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Welcome to the July edition of your Purbeck Gazette! Along with many of our readers, we are still in 'semi-hibernation' as a business and are running on volunteer power each month as the removal of restrictions has been held back by several weeks (at the time of writing). Once again, events planned for the 'grand reopening of society' have had to be cancelled, leaving many organisers and participants despondent.

However! We lean on the side of positivity and although we are fully aware that scientifically, we're now stuck with Covid-19 and its growing number of variants, we'll manage. Many of us have a flu jab each year and the term 'Spanish Flu', which once held deadly connotations, no longer drives the fear of death into us - we have a flu shot each year and carry on. Eventually, this will be the way we deal with Covid-19 - our lives will go on and we'll learn to adapt to this new virus - and those which invariably come after it.

So - It's July folks! Summer 'proper'! Time to welcome the major influx of tourists to our beautiful isle and to (hopefully!) enjoy some fabulous weather which will give us all a chance to get out and about, enjoying the acclaimed surroundings in which we all live.

If you're one of our wonderful visitors, then we have two very important messages for you. Firstly - ignore the horribly irresponsible retailers who are still offering disposable BBQs for sale - DO NOT BUY OR USE ONE. We currently have a fire/BBQ ban in place after utterly horrific forest fires last year. If you really need hot food to eat out, buy a takeaway and support a local business. Secondly - we despise those who drop litter. Bin it or take it home and help us keep our island beautiful! We thank you...

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02-Jul	03:21	10:18	15:37	22:53			05:00	21:23
03-Jul	04:22	11:18	16:39	23:54			05:01	21:22
04-Jul	05:29	12:16	17:46			NP	05:02	21:22
05-Jul		00:52	06:32	13:10	18:49		05:03	21:21
06-Jul		01:45	07:26	14:00	19:42		05:03	21:21
07-Jul		02:32	08:13	14:48	20:28		05:04	21:20
08-Jul		03:16	08:54	15:32	21:08		05:05	21:20
09-Jul		03:57	09:31	16:15	21:44		05:06	21:19
10-Jul		04:36	10:06	16:55	22:19	NM	05:07	21:18
11-Jul		05:15	10:40	17:33	22:53		05:08	21:18
12-Jul		05:52	11:13	18:10	23:27	SP	05:09	21:17
13-Jul		06:28	11:49	18:48			05:10	21:16
14-Jul	00:03	07:06	12:27	19:28			05:11	21:15
15-Jul	00:43	07:47	13:09	20:11			05:13	21:14
16-Jul	01:28	08:33	13:57	21:02			05:14	21:13
17-Jul	02:20	09:26	14:52	22:01			05:15	21:12
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25-Jul		05:04	10:39	17:27	23:06		05:25	21:02
26-Jul		05:49	11:20	18:11	23:48	SP	05:27	21:01
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29-Jul	01:09	07:55	13:24	20:19			05:31	20:57
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31-Jul	02:36	09:21	14:50	21:53			05:34	20:54

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Pallington Lakes, by Dave Hill

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Quality, Good Taste And Style

Dear Gazette,

Once again, many thanks to you for your most excellent stewardship of this fine publication. May I first of all thank all the many, apart from a few of dubious intellect, who have communicated to me their support after my first letter was published.

It seems I am not aesthetically alone here in this fine isle. I would also like to quash the rumour doing the rounds that I am the benefactor concerning the re-erection of the Albert Memorial. Much as I admire the gentleman and his achievements, I prefer to look to the future. I am one amongst many whom, I'm sure, have often considered that the one thing Swanage lacked was another stone phallus adorning the heights. I'm sure all things can be considered, but I cannot help but think at this present time, with all its difficulties, this considerable sum of money may have served a nobler social cause. Lady Allcock concurs and Lady Allcock is not one to demur on matters of such gravitas.

Now that the great unwashed are upon us once more, it is at least pleasing to note their air of joyfulness, their savoir mourir. One can so easily succumb to the maudlin and lose one's amor fati during extended times of fractuosity.

Congratulations Swanage on the opening of yet another junk shop: I refer to Kings Road East. I am absolutely staggered to even begin to consider just how much junk there is in the world, and it all appears to be on our doorstep. Where on earth does it all come from and who wants it? I would have thought one would have to pay a fellow to take it away in the unthinkable circumstance that one found oneself lumbered with such incumbrances. One's amazement is not strained. Most of our impedimenta has served our family for some five hundred years and is in very good 'nick' as they say. Quality, good taste and style are of the essence, with these there can be no junk. Junk is what is befouling the planet in all its myriad forms. I say buy one thing of quality to last many lifetimes, what? However, I suppose there is always the possibility of finding treasure in the strangest places.

During 'lockdown' I have discovered many things: firstly, Lady Allcock can wrangle hair clippers and I am very good at ladies' hairdressing. So mature canines may indeed develop new attributes.

Where does the time go? It's four o'clock already and I hear the gong for tiffin. So, adieu for now and try to remember to always look on the bright side; the glass is neither half full nor half empty, it is simply not big enough.

Lord Allcock of Denton etc. etc, by email.

Fewer Trains Questioned

The following letter has been sent to Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Minister of State at the Department for Transport (DfT), regarding recently-announced reduced rail services and planned engineering works that will impact visitors to the Dorset coast this summer.

Cllr Ray Bryan, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, writes:

Dear Mr Heaton-Harris,

Reduced Rail Provision in Dorset

We are writing to express our concerns about the much-reduced rail service in Dorset provided by South Western Railway.

Prior to the pandemic we had two trains per hour (tph) running between Weymouth and Waterloo, one fast, one stopping. During the pandemic this was reduced to 1 tph plus a shuttle between Weymouth and Bournemouth to allow connection to other services. This has now been reduced to one train per hour between Weymouth and Waterloo.

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We are sympathetic to this as a temporary measure whilst the rail industry recovers after what has been a period of turbulence in unprecedented times, we do not consider it to be appropriate or acceptable in the longer term.

This summer we are anticipating higher than average levels of tourism in Dorset as the government promotes and encourages holidaying in the UK this year. We are concerned that the reduced rail service will mean that more tourists will resort to travelling to Dorset by car, something that does not match with the national commitment to reducing traffic in both the Dorset Council area and also the much wider area in order to meet the local and central government's national climate emergency agenda. Getting cars and trucks off the road is essential to both our objectives, reducing services at a time when we have the opportunity to persuade people there are alternative ways to travel is counter productive. We are happy to work with all forms of public transport to find ways of improving footfall.

We are also extremely perturbed by the effect this could have on our economy by reducing the opportunity for our residents to access employment, education and healthcare provision in the BCP conurbation.

As a local authority we are very supportive of rail services within Dorset by encouraging new residential and employment developments to be sited close to the railway and our active participation in Community Rail Partnerships to increase patronage of the railway. We are also working with Network Rail on their Dorset Strategic Study so as to identify the infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve long held aspirations of a Dorset Metro service (a higher frequency shuttle service across the wider South East Dorset area), amongst other improvements, which would mean additional rail services in the Dorset Council area.

As a matter of urgency, we would ask you to reconsider the current plans and at least give us the level of rail services provided over the past few months as a temporary measure before reinstating the two trains per hour as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cabinet Member for Highways, Travel and Environment, Cabinet member for Climate and Ecological Emergency St Leonards and St Ives Ward.

The Prose Of Football

Dear Gazette,

The Euros are on in June and July, so I hope you'll regard this satirical poem as fitting to publish.

Does Football Play Fair?

Footballers today try to be virtuous
Marcus Rushford fed some kids for free
And all the players fight
To level black and white
By kicking racists out - just with their knee!

They claim the goal they head for is equality
A level playing field with life more fair
But strangely we see
That instead of charity
They mostly spend their money - on their hair!

And can they truly champion the poor
When zillions in their banks each week they put?
It really seems to me
They don't tackle poverty



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There are now over forty performance poems to look at on my YouTube channel.

Many thanks, Martin Hobdell (Martin the Poet), Swanage, by email.

Communicare Are Ready!

Dear Gazette,

Communicare have been extremely busy doing transport for everyone who wants it, mainly the elderly, to take people to and from Swanage to Wareham for their vaccinations for Covid-19.

This service is door-to-door from their house to the centre at Wareham, waiting, and bringing them home again, for a moderate sum of money given to the driver to help towards his petrol. The Leader and Links set this up all voluntarily, ringing up all the drivers and clients, and making sure that everyone is in the right place at the right time and bringing them home again.

So far, for the first half-year of 2021, we have done 500 telephone calls to enable this to be achieved. During these calls, we have been able to speak to a great deal of people, who have been very frightened, scared, lonely and feeling isolated, bringing them a little cheer into their lives. A lot of people have been telling me personally how a cheerful voice has done them the world of good, and time spent on each one has been a god-send in a lot of cases. I personally felt very honoured and humble to be able to help people in this fashion, and I know, when contacting all my drivers, they felt the same feeling also.

Now the pandemic is over, the NHS are getting back to hospital operations / treatment again Please use us, if you wish, by ringing one of the following numbers (all local with 01929) and if we are out (don't forget we are all voluntary), leave a message with your name, address, phone number, and date of your appointment and where and we will get back to you a.s.a.p.

If you do not like that idea just leave your phone number in a loud clear voice, please! Numbers are as follows: 427576, 480932, 477114, 427346, 288177, or mobile: 07531 811375.

Jenny Lazenbury, Director of Communicare, by email

Struggling To Access Service

Dear Readers,

A radical overhaul of Swanage Medical Centre is needed as a matter of urgency. I have missed several appointments (supposed to be three-monthly) for B12 injections as no automatic invitation by text was received. Recently, on being sent a text requesting I fill in an asthma questionnaire on my computer, I was unable to connect to their website and I gave up after two days.

On trying to ring the centre for a doctor's appointment on the 15th May, the number was busy the first sixteen times I rang. Eventually, when I was connected, a long-winded, dragged out recorded message told me to go to my pharmacist. The pharmacist informed me that they do not do blood pressure checks due to Covid-19 and that they cannot prescribe drugs.

Finally, after writing a letter and hand-delivering it to the medical centre, four days later I received a late phone call, giving me an appointment with a nurse to give blood samples in a week's time, as well as a follow-up appointment a week after that. Whilst in the medical centre this week, watching the screen which calls you to your appointment, not one patient

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was called to a doctor, all were for treatment rooms and the nurses. I have paid medical insurance, tobacco and alcohol taxes for the past sixty-five years and am unable to make a simple doctor's appointment! There seemed to be none available, so I hope they are donating their salaries and the money they may receive from various drug companies for promoting the drug company's products.

In a column from the medical practice published in last month's Purbeck Gazette (June edition), it stated that they hoped to provide timely treatment and minimal waiting for booked appointments. The problem is in booking the appointment. This was followed by the statement: 'With your continued cooperation, the national effort to get back to normal is well on its way.' Pardon??

On the other side of the coin, nature, with the help of the possible Chinese -designed virus, may reduce the planet's human population and therefore save the planet. However, western governments have spent billions to enable us continue to destroy it - and ourselves.

Yours, Simon Ginn, Swanage, by hand.

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Community Matters

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Why Should We Have To Do This?

by David Hollister

Well, another month has gone by. Let's review the actions on the main topics which we have brought up in recent editions.

Wareham Pedestrian Footpath on the railway bridge – no apparent action. Signs 'pedestrian in road' still there. Maybe a good idea for someone to run a motor mower over those narrow verges so that 'pedestrians in road' could at least have the option of being 'pedestrians on verge'. I did suggest a cycleway but apparently that's a different budget.

Puddle on A351 – action promised to re-invent the water run-off. No apparent action. But then I suppose it hasn't rained. Much.

Missing foot path in Harmans Cross – recent Parish Council meeting attended by Lead Member for Highways, Cherry Brooks, who expressed concern that Dorset Council had not been made formally aware of this problem. Well, we did make the old 'Dorset County Council' aware of this. Several times. I remember actually visiting the spot with the late Councillor Mike Lovell.

Colleagues remember this being brought up at Parish Council level many times over the past three years. But I suppose it wasn't done to the right department on the proper forms so, Cherry, we have registered our concern with you. Verbally. I have written to you on several occasions recently. The Parish Council is taking it up with Dorset Council. Again. We look forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council to hear your progress on this matter. Do hope you can attend.

