on the 4th. These concerns will then be passed to an independent examiner to consider.

Cllr David Walsh, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning, said: "I'd like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and commitment in getting the plan to this stage. If you live, work or have an interest in the future development of Arne, please do view the plans and submit any feedback you have."

You can submit your feedback online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/arne-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/arne-neighbourhood-plan) or contact the Planning Policy Team for a paper survey at 01929 557385. Anyone commenting on the Arne Neighbourhood Plan should let the council know if they wish to be kept informed of its progress.

## Light up Swanage Pier



Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October  
6.00pm – 8.00pm



Come and be submerged in a colourful lighting display. With the lamp posts illuminated you will be led up to an immersive light show at the end of the Pier.

Watch an amazing fire show and glow juggling display, with an array of light-up juggling props, fire-eating and blowing.

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For further information and tickets please visit:

[www.swanagepiertrust.com/events](http://www.swanagepiertrust.com/events)  
or call 01929 425806





## Out Of The Blue

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# PACT

### Partners And Communities Together

Dorset Police



**W**elcome to October! We're in the last throws of summer and we are still very busy! The period 07 August – 06 September 2019 saw us deal with a total of 702 occurrences in Purbeck. Of which, 218 were recorded crimes, resulting in 63 arrests.

Unfortunately, 104 of these occurrences were motor vehicle collision reports. The nights are starting to draw in now, so remember to slow down when driving at night; travel slower than you normally might to better see what's coming up and react accordingly.

Vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, might not be wearing reflectors or lights so will be more difficult to see – the same goes for the single headlight of a motorcyclist.

Slowing down is also important when driving from a well-lit area to a dark area because your eyes will need time to adjust. Make sure your car windows are clean, inside and out, because dirty glass

increases glare from other vehicles and is also more likely to steam up. This period also saw local officers working closely with the Coast Guard, RNLI and Dorset Search and Rescue (DorSAR) searching for missing persons, with successful outcomes.

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

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

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

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

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

**Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team**

## Scam Prevention Warning

**O**fficers have prevented an elderly Dorset woman from losing £35,000 to scammers and are issuing advice to avoid others from being targeted. Staff from Dorset Police's Fraud Triage Team received information that the victim – aged in her 70s and from Poole – had fallen victim to a scam. The woman had been the victim of a separate scam in 2018 when she lost a substantial amount of money. It is believed her name and details are on a scamming list, which is passed between fraudsters.

When the officers visited the victim on Wednesday 4 September, they discovered she was in the process of transferring £15,000 to scammers, who were purporting to be from a company dealing in a return investment. She said she had transferred an additional £20,000 the day before. In May 2019 the victim was contacted by a company and informed she had shares that she was required to sell and she had to pay money to convert warrants to shares. She paid an amount of money to do this. She was further contacted recently and told she, along with other shareholders, had to buy the director of the company out and was asked to pay £35,000. She said she had received numerous calls from an unknown number from Japan. Fraud Investigator Shane Cherrett, of Dorset Police, said: "Thankfully we were able to intercept this recent fraud, stop the payments and refund the money back to the victim. We have also provided her with advice and support. "Scammers will repeatedly target known victims and will constantly change their story to make it sound plausible. Our advice is very simple. Always be aware and take steps to verify the identity of a caller who is asking for money. A genuine caller will not mind waiting or calling back to allow you to do this.

"Do not transfer money to a company you have not heard of or not requested work or services from. If you are concerned about the validity of something – stop and speak to someone for help and advice. anyone with concerns can contact Action Fraud or Dorset Police."

For information and advice about scams in Dorset, go to the Fraud Alert page of our website - [dorset.police.uk/fraud](http://dorset.police.uk/fraud). To contact Action Fraud call 0300 123 2040.

If you have information about the scam of the Poole woman, or have been approached in a similar way, please contact Dorset Police at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk), via email [101@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@dorset.pnn.police.uk) or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55190138272. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

# PURBECK PIRATE FESTIVAL

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## Dorset And Somerset Air Ambulance Looking For Swanage Volunteers

**D**orset and Somerset Air Ambulance has paid tribute to their team of volunteers and are looking for others to join them, especially in the Swanage area.

The charity has over 120 volunteers who perform a wide variety of tasks, including supporting events, assisting with the management of nearly 2,300 collection boxes, attending cheque presentations and giving talks on their life-saving work. Last year, their voluntary efforts equated to 5.5 full-time staff that the charity would otherwise have to employ to fulfil these commitments.

Carrie Cardale, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Fundraising Manager said: "Our volunteers selflessly donate the 'gift of time', but they give us so much more. They are our eyes and ears within the community and their day-to-day interaction with the public significantly helps to raise awareness of our life-saving work. We appreciate every hour and every day that they donate, helping us to raise the £4 million a year we need to stay operational. Their support ensures that we are there for the patients who need us."

"Volunteering gives people the opportunity to make friends and learn new skills. It can also help people stay active and there is a real element of personal satisfaction in doing something so worthwhile. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like further information or who would like to join us, especially within the Swanage area where we urgently need additional help."

More information on the volunteer roles currently available can also be found by visiting: [www.dsairambulance.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.dsairambulance.org.uk/volunteer) or by calling: 01823 669604. Training is provided alongside ongoing support. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the DSAA constitution and fulfil their responsibilities within clearly defined and approved Terms of Reference.

**Code of Conduct** - Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is committed to maintaining the highest standards of fundraising behaviour and adhere to the standards set by the Fundraising Regulator. We are also a member of the Association of Air Ambulances (AAA).



## SVB Scores a Century!

*SVB have helped more than 100 potential volunteers and organisations since 2017*

These include walking a dog for a house-bound owner, helping out at Swanage Museum, leading an expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, visiting elderly people, keeping the beach clean - and many, many more.

Would you like to: Use skills you have or learn fresh ones? Have fun and help keep Swanage great?

Local organisations who need volunteers have joined together to bring all of their volunteering opportunities into one place. Come and meet our friendly volunteers, Kim, Jeff or Dai.

Every Friday, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Swanage Library

See: [www.sandpdt.org.uk/swanage-volunteer-bureau](http://www.sandpdt.org.uk/swanage-volunteer-bureau) for more information



Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust



## Purbeck Leg Club



**P**urbeck Leg Club will be opening its doors every Monday from 9am until 12pm. Legs Clubs help people with lower leg problems including leg ulcers. They have been shown to improve ulcer healing rates, reduce recurrence of ulcers and are based on a social model of care.

They operate in non-medical social settings. Purbeck Leg Club will be at Wareham Parish Hall, 3 The Quay, Wareham, BH20 4LP. Many thanks to the support and help from Carol and the team at Wareham Parish.

All six GP surgeries in The Purbeck Primary Care Network are involved and the Leg Club will adhere to strict infection control guidelines. All care is provided by NHS nursing staff.

Leg Clubs are a unique partnership between the NHS and the local community. Purbeck Leg Club relies on the dedication and commitment of local volunteers. So, if you feel you could spare some time to help the Leg Club, or with fundraising please contact your surgeries' Patient Participation Group (PPG) or your Practice Nurse.

The Leg Club will be supported by a national registered charity called the Lindsay Leg Foundation. Over the years the Foundation has been developing and expanding the award-winning Leg Club model of care.

If you would like more information about attending for leg care please discuss with your GP surgery, or District Nurse.

*All photographs are taken with participant's permission.*



## Have YOUR Say Over Future Of Energy

**A**ccording to findings from a new survey panel calling Dorset residents to sign up to help shape the future of the energy sector, almost half of the respondents weren't aware that gas boilers are one of the main ways households contribute to climate change.

The Home Truths panel revealed that 47% of people surveyed were not aware of the environmental impact of gas boilers, which are responsible for almost a fifth (17%) of CO2 emissions through keeping our homes and workplaces warm and maintaining a supply of hot water. Home Truths is inviting people to have their say on a range of energy-related issues by responding to a series of online surveys. The panel will help businesses gain feedback on new ideas, propositions and products related to how people consume energy and influence key decision-makers in the sector.

**1 More info here:** <https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/industry-insight-from-kilowatt-hours-to-warm-hours/>

**2 Download the report here:** <https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/net-zero-living-carbon-free/>



## POOLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SIXTH FORM SUBJECT EVENING

Monday 18 November 2019

6.00 – 8.00 pm

*This is not an open evening but a series of subject based talks to help students decide on an A Level programme at Poole Grammar School. Contact Claire Collins to book a place.*

## SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

Monday 2 December 2019

*Sample A-Level lessons and find out more about our Sixth Form. Contact Claire Collins to book a place.*

For both events please contact Claire Collins, Sixth Form Administrator for further details and to book a place. [collinsc@poolegrammar.com](mailto:collinsc@poolegrammar.com)

In 2018 over 99% of students passed all their A Levels and nearly 70% achieved grades A\* - B. We have extensive links with Parkstone (Girls) Grammar School and a record of high progression rates to Oxbridge, Medical Schools and Russell Group Universities.