Langton turning off the A351. Site meeting promised at which I was offered to attend. Still nothing. I'd say – watch this space. But don't bother. Nothing will happen as this new Dorset Council is giving all the appearance of doing nothing for anyone south of the river. Purbeck still the 'forgotten land' in Dorset. Lots of new cycleways and pavements in the Dorchester and Weymouth areas.

Now we look at the top of Northbrook Road where it beggars belief that the roads approaching the new school are still not limited to twenty. Where the pavements are insufficient to offer the children from the Washpond/Ulwell end a safe walk to school. Where Swanage Town Council is spending big on lighting the footpaths in Days Park, but Dorset Council is probably blissfully unaware of the potential dangers. A few concerned parents have taken this up but not half as many as jumped up and down in horror at the thought of a small traveller encampment at Washpond Lane.

We have lovely, pretty new litter bins here in Swanage. Specifically designed to overflow and to permit seagulls to climb in, but with apertures not big enough for a pizza box.

Result – a pretty street scene early in the morning. Result – the need for more visits from the bin collectors. Nice thought, STC, but even your own bin men told you that this wouldn't work.

Solution – leave the new bins in place but bring back all the ugly old bins AS WELL, hopefully providing adequate facilities to prevent the current overflow of litter.

Ugly? Solution – before the schools break up, let's have a competition for children to paint the newly-jetwashed old large bins, with seaside patterns,

lovely colours, a real gay and garish approach to litter. Come on, Avril, what about it? You be the judge. Purbeck Gazette (well actually me) will put up a £50 prize for the best bin. Result? A lot better than we have at present. Call me. Or PM me.

On the subject of campaigns. Look at the huge amount of 'save our ambulance car' banners and posters around town. Look at the huge public outcry at the potential and probable loss of this valuable life-saving facility. Look for the visible involvement of our MP Mr Richard Drax. Look at the vast amount of time being spent by Gary and Bill on our behalf; thanks to both of you. But it really shouldn't be necessary.

Why should we have to go to these lengths to defend the Ambulance Car against a body – the CCG – which is supposed to be looking after our best interests not the council's budget. This whole campaign – which is being brilliantly run by Debby Monkhouse and her colleagues – should be totally unnecessary. But it proves that there are two sorts of people in this world; them and us.

Thanks to Google, we all know who the members of the Dorset CCG are. Not a Purbeck resident amongst them. And as this information is in the public domain, nothing prevents me from giving you a list of DCCG members so that you, dear readers, can bombard them with letters, postcards, and other – maybe stronger – exhortations to understand that there is more to life than money.

So here's a promise. If we lose the Ambulance car – as some of us predict will happen in the face of all our efforts – subject to Nico's approval, I will publish the names and addresses of each member of the Dorset CCG in this column so you will all know who is responsible.

Let us hope that after the first death directly caused by the absence of this car and its paramedics, someone – and I'm looking at the Doctors here – has the guts to say so. Let us hope that as well as the Dorset Council, the DCCG also have insurance against a Corporate Manslaughter charge.....

Wouldn't it be good if our representative bodies actually represented us?

And wouldn't it be good if I didn't have to exist? But right now, if I didn't, someone would have to invent another one.....

Enjoy your summer.

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Inspirational Shaun Colvin Needs Your Support!



Ten-year-old Shaun Colvin, from Wareham, will fulfill a long-held ambition to do a triathlon, raising vital funds for research into brain tumours

Six years ago, ten-year-old Shaun Colvin, from Wareham, Dorset, was recovering from brain surgery in Southampton General Hospital. Originally thought to be suffering from severe anxiety, the then five-year-old had been diagnosed with a Tectal Glioma brain tumour.

Thankfully, Shaun responded well to treatment, including many years of intense physio and occupational therapy, which continues to this day. During his time in hospital, he vowed to help other children he met, and set his sights on completing a triathlon to raise funds, as soon as he was

physically able to do so. On Sunday June 20th – six years to the month of his diagnosis – Shaun set out to finally achieve that ambition, swimming ten lengths of his local pool, running a mile, and completing a five mile bike ride.

Shaun's Mum Alison said: "For Shaun, completing this triathlon is comparable to multiple marathons. The day we were told he had a brain tumour was without doubt the most terrifying time of our lives. He first started having symptoms the month after he started primary school. Shaun started to become extremely anxious. We obviously presumed it was the new start, but over time, the anxiety became worse, and along with this, he started to have mobility problems.

"He began to struggle with stairs and would fall over for apparently no reason. He could barely walk any distance at all and struggled to complete even the simplest of tasks. After numerous appointments and telephone calls, he eventually had an MRI scan which confirmed our worst nightmare. The very next day, Shaun endured brain surgery to relieve the pressure and reroute the fluid around the tumour."

Shaun's parents' response to the news was to throw themselves into fundraising, and to date, the family have raised an incredible £13,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity. Shortly after Shaun's diagnosis, Shaun's Dad, Simon, completed a triathlon from the family home in Wareham, to Southampton General Hospital, where Shaun had his operation. Alison said: "That fired Shaun's imagination. Even though he was so small, and recovering from a brain tumour, he insisted on doing a tiny bit of each section alongside his dad. Shaun vowed one day he would do his own triathlon without assistance. Thankfully Shaun's tumour is benign and although he may face many obstacles in future and may have to endure further treatment, with careful monitoring his prognosis is good."

Getting fit and ready for the triathlon has been far from easy for Shaun, and he has been working tirelessly at home to improve his strength and balance. His hard work and dedication paid off when, just a few months ago, he was finally able to ride his bicycle without help. Shaun said, "The hardest bit of the triathlon will be the cycling, as I have only just been able to do it. I'm most looking forward to crossing the finishing line and having a chocolate brownie. I am doing this because I don't want people to be poorly and not get better. I also want other children with tumours to know not to give up and keep trying. I want them to see what I am doing and think one day, they can do it too."

Offer YOUR support to this amazing young man and sponsor him online, on the following link: www.justgiving.com/simon-colvin3

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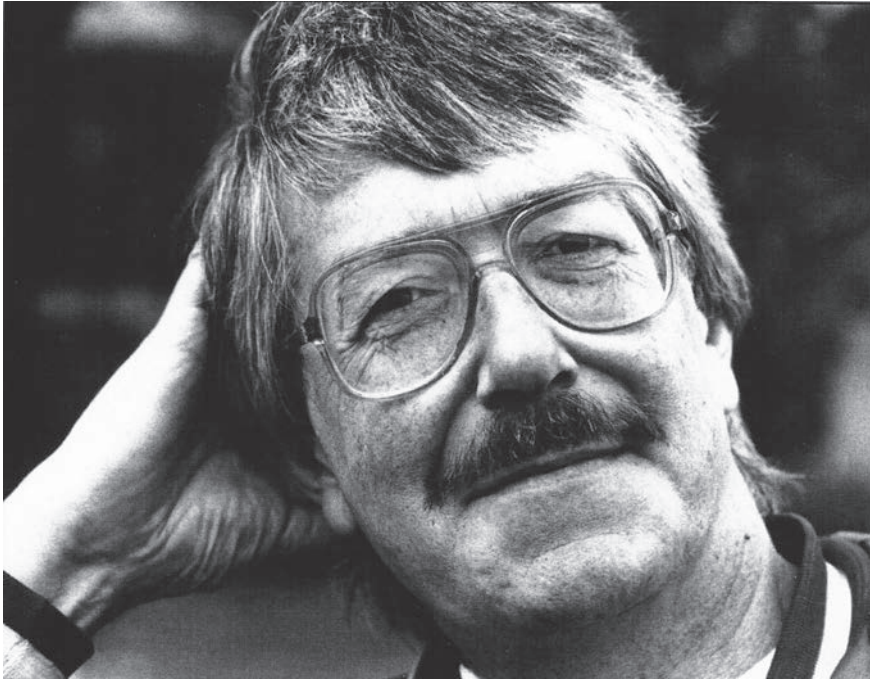
Farewell To David 'The Dogfather' Holman

For over a decade, renowned international writer and playwright, David Holman, volunteered as an intrinsic part of the Gazette team, as well as for a whole host of other local organisations and charities.

He was known locally as the 'Dog Father' and his love of animals (dogs in particular!) was inspirational.

Here, Mel and Gerry Norris, tell us a little more about this truly wonderful man who we are all mourning.

Rest in peace David - you will never be forgotten. 4 March 1942 - 25 April 2021



David Holman was an amazingly modest, compassionate and generous man who left London in 2000 to live permanently in Rabling Road, Swanage. Unknown to many in our community, he already had another creative lifetime in literature, as an author of many books and international acclaim in the theatre and film world, through his plays and scriptwriting worldwide. But as he started to immerse himself in the life of Purbeck, one would never have known...

Although our 'real' home was in Swanage, Gerry and I first met David in 1989 when we worked and shared a weekday flat with a couple of close friends in Stamford Hill, London, just two doors up from David.

As we got to know him, we discovered that we all had much in common. We all shared an interest in politics, sports, jazz, and other music - and we all loved our furry or feathery friends; in particular, our passionate affairs with dogs.

Within a few months of moving to Swanage, David and I started our regular daily walking expeditions, including North Beach Swanage, Hartland Moor, Rempstone Forest or Studland. We and our dogs loved it.

He and Deborah Paige (his partner) loved the seaside and developed a real fondness for the town of Swanage, its community and the beautiful and varied Purbeck hinterland.

Myself and 'Big Dave' (as we called him) would spend our daily rambles admiring Purbeck's fauna and flora, discussing the world's problems and what was going on in Swanage.

The walks were not just for observation and discussion and giving our own - and David's much-loved dogs (Dingo, then Stanley, Spider and finally Polly) their regular exercise. Often, David would invite 'guest' dogs from neighbours and friends. Sometimes, we had up to half a dozen dogs in the back of the car!

David would always see it as his responsibility to collect carelessly disposed of cans, plastic bottles and other unmentionable objects found during the walks. David's love of nature did not end with the more glamorous species of wildlife, he also cared for all insects, spiders and bugs that he, quite rightly, asserted "had a right to life".

It didn't take long for David to get integrated into the town's affairs. Swanage folk seemed to be one of the few communities in Dorset (probably because of the relative isolation) that objected to the running down of their public services and the closure of their facilities such as - The 24 hour Minor Injuries Unit at Swanage Community Hospital, the downgrading of Swanage Hospital, Swanage Day Centre, James Day Care Home, Swanage Refuse & Recycling Centre, Swanage NHS Dentistry service, and most

recently, The Swanage Rapid Response Paramedic Car, which serves all the villages in Purbeck.

David also lent his time and efforts to volunteer in the Swanage Library Home Delivery Service, Swanage Museum Shop, RNLI Shop, International Red Cross, Swanage Good Neighbours scheme, The Purbeck Gazette as its Swanage Town Council reporter, (and a volunteer proof-reader of the Gazette) and a Food Collector for Margaret Green Animal Centre. He became an active member of The Swanage Area Forum, Swanage Labour Party, Swanage Action for Refugees, and The Swanage Jazz Club and Festivals where, for many years he occupied the illustrious role of refuse and re-cycling commissar!

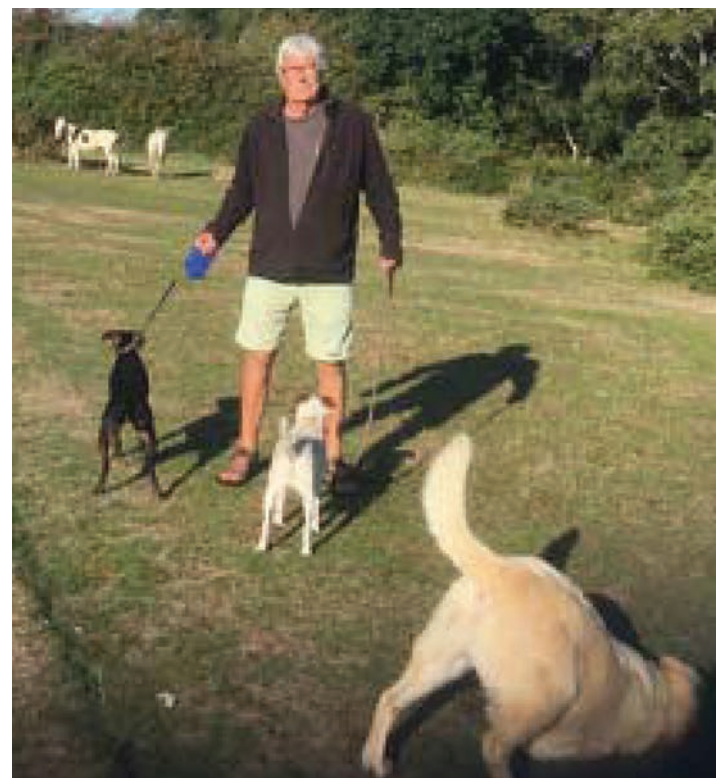
David and Deborah were deeply immersed in The Purbeck Film Festival (the UK's longest running rural and coastal film festival) where David last year became a Trustee at the Rex at Wareham, an historically cherished independent cinema. There were often weekly visits to The Rex, accompanied by others, whom David had invited so that we could all share the entertainment.

Another of this man's assets was his incredible memory. For example, he could recite the players in most of the world's leading cricket and football teams over the last sixty years - as well as having an intimate knowledge of international films and theatre, their directors, producers, writers, actors - probably even stage cleaners and light bulb changers! Which was why David and Deborah were much sought after members of many a charity quiz night team.

Throughout all this time David and Deborah developed strong friendships with many in the community, and we ourselves have wonderful, happy memories of evenings at Rabling Road with infinitely generous hospitality and deliciously cooked meals which Debs created - with David often providing his home-cooked fruit crumble for dessert.

So now we all, particularly Deborah and family, are left with a vacuum in our lives once filled by this large, charismatic man with his great heart, strong voice and his love of dogs and life. He is irreplaceable.

David - The Dogfather (above left and below)



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Appeal Following Robbery In Wareham

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a robbery in Wareham. At around 11.30am on Friday 11 June 2021 the victim – a local man aged in his 80s – returned to his car that was parked in Howard's Lane car park.

As he got into this vehicle, he noticed a woman walk toward his car. She stopped to say hello and then got into the vehicle passenger side uninvited, leant across him and made sexual advances toward him, which was not welcome. When the victim asked the woman to leave she became aggressive. The woman grabbed the victim's hand and scratched it, she then left the vehicle. The victim subsequently discovered that his gold Rolex watch had been stolen. The suspect is described as around forty years old, five feet nine inches tall, of large build and with medium-length dark hair worn down. She wore a white top, dark trousers and pale red lipstick.

Police Constable Stuart Wilson, of Purbeck police, said: "The watch was bought for the victim by his wife twenty-five years ago and is of great sentimental value. I am appealing to anyone who was in the area of the Howard's Lane car park at the relevant time and either saw the offender, or captured the incident or the offender on dashcam, to please contact Dorset Police."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55210092746. Alternatively, to stay 100 per cent anonymous, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at Crimestoppers-uk.org or call freephone 0800 555 111.

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Well, here we are in the second month of the summer season named by the Roman senate in honour of general Julius Caesar.

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five minutes, please use this link and have your say: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PurbeckEmail>, by listening and acting upon what you have had to say enables us to target both our resources and patrol.

So, what have we been up to? Well, during the period May 07 2021 – June 10 2021, we dealt with a total of 620 occurrences in Purbeck, of which 180 were recorded crimes and resulted in 49 arrests. There were also 108 occurrences of road traffic collisions.

As you can see the number of road traffic collisions has risen from last month. With the relaxing of restrictions and people holidaying at home, visitor numbers to our region have increased dramatically with some areas becoming very busy.

This brings an increase of traffic to our roads, both the tourists who may not be familiar with the area and those that live locally who think they know the roads! Whatever the category please be careful, considerate and courteous on the roads, remember the 'two second rule'. If you have any questions concerning road safety, please visit Dorset Road Safety.

We have also been working hard as part of a multi agency team to support the local authorities and highways, providing advice and reassurance to the local communities in these and surrounding areas. We still require and urge you to keep reporting any ASB or other issues in your areas so that we can maximise our resources and target our patrols to any potential hotspots.

Finally, if you need to contact Dorset Police, please call our Police

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

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

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

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

Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

Swanage Town Council Community Awards 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the unprecedented situation we all found ourselves in during the past year, it had not been possible to present the Swanage Town Council Community Awards for 2020.

However, the Town Council is now delighted to announce that the awards ceremony was finally able to go ahead at the Annual Parish Assembly which was held at the Swanage Bandstand in June and which saw the local community come together and celebrate the town's wonderful volunteers.

Many of the town's volunteers work quietly away in the background and Councillor Mike Bonfield reported that it would be important to continue to recognise local individuals and groups who undertake vital voluntary services in the town and contribute to the quality of community life.

This was Councillor Bonfield's final engagement as Town Mayor, after a term of four consecutive years, and he presented the awards to this year's deserving winners as follows:-

GREEN CHAMPION – BRIDGET MAYES - for her support and dedication to Beach Buddies, Litter Free Purbeck, as a recycling champion and for her work organising regular beach cleans.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT – SAM WHALEY - for his achievements as a professional sailor with the British Sailing Team.

CREATIVE ARTS ACHIEVEMENT – STEVE DARRINGTON - for his organisation of and tireless dedication to the Blues Festival for over twenty years.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE – AMANDA MASON - for her customer service and willingness to help, through her work at a local chemist's and undertaking prescription delivery services to local residents.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE – VICKY MCKENDRICK - Swanage News, for her excellent customer service and being 'open for business' and carrying on throughout the national lockdowns.

YOUNG CITIZENS 2020- ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - for the sterling work that the school undertakes through its 'Green Team' and its environmental projects e.g. litter picking, beach

cleans and walking bus to school, leading by example.

GROUP/ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – SWANAGE BREASTFEEDING GROUP - set up by volunteers in 2016 following funding cuts to local services, providing advice and breastfeeding support to young mums in a caring environment, and also helping out with young siblings.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2020 – BRIDGET COFFIN - for setting up and her tireless commitment to the 'All things Bright and Beautiful' Group to help those living with dementia, their carers and those with other health problems.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – DOREEN BRAGG - for her work, loyalty and commitment to the Mowlem Theatre since the mid-1960s, and over fifty years' service.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – DAVE TERRETT - loyal Carnival Committee member, and for his commitment and support as a fundraiser for over forty-two years.

AWARD PANEL'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD – SWANAGE FOOD BANK SUPPORT GROUP - run by volunteers, undertaking fundraising activities for the food bank, and providing crucial support for those in need in our community.

SPECIAL AWARD – NHS SERVICES SWANAGE - for all the hard work and dedication to the local community, particularly during the very difficult and unprecedented times experienced during 2020/21.

Congratulations and well done everyone on your well-deserved awards.

Picture: Doreen Bragg receiving her award



The Jurassic Coast March



Frank Roberts writes....

In preparation for the Centenary of the Royal Corps of Signals and VE Day last year, there were a number of preparations in Swanage. Alas, the Pandemic quashed all of these events. Many will know that for almost forty years, soldiers from the Royal Signals have raised funds for many local charities and it seemed fitting that, for once, some funds be raised for the benefit of soldiers and veterans of the Corps and their families too.

So, a plan was hatched to walk the Jurassic Coast from Exmouth to Old Harry Rocks near Swanage and on the fourth attempt (due to Covid-19) the Jurassic Coast March commenced on Friday 21st May.

Frank Roberts along with John Green and his 20-year-old son Harvey started walking in the rain; being blown about for the next five days. We were directly supported along the way by Andy Sinclair, Ian Marks, Pete Duncafe, Andy Dunster and joined along the March by Steve Duncan. I am indebted to all of them - and many of you who have sent best wishes or a donation along the way.

This was a memorable event for so many reasons, not least for a 20-year-old carrying a quarter of his body weight on his back! Being soaked to the skin and camping in the rain is not for the faint hearted, and so the

re-supplies along the way and the greeting as we returned to Swanage, arranged by Thelma and Andrew Deacon, were very welcome!

We still hope to raise at least £5,000, half of which will go directly to the Royal Signals Charity (£3,200 as of 13th June). This charity is for serving and retired Royal Signals soldiers and their dependent families, adding value to Corps life, providing swift and sure support for those in need. The other half of the raised funds will be used by Swanage Army Link to prepare for an exhibition to tell the story of how from 1983 onwards, military personnel installed the cable network on the fledgling Swanage Railway.

Swanage Army Link, and often soldiers too, have supported Remembrance and Armed Forces Day parades, Swanage Carnival, lottery or grant applications (including most recently for Durlston Country Park), Heroes Haven (Swanage), the Royal British Legion, the World War One Centenary in 2018, 'Pedal to Paris' in 2009 and of course the 633-mile SWCP walk completed by Frank in 2011. More recently The Army link has been supported the Swanage community by litter picking during the night on the approach to the Eastern Gateway to the Jurassic Coast.

We still have some way to go towards our £5,000 target; if you can help please donate at: [swanagearmylink at JustGiving](http://swanagearmylink.at/JustGiving)

There is also a collecting box in the Swanage Information Centre on Shore Road.

Pictures: left: team of four at the Radar Memorial at St Alban's Head. Below: R. Harvey, Frank Roberts and Father John Green





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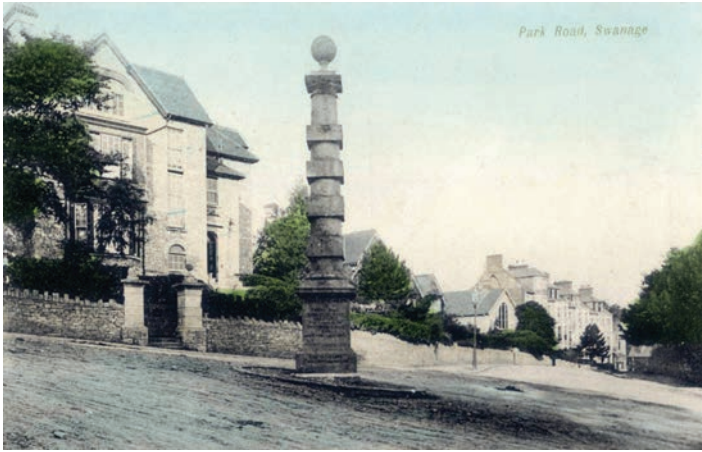
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The End Of Exile For Swanage's Prince Albert Memorial



Robert Field writes...

At 3pm on Tuesday 1st June, the capping stone was put on the Swanage Albert Memorial. After being exiled in a quarry for fifty years, this important part of the town's Victorian heritage is back. For the first time in ninety years, it is complete, not in the truncated state, which is how older residents will remember it.

It was good to be present with other members of the museum group as the final stone went on. Since 2017 we have been trying to achieve the return of the memorial and our original aim had been to get it re-erected for the bicentenary of Prince Albert's birth in 2019. We failed in this, but a benefactor came forward after reading an article initiated by us and published in Dorset Life. At that point, the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust became involved and through them, the memorial has been re-erected and will now be a prominent feature in the gardens named after him.

Members of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust were also present when the final stone was laid. Brian Bugler and Justin Warren, the two stonemasons who worked on the replacement stones and have made such a magnificent job of them, were also there. A tablet recording the efforts of David Lewer to get the memorial repaired and re-erected from the centenary of the memorial in 1962 until his death in 2005 will be set in the stone cladding of the base.

So, the Albert Memorial joins the Bandstand in success stories of rescuing some part of the Victorian Heritage of Swanage, of which so much has been lost. From John Mowlem's Institute, George Burt's boundary marker column that stood at the top of Park Road to the loss of the lamp posts along the parade, Purbeck stone paving and the distinctive litter bins that used to be around the town, so much has been irretrievably lost.

Burt's boundary marker column was a column of rusticated Craigleith stone that originally stood at the junction of Union Street and Southwark Bridge Road in London. A car hit it and it was damaged, instead of getting it repaired and moved to a safer location, it was taken down and dumped.

The lamp posts along the Parade that figure in the Paul Nash drawing that he made from the balcony of No.2 when he was living there, have been replaced by lights that seem to have come from somewhere like Colditz.



The distinctive litter bins, admittedly too small for the job now, replaced by wheelie bins that surely could at least have the town's name and crest on them? For a council that has a lot to say about its green policy, where are the recycling facilities in the Square and between the stone jetty and the pier?