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## The Town House

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## Another lovely drawing by Angela Sturch

A sunny day in Swanage! Available as a print or a card at the moment...

Cushions, teatowels, jigsaws and more of all her other local pictures are on sale at the Town House.

A beautiful shop in the heart of Corfe Castle!



# Support The Planet With Us!

## 'Love Swanage' Event Is Back!

*All Saints Church, Saturday October 12th, 11am - 4pm*

The successful 'Love Swanage' event is back for its second year, this time at the new location of All Saints Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Organisers, Sustainable Swanage, made up of representatives from Litter Free Coast and Sea, local businesses, Swanage Town Council, Chamber of Trade, and members of the community, are warmly inviting one and all to come along and show that you 'Love Swanage'.

This fun, free event is open to all ages and will celebrate our wonderful local environment and the things people are doing to become more sustainable.

Drop in between 11am-4pm and take part in activities, plus arts and crafts and interactive displays. Visit stands from a collection of local organisations and discover how they are giving people the chance to enjoy and look after the local environment, showing how we can all help protect it.

Local project Greengage will be holding a plant sale and there will be an opportunity to purchase local products from several local producers.

You can find out more about the Litter Free Coast and Sea 'Love our Beach' Swanage Campaign, which is into its second year. This focuses on the simple changes you can make to protect bathing water quality.

You will also find a different range of projects you could get involved in or even make suggestions for new ones! Find out ways to reduce your waste and how you can increase valuable insects in your garden and why they need our help.

With an ever-increasing awareness of the state of the environment on which we rely there has never been more interest in taking positive actions in our own lives to minimise our impact. There are so many positive initiatives locally and enthusiastic, passionate people involved. We hope to see you there!

Also coming up in November is our 'Going Green is good for business' evening event open to all businesses that would like to make changes with the environment in mind and share advice and experience.

For more information about what's happening on the day, and to learn about some of the other work Sustainable Swanage are involved in head to their website at [www.litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk/sustainable-swanage](http://www.litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk/sustainable-swanage), find them on Facebook, or call 01305 224731



Litter Free Coast and Sea is an ongoing campaign to reduce the social, economic and environmental impacts of marine and beach litter, and improve and maintain bathing water quality along the Dorset and East Devon coast by preventing litter from getting to our coast in the first place.

It is supported and promoted by over 500 local organisations and individuals up and down the coast. All supporters want a litter free coast and sea, and act in ways that will help achieve this and encourage other people to do so.

## Swanage Businesses Continue Removing Plastics

Dear Readers,

As you may know, Swanage is working towards becoming an accredited 'Plastic Free Town'.

This is a scheme developed by 'Surfers Against Sewage' and is now becoming increasingly important around the UK. While the scheme doesn't require the town to be completely plastic free, it acts as a very useful tool to encourage local people to think about their plastic use and implement alternatives.

The Plastic Free Swanage initiative is being led by the new group set up called, 'Sustainable Swanage'.

A key objective of the 'Plastic Free Town' is to identify a certain number of plastic free businesses. To be a plastic free business, you must have eliminated three or more single use plastics. There are ten key items which constitute what SAS call the 'worst offenders', listed as follows:

- Plastic bottles
- Coffee cups and lids
- Plastic bags
- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Plastic cutlery
- Balloons
- Plastic food-on-the-go packaging
- Condiment sachets
- Bathroom plastics

- Plastic drinking cups

We are required to identify a minimum of five Swanage businesses (this is based on our population size) in order to achieve this accreditation. We have nevertheless set ourselves a target of fifty businesses.

If you would like to join us, please provide the information requested below and return to me by post or email, along with a photograph of your business.

Information required for each business applying for 'plastic-free' status:

Business name and address, contact name and email address, plastic items removed from your business, replacements/alternatives and any future proposed actions.

Any photos we receive will also be added to our Facebook page as we welcome you to our community. Please be aware that your details will be used by the various partners of Sustainable Swanage to promote local sustainability. Finally, we are looking to have an event in early October aimed at helping businesses in Swanage be more sustainable – keep a look out for more information.

**For further information please see the following:**

<https://www.facebook.com/sustainableswanage/>

<https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/>

Please note that this letter is being published on behalf of Sustainable Swanage, a joint partnership with local residents, Swanage Town Council, Litter Free Coast and Sea and Swanage Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

Kind regards, Culvin Milmer, Visitor Services Manager and Business Development Officer, Swanage Town Council



## Food Feature



# What's Cooking In Purbeck?

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

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

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

**Remember - if you spend your money locally and support local businesses and producers, the money generally stays local - keeping our community strong, our businesses open and local staff in employment.....**

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





# From The Kitchen Garden...



## Winter Squash Bread & Butter Pudding

By Regula  
Wright,  
Godlingston  
Manor Kitchen  
Garden

**T**his month is an odd one, I find every year. The actual growing and harvesting of most crops has been done and dusted and yet, there are still some batches to be sown or planted. They happily overwinter and give us some early delights next year. One of them is overwintering garlic and this time I'll make sure no rabbit will get a nibble!

I've covered up the section where they'll be planted out with a black membrane a few weeks ago, so weed growth is kept to a minimum. The soil is nice and firm but not hard and after planting out, I mulch the individual cloves with a thick layer of well-rotted horse manure. With this manure cover, the soil is not left bare over winter, the worms get to work and pull down the manure and the soil gets aerated, fertilized and I'm looking forward to a bumper crop!

Mostly there's a lot of tidying up to do this month and actually fixing too - before autumn storms catch me out.

Luckily, thanks to another rather dry summer, I've missed the dreaded potato and tomato blight for the second year. In fact, the tomatoes have been doing so well the heavy trusses broke their supports...hmmm...as always, there are winners and losers!

With all the clearing and tidying up, my compost heap grows enormously and I have to make sure I'm layering it properly with brown material (twigs), grey material (cardboard), as well as the greenery and animal manures.

Tucked in neatly under some sheeting, so the winter wet can't get to it too much and turning it over every so often, I should find some lovely compost come springtime. This stuff still needs a good sieving, but it's perfect for mulching thickly around the perennial plants in early spring.

There are also fixing and tidying jobs to do in the poultry run. Apart from a polecat helping itself to some of my birds in late summer, we've had a good season and plenty of chicks were hatched. I've had one mother hen being broody three times this season!

She's a big girl in very good condition and is diligently sitting and hatching a clutch of eggs. I can't wait to let the whole flock out to roam freely all over the Kitchen Garden during the day but before then, there's quite a bit of netting I need to put up to protect the winter brassicas.

With the chillier weather setting in, my thoughts turn to hot puddings and lashings of cream (or custard), of course. This very easy Butternut Squash Bread and Butter Pudding is just the ticket!

Any winter squash (Crown Prince, Delicata, Ukiki Kuri, Pink Banana, White Boer) is perfectly good for this recipe, however the supermarket pumpkins often used for lanterns I wouldn't use, as they're just too stringy!

### Winter Squash Bread and Butter Pudding:

#### Ingredients for a 26 cm pielquiche dish):

500-600 g roast squash cubes  
100 g sugar  
150 g sliced brioche bread  
250 ml hot milk  
250 sultanas or raisins  
4 eggs  
Natural vanilla extract

#### Method:

- Roast your Squash in the oven until soft then sprinkle with the sugar and let it cool down a bit
- Butter the pie/ quiche dish
- Pour the hot milk over the Brioche bread slices, leave to soak up the milk, then mash together with the roasted and sugared squash. A fork should suffice for this job.
- Add the dried fruit, eggs and vanilla extract to taste, mix and then pour mixture into pie dish and bake for 45-50 minutes at 200 C
- serve hot with cream or custard

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## Triple Crown Locally For CAMRA!



It has been an exciting summer for East Dorset CAMRA, in a regional round up of branch pubs and clubs of the year where no fewer than three of their pubs and clubs have been voted Regional Pub of the Year, Regional Cider Pub of the Year and Regional Club of the Year, 2019.

The CAMRA Wessex and Channel Islands Region consists of Dorset, south Hampshire, south Wiltshire, some of Somerset, Isle of Wight and all the Channel Islands.

Regional Director, Nigel Jones, presented each of the awards to the proud winners in front of plenty of friends and customers. Brian Varney and colleagues of the Corfe Castle Club in Corfe Castle won Regional Club of the Year, Paul and Lisa Early Peaking Gray of the Firkin Shed in Springbourne won Regional Pub of the Year and Charlie and Cath Newman and colleagues of The Square and Compass in Worth Matravers (pictured, above with Manager, Kevin Hunt, staff and friends) won Regional Cider Pub of the Year and all received framed certificates to adorn their walls.

He congratulated each of them and explained how independent volunteer judges had visited each pub or club on at least three separate occasions and gave them an overall score.