Summer Coastal Litter Campaign Launched

This summer, Litter Free Coast and Sea have developed a new anti-litter summer campaign, 'Respect, Protect, Collect', to encourage the public to act respectfully when at Dorset's coastal resorts and always dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

Information will be shared via social media about the importance of individuals respecting, protecting and collecting up all rubbish they produce during beach trips. Banners, posters and bin stickers will also be displayed along Dorset's coastline this summer to remind the public while they are out and about to act in a respectful way and keep hold of their rubbish until able to dispose of it in a bin.

The campaign will run from May half-term holiday throughout the summer season as it is anticipated that as lockdown restrictions further ease, Dorset will see many visitors and residents alike making the most of Dorset's beautiful coastline with day trips and longer visits to our plentiful sandy beaches and coastal towns.

Carla Roberts-Owen from Litter Free Coast and Sea said, "We want to welcome everyone to Dorset to explore our wonderful beaches and coastal areas. In order for everybody to have the same enjoyable experience, we need people to act responsibly and dispose of their rubbish

properly this summer, so that we can all enjoy our litter-free beaches. "Please always clear up after yourselves and pop all rubbish you've created throughout the day in the bin when it's time to go home. If the bin is full or there are no bins available, please do keep hold of your rubbish and take it home, whether that is your permanent address, or to your holiday accommodation to responsibly dispose of there."

Litter left on beaches can be easily blown by wind into the sea where it accumulates and contributes to the growing issue of marine plastic pollution, while also posing a risk to our marine ecosystems and animals.

Next time you head down to the beach, keep an eye out for the #RespectProtectCollect banners and posters, and remember to act responsibly by disposing of your rubbish properly.

For more information about the campaign, check out the Litter Free Coast and Sea website and social media via the links below:

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Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Back In Action!



Rotary had a bric-a-brac stall at the four-day May Market over the bank holiday weekend (pictured above) that raised over £1000, which will be used to fund local projects. This was Rotary's first fundraiser after a long period when events and fundraising were not possible due to Covid.

Rotary is planning to go ahead with its annual Fete and Craft Fair on Thursday 12th August, which was cancelled last year. The large marquee usually available for their use after the Carnival will not be available this year, but Rotary is looking to provide a smaller covered area for catering and some crafts. The well-spaced stalls and attention to detail will ensure all government Covid regulations are adhered to.

John Thraves, Chair of Rotary's Events Committee is delighted that - subject to any last-minute Covid restrictions - the Fete will be able to go ahead. He said that, unlike the Carnival, Rotary has few upfront costs and if necessary, could cancel without making a significant loss. The Fete is one of the town's annual traditional attractions, a real family event with something for everyone to enjoy. Stalls and games are mixed with a

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The delicious BBQ, cakes, sandwiches and tea provided by Rotary are always very popular and a welcome change from the normal fast-food outlets! You can relax with your food and enjoy the live entertainment.

Anyone wishing to have a stall can apply through the Swanage & Purbeck Rotary website <https://www.swanagerotary.org>

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While reported incidents of anti-social behaviour have fallen by 20% over the last four years in Dorset, July and August are traditionally the peak months. This summer officers from local neighbourhood policing teams will be working alongside community safety accredited officers from the council, Covid marshals and youth workers to carry out high visibility patrols in key hotspot areas to prevent offences from occurring, carry out early intervention work with individuals and their families and provide reassurance to communities.

Planning for the demands of the summer has been underway in Dorset Police for a number of months. Officers will be carrying out visible face-to-face engagement, as well as using social media to keep the public informed about what activity is being carried out to keep people safe.

The key emphasis for the Force is to carry out engagement with the public during high-visibility patrols and implement early intervention measures to prevent crime and help protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Officers will be focussing on some key areas including anti-social behaviour, violent crime, road safety, domestic abuse, cyber-crime and sexual offences.

Summer Policing Gold Commander Chief Superintendent Mark Callaghan said: "The expected restrictions on international travel will inevitably see people visiting Dorset for a staycation and we are working proactively with our partners to coordinate and strengthen plans to keep both residents and visitors safe. We are delighted the county has reopened so we can welcome people back to Dorset, but this cannot be at the expense of people's health. We continue to ask people to stick within the Covid-19 restrictions as we ease through the roadmap so that we do not undo the good work that has already been done. We understand that some members of our communities may be feeling nervous about the coming summer months and we would like to reassure them that we are stepping up our patrols and we want to hear from them. If it is not urgent, we would ask people to use our online services first by visiting www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online."

All agencies are supporting the Respect, Protect, Enjoy campaign, which aims to remind residents and visitors to respect each other, protect Dorset's environment while enjoying what the county has to offer. Topics include planning ahead before visiting the county and avoiding having BBQs or camp fires in our forest or heathlands to protect our nature and environment.

Councillor Noc Lacey-Clarke, Dorset Council's Lead Member for Environment, Travel and Harbours, said: "We love Dorset and we want visitors to love it and respect it too. Dorset relies on its visitor economy and more than ever our high streets and local businesses need our support, which is why we're so glad to be able to welcome visitors back this half term. We know a small number of visitors to Dorset last summer showed a lack of respect for our beautiful county, so this year, our campaign Promise to Love Dorset targets visitors before they arrive here explaining why Dorset is special and asks visitors to respect our environment, take their litter home, take extra care on our country roads and unpredictable coastline and to be considerate of our residents."

Assistant Chief Fire Officer Andy Cole, of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "With the latest easing of Covid-19 restrictions we are expecting more people to visit our beautiful countryside over the half term break. Following the devastating fire at Wareham Forest a year ago we are asking both locals and visitors alike to #BringAPicnicNotABBBQ when they enjoy time out and about."

"We have already had a number of heath fires in Dorset since Easter, so we would also ask people to not have campfires and to take care when disposing of cigarettes and matches. People staying at home are also asked to stay fire safe, whether they are having a bonfire in the garden or enjoying a barbecue with friends. Please visit our website www.dwfir.org.uk for more advice."

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Update On The Battle To Save Swanage's Ambulance Car

So, how did we get on with trying to save Swanage Ambulance Car at Dorset Council Health Scrutiny recently? No decision was made. There are two Dorset Council Health Committees and at this moment is not clear what powers each can exercise at what points.

Concerns were expressed by Councillors both on and outside the Committee, including Dorset Councillors for Swanage and Purbeck, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, and Cabinet member Cllr Bryan to whom DCCG promised in 2018 that Swanage based ambulances would be fully maintained due to loss of A&E, Maternity and Children's care at Poole.

Several Councillors expressed concern that a decision had already been made, which the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) denied. Cllr Ireland said the CCG's presentation was skewed to support the withdrawal of the Swanage Car and it being replaced with more Ambulance hours at Wareham, which Richard Drax MP has indicated is the CCG's preferred outcome. Cllr Legg said that failure to consult properly could result in the plans being referred back to the Secretary of State.

See below for the question submitted by Cllr Monkhouse on behalf of Swanage Town Council. Cllrs Trite and Suttle who represent Swanage on Dorset Council attended and spoke strongly in support of retaining the Car in Swanage:

The Swanage based 24/7 Paramedic Car

The Town Council has received a letter from Richard Drax MP stating he has met the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Executive Officer and DCCG have made a proposal to withdraw the 'tethered' 24/7 Paramedic Car from Swanage, and 'replace' this by adding fourteen hours to the 2nd Wareham ambulance, located ten miles away, and currently funded for ten hours a day. This proposal would mean a substantial reduction in the availability of an emergency response here.

A SWAST response to Langton Parish showed, over thirteen months, that the average time from a Swanage category 1 imminent danger of death call to the Ambulance Trust, to arrival of the patient at Poole Hospital, was 1 hour 43 minutes. With the planned loss of A&E, Maternity and Children's units from Poole, Swanage will be approaching thirty miles, much of it on congested country roads, from emergency hospital care at Dorchester or Bournemouth. The further hospital care is moved away, the greater the need for an available and fast life-saving response here in Swanage.

Unlike the Paramedic Car, which is a fast 4x4, that does not routinely take patients to hospital, and which supports Purbeck GP home visits, so is 'tethered' to base, ambulances are routinely out of base in use across the county. Even if an ambulance is available at Wareham when there is an emergency in Swanage, it cannot get here within the eight minute target response time that gives the best chance to save life.

Promises have been made by DCCG regarding the emergency response resources based in Swanage. In 2008 the 24/7 Paramedic Car was allocated in perpetuity, as recompense for the overnight closure of urgent care at Swanage Cottage Hospital.

Dorset Council Health Scrutiny minutes of 17th October 2018 contain a commitment from DCCG to Dorset Council that, in the context of the planned loss of A&E, Maternity and Children's care from Poole, Swanage Ambulance Station and the emergency response vehicles and staff based here would be fully maintained (p5 para 1). The same minutes suggest that there would also be additional Purbeck-based ambulance cover.

Summary tables provided by the Ambulance Trust show 1,875 Purbeck call outs of a Paramedic Car over a year, with more than half of call outs being category 1-3 emergencies, the most serious. There is higher overall use, category 1 use, and category 1-3 use in Swanage than in the rest of Purbeck.

To give an example, there is a four-year-old Swanage child who stops breathing periodically. The parents have to perform life saving CPR until a Paramedic arrives. When this has happened, there has never been an ambulance available within ten miles, but on each occasion that their child has stopped breathing, the Paramedic Car has arrived in minutes to take over her care. Could Dorset Council People and Health Scrutiny Committee please ask DCCG to honour the commitment made to fully maintain the existing ambulance resources based in, and tethered to, Swanage, in order to protect this isolated community's many vulnerable residents?

Gazette comment - if you haven't yet signed the petition to save the Ambulance Car, please do so. Write to your MP. Write to the Health Secretary. Keep writing. Complain - loudly - at every opportunity over the possible loss of this vital service.



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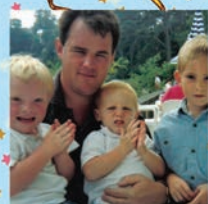








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328 volunteers took part in the clean ups collecting 165 bags of rubbish including tyres, buried rusty lobster pots, tents, oil drums and a gazebo.

"At the last event in 2019 we collected 214 bags. There are obviously lots of factors at play but could our beaches be getting cleaner?! We hope so! Unfortunately, due to Covid, we had to cancel last year's GDBC event so it has been brilliant to be able to bring it back again this year.

"As a result of the bad weather, a couple of this year's events had to be cancelled but overall the timing was perfect as lots of help was on hand to collect up the debris that had washed in from the big winds we all experienced the Friday before the weekend. We are hugely grateful to everyone that came along and joined in and a big thank you goes out to our volunteer beach clean leaders," explained Carla Roberts-Owen from Litter Free Coast and Sea and lead organiser of the event.

Litter Free Coast and Sea are now calling for all local residents and visitors to continue to take their litter home or use the bin when they visit Dorset's beaches this summer. "We have some of the best beaches and bathing waters in the country that we want locals and visitors to be able to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for looking after our wonderful coast" added Carla.

If you want to get involved in joining in with or leading beach cleans throughout the year then get in touch with the team to find out more. All contact details can be found on our website at: www.litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk or contact us via social media:

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Swanage Town Crier News



Andrew Fleming, Swanage Town Crier, has commissioned a new uniform which is to be delivered in two week's time. This will allow him to 'shout for Swanage' at the end of lockdown period. Andrew inherited his current uniform on appointment as Town Crier in November 2011 from the family of Derek Fincham (who was Swanage TC in late 80s). Now the fabric is badly worn after ten years of hard use, including taking 2nd place in the National Championships (twice), South of England Champ (three times), and leading a campaign to raise the profile of the Isle of Purbeck after the demise of Purbeck District Council with the Declaration of Independence, proclaimed on April 1st 2019.

The NEW UNIFORM is being made by a member of the Guild of Ancient & Honourable Town Criers who runs a dressmaking business and it will include a new Swan-hat, decorated with swan feathers from Abbotsbury Swannery. The final COST will be £2,200 which will be met by Andrew Fleming, who is looking for SPONSORS to help him meet this cost.

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View from the Lookouts – July 2021

After a wet and cold May, June appears to be beginning to offer us a bit of summer. With foreign travel looking problematical we're hoping that a busy summer along the coast brings us as incident free a season as is possible.

Last summer's "staycation" saw an increase in visitor numbers along the Dorset coast and there were a number of incidents where different water users came into conflict. Along with more people bringing or hiring jet skis and boats, there has been a boom in people taking part in open water swimming throughout the year. There has also been an increase in the number of people snorkelling and there were several incidents where swimmers were nearly hit by jet skiers travelling at speed.

The concerns over safety have been particularly focussed on Studland and Swanage Bay and, to help prevent future incidents, a safety partnership involving Dorset Council, National Trust, HM Coastguard, Dorset Marine Policing Team, Swanage Town Council, Dorset Coast Forum, Studland Parish Council, RNLI, Personal Watercraft Partnership, Poole Harbour Commissioners was formed in late 2020. The group also has representatives from both the wider jet ski and sea swimming communities.

May saw the launch of the of their work with the **SLOW** campaign - **See, Look, Observe, Watch**.

See who else is in the water. The water is a shared space, but swimmers are hard to spot.

Look out for wildlife. Don't harass or cause disturbance. We have some fabulous wildlife in the sea that can be harmed by noise, speed, and aggressive behaviour.

Observe the sea conditions. They constantly change and can be unpredictable. The tide comes in and goes out 2 times a day at different times with the water moving in towards the beach or moving out away from the beach. Make sure you know what direction the water is moving in throughout the day. Check tide times, weather forecast and sea conditions before you leave home.

Watch your speed. From the shore to the yellow speed marker buoys the speed limit is 5 Knots (assume 5MPH) – they are there for a reason. Where possible, for your safety and others we would suggest you remain on the seaward of the buoys.

As well as promoting good practice with a guidance leaflet, the campaign will see improved signage at launching sites, more 5 knot marker buoys



and regular water safety patrols by two local water sport companies to actively engage with people on water safety. The Personal Watercraft Partnership have also provided funding for training two Marine Police Officers in jet ski riding to ensure they can communicate effectively with jet skiers in the area. One major change is that Swanage Town Council have closed the Parish Slipway, in the centre of town to motorised vehicles, therefore stopping any launching of jet skis in this very crowded area. The leaflets and more information can be downloaded from the partnership website: <https://www.dorsetcoast.com/resources/swanage-studland-water-safety/>

Although primarily focussed at jet ski and small motorised boat users, much of the safety advice is relevant for any water user, particularly the "observe sea conditions" comment. We have extremely complex tides along the coast that our two stations cover, with tidal races, counter currents and double tides to complicate the equation. The coastal currents can be particularly deceptive along the section of coast between Anvil Point and St Aldhelm's Head.

As we've said before calling either station (Swanage or St Alban's Head) on Channel 65 can give you an update on local sea conditions and weather.

Being visible in the water is easy when you are in a vessel, but swimmers and divers are often just a dot in the water.

When swimming, snorkelling, or diving it's important to increase your visibility by having a surface marker buoy, preferably with a name and a contact number on.

Our watchkeepers at Swanage recently reported a marker buoy floating free just off Peveril Point. It was retrieved by a passing RIB and, after ascertaining that the local dive skipper didn't have any missing divers, a survey vessel did a quick sweep using their remote submersible camera. With nothing seen, a quick call to the National Marine Operating Centre, in Fareham, conformed that there were no divers reported missing and it was just a lost buoy. The buoy had a name on it and the local dive shop were able to reunite it with its owner. However, if the owner had had a contact number on the buoy as well, that would have saved a rather anxious half hour. If you lose any equipment like this, a phone call to Solent Coastguard (02392 552100) would also help.

In an emergency the quickest way to reach the coastguard is to ring 999 or to call them on VHF Channel 16. Much of the coastline between Anvil Point and St Aldhelm's Head is a dead zone for mobiles and it is worth remembering the alternative number 112.

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It also includes some less well-known routes which head in all directions from the site, including one which cuts right across the valley and up onto Nine Barrow Down, offering panoramic views of the whole of Poole Harbour.

Every year, Tom's Field Campsite is used by many young people on field trips and as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

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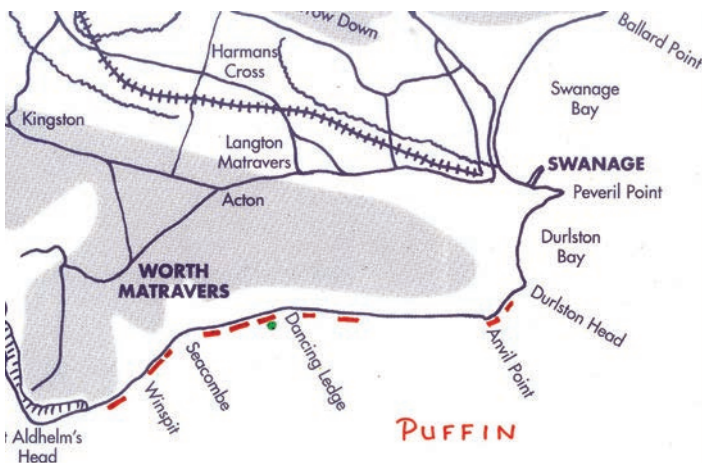
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Back in Purbeck and in the present, escaping those short, cold December days towards a brighter warmth. In all these blogs I have steered clear of pandemics. In truth, they intrude little save for the donning of masks in shops.

So, to the 28th February, last day of winter. Weeks of rain have surrounded the caravan with mud, which wanders indoors on my shoes. The last few nights have been clear, cold, freezing the ground and hardening that mud. I get up very early to the loveliness of silence. The nearest road, distantly audible in daytime, is still at peace. A sinking full moon silhouettes the trees and the tawny owls still hoot. Today, I left into the dawn across meadows white with frost. A pheasant, then a wood pigeon, calls. The day is waking.

Along Dunshay's drive through trees daffodils are out brightly yellow, overshadowing the smaller, meeker and paler primroses. The white bells of snowdrops are quietly fading: their glory is the very start of the year, the first foray towards spring. At the end of the drive the first blackbird sings, one of the commonest yet most mellifluous birds of European spring. A pair of ravens croak as they fly high overhead bound south-east. They will be making for Blackers Hole. As I climb over the wall into the field below Castle View the sharp upper rim of a red sun ascends through golden confusion. Glance back and the lemon moon sinks ever paler through the trees. A pair of robins, fighting viciously, rise and fall against the sky.

The route's familiar: to the top of the ridge then along rough Priests Way to a track southwards past well-quarried Queen's Ground and the cottage, Seaspray. Two pairs of Skylarks lift out of the grass, one briefly hovering to let out a few notes of song. Diminished by the morning light, the moon falls faintly out of sight. At Bachelor's Knap birds sing - a hedge sparrow's uninspiring jingle and the declining scale of a chaffinch. We knew that place as Badger's Knap as boys - too young to suspect that this is where the unmarried might meet, too young to appreciate the point of such meetings. Below, a stiff, chill breeze peters the sea's surface, softening the lines of swell running towards the shore. Out at the Head the spring tide is flooding hard, churning the surface of the Race.



Picture above: Disappearing Puffins in Purbeck. The red lines mark stretches of cliff where Puffins bred in 1957. The green dot marks the single breeding site today.

At the clifftop I make for a nasty little grey cupboard defacing the view like all other fly-tipped rubbish: something to do with a camera intruding into bird life on the cliff beneath. This is the only place Puffins breed on England's south coast. Soon they will finally abandon it. That's why I'm here, to look

for a first returning Puffin. So far, my earliest date is 1st March, first day of spring. I want to push it back a season to February, end of winter. Direct and whirring chocolate and white guillemots fly in and out of Bird Cove, their breeding site. They are not laying yet, just socialising, as they do on pleasant early mornings throughout the winter. Strings of them form on the sea, sometimes diving in unison. Close to the cliff's foot are two more birds. Only one is a guillemot; the other has the grey-white face, scarlet beak and little red paddling feet of a Puffin. So, I have my February bird! The north-east wind is blowing both out to sea. When distance became too great for comfort, they take off, circle, and land again close in. I move to Scratch Arse (alas, it's real name), a small quarry a little to the west giving a view towards the Puffin-breeding site although it will be half into the early sun's glare. There are only Guillemots, an occasional Shag carrying nest material. A Rock Pipit pecks not two metres away.

The high tide beats hard against Dancing Ledge creating meringues of creamed-coffee foam which drift to join the off-shore white water. A weak diagonal line of foam runs from Hedbury towards the Head where the Race turns the water whiter. As I leave westwards, the increasingly bitter wind ripples the exposed crowns of the swells. A solitary man paddling a kayak into the rising sun scares Guillemots from the cliff. The Magnificat invades my head: 'My Soul doth glorify the Lord; my soul doth hope in the Lord...' Is that right? Every faith has its own way of expressing wonder at the beauty of creation. I believe in none of their gods, but enjoy the expressions of man's joy at the surrounding mysteries which still evade science. What is Truth against Emotion? In childhood one responds unthinkingly to a situation. In old age one wonders, then analyses. Above Cliff Field two blue-sheened ravens poke at an anthill. Skylarks hover, the melody, frail to old ears, just breaking through the tinnitus.

Up Seacombe, sheltered valley with a warming sun and softer breeze. The gorse is still lightly-flowered but the occasional bush, early, has become a fiery explosion of yellow. The slight tones of Robin, a descending Chaffinch, the coo of Wood Pigeons and, enhanced by so much rain, the burbling of the tiny torrent. A Song Thrush insistently repeats.



Picture: A tight squeeze. A Blue Tit emerging from the nest box.

Sipping tea, glancing over the untended garden, a little bird flutters up from the hedge, descends, then rises again: catching flies. It's a Chiffchaff - earliest I've ever seen. With global warming some Chiffchaffs winter in England, but not here. I await their return from Africa - so small coming so far! A friend phones, wanting to pick up some logs. The ground proves too soft for his lorry, so we shuttle wheelbarrows to and fro until it is full, his two little kids taking lifts in the empty returning barrows.

Then, taking up the current book, I doze in the sun. The Blue Tit pecks noisily away to widen the hole into a nest box Robert has made. Mine, rougher with a larger hole, stares from a further tree. A couple of smart great tits examine it briefly.

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D-Day - Swanage Continues To Remember With Pride



This year's D-Day remembrance in Swanage was somewhat different - no parade was held due to concerns regarding social distancing. However, Purbeck always puts on the very best, no matter the circumstance, when it comes to remembering and honouring our past and those who sacrificed so very much for us all.

On Sunday June 6th 2021, a small 'static' (non-parading) group amassed on Shore Road, Swanage, to mark the day and to remember those who gave so very much. WWII and D-Day veteran, Clifford Brown of Swanage (pictured top of page with his medals in the group and directly above, pictured whilst in service in WWII) attended with his wife, Margaret, to the delight of everyone present.

Clifford (LT-KX595987. Royal Navy Patrol Service) served on mine-sweeping ships (BTMS 2255), leading the invasion fleet to Omaha Beach. Cliff continued mine-sweeping during the invasion, and assisting landing craft.

On October 5th 1944, Cliff was on-board, mine-sweeping off the coast of Boulogne, when his ship was struck by two mines. Cliff remembers being in the Engine Room checking the instruments as the mines hit - he was one of only five survivors, pulled from the water several hours later by a passing Naval Destroyer. He returned to the UK to recover from his injuries.

Members of the Royal British Legion attended the static event on Shore Road and the fallen were remembered. Two 'soldiers' helped create a highly poignant and evocative image (below right) to remember those who were part of the D-Day campaign, seventy-seven years ago.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

A huge thanks to splendid photographer, Tim Crabb, for the wonderful images!





Business



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Exchange Rates

An exchange rate is basically the price of a unit of currency used in one area expressed in the money of another area.

Although I have concentrated on the US\$/£ exchange rates in this article, it is obviously possible to calculate the exchange rate between any two currencies and the most usual comparisons are shown in the Financial Times on a daily basis and are also widely available on the internet.

In the UK, we tend to concentrate on Sterling relative to the US Dollar and the Euro. Please note that quoted exchange rates will be slightly different than tourist rates which also include a conversion charge which will vary between providers of foreign exchange.

As an illustration, if a pair of trainers in the US cost US\$100 with a Dollar exchange rate of £1 = US\$1.40 you would be paying £71.43 for your trainers. If, however, the exchange rate was £1 = US\$1.50 you would be paying £66.67. This, therefore, makes a noticeable difference in the cost of a pair of US\$100 trainers, but this would be greatly magnified in dealings for larger goods.