What they were looking for was a warm welcome, a good range of real ale, cider and perry, in great condition, knowledgeable and encouraging bar staff, a community focus and a clean environment and these clubs and pubs all scored high on this list of criteria.

"The region covers a very large area and for all three winners to be within the East Dorset branch, and two of them in the Isle of Purbeck, is quite astonishing. All the pubs and clubs that were visited were of exceptional quality and the scoring was very close! I think what comes out from this competition is just how much hard work and imagination goes into delivering a great pub or club. Well done to the winners and the members of East Dorset CAMRA!"

Chairman of the East Dorset branch, John Chambers, responded, saying: "We are just so thrilled that the regional Club of the Year, Pub of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year all go to our own clubs and pubs. They are such unique and wonderful places to visit and have a drink. It would be fantastic if they all can get through to the national selection of the top four, it would certainly put them on the map! I thank very much and wish them all every success. We will be behind them all the way!"

Each of the winners will now go through to the Super Regional competition.





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# Motoring

## Oh, Do Stop Meddling!

by David Hollister

There have been some big talking points this summer about roads and highways, delays and more delays. I suppose I had been hoping that following the 'merger' of councils in April, we'd get a bit more 'joined up thinking' when it came to both road safety and traffic flow. Not a bit of it. This summer has been worse than I can ever remember and before you start on about the ferry being off, it would seem to me and indeed to the local traders that this has brought about a diminishment of holidaymakers and day trippers rather than crammed them all on to our 'only way out'.

Yes, the ferry's absence caused problems. Especially, I would imagine, to the traders of Studland whose Parish Council allegedly lobbied Dorset Council to 'do something'. Well, thanks to some traffic lights, there were few long queues on the junction between the Studland road and the A351 in Corfe Castle. No, those queues had been moved to the main A351 itself where incoming and outgoing traffic built up in queues at times over two miles long. Queuing for traffic lights that actually helped the minority but hindered the majority. What sort of policy is that?

A correspondent said to me: "They were requested by Studland Parish Council, no others. Your councillor, Cllr Cherry Brooks, agreed to their every request and she even had the audacity to say that the Church Knowle was: "Not important enough to be included in four way lights", when it became obvious that minds had been made up.

I do hope that this is not the case, but I have no reason to doubt my impeccable local source who went on to say: "To move on - this must never happen again, ferry or no ferry. There is a perfectly adequate roundabout at the top of Corfe with a perfectly adequate road towards Wyth - a linking B road from there to the Studland Road would solve this problem. Start listening to locals."

OK, County officials and Cllr Brooks, please do just that. Do not dare impose such a ridiculous scheme on us again without first contacting and taking the views of Parish Councils from Church Knowle, Corfe Castle, Langton Matravers, Worth Matravers (Harmans Cross), and of course, Swanage. By contact, I mean a proper site meeting, a proper discussion, consultation between the councils and their electors, chaired hopefully by someone independent who will listen to all points of view and produce a properly laid out report.

Regrettably from a personal point of view and following this season's debacle, I am unable to count Cllr Brooks in on this one. Partly as I personally have no confidence in her local knowledge as opposed to other councillors who have lived here longer, partly because of her terse and faintly rude attitude in writing to my correspondent, and partly because of her refusal to enter into a private correspondence with me on 'Messenger', which I deliberately used so that any correspondence we might have had would remain private.

To sum up, I quote from a Facebook post from someone who was hoping to stay in Swanage but who gave up: "The damage has been done by this dreadful decision. People will think twice about visiting this beautiful part of the world again as they will think this is "normal"."

Now let's move on to part two. The diversion for incoming traffic on the grounds of "safety", a word which has been used and abused too many times by government departments and county councils alike. There was



nothing 'safe' about the diversion sending all incoming traffic regardless of size, down the Studland road at Corfe Castle. How nobody was seriously injured is a miracle.

The road which the 'safety' people wanted people to avoid was the perfectly adequate A351 through Corfe Castle and Harmans Cross on the way to Swanage. Two carriageways (one in each direction) and seldom any major delays except those caused by people wanting to turn right into Corfe Square and the regrettable majority of oncoming drivers, who under no circumstances, were going to give up their 'right of way' in case it cost them fifteen seconds on their journey. Most of the road a 50 limit except through Corfe and Harmans Cross, where the limit is 30 (don't start...!).

The diversion took all traffic – cars, buses, vans, lorries and so on under the bridge, round the two tight corners, and then across to Rempstone on a road which in places has no centre line. Past the blind entrances to Burnbake and Rempstone, making it much more dangerous for those residents and campers who had the temerity to want to join the main road.

Past the beautiful beech hedge, over a narrow but twisting humpback, then down a steep hill to an ostensibly blind bend where you can't see what's coming towards you. Then up the hill past the farm and round another tight blind corner till you get to the 'lookout'. Then it gets worse. After the lookout, with the road making no pretense at being marked or signed, round a series of narrow twists until it reaches the top of Currendon Hill, where you have to turn right in the face of oncoming traffic.

Down the hill (which is also unmarked and too narrow for large vehicles to pass in opposite directions), where you join the main Studland to Swanage road at a right hand junction which has limited visibility and where you take your life in your hands getting across into the traffic.

Then it gets worse. Halfway down Ulwell road the traffic – and that's cars, vans, lorries and coaches – is diverted right, across the oncoming traffic, into the single-track "Washpond Lane", where it negotiates a partially-blind roundabout and sends you past a busy primary school on your way into the 30mph residential area. And you call this 'safety'?

This – like the lights – must never happen again. Ferry or no ferry. Dorset Council, start listening to locals or preferably, just go away and stop meddling in things you clearly don't understand.



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## Sandbanks Ferry Company: Passenger Safety 'Must Be A Priority'



**S**andbanks Ferry Company says passenger safety must be a priority for any interim ferry plans.

The Sandbanks Ferry Company has stated that passenger safety remains its primary consideration as the company continues to assess options for an interim service for whenever the chain ferry is out of action for sustained periods of time.

The Ferry Company has explored a variety of potential alternatives to maintain a level of service while the ferry is under repair. These have included investigating the temporary use of a replacement

vehicle ferry from Germany. The Company was unable to progress these plans as while the vehicle ferry met German safety standards, it did not comply with UK regulations.

Other potential interim options have been presented by members of the local community, including the suggestion to partner with the Brownsea Island Ferry Company to run a service from a new temporary modular floating pontoon at Shell Bay in Studland to the existing Brownsea Island Ferry jetty in Sandbanks.

Mike Kean, Managing Director of the Sandbanks Ferry Company (pictured, above), said: "We are very sorry for the impact this ferry suspension is currently having upon the local community, particularly in Studland and Swanage.

"We have been working tirelessly to investigate all potentially viable options until the chain ferry returns to service, including options put forward by the Studland community. We are looking carefully at the

suggested plans to install a temporary pontoon at Shell Bay and are consulting with several external agencies to assess its viability.

"We are currently awaiting the outcome of an application to the Marine Management Organisation, which is needed to progress the plan. Our investigations so far have raised considerable concerns, including that the proposed pontoon may be unsafe in certain tidal conditions and in poor weather.

"Additionally, a temporary ferry service may be suspended at short notice should conditions change suddenly, running the risk of leaving passengers stranded. We cannot, and will not, compromise on passenger safety, which continues to be our number one priority as we progress these plans."

The Sandbanks Ferry Company has met with members of the public from both Sandbanks and Studland to update concerned residents on the Company's continuing efforts to identify a viable interim solution.

Mike Kean added: "I am very grateful for the continuing understanding of the public, especially those who have taken the time to suggest potential interim options. I would like to reassure local residents that we will continue to assess all potentially viable alternatives as a priority."

The Sandbanks Ferry Company is in receipt of regular updates from the manufacturers of the chain ferry replacement parts, the last of which are scheduled to arrive at its ship repair facility in Southampton by mid-October.

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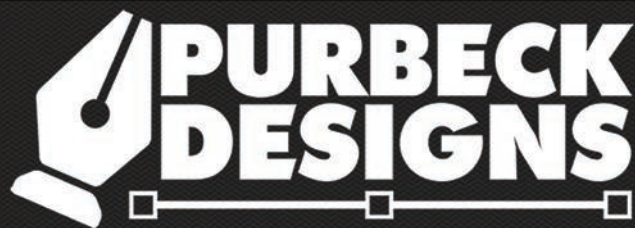
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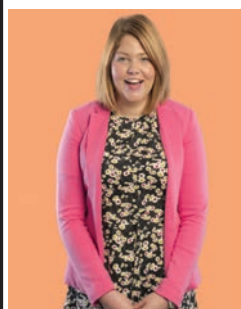
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"I am really pleased to have achieved the accreditation. It is a reflection of all of my hard work and means that I can now represent children through their Guardian in Court proceedings. I can also represent competent children in Court proceedings.

This area of law can leave parents and children feeling confused, upset and anxious and I endeavour to advise and assist in an empathetic but professional manner whilst providing realistic and appropriate advice".

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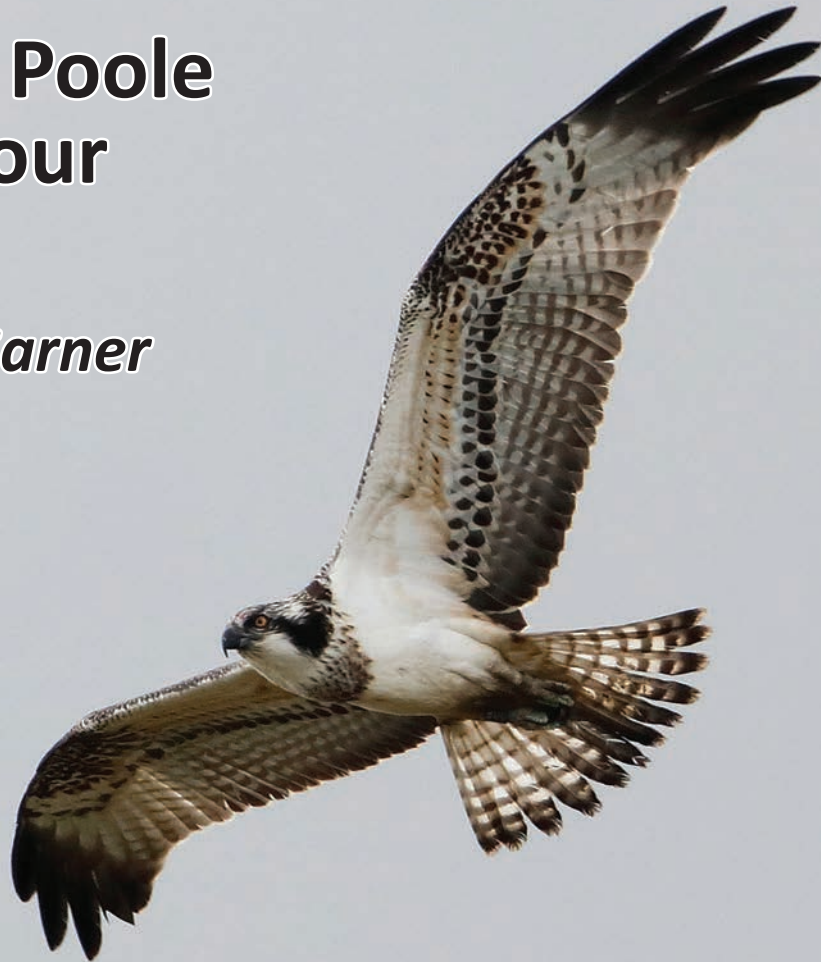
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# Natural Matters

## Birds Of Poole Harbour

*by John Garner*



In these days of spin and, well frankly, lies, it's nice to take part in something safe in the knowledge that you're going to get what you sign up for. Whilst a cursory glance or listen to the news will reveal ideas and promises that can change by the end of the sentence, you will get what you agree to if you book a trip on one of the Birds of Poole Harbour boat trips. I have been on a number of these trips and the most recent, a few weeks ago, was with the aim of seeing Ospreys. It was called an Osprey trip to make that clear.

So, at nine o'clock in the morning at Poole Quay I embarked and headed out with a number of other folk, some of them clearly and audibly more knowledgeable than myself in these matters. A number of years ago I wrote about a previous Birds of Poole Harbour trip and was hugely complimentary about the trip itself and the very knowledgeable people on the boat. This was no exception. And as previously stated, I need knowledgeable people on trips like this.

I've also realised I need better binoculars than the ones I got from the market some years ago, despite the fact that the optical possibilities were sold to me as being pretty much endless and all for ten quid. It turns out these claims were over exaggerated by a factor of about 99%. In short, they're crap and not worth the money. And when that sum is ten pounds you get an idea of how useless they are. The ones I borrowed were infinitely better, but then you get what you pay for in this world and no mistake.

The trip itself was a paltry twenty pounds (or two pairs of wonky binoculars in trader money) and lasted the best part of two and a half hours. As we headed out we were given a talk about the Ospreys and their reason for being in Poole Harbour in the first place. You can read about it on the Birds of Poole Harbour website and I urge you to do so.

Here's a condensed version. Ospreys pass through Poole harbour on their migration routes, particularly from July to September. There can be several at a time and the harbour presents an excellent chance for them to feed. It's also not a bad place to rest between feeds. Anyway, if you know what to look for and where to look for them you've a very good chance of seeing them during these times, hence the boat trips.

In addition, there are plans to get the Ospreys to nest and mate in the harbour. The idea is to translocate Ospreys when they are too young to recognise where they were born. They will, therefore come back

the harbour to have small Ospreys who will then return each year to establish the species in Poole harbour. I think. Apologies in advance for any inaccuracies. As I say the website is more reliable.

So, the question on both of your lips. Did we see Ospreys on the Osprey boat trip? Indeed, we did. There are a number of ways this was made possible. The main one being that the Ospreys were actually there. Spotters on the hill were there to guide the boat. An expert number of guides with highly efficient binoculars knowing what they were looking for and any number of experts on the boat masquerading as punters further helped. They also have some tagged birds that they can track and head towards should all else fail.

This was an Osprey trip, but it's not that they ignore all other birds. We saw marsh harriers, spoonbills and a falcon to name but three, but the Ospreys were the main event. One was first spotted in the distance circling and then stalling as it presumably spotted a fish. And then it caught one. And then another Osprey appeared. And then one basically flew over the boat, which apparently is pretty much unheard of in all the trips they've done so far.

They are an impressive bird and Poole harbour, already a marvellous and unique wildlife environment, is even better for them being there. Should they settle there and raise young it would be brilliant. A similar scheme to reintroduce eagles to the Isle of White has been a success so fingers crossed that this works out as well.

The charity Birds of Poole Harbour is a wonderful charity. It's a charity that was set up to educate people about the wildlife in the harbour. It's educated me and any number of other people. The average depth of water in the harbour is only two feet and this creates a haven for lots of birds of a dizzying number of species. In educating people, the charity hopes to help protect the birds and the amazing habitat that exists in the bay. Have a look at the website and go on their boat trips. Unlike putting your faith in the politicians, you will not be disappointed.

**Birds of Poole Harbour - [www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk](http://www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk)**

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Photograph: Osprey, by Simon Kidner. Thanks to Paul & Niamh of Birds of Poole Harbour!



# DURLSTON

## COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



Over the next two years, the Grade II-listed 'Durlston Pleasure Grounds' will be restored and enhanced for people and nature, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Between October 2019 and March 2020, Landscape Contractor ID Verde will be improving paths, installing seating and creating accessible viewpoints. Plans developed by our Landscape Architect, Rangers and Friends of Durlston will retain the character of the area, while making it easier to enjoy - especially for people with disabilities.

Work will start at the end of September in the 'Aviaries' and at the Observation Point, moving on to the northern woodland and 'Round the Head' path in November and December and finishing with the Southern woodland after Christmas.

So that work can take place safely, some paths in these areas will be temporarily closed for a few weeks, but diversions will be in place and these will be signed around the site and publicised on our Facebook page. The rest of the 340-acre park and Castle will be unaffected.

Other work between autumn and spring will include tree surgery to improve habitats and views, restoration of stonework and dry-stone walls and the creation of a 'wild play' trail, along with new interpretation.

'Everyone Needs a Shed!'

Our new 'Shed' offers volunteer opportunities for all, including gentle

gardening, woodworking, craft and more. The shed is open every Monday 10-1, Wednesday 1-4 and Saturday 10-1 - just drop in and stay as long as you want, and we will put you to work!

As well as individual volunteers, the Shed has also recently had visits from the Swanage Memory Café, Swanage Blind Club and Swanage Depression Support Group, so if you are involved with a group, who might like to try something new, please get in touch.

Purbeck Film Festival at Durlston

Once again, Durlston will be a flagship venue for the Purbeck Film Festival. Eight films will be shown in the Gallery this year, while in the day, you will be able to enjoy an exhibition exploring the stories behind the films. A series of animation workshops will give kids and young people the chance to produce their own films. For details, visit [www.purbeckfilm.com](http://www.purbeckfilm.com)

Underwater Geology of Purbeck Talk

A special event will take place in the Gallery on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, when Emeritus Professor of Geography Dan Bosence will be talking about how geologists and divers have been solving the mysteries of Purbeck's underwater landscape. Advance booking is essential (£5) and an optional meal is being offered afterwards at Seventhwave Restaurant.

Full details on the Durlston Events webpage:

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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack

### Light up Your Garden

**A**utumn still has a lot to offer in the garden with Dahlias, Michaelmas Daisies and Chrysanthemums still showing off and the delights the autumn leaf colours still to come.