It therefore follows that UK companies who are importing Dollar-denominated goods into the UK will favour a higher Dollar rate, as the goods they are buying will be cheaper in Sterling terms.

Conversely, a pair of trainers costing £100 would cost US\$140 at a conversion rate of US\$1 = £1.40 and would cost US\$150 at the exchange rate of US\$1 = £1.50. Therefore, those in the US who are importing from the UK will make more profit when the Dollar is lower against the Pound as the goods they receive will be cheaper in Dollar terms.

Exchange rates will also have an impact on UK companies which have overseas subsidiaries as the profits they are bringing back to the UK will be affected by exchange rates.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

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Claiming tax relief on employment expenses

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Claims up to £2,500

You can make your claim:

- Using a Self-Assessment tax return if you already fill one in.
- By using HMRC's online service or by printing and posting form P87 if you do not already fill in a tax return.
- By phone if you have had a successful claim in a previous year and your expenses are less than £1,000 (or £2,500 for professional fees and subscriptions).

Claims over £2,500

You can only claim using a Self-Assessment tax return. You will need to register if necessary.

There are different rules if you are an employee using your own uniforms, work clothing and tools for work. You cannot make claim relief on the initial cost of buying small tools or clothing for work. However, it is possible to claim for the cost of repairing or replacing small tools you need to do your job (for example, scissors or an electric drill), or cleaning, repairing or replacing specialist clothing (for example, a uniform or safety boots). A claim for valid purchases can be made against receipts or as a flat rate deduction. You have four years from the end of the tax year to make a claim. This means that there is a deadline of 5 April 2022 for making a claim dating back to the 2017-18 tax year.

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15% Of Owner Managed Businesses In Survival Mode

Owner managed businesses coming out of the third lockdown are still struggling with the impact of Covid-19 and an uncertain economic outlook:

- 11% reported that it is likely they will have to make redundancies in the next three-six months, putting a potential 1.85 million jobs at risk across the UK.
- 24% reported a negative or very negative impact on their business since the UK left the EU.
- 53% of respondents identified uncertain trading conditions as their biggest single challenge.
- 15% cited Brexit supply chain issues as their single biggest challenge.

Nonetheless:

84% of respondents reported that they were either confident or somewhat confident that they would be able to access the finance that they needed over the next six months with anecdotal evidence suggesting that the major banks were continuing to lend. Longer term, 54% were more positive about their economic prospects outside the EU while 46% were less positive.

The research among 435 owner managed businesses across the UK was carried out between April and May by the APA, a network of seventeen leading business advisory firms who represent over 14,000 of these businesses.

Commenting on the findings, APA Chairman Martin Muirhead said: "What is clear from our research is that a significant minority of owner managed businesses who have managed to pull through the last twelve months are still in survival mode with uncertain trading conditions being the biggest concern to a majority.

"Nonetheless there is also evidence to suggest that those businesses that have managed to weather the impact of Covid-19 are now more resilient and that existing and proposed government support measures have generally been well received.

"Over the coming months it is vital that government maintains a flexible and targeted approach to business support focusing resource on those sectors where there is the greatest need. Owner managed businesses form the backbone of the UK economy and need continued, targeted support as we emerge from this third lockdown."

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The times that we are currently living in have shown that life can change completely overnight and the future can look uncertain. The best way of dealing with this uncertainty is to ensure that all your personal planning is in place.

There are two pillars to this planning – the first is executing a Lasting Power of Attorney so that your family can help you if you become ill or mentally incapacitated and the second is making your Will to ensure your estate

passes to those who you wish to benefit on your death.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) allows you (the donor) to make a choice now, when you are fit and healthy, about who you would trust (the attorney) to make financial and personal decisions on your behalf if, in the future, you lose the mental capacity to make them for yourself.

There are two types of LPA. One type is a Property and Financial Affairs LPA which allows the attorney, to make decisions about your finances and property. A Property and Finance LPA is very flexible in that it can be used whilst someone is incapacitated, but as soon as they have returned to health the attorney will step aside – it is not a permanent arrangement unless it needs to be. The other type is a Health and Welfare LPA which gives the attorney authority to make decisions for you in respect of giving or refusing consent to healthcare, staying at home and receiving support, or moving into care. A Health and Welfare LPA can only be used when a person has lost capacity.

All LPAs have to be registered at the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG), before they can be used. If it appears that the attorney is abusing their position, then anyone can raise a concern with the OPG or Social Services, who will investigate.

If you have an accident or become ill, it may be too late to make an LPA and then an application will have to be made to court to appoint somebody, called a Deputy, to look after your affairs. This person may not be your choice, and appointing a deputy through the court it is also a longer and more expensive process. This can take at least three months and there are costs which include application fees, medical assessments, solicitor's fees, deputy appointment, annual management fee and a security bond.

Your will is used to appoint a person (your executor) who will deal with the administration of your estate after you have died. The Executor is responsible for valuing your estate, closing bank accounts, dealing with your house, paying any tax that is due as well as any debts and making sure that the balance of the estate passes to your chosen beneficiaries. If there is no will, the Law of Intestacy sets out who can inherit your estate and how much they can inherit. This may not be what you want. Making sure your will is up to date will provide you with the comfort of knowing that your family is provided for how you want them to be even if times are uncertain.

Your solicitor will help you make a Lasting Power of Attorney and Will that gives effect to your wishes. You can then rest assured knowing that your family will benefit from your planning.

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Rhubarb Tart

By Regula
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The weather clearly has a massive input into the growth of vegetables and this year's growing season really had the slowest of starts.

With the cold and very dry conditions in April, germination was super slow and although we then had more rain, the cold and stormy conditions into the latter part of May held growth back...a lot.

I had to disappoint a number of returning and new customers, eager to get going with fresh salads and the first baby beets and spinach. I just couldn't come up with the goods and disappointing your customers is never a good idea and I hate doing it. Many people ask if I could provide a list, so they know better what's being harvested which month. I've been thinking about it for some time now and yet again I would come across as unreliable because I couldn't keep to the timescale as the air and soil conditions and temperatures are different every year.

Looking at the general growth, now it's finally catching up but even the gooseberries are about two weeks behind the seasonal average.

Sometimes I get asked by keen first-time growers what to do when things aren't going according to plan and plants are attacked or eaten, seeds don't germinate, or the results are disappointing. The best advice I can come up with is just keep going! Learn from potential mistakes, always sow more than you think you need and don't lose heart, but don't expect to get your veg looking like from the shop and be patient. Even I, who should know better, get impatient sometimes when growth seems to hang back for no apparent reason.

Every day for the last few weeks I've been transplanting seedlings from the polytunnels to the outside plots. They really were getting too big, too hot and were taking away valuable indoor growing space. Life outdoors is less cushy and it always takes them a while to adjust before they get going. Staggered direct sowings of lettuce heads, salad leaves, chard, beetroot, spring onions, kale and kohlrabi are going ahead too.

The tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and runner beans are really going places now. For the first time I'm growing some of the cucumbers and the runner beans in a net tunnel rather than under polythene. So far so good as the netting keeps some off the wind off and all of the nibbly deer!

The heritage spuds went in really late as the soil conditions and the late air frosts delayed planting the seed, but they're coming on a treat, and I can hardly keep up with earthing them up.

Of course the weeds are having a lovely time- no problem germinating and growing strongly.....so I also spend quite a lot of time hoeing. Time well spent though, as the crop gets away faster without impinging weeds and so gets all the light, water and nutrients.

The cows have had their calves and it won't be long before Arnie the bull will join his ladies again and restore order and respect from some of those unruly youngsters. There's a palpable calmness which descends on the herd when Arnie is back.

So, summer is finally happening and this rhubarb tart is such a seasonal treat, eaten hot or cold, always nice with lots of cream!

RHUBARB TART

Pastry:

- 200 gr plain flour
- 100 gr cold butter in chunks
- 2 tbl.sp. cold water

Filling:

- 600 gr rhubarb washed and cubed
- 3 tbl.sp. ground hazelnuts or almonds
- 1 egg
- 200 ml milk
- 4 tbl.sp. sugar

Method:

1. Rub the butter into the flour with your hands, add the water and bring together into a dough without needing too much. Roll out into a (28 cm) round baking tin and keep it cool for a while.
2. Preheat the oven to 200C.
3. Mix together the egg, milk and sugar.
4. Prick the pastry with a fork, add the ground nuts, then add the rhubarb, then add the egg/milk mix.
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Legal Use Of E-Scooters

Officers from neighbourhood teams across Bournemouth will be talking to riders of e-scooters to let them know where they can use their privately-owned e-scooters legally.

E-scooters, or electric scooters, are two-wheeled scooters that are propelled by a motor and have recently experienced a surge in popularity. The only place to legally ride a privately owned e-scooter is on private land with the owner or occupier's permission. The Government has announced locations throughout the UK, including Bournemouth, where trials of an e-scooter rental scheme will start to take place. This allows individuals to hire an e-scooter from an official scheme and ride legally. Privately-owned e-scooters are not part of this trial.

Local officers are aware that individuals might not realise the legislation when buying them. Officers will approach anyone riding an e-scooter and inform them of the law. They will take down the details of the riders and explain where and how e-scooters can be used.

Legality of using e-scooters:

The only place you can ride a privately-owned e-scooter is on private land with the landowner's permission. It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on any public land. This includes roads, pavements, cycle lanes, beach promenades, bridleways, or any publicly accessible land such as parks and car parks. An e-scooter is classed as a powered transporter and they are treated as a motor vehicle and fall under the Road Traffic Act 1988. They are subject to the same legal requirements as motor vehicles. This includes MOT, tax, licensing, insurance, and specific construction regulations.

If you are caught using a powered transporter (e-scooter) on a public road, pavement, or other prohibited space you are committing a criminal offence and could be prosecuted. Your e-scooter could be seized, you could end up with a fine, penalty points or even disqualification from driving.

The Government are running trials for renting e-scooters. To find out if these are taking place in an area near you go to their website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>

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Natural Matters

Seals

(no musical reference this time)

By John Garner



Swanage's 'Ron-Seal', Durlston Bay, by NJ

I seem to have encountered a number of seals recently. During the first lockdown, you know the one that was actually a lockdown, where the outside world look like the aftermath of some apocalyptic event where only the police and people getting an eye test up north were allowed out, I saw one at pretty close quarters. It was rolling along at Dancing Ledge, very close to the shoreline without a care in the world other than where it was going to get its next fish supper from. (To be fair this could also explain the initial fears of a number of my friends and acquaintances.)

It paused for a moment and had a glance in my direction, but as I was a fair distance away and didn't look like I was going to dive in and start wrestling with him or her, it wasn't long before it was leisurely on its way, surfacing and diving as it hugged the coastline until eventually disappearing from view in the direction of St Aldhems head. It was a marvellous thing to see such a marvellous thing in total accord with its surroundings.

It was probably a grey seal because whilst I am no seal spotter or expert, these are the most common seals found in these waters. The other variety is the common seal which is, ahem, much less common. Sometimes the common seal is also mixed up with the harbour seal so if you don't see a seal on the coast or in the harbour, you are almost definitely not seeing a harbour or common seal. They're noticeable by not being there.

So, a grey seal it almost definitely was and excellent it most definitely was. According to the Dorset Wildlife Trust, almost 40% of the world's population of grey seals are found in and around UK waters.

More commonly (again) I've seen seals or indeed the same seal in Poole Harbour and mainly when out on some sort of watercraft. You can look on the internet for pictures of people with seals draped across their kayaks of paddle boards, but as yet this has not happened to me. It's generally regarded as good practice to give the seals or seal a bit more space than this. They are, after all, pretty hefty predators with a decent set of teeth.

I have, on one occasion got a little too close and been warned with a pretty impressive 'tail' splash by way of suggesting I've crossed an unseen personal seal space boundary. I didn't need telling twice.

I also saw them recently in Scottish waters from the window of a rented

cottage. Often they were just visible with their noses pointing out of the water, sometimes for a while, but often just to presumably breathe in some air, what with them not actually being fish.

A bit of research on the Google informs me that they typically hold their breath underwater for between five and ten minutes, they can stay under there for sixteen minutes. That's mightily impressive I think. They cannot breathe underwater, of course, but are able to slow down their heartbeat to conserve oxygen. They also carry high levels of haemoglobin in their blood, which is rich in oxygen. If you see a harbour seal diving, dig out your sandwiches and a book as there are records of a harbour seal diving for thirty minutes.