However, gardeners know you are always preparing for the next display and now is the time to act if you want to ensure plenty of cheerful flowers to lift your spirits in the New Year.

The reason I am urging you to act in early October is so that you secure the bulbs you want before they sell out.

If your borders are not ready for bulbs to be planted because the borders are still full of your summer plants, then the bulbs will be quite happy stored in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant later in October and even up to mid-December.

**Here are 5 major bulb groups that will provide flower from January to May:**



**Iris reticulata (above).** This beautiful dwarf plant flowers in the depths of winter. There are several colours available including white, blue, purple and yellow

**Crocus (left).** There is nothing more cheerful in February than a bright patch of them pushing through the grass or dead leaves in the border.

When it comes to Daffodils, I prefer the dwarf Narcissi (under 10 inches - Pictured, top right) that are far more attractive and whose foliage doesn't collapse on their neighbours after flowering!



Tulips (pictured, below) are up and showing off around Easter and through April. There are a myriad of colours, patterns and heights to choose from.

Alliums (pictured, bottom) are fantastic at providing colour in your borders to fill the gap when most of the shrubs have finished flowering, but the summer perennials haven't yet started.

Buy them now at a fraction



of the price they would be if you bought them in pots whilst in flower.

Holme has a great range of bulbs to plant this autumn, so come in and see for yourself. If you need advice one of our expert gardening team will be only too happy to help. We also stock loose bulbs to get better prices for those people who require larger quantities.

This year we have 27,000 bulbs being planted in the Garden at Holme for the public to enjoy next spring. However, even a few bulbs planted in your own garden could really lift your spirits in 2020.







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# Arts & Entertainment

## Purbeck Film Festival 2019



The Purbeck Film Festival, which will enliven the arts/entertainment local scene this month, is twenty-three years young. That makes it the longest running and most successful rural Film Festival in the UK. If you are a film lover there is certainly something here for you.

The Festival has an annual audience of 7000 viewers who enjoy over eighty screenings in more than thirty venues. If you haven't done so already, we urge you to get hold of the new large format 2019 Festival brochure. It is beautifully produced, free, and is available all over Purbeck in shops, museums, information centres etc. You'll be amazed at what is on offer.

There are films from every continent.

Films from Hollywood, films from the UK. There are sound films and silent films. There are action films and animation films. There are long films and short. Films made by students and films made by the masters of the art. There are colour films and films in black and white. And dozens of outstanding, award-winning films from around the world, from Iceland to Mexico to Nepal by way of Poland, China and Lebanon. You'll see sensational films normally only available in our biggest metropolitan centres – films you will never forget.

For music fans we have ROCKET MAN (Elton), BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (Freddie), WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (Tina) plus Lady Gaga's superb screen debut in co-star Bradley Cooper's superb remake of A STAR IS BORN. Plus a C and W story of a young Glaswegian girl's dreams of starring at Nashville's Grand Old Opry, WILD ROSE.

Leonardo de Caprio leads the Festival's environmental theme with his timely precis BEFORE THE FLOOD. BLUE is a beautiful hymn to the sea



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while warning of oceanic pollution, and THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM is an uplifting story of an incredible self-sustaining project in California.

The Festival fondly remembers cinema legends who have died this year and dedicates showings of SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING (the late Albert Finney's cinematic debut), SPARTACUS (Stanley Kubrick) and VARDA BY AGNES to each of their memories. Thank you for all the marvellous movies, Albert, Stan and Agnes.

So popular is the Festival with the industry's professionals - you'll remember Dame Maggie Smith giving it her blessing recently with a personal appearance before many of her classic hit films were shown, that the directors, writer and producers of the films we are showing this year have been happy to come and introduce them to you, our audience. (full details of where they are appearing are in our brochure).

Enjoy. Enjoy. Enjoy! David H.







## June Ranger - British Empire Medal Ceremony

The British Empire Medal was established in 1922, to replace the Medal of the Order of the British Empire, and it is awarded for meritorious civil and military service worthy of recognition by the Crown. It was awarded to subjects of the United Kingdom until 1992, after which it fell into abeyance in the UK, although it was still awarded in some commonwealth realms.

The reintroduction of the Award was very warmly welcomed when it was brought out of abeyance to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. Recently, local legend, dance teacher June Ranger, of The Ranger School of Dance, was awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to dance and the community.

### MRS JUNE BOYNE B.E.M. (JUNE RANGER)

June Ranger was a professional dancer and retired to take up teaching. In 1967, the June Ranger Dancing School performed their first production in the newly built Mowlem Theatre in Swanage, just three weeks after its official opening.

In 2018, a slightly delayed fifty-year celebratory production was highly anticipated with a three-hour queue at the box office when ticket sales opened! Ninety-year-old June has returned to teaching twice, long after most would have retired or given up – after breaking her back and breaking her hip. She is a Life-Member and ardent supporter of The Royal Academy of Dance.

In fifty-six years, June has trained and entered countless pupils for examinations, encouraging everyone, regardless of ability, to work hard and achieve their best. She has also conceived, choreographed, directed and produced musicals, plays, recitals, pantomimes and full-length Ballets for the School, and also for The Swanage Round Table, The Swanage Choral and Operatic Society, The Purbeck Arts Club Players, and The Western Association of Ballet Schools, as well as community concerts and collaborations for specific causes.

**The Millpond** – the hall in which the dance school has been operating since around 1967, was owned by the Swanage Hoteliers Association. Around 2000, the Association announced they had to sell the property which was in need of much work. The Roger Raymond Charitable Trust stepped in to buy the building, securing the School's future. Fundraising then began to enable a new roof to be built, and to upgrade all the facilities. With further support from the Trust and more fundraising, the floor was replaced with a new, sprung and matted floor designed especially for dance. The Millpond was given a new lease of life through the generosity of so many supporters, all adamant of the value of the school's work for the community.

Families unable to finance their children's dance activities, examinations, uniforms, etc., are always supported. June and her daughter have been recipients of Curtain Call Awards from The Daily Echo (Best Directors of a Musical, Best Entertainment, Best Lighting and Effects) and National Operatic and Dramatic Association Accolades of Excellence. June's dedicated influence has changed lives. She has been described as a hero, an icon, an ambassador, a living legend.

Swanage wouldn't be the same without June. Congratulations, June, on being honoured for the amazing, inspirational woman you truly are. Your community salutes you and we are all so very proud to call you one of 'our own'. May you continue to inspire so many of us long into the future!

With grateful thanks to Marilyn Porter MVO, Civic and Lieutenantcy Officer, for providing the detail, above – much appreciated Marilyn and thanks for all the work you do 'in the background'!

**Nico Johnson**



*Pictures: Top - The Award Ceremony at The Ranger School of Dance on Monday 9th September 2019.*

*Next down - June receiving her Award from the Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Angus Campbell. Bottom - June and daughter, Caroline McCrory. All by NJ.*



# Vienna Festival Ballet presents..... Snow White



## Vienna Festival Ballet (est 1980) presents SNOW WHITE

Classical ballet takes centre stage soon when the highly acclaimed Vienna Festival Ballet Company returns to town.

Vienna Festival Ballet will commence a UK tour from October to December 2019, with their original production of the timeless fairy-tale Snow White, based on the traditional Brothers' Grimm story.

Snow White's journey through a magical world of hip-hopping dwarves, an enchanted mirror, and a

poisoned apple, in pursuit of her Prince Charming will dazzle the whole family.

Choreographed by Barry McGrath, and set to an array of orchestrated pieces by composers including Faris and Gounod, the music was specially written for VFB's production of Snow White.

This classically rendered ballet was well received in the UK for the first time in 2013, described by the Burnley Express as 'stunning...I don't want to come back to earth'.

Returning by popular demand, Vienna Festival Ballet's Snow White promises to be a delightful treat for all the family whether you're a fan or experiencing ballet for the very first time, and offers an ideal opportunity to introduce children to the beauty of ballet.

### The Company

Celebrated Austrian dancer Peter Mallek founded the company after his illustrious career as a dancer of international renown, in 1980. Now in their 39th year of producing quality ballet productions, the company continues to experience remarkable success and perform great classical ballets all over the world.

VFB are known for their beautiful and lavish hand-made costumes as well as their commitment to bringing the greatest classical ballets to the widest possible audience. Their productions have all the elegance and extravagance associated with the best of ballet.

Notable for the continued freshness and strength of their dancing casts, VFB attract highly talented dancers from all over the world.

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# Monster Bonfire & Fireworks Night!



The gang behind Wareham Wednesday finish their 2019 season with the ever-popular 'Monster Bonfire and Fireworks Night' at Bestwall Rugby Club in Wareham on Friday 1st November.

A giant bonfire will be accompanied by an impressive firework display, alongside a wide range of stalls and rides for the kids to enjoy.

Hot food, soft drinks and sweets will be available on the night, with the Bestwall Club bar open for those wanting something just a little alcoholic to see them through the evening!

The Muddlecome Men often put in a comical appearance on the night, so keep an eye out for those hailing from this distant village with their strange costumes and unusual traditions.....!

One lucky young person will be allowed to 'push the plunger' to start the firework display this year - check Facebook for competition details and to enter (see advert on the right). Live music will entertain the crowds throughout the evening, with local bands taking to the stage to get the audience up and dancing.

Entrance is £5, with kids under ten-years-old able to attend (accompanied) for free. Parking is available on-site (Rugby Club) at no additional charge.

Pic (bonfire) by Tim Crabb

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The music will feature some well-known tunes and some lesser known ones too, from the classic jazz age through to the swing era. It will be a great evening - room to dance too, if you're moved to!

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\*Harmans Cross Village Hall is in Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB, 2 miles outside Swanage. If coming from C. Castle, take a right turn opp. garage in centre of Harmans Cross village

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## Swanage October Blues Festival!



*Swanage Blues Festival by Steve Darrington, Festival Director*

**A**s the months of organisation come to an end, I can sit back and hand over to the hard-working venues and artists who magically create a weekend of top class fun and entertainment for us all.

In addition to the pubs, clubs, holiday parks, YHA and golf club hosting our usual 'back by popular demand' regulars, we are honoured with several appearances by one of the greatest living West Coast blues artists, Tommy Harkenrider (USA) and his Orange County Rockets.

New live venue, The Centre, is hosting acoustic acts including Gary Fletcher, who plays with Paul Jones in The Blues Band, Ben Tyzack of The Spikedrivers and Guy Tortora (USA), multi-award winning Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz, the Midnight Special Club's Sepia Swing Show Twins, and Blues Dharma, who explore the common ground between Asian music and the Blues.

After the party is over, I'll be hoping for comments like these from previous festivals:

"Swanage is such a lovely resort and the locals and blues fans get on so well together, we can't wait for the next one. Every band and every venue (and we managed to visit nearly all of them) were top class. Where else can you get wall-to-wall blues from Thursday through to Sunday night for just a tenner?" (HB)

"Our first festival and we could not believe the quality of the bands performing. We enjoyed the small venues, getting up front and personal with the bands and after they had finished their sets they were approachable and willing to talk about the music, which was refreshing. Thanks again for a great weekend's entertainment and looking forward to next time." (MM)

The 32nd Swanage Blues Festival is on 3-6 October 2019, website [www.swanage-blues.org](http://www.swanage-blues.org). Support Wristbands and Programmes are on sale at venues, Jenkins and @61 in the High Street, Swanage Information Centre on Shore Road, and various retailers. If you have a local business and want to put a We Support Swanage Blues poster in your window, call me on 01929 422338 and I'll bring you one!

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 The Centre, Saturday 4.00-5.15pm, Blues Dharma  
 The Centre, Saturday 5.45-7pm, Gary Fletcher  
 The Centre, Saturday 7.30-8.30pm, Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz  
 The Centre, Sunday 12-1.45pm, Baroness & The Bear, Nick Hyde & Friends  
 The Centre, Sunday 2.15-3.15pm, Ben Tyzack & Guy Tortora  
 The Centre, Sunday 3.45-5pm, The Sepia Swing Show Twins (Nick Hyde & Dave Raphael)  
 The Centre, Sunday 5.30-6.30pm, Ben Tyzack & Guy Tortora  
 The Legion, Thursday 8.30pm, Robert Hokum, Hugh Budden, Steve Darrington, Stompin' Dave  
 The Legion, Friday 2.00-3.45pm, Back Porch  
 The Legion, Friday 4.30-6.15pm, Stompin Dave trio  
 The Legion, Friday 6.45-8.30pm, Robert Hokum Revue  
 The Legion, Friday 9.00-11.00pm, Tommy Harkenrider & The Orange County Rockets  
 The Legion, Saturday 1.00pm, Stan's Blues Jamboree  
 The Legion, Saturday 9.00pm, Robin Bibi Band  
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# Purbeck Valley Folk Festival 2019

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Each year the Gazette team look forward to our annual weekend 'out' at the fantastic Purbeck Valley Folk Festival, held in Harman's Cross. Organised by Catherine and Paul Burke (a local father and daughter combo who work tirelessly year after year to put this weekend-long event together), it's one of our favourite events in the Purbeckian calendar. Why? Because this festival specialises in offering 'something for everyone' - no matter your musical taste, the realm of folk is broad enough that over the three main stages, there is generally something on which will appeal to you.

All ages are welcomed, which is evident from the lay-out of the festival site, the amenities and a focus on 'catering for all' - literally. Those less mobile or of an older age have been considered, with ample room to simply sit and enjoy watching the world pass, whilst the youngest festival goers were kept entertained with a wide variety of games, artistic crafts in which to indulge, story-telling, open mic stages and so much more.

This year was a little different for us, as we added Paige (14) to our review team (working with Trev Rich Photography, who photographed the weekend for us), and we also accompanied Maya Pope and Marienna Weidemann-Pope to the event in memory of Gaia Pope (see pages 18-19 of this edition), who had attended with her family in previous years.

Friday saw hardy volunteers finish the set-up in a downpour, however, wellies were the order of the day, smiles reigned supreme and the merriment was not abated one iota. The skies cleared on Saturday and due to the previously dry conditions, the rain soaked away and left the site remarkably dry for the weekend festival goers.

Every year, the organisers offer-up a bevy of hugely talented folk artists - ranging from local, national and international fame - who play over three stages (two in huge, hard-floored barns plus the Fire Stage, set-up on a stunning field on the other side of the site) throughout the weekend. The headline act this year was Afro Celt Sound System, who rocked the barn with their lively, enthusiastic and awe-inspiring set (pictured, top of this page).

Activities enjoyed this year during the weekend included stone carving (a Purbeckian tradition all must partake in at least once!), stone painting (completed by one of our team, pictured, top right), poetry slams, open mic sessions, gong baths (not heard of it? - come along next year and have a



go, we promise you won't regret it!) and much more besides.

The food on-site (often a worry for festival attendees) was well priced, with a great range of choices, meaning you could do far more than simply 'survive' a weekend of site-food! Delicious, varied and affordable.

This year was an emotional experience, whilst we all had fun and enjoyed meeting a wide range of people from all over the country (what is it about this particular festival which brings out the best in people? Everyone is so friendly and new friends are made

each year!), attending with Gaia in our minds made the weekend especially memorable.

Gaia had previously attended PVFF with her family as one of their annual favourite events, so sharing the weekend with her twin sister and cousin, whilst watching them purposefully 'reclaim' this event and carry it forwards as a family tradition without Gaia beside them, was inspirational indeed.

There is no other festival we've attended thus far which manages to encompass everything so thoughtfully - from the top musical acts showcasing a wide variety of folk traditions through to the varied activities, general friendliness and excellent site lay-out for people of all ages. This one truly has it all and we hope, will be with us for many years to come.

**Young reviewer, Paige Haden (14), says:** "The Purbeck Valley Folk Festival was an entertaining experience, full of family-friendly entertainment and colourful decorations which brought the atmosphere to a maximum, even during the rainy weather on Friday.

"Whilst the music was spectacular, every child was kept bright-eyed with the different and wide variation of acts and activities located around the festival site for all to enjoy. Throughout the day, kids could create amazing crafts, find new toys in the 'SwapShop' and relax whilst listening to stories in the cosy and inviting storytelling tent. Wessex Circus joined the festival again this year, where children of all ages could learn loads of new circus skills under close supervision and guidance from the Wessex Circus, who also put on a few displays themselves.

"As a teenager, (and a first time goer to PVFF!) I really enjoyed watching the different acts create laughter and excitement among everyone there. Joe May (Passion4Laughter) really made me smile with his jokes and talents and the mesmerizing 'Panthetrix' amazed me and many others with their fire show on Saturday night.

"Overall, the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival is a wonderful experience for all ages, and I would 100% recommend visiting next year - I'm already asking for tickets and I want my friends to come along too! Safe, fun, friendly, relaxing and welcoming - who could ask for more? It's a thumbs-up from my age group!"

**A huge congratulations to Catherine, Paul and the many helpers and volunteers who make this event possible. Tickets for 2020 are now on sale due to demand - make just one 'early' plan for next year and purchase your tickets NOW (20-23 August 2020)!**

**See: [www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk/](http://www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk/)**









# Health & Beauty

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



**B**owel screening is a vital service to check for early signs of bowel cancer and ensure early treatment.

The Day Surgery and Endoscopy team at Swanage Hospital was one of the first community hospital units in the UK to gain accreditation in 2014

and has been working incredibly hard over the past five years to gain re-accreditation of its endoscopy service from the Joint Advisory Group on Gastrointestinal endoscopy (JAG).