Some other very impressive facts are these:

A grey seal can grow up to between 1.5 and 3.5 metres. That's over ten feet long and are mostly male! The biggest can weigh up to 400kgs. That's sixty stone or five of your average human male.

They can also live for between thirty and forty years and apart from resting, they will come ashore for prolonged periods to mate.

These extremes of size and weight may well be a burden on land but doesn't seem to hinder them in the slightest when in the water. I've never seen them under the water of course, but Jacques Cousteau was kind enough to film it all when I was a youth and so my fascination for sea life is down largely to him.

Unlike the wilds of Scotland or West Wales, you're not going to see great gatherings of seals around the Dorset coast, but the occasional glimpse of a solitary one is a brilliant sight indeed and maybe even more rewarding for being so fleeting.

The grey seal is our largest natural carnivore. The pups, when born, weigh about 15kgs and by three weeks have doubled their weight. Only about half the pups will make it to maturity, but when they do, they can look forward to a long and fishy life.

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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack

Dazzling Dahlias!

Dahlias are a much-loved garden plant that not only provide masses of late colour in the border but also make excellent cut flowers. Dahlias readily produce different colours and variations in form when grown from seed and consequently 250 years after their introduction to Europe, thousands of different forms have been bred. To bring some order to this state of affairs, Dahlias are classified into

different groups according to shape and flower structure.

Single Dahlias are beautiful in their simplicity with a single ring of overlapping petals. **Dahlia Moonfire** is a great example, pictured above.

Collarette Dahlias are similar to Single Dahlias but get their name from the extra ring of florets around the centre of the flower called the 'collar'.

The variety pictured here (left) is called **Pink, Pat and Perc**.

Waterlily Dahlias

These are similar to decorative forms but the blooms are wider than they are tall with a flattish or even upturned base such that you could imagine them floating on water. The variety pictured (left) is called **D. Carolina Moon**.

Decorative Dahlias

With these forms the flowers are so

densely packed with petals that the centre of the flower cannot be seen and each petal is described as 'bluntly pointed'.

A stunning variety (bottom left), **D. Kilburn Glow**, looks like it could burst into flames at any moment!

Another variety, **D. Abbie**, (right) is still a Decorative Form but you can see the petals are more compact and more tightly curled towards the centre

Ball Dahlias

In these types the petals are rounded at the tips and they are so densely packed that not only is the centre of the flower hidden but so is the back of the flower so the stem cannot be seen joining the bloom.

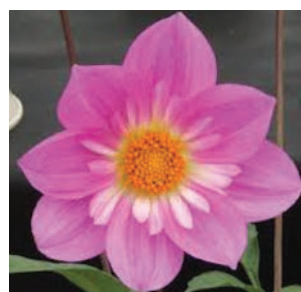
They are classified as Ball and Miniature ball.

Dahlia Ryecroft Laura (right) is a Miniature Ball type.

The last main category are Cactus, for the obvious reason that they have very spiky petals like this, Dahlia Lemon Elegans (pictured, right).

The Garden Centre at Holme grows most of its Dahlias from rooted cuttings supplied by the country's leading Dahlia Nursery, Halls of Heddon, up near Newcastle.

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Listening To The Sand Dunes

By Julia Galbenu (Dynamic Dunescapes Engagement Officer)

Studland Bay has stories to tell. Within the sand and under the heather are hidden noises and untold tales. And they ask you... Do you know what sound a pine tree makes? Or the calls that happen at night? How about the stories from the war or perhaps the wonders of our dune dynamics? Well, now you can put your headphones in, go for a walk and experience an exploratory soundscape at Studland Bay.

The sound journey can be discovered by installing the free Echoes app and downloading the 'listening to the sand dunes' walk at Studland. A map will show you where you are and the location of ten echoes (sound clips) for you to find. Some echoes are in popular spots, while others are hidden in the wilderness.

As such, on your exploration, please be mindful of tough vegetation, cattle grazing and the wildlife that lives at Studland. The dunes are home to some wonderful species, like nightjars who make their nest on the ground or adders who live in the heather. To keep yourself and the wildlife safe please walk carefully, wear appropriate clothing, keep dogs on a lead and take any litter home.

Each echo has a different theme, species or story to tell and has been developed by two sound artists, Laura Reid and Adrian Newton (both members of EAP, Environmental Art Practitioners). Laura blends music with conversation to further deepen our understanding of history, culture and ecology at Studland Bay. Adrian, who worked with Lynn Davy and Arthur Newton, uses specialist equipment to record hidden nature sounds and gives us a window into a noisy world we rarely hear. Adrian comments on his work for the 'listening to the sand dunes' project:

"One of the things that makes a place distinctive is its soundscape. At

Studland there are many sound marks which people find evocative, such as the sound of the wind whispering in the marram grass, or of waves breaking on the shore. There is even a local tradition that in some parts of Studland, the sand sings when you walk on it. Using special microphones, this walk explores such sound marks, with a focus on those that you might not encounter on a typical visit".

The development of this sound walk is all due to Dynamic Dunescapes, a nationwide project to restore sand dunes across England and Wales. So far at Studland Bay we have re-created patches of bare sand and reintroduced cattle grazing, but everyone can play a part in restoring this special place. The sand dunes have become over-vegetated, and as a result are declining in biodiversity. By exploring the 'listening to the sand dunes' soundscape, you will be taken off-path to trample on overgrown vegetation and create space for rare life. If we leave no trace, and are mindful of the local wildlife, we can help the dunes simply by exploring them.

So, take an immersive trip to Studland Bay. The soundscape works best with headphones, and by downloading the walk before you go. There is also an instruction sheet to collect at Knoll Beach if you wish. You can start at either Shell Bay or Northern Boundary, and the experience will take you approximately two hours. Get lost in sound, discover untold stories and know that by doing so, you are also helping restore our sand dunes.

Download the Echoes app: <https://explore.echoes.xyz/>

Read about the Dynamic Dunescapes project: <https://dynamicdunescapes.co.uk/project/dorset/>

Sound walk instructions: <https://dynamicdunescapes.co.uk/dune-soundwalks-at-studland-bay/>

Picture: Starlings at Studland Bay, by Alex King.

Dorset Fishermen Help Keep Seas Litter Free

Fishermen, Harbour Masters, Litter Free Coast and Sea and Odyssey Innovations have worked together to get new recycling bins in place at Weymouth, West Bay and Lyme Regis.

The bins are provided by Odyssey Innovations, a pioneering organisation based in the South West that have created a circular economy through recycling marine plastic. Fishermen will be placing any old lines, nets and other fishing related waste to be recycled back into things like kayaks.

Bob Summerhayes, Weymouth & Portland Fishermen and Licensed Boatman's Association explained "Currently, our waste fishing gear is disposed into wheeled bins and taken to landfill so we are extremely pleased to know that we will now be able to recycle our old gear into new useful items and in so doing, improve our environmental

impact. We particularly want to thank Odyssey Innovation, along with Dorset Council and those that coordinated to bring this great scheme to Weymouth Harbour."

Odyssey Innovations will be sending all of the materials collected to be recycled and will be keeping track of the amount that Dorset fishermen recycle each year.

Matilda Manley, Coordinator for Litter Free Coast and Sea added "We have some brilliant fishermen in Dorset who are real custodians of the sea. This scheme will help them do even more to help create a litter free sea locally, so we are very grateful to Odyssey Innovations for setting up and delivering this fantastic scheme for

free in this area".

To find out more about Odyssey Innovations check them out at: <https://www.odysseyinnovation.com/>



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If you would like to sponsor a dog show class at this event please email: jazmin.house@mgrg.org.uk



DURLSTON

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Despite it being summer, you may find Red Cage fungi beside the Timeline walk. Upon the cliff tops find flowering Rock Samphire along with the succulents that are Golden Samphire and our very own special Sea Lavender. Out in the meadows there are more flowers to enjoy; spikes of yellow Agrimony, pink Pyramidal Orchids, pink-tinged Wild Carrot, tall yellow Wild Parsnip, blue Selfheal and lots of tall yellow Dyers Greenweed. Of course, visiting these and other flowers are a host of insects. Butterflies to be seen are Small Blues, Small Heaths, Large and Small Skippers, Red Admiral and Large White.

A new event for July is an Introduction to Forest Bathing (10th and 22nd July). Whilst exploring the woodlands, you'll be encouraged to slow down and try some guided mindfulness exercises, making a meaningful connection with the natural. The aim is to benefit your physical health as well as your emotional wellbeing.

For families, we have trails running throughout the summer. The Durlston Time Travellers Trail encourages and enables you to imagine and discover Durlston's past. Explore from the prehistoric time of the dinosaurs right up to today. Participants answer questions found along the trail to claim their prize! However, you may also choose to focus your

historical exploration by joining the children's Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils Ranger-led event, through activities and games this is a fun way to learn!

We depart from the past to look at the natural world around us for our second family trail (from 24th July) entitled Bee a Butterfly! Whilst on the trail try to see how many different butterflies you can see. Meanwhile, imagine living life as a butterfly and see what makes them so special. Again, a prize for participants who put in the effort!

Our Wild Summer Ranger-led guided walk is a chance for adults to perhaps lean and discover a little more about this month's wildlife at Durlston.

In the Fine Foundation Gallery: We host two fresh exhibitions by returning artists, firstly the Guild of Glass Engravers, followed by Andy Farrer. Inspired by the natural world, coast, and sea you will find enticing art forms engraved upon glass. Thereafter, enjoy landscape photographs that embrace the play of light on the landscape, from home and away.

Visit the Events page on our website or pick up a leaflet for more details of these and more events. Visit the Durlston website: <https://www.durlston.co.uk/>

Visit the Seventhwave website: <https://7eventhwave.com/>



Wareham Community Growers - Moving On



In July 2020, following a Zoom meeting of the Wareham in Bloom Committee, that committee was formally wound up and assimilated into Wareham Town Council's Amenities Committee, which now undertakes all work to provide town centre floral displays and other areas of horticultural activity.

The decision was taken due to various factors, including fundraising issues during the pandemic, difficulty with volunteer placements/recruitment,

the impossibility of a volunteer group 'going it alone', and financial factors.

It was considered by the majority that the Council was better placed to take over the committee's former responsibilities on behalf of the community so that displays could continue.

An enthusiastic new community group - 'Wareham Community Growers' - has recently formed and, like the former Wareham in Bloom Committee,

has entered Wareham for the prestigious South and South East in Bloom Competition. Wareham will be judged on 15th July, along with Wareham St Mary Churchyard for 'Churchyard of the Year' and an 'It's Your Neighbourhood' entry for Friends of Wareham Railway Station.

The group will support the Council in its floral display work e.g. by deadheading and watering displays as necessary and assisting in any horticultural projects as requested.

The group will also help to maintain various non-Council or community areas such as the Almshouses, Moretons Corner, Police Station displays etc., creating new planting areas, and working with other community groups to enhance the town in terms of its horticulture, environment and community participation.

This is a fun group, dedicated to promoting Wareham, making it an attractive town to live and work in and helping our businesses to recover from the pandemic by increasing visitor numbers. Any member of the community who wishes to join us or help in any way is requested to contact: warehamcommunitygrowers@gmail.com

Thank you, Wareham, for your support!

Rod Curtis, Chairman, Wareham Community Growers

A Tale Of Two Warblers....



Due to the varying Covid-19 restrictions across the UK, the 2020 BBS report can only publish the latest trends for a reduced set of species in England, but it still makes for very interesting reading. Both the Willow Warbler and the Chiffchaff breed throughout England and both are found in woodland, woodland edge and scrub habitats but their fortunes here are very different. During the last 24 years the Willow Warbler has seen its breeding population decline by 45%, whilst that of the Chiffchaff has increased by 114% over the same period.

Willow Warbler and Chiffchaffs look very similar and inhabit very similar habitat during the breeding season, yet they have a very different migration and overwintering strategy. The Willow Warbler is a long-distance migrant that spends the winter months in sub-Saharan Africa, whilst the Chiffchaff is a short-distance migrant that heads to Europe and as far south as North Africa – some of our breeding Chiffchaffs may even stay here in the UK during the winter months. So, it is likely that they face very different pressures during the migration and overwinter period that are contributing to their very different long-term trend.