Following the inspection and assessment in June, we are delighted to announce that Swanage Hospital Day Surgery and Endoscopy Unit is the first in Dorset HealthCare to gain re-accreditation.

Standards required to demonstrate that the team excels in delivering a service above national health standards are incredibly high – JAG carry out intensive interviews with staff, watch them at work and check through all their processes and procedures to ensure they have the skills, resources and motivation to provide the highest quality of patient-centred care

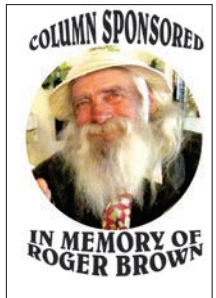
before making their decision. Accreditation gives robust assurance that the service is delivering high quality; safe and effective care for patients supports the endoscopy team appropriately and provides a suitable training environment for continued competency and service development.

This is great news for the team which takes great pride in its work and it's great news for those coming to the hospital for endoscopy to know they will receive professional and compassionate care. Congratulations and thank you then to everyone who supported the re-accreditation process and in particular to all the Day Surgery and Endoscopy Unit team, Day Surgery Unit Manager Judy Ford, Sister Paula Beesley and Lead Endoscopist Teresa Karlowski.

We hope this award will lead to an increase in bowel screening services at Swanage Hospital and encourage those over fifty-five to take advantage of local screening opportunities.

Until next month, take care,

**Matron Donna**



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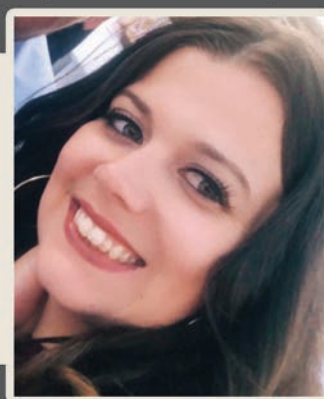
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# Sport

## Swanage Walking Football Club

### Ladies - Getting Fit with Football

Ladies's walking football has really evolved since I started running the sessions nearly two years ago. We are the only ladies walking football team in Dorset at the moment, but it has been really fun to watch the development of all the players over time and watching how much fun is had by all taking part.

We are always looking for new players to join in and although it is aimed at women 40+ all ages are very welcome to come and join in. It is a great way to keep fit and improve balance and coordination as well as meeting new people and be part of a team. They are a great bunch of ladies!

The ladies's only session is held on a Tuesday evening with the start time varying depending on the weather and if we are playing inside at the football club or outside at journey's end (just below the club). I also run a mixed session on a Tuesday morning at 10am.

"I am from a generation when girls did not play football - oh no, that was strictly for the boys. I saw the film 'Bend it Like Beckham' and envied those fit young girls having so much fun. Then a friend suggested Swanage Ladies Walking Football. I went along expecting quite a sedentary game, as used to be shown in a certain bank advert, but in fact, it really is quite a workout."

"We use the term 'walking' loosely, it is amazing how fast you can travel after a ball when you're trying to reach it before the opposition."



I urge you to come along and try it - we really are a friendly group of ladies of various ages. Although most of us take part in other sports and activities, it is playing as part of a team that adds an extra dimension with friendly rivalry and no-one taking the end result too seriously".

Written by Linda Skinner

If you would like to know more or wish to come along and take part or just observe, please phone Nick on 07745 907509.

Written by Nick Surman, Team Manager

## Swanage Bowls Update

### Ladies report – end of season

We are coming to the end of our Summer Bowls season and currently standing seventh in the DWBL league of nine teams with two games still to play. In the Edna Paisley League, we played our last game and won in September.

Whilst our results may not have been as good as we would have hoped we have had some extremely close matches and had a thoroughly enjoyable time, had fun, companionship and a bit of competitiveness.

This week we had a very close and exciting game against Greenhill in Weymouth for our top eight ladies in the June Culpin Cup and had a good win, which now means we go to the semi-finals on Friday 6th September at Gillingham to play against Bridport. This season we have welcomed a number of new lady members building on the quality and strength of our teams. New players are always welcome so think about joining us next season April 2020. Free Coaching when you start. See our website for information on our open day.

## Swanage Cricket Update

Swanage Cricket Club enjoyed a successful season with the 1st XI winning 12 of their 18 matches to finish runners-up in Dorset Division 1. With regards to the 1st XI, the highlights of the batting have been half-centuries by Ian Booth, Dave Goldsack, John Lewis, Pete Richards, Dan Salmon, Mike Salmon (2), Tom Salmon (3) and Craig Wells (2).

The highlights of the bowling were four wicket-hauls for Mike Hernandez, Ryan Norman (twice) and Dan Salmon, there have also been some fine bowling performances by Simon Goldsack, Ben Hodder, Steve Kent, Mike Nash, and Craig Wells. With regards to the 2nd XI, they won four of their thirteen matches to finish seventh in a very competitive Division 4. The highlights of the batting have been half-centuries by Pete Baczala (3), Ian Booth, John Lewis, Nash (2), Tim Ives (2) and Scott Orchard.

The outstanding bowling performance was Ron Barker's six wicket-haul. There have also been some outstanding bowling performances by Pete Barker, Ian Booth, John Gregory, Dave Morton, Nash, Ryan Stearn and Mike Wells. As well as that, all of the youth teams, from the Under 8s through to the Under 15s have performed admirably - including some of the youngsters representing both the district and county sides.

Anyone interested in playing for/sponsoring the club, please visit our website:- [www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk) for the relevant links and, also, information with regards to the winter junior coaching sessions. Kind regards, Mike Nash (Press & Media Officer)

## Hockey Club Update



Now that the cricket season is coming to a close, don't despair, the hockey season is just starting!

Please come along and try it out, we have adult training (13+) every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9pm at the Purbeck Sports Centre and matches every Saturday from the end of September until the end of March.

Everyone is welcome; all ages, abilities and we have two men's and two ladies teams which play in the Hampshire hockey leagues.

Our thriving junior hockey section has also started training on September 11th and runs term-time from now until Easter, also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm at the Purbeck Sports Centre astro pitch. Come and meet us, we're a friendly bunch and are looking for new members!

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Photo: Jack Thompson, Men's 1st team captain.



# Spotlight Event Diary

**Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for NOV is noon, 9th OCT**

**KEY:** \* = Start time not known or n/a; Ffi = for further information; Sw = Swanage; Wm = Wareham; VH = Village Hall, Telephone code 01929 unless otherwise stated.

## OCTOBER 2019

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  - 19:00 **Meditation & Mindfulness for Wellbeing** An evening short course starting at Bella Vista, Burlington rd, Swanage. Course runs every Wednesday October 2,9,16,23. £30 for the course. Ffi: 01929 422562 or naomi@swanageretreats.
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  - \* **Swanage Blues Festival 60 Gigs, 30 acts, 15 indoor Venues.** Ffi: swanage-blues.org
  - 19:30 **Spring Harvest Local** At The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage Tickets from Tim Silk (silk423@gmail.com) 01929 423931 or 07708 668357 or springharvest.org/local
  - 19:30 **Swanage Regatta & Carnival AGM** At Purbeck House Hotel. Public are welcome.
  - 20:30 **Robert Hokum, Hugh Budden & Steve Darrington** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 21:00 **Pete Harris & Ray Drury** At The Red Lion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
- Fri 4th**
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  - 14:00 **Back Porch** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 16:00 **Stompin' Dave Trio** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 18:45 **Robert Hokum Revue** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 19:30 **Raise a Glass to Reg** In Langton Village Hall. All are welcome at our final farewell to the late Reg Saville, the inspirational founder of the Purbeck Stone Museum and Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society, at 7.30pm Ffi: 01929 421481
  - 20:00 **The Lost Revellers Live Acts** at The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
  - 20:30 **Zoe Schwarz Blue Commotion** At the Grand Hotel, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 21:00 **Tommy Harkenrider & Orange County Rockets** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
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  - \* **Beer & Pumpkin Festival** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
  - 09:15 **Swanage Beach Buddies Beach Clean** (1-1.5hr) Meet at Beach Clean Central (blue wooden beach hut near the wishing well in the garden area next to Swanage Information Centre). All welcome tho' children need to bring an adult. Adults, please bring your gardening gloves. Ffi: swanagebeachbuddies@gmail.com or litter-freepurbeck.org.uk
  - 12:00 **Baroness & The Bear, Robert Hokum, Nick Hyde** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 13:00 **Stan's Blues Jamboree** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:00 **Open Mic At The Red Lion**, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:15 **Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:30 **Blue Touch - Unplugged** At the Grand Hotel, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:30 **Pete Harris & Ray Drury, Jon Vaughan** At IOP Golf Club, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 16:00 **Blues Dharma** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 17:30 **Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 17:45 **Gary Fletcher** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 19:00 **Spats Langham's Quartet** Swanage Jazz Club presents, at Harman's Cross Village Hall. Tickets £13 from Haman's Cross VH or on 01929 42215.
  - 20:30 **The Fabulous Duck Bros** At The Grand Hotel, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 21:00 **Robin Bibi Band** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
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  - \* **Dorset Button Rapper Workshop** At Sandford Scout Hut. Ffi email: anthony613@btinternet.com or www.brm.org.uk/DorsetButtonsMorris
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  - 12:30 **Robin Bibi Band Jam Session** At The legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 13:00 **Open Mic At The Red Lion**, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:00 **Midnight Skyracer** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
  - 14:15 **Ben Tyzack & Guy Tortora** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 14:30 **Hugh Budden & The Blue Chords** At The Grand Hotel, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 15:00 **'Steamer' At The Black Swan**, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 15:30 **Rory McLeod** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
  - 15:45 **The Sepia Swing Show Twins** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 17:30 **Ben Tyzack & Guy Tortora** At The Centre, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 17:30 **Luke Doherty Band** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 20:00 **Pete Harris & Jon Vaughan** At The Red Lion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 20:30 **Tommy Harkenrider & Orange County Rockets** At The Grand Hotel, part of Swanage Blues Festival.
  - 21:00 **Tommy Allen's Trafficker** At The Legion, part of Swanage Blues Festival.



- Tue 8th  
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
- 11:00 **Italian Art & Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen, South Street, Wareham.
- Wed 9th  
09:00 **Humphries Kirk FREE Legal Consultation** At The Swanage Branch 01929 423301.
- 11:00 **Italian Art & Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen, South Street, Wareham.
- 19:00 **Swanage Hospital AGM** At Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue.
- Thu 10th  
11:00 **Italian Art & Cuisine** At The Italian Kitchen, South Street, Wareham.
- Fri 11th  
\* **Autumn Steam Gala** At Swanage Railway. Ffi: swanagerailway.co.uk
- 19:00 **Swanage Regatta & Carnival Presentation Eve** At Purbeck House Hotel. Public are welcome (7pm for 7.30pm start).
- 20:00 **Will Killeen** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sat 12th  
\* **Autumn Steam Gala** At Swanage Railway. Ffi: swanagerailway.co.uk
- 10:00 **Kingston Maurwood College Open Morning** Dorchester DT2 8PY. Ffi: 01305 215215
- 11:00 **'Love Swanage'** At All Saints Church, Ulwell. Activities, arts and crafts and interactive displays.
- 20:00 **Kit Hawes & Aaron Catlow** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 13th  
\* **Autumn Steam Gala** At Swanage Railway. Ffi: swanagerailway.co.uk
- 14:00 **The Drystones** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Tue 15th  
14:00 **Purbeck Parkinson's Meetings** All Saints Church Hall Swanage 2pm till 4pm FFI – T. Lander 01929 425970 or D. Peters 01929 551962
- Wed 16th  
14:00 **Architects Masterplan Viewing For the New Sports Centre** for Swanage at Day's Park Football Ground. At The Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Ben Buxton, "Wareham and Poole Harbour Through Time". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.
- 20:00 **Open Mic Night** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Thu 17th  
14:30 **Purbeck Ass'n of the National Trust** At Carey Hall, Mistover Rd, Wm. 'Mr Hardy's Legacy'. Martin Stephen talks about how the National Trust tells Thomas Hardy's story through his properties, Hardy's Cottage and Max Gate. All welcome. £3 incl refreshments. Ffi 01929 427300.
- 16:00 **Architects Masterplan Viewing For the New Sports Centre** for Swanage at Days Park Football Ground. At STHFC Club House.
- Fri 18th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harmans Cross Village Hall. Joint Meeting with Purbeck Film Festival showing 'Railways Recalled' and 'The General' with Buster Keaton. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 421 913.
- 19:30 **Snow White by the Vienna Festival Ballet.** At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets: Adult £20, Cons £19, Child £12.50, Student (15-21) £19, Ranger School of Dance £11.50. Book online at mowlemtheatre.com
- Sat 19th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 20:00 **Kangaroo Moon** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 20th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- \* **Dorset Button Rapper Workshop** At Sandford Scout Hut. Ffi email: anthony613@btinternet.com or www.brmm.org.uk/DorsetButtonsMorris
- 09:15 **Swanage Beach Buddies Beach Clean** (1-1.5hr) Meet at Beach Clean Central (blue wooden beach hut near the wishing well in the garden area next to Swanage Information Centre). All welcome tho' children need to bring an adult. Adults, please bring your gardening gloves. Ffi: swanagebeachbuddies@gmail.com or litter-freepurbeck.org.uk
- 14:00 **Kirsty McGee & Ben Bedford** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- 15:00 **Canzonetta Concert** In St Mark's Church, Herston, Swanage. An hour of varied songs, followed by a delicious tea. Free entry. Retiring collection in aid of St Mark's Church.
- Mon 21st  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- Tues 22nd  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- Thu 24th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 19:30 **Discovering Dorset** In Langton Matravers Village Hall An illustrated talk by Stewart Timbrell, on less well known parts of Dorset, on behalf of the LM Local History and Preservation Society. Admission is £2.50, but non-members are very welcome for £3.50. Ffi: [01929 421 481]
- Fri 25th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 20:00 **Grizzly Rhys Morgan** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sat 26th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- \* **Adult Stone Carving** At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking essential on: 01929 439405
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408
- 18:00 **Light Up Swanage Pier** Ffi and tickets: www.swanagepiertrust.com/events or 01929 425806
- 20:00 **Davey & Dyer** At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 27th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408
- 18:00 **Light Up Swanage Pier** Ffi and tickets: www.swanagepiertrust.com/events or 01929 425806
- Mon 28th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408
- Tue 29th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- \* **Family Have a go** at Stone Carving At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking essential on: 01929 439405
- 09:00 **Humphries Kirk FREE Legal Consultation** At the Wareham branch 01929 552141
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408
- Wed 30th  
\* **Purbeck Film Festival** At over thirty venues across Purbeck. See programmes for details of over eighty screenings.
- \* **Family Have a go** at Stone Carving At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking essential on: 01929 439405
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408
- 10:00 **James Smith Funeral Directors Information Day** At The Swanage School. Free entry and refreshments. Ffi: 01202 882936
- 11:00 **Antiques Valuation Day** (Andrew Smith) At The Booking Hall, Swanage Railway Station. No appointment necessary.
- Thu 31st  
\* **Family Have a Go** at Stone Carving At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking essential on: 01929 439405
- 10:00 **Halloween at The Blue Pool** Spooky hunts around the pool! Ffi: 01929 551408



# 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, Church St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome.  
 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.  
 09.30 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.30am during term time. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours.  
 10.00 **Men & Women's Mixed Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 11.30am. Call Nick on: 07745 907509  
 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 **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  
 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 **Women's Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 9pm. Call Nick on: 07745 907509  
 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.  
 19.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until 9pm. Over 18s only. Call John C. on: 07970 500357 Ffi.  
 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  
 18.30 **Sw & Wm Hockey Club Junior (6-14yrs)** Training, Wm Sports Centre. Until 7.30pm. Email: swanagewarehamhockey@outlook.com  
 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 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until 9pm. Under 16s-18s only. Call John P. on: 07725 567541 Ffi.  
 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
- 19.30 **Sw & Wm Hockey Club (13+ years)** Training, Wm Sports Centre. Till 9pm. Email: swanagewarehamhockey@outlook.com
- 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 **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 **Wyvern Savings & Loan Credit Union** opens until 12 noon at Not Just Sundaes, South Street, Wareham, opposite the Library. A secure place to save and loans available at fair rates. Call in for a cuppa and a chat, or call 01305 268444.
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Till 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call 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 Purbeck New Wave Gallery, 25 Commercial Rd, Sw. BH19 1DF. 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 **Over 40s Men's Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 8.30pm. Call Nick on: 07745 907509
- 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
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 08.45 **Coffee @ 112 - Drop In For Coffee!** Catch up with friends at 112 High Street (United Reformed Church) in Sw. Cake and bacon butties. Fair trade stall. Donations for 'Besom in Purbeck' and church funds.
- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30am. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.
- 10.30 **Do you want to volunteer in Swanage?** Meet the team at the Volunteer Bureau in Swanage Library! Until 12.30pm.
- 11.00 **Swanage Library Rhyme Time,** ages 0-4, until 11.30am.
- 11.00 **Toddler Time** For Under 5s And Carers. Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club** 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Sw Youth Centre Seniors** Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 9.30pm.
- 19.30 **Short tennis** for adults at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Live Bands** (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Late Session** (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15** Practice till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10** Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. 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
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- 09.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until noon. Under 6s-16s only. Call Claire on: 07799 842225 Ffi.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.
- 13.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 2.30pm
- 14.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 4.30pm.



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