Two other woodland birds, the Nuthatch and the Great Spotted Woodpecker, have seen their populations more than double during the last 24 years, up by 105% and 117% respectively but the same can't be said of another familiar hole-nesting bird; the Starling has seen its breeding population fall by 60% over the same time period.

For one bird the change in its fortunes couldn't be more different from the handful of pairs that called a few Welsh valleys 'home' in the 1980s. The report shows that over the last 24 years, the Red Kite has increased by a staggering 18,695%. The reintroduction of this bird to our skies now means that many of us can see them from our own backyards and it is incredible to think that as recently as the early 80s, this amazing bird was heading towards extinction in the UK.

Sarah Harris, BBS National Organiser at the BTO, said: "2020 was a very difficult year for many, and it looked like we might have a very poor survey season for BBS coverage and data; the first since 2001 when Foot and



Mouth kept us out of the countryside. However, restrictions were lifted just in time for some of our brilliant volunteers to get out and monitor their BBS squares, and it is down to them that we have anything to report on at all! Thanks go to all the current and retired BBS volunteers that we have such a powerful long-term dataset allowing us to track the contrasting fortunes of species such as Willow Warbler and Red Kite."

Dr Mark Eaton, RSPB's principal conservation scientist, said: "Many of the UK's birds are struggling, and the losses seen in these species are not sustainable. More needs to be done to stop these declines and help populations recover. Amazing examples of conservation in action such as for the Red Kite show what can be achieved with sufficient commitment, knowledge and resources. It's been remarkable to see a species once persecuted to near extinction in this country, brought back and welcomed by local communities, with local economies reaping the dividends of the return of this breathtaking species."

Dr Paul Woodcock, Biodiversity Evidence Specialist at JNCC said: "It's impressive that despite the reduced data collected in 2020, reliable trends for many species could still be produced from the BBS. This again shows the value of having such a strong long-term dataset – thank you to everyone who has contributed over the years'.

The BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey is a partnership jointly funded by the BTO, RSPB and JNCC, with fieldwork conducted by volunteers.

Arts & Entertainment

Come What May, There WILL Be Music And Joy!



Purbeck Valley Folk Festival back on!

Great news - even if stuck in step 3 of the government's roadmap, Purbeck Valley Folk Festival can go ahead, albeit with a reduced capacity to normal. The reality of sitting in a field (or under the very high side-less cover of our Big Barn) with a pint of Isle of Purbeck Best (delicious real ale) or Dorset Sunshine (the best cider in the world), listening to a great selection of music, is getting closer and closer - and we cannot wait!

Festival Director Catherine Burke says: "We're so happy that we can go ahead with the festival. Last year was so quiet and lacking in music. It will be so nice to hear music, see dancing, and see people with huge Purbeck smiles on their faces".

Purbeck Valley Folk Festival always has a brilliant selection of folk, acoustic and roots music. With the quarantine restrictions being unclear, the festival's line-up is mainly made up of UK-based bands, with the artists from around the world mainly being postponed to 2022. The great news is that Mexican party band Los de Abajo are based in London, and will still be able to get everyone dancing on the Saturday night. If you've not heard them before, you are in for a real treat.

Catherine continues: "I'm so excited about this year's line-up. A few bands from outside of the country have had to be put off until next year, but we've

managed to replace them with some really exciting new bands - and we still get to look forward to the others next year!"

Electro-swing Bristol band, Cut Capers (pictured, left) will be making your feet move on Friday night of the festival. Cut capers are a nine-piece band whose energetic live performance and infectious sound have won them a cult following on the British festival scene. Mixing a swinging vintage-style brass section (think Caro Emerald) with funk, soul and hip-hop.

Idlewild frontman, Roddy Woomble will be headlining the afternoon concert along with award-winning musicians John McCusker and Kir Drever (LAU). It's been a decade since the release of 'Before The Ruin' - the collaborative album from this three-piece supergroup of Scotland's best current writers and performers.

Since its release the album has gone on to become one of those rare things - a word of mouth success, admired and loved by those who know it, and a slow burning contemporary Scottish folk classic with regular airplay on Radio 2, Radio 3 and Radio 6 Music.

Tickets are now 90% sold out. With a reduced capacity due to Covid, tickets will sell out soon - get in quick!

Full weekend tickets are available now Adults £135, Youth £70, Children £30. Locals can use the promo code BH19 or BH20 to get a 20% discount on all tickets.

For tickets and more info: www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk







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The Festival has been growing since 2009 when we started under the umbrella of the Purbeck Art Weeks. This evolved into an annual event which brings together international stars and an enthusiastic audience. The festival's mission is also to nurture young talents. Every year, events for young musicians, families and children's concerts are planned with the aim of reaching out into the broader community. We are thrilled to announce a live and world class line up of musicians and performers for this year's Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival!

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MUSIC for Charity at the Bandstand

A new organisation will be staging musical performances to raise money for local charities. The new brand will be: M.U.S.I.C., which is an acronym for:

'Music Unlimited for Swanage Independent Charities'

The first concert will be at the Swanage Bandstand on:

WEDNESDAY 7th July, running all day between 10am and approximately 10pm.

See August Edition for new date!

The music will be in a variety of styles - rock 'n' roll, easy listening, jazz and swing, with several bands and individual performers during the day. Everyone will be welcome to turn up and enjoy the music - all the musicians will be local and are giving their time and skill for both the love of music and to raise funds for charity.

All the money raised will go to charity - the main charity for this first concert will be the Friends of Swanage Hospital.

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LIVE Little Shop of Horrors - Swanage School

7:30pm - 21st - 23rd July & 2:30pm - 23rd July.
Tickets - £10 (booking fees apply)

LIVE The Beatles for Sale Tribute Show

7:30pm - 30th July.
Tickets - £18.50 (booking fees apply)

LIVE Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years - Bookends

7:30pm - 4th August.
Tickets - £18.50 (booking fees apply)

LIVE Beach Boyz Tribute Show

7:30pm - 6th August.
Tickets - £18.50 (booking fees apply)

LIVE The Princess and the Pauper - Hordern Ciani & Swanage Rep

7:00pm - 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 27th & 28th August.
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Festival On The Field CANCELLED



Festival on the Field, to have been hosted by The Swanage School on 17th July 2021, has sadly been cancelled in light of the government's announcement of the extension of current restrictions and social distancing requirements.

Headteacher Jenny Maraspin says: "We are very sad to cancel Festival on the Field, which we were planning to run for the first time this July, but the announcement regarding ongoing restrictions and social distancing requirements beyond the planned date of the event meant that we were faced with a tough decision about whether it was the right thing or not to continue.

"Whilst we would always have made the event as Covid-safe as

possible, the continuation of the current rules means that a large portion of the entertainment we had planned would have been curtailed to some extent or another, and we are conscious that it is almost impossible for visitors, staff and entertainers to maintain social distancing throughout an event of this type.

"Next year, we hope to bring you Festival on the Field 2022. In the meantime, we are looking forward to welcoming local primary children to the school over the next few weeks, who are still able to join us for activity afternoons in their school bubbles."

If you would like to keep in touch with announcements in relation to Festival on the Field 2022 follow The Swanage School (@theswanageschool) on social media.



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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

Our July 2011 front cover held more than a little sadness as we published an article written in memory of Robert Jefferies. Robert was a keen local cyclist and was tragically killed in an incident with a car whilst cycling on the Wareham Bypass at 20.00 on 26th May 2011. The white 'ghost' bike placed at the spot where Robert lost his life is a well-known sight to many of us and we can but hope that it remains a constant reminder to vehicle drivers as to the vulnerability of cyclists on our roads. We wish Robert's family well as they pass the decade anniversary of this tragic loss to not only their family, but to the community as a whole. Our thoughts are with you.



Also featured on the front cover in July 2011 was a decidedly old camper van - soon to be a permanent home to John and Jacqui (pictured, left). The couple had thrown caution to the wind, bought a battered old van which had been left under a hedge to rot, patched her up and decided it was time for a grand adventure of the best kind - a previously unplanned adventure!

With no itinerary as such, John and Jacqui rented out their home, put all of their worldly goods into storage and proclaimed they were ready for the off! The plan was to head for the Channel Tunnel (oh the freedom of days now past!) and, should the van survive, travel for a year before heading home.

Catch up with 'Blast from the Past' next month to see how they fared as they set-off!

We always enjoy looking back through our old editions and take particular note of the advertising featured - it is fascinating to see how marketing has changed in some ways over the years, as well as being interesting (on a local level) to be reminded of those shops and services which have, for whatever reason, vanished from Purbeck in the intervening years.

In July 2011 we can see adverts from Hillary's Blinds - once their vans were well-known around Purbeck, not so much these days., as well as adverts for The Eclectic Abode (Commercial Lane, Sw), Golden Girl (High Street, Sw), Ivory Designs (High Street, Sw), Cottes Auction House (Wm), Swanage Lions Club (now disbanded), Purbeck Electrical (High Street, Sw), Stewarts House of Fabric (North St, Wm), Quality Signs (Corfe), Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market (now disbanded), Windjammers (High Street, Sw), to name but a few.

It is interesting indeed to see who moved on, who sadly is no longer with us and others who created new businesses and reincarnated in another form.

On June 2nd 2011, 'Smith's Girls' from Smith's The Drapers, formally of the High Street, Swanage, gathered together to enjoy their annual reunion. In 2011 it was the turn of Sea Breeze on the seafront to host those gathering. Fourteen people attended in 2011, remembering their days working as a team in the 1950s and 1960s, in what was a well used service in Swanage, serving a significant proportion of the population. Much reminiscing took place and it was reported that a good time was had by all. Those who attended a decade ago are pictured, below. We'd hope that those who are still with us continue to gather together to share those memories of a time now slipping away....



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Simon Cribbs, then-Chief Executive of Dorset Wildlife Trust said: "This is a disaster that will set wildlife back by twenty years or more on this important site. Since we took on the management of the site thirteen years ago, our wardens and volunteers have worked tirelessly to improve the habitat. It is doubly heartbreaking that the Dartford Warbler numbers had already been halved by the cold winter and now there is little chance of recovery for them for many years."

Hundreds of Upton locals responded to the desperate call for help and turned up to help rescue surviving reptiles. Hundreds of lizards and snakes were moved to undamaged sections of the heath.

Fast forward nine years, in 2020, we experienced the loss of a hugely substantial area of Wareham Forest. At the time of writing, we understand that our local fire services are once again on-site at Wareham Forest. Purbeck is under an amber warning for wildfire, and yet some amongst us (locals and visitors), continue to use highly dangerous disposable BBQs which carry such a high risk to our area. Please - if you do one thing this summer, buy hot food from a local take-away or pack a picnic if you want to eat at one of our beauty spots. Don't let a selfish desire to cook up a few burnt sausages destroy that which you came to enjoy - it is happening far too frequently and the risk is very real.



Health & Beauty

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



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This works by a referral being sent to the hub. The referral may come from a GP, a health professional or following a patient contacting 111 or 999.

Once the referral is received the hub team look at which health care professional is best suited to visit the patient at their home.

The great thing about the Purbeck Hub is that we all work under one roof so we can discuss patients face to face and thus prevent duplication of work, which leads to a quicker response and prevents the patient having to repeatedly explain their problem to different teams.

The hub team consists of advanced practitioner nurses, GPs, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, rehabilitation assistants, pharmacists, phlebotomist, care support workers, whilst working collaboratively with the Purbeck paramedic car, social services, district nursing teams, community mental health services and Swanage Hospital.

Anna Darling ACP

Until next time, take care and remember:

Hands, Face, Space, and Fresh Air.

Matron Donna



I thought that it might be interesting for readers to know more about the Purbeck Hub.

Anna Darling is our local Advanced Clinical Practitioner and has enlightened us:

Thank you Donna for asking me to talk about the Purbeck Hub. I have recently joined the Purbeck Hub team as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner, having previously worked at Dorset County Hospital and Poole Hospital. I have been instantly impressed with the community services available to Purbeck residents and how closely the community teams work together.

The Purbeck Hub is based in Wareham and provides an acute home visiting service for patients registered with a Purbeck GP, therefore covering Swanage, Wareham, Sandford, Wool and Bere Regis.

The patients we visit are housebound with either a long term health condition or due to an acute illness.

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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.

JULY 2021

WEEKLY EVENTS

Please call prior to attending events listed to ensure they are still on!

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 Digital Champions. Support people in the community to use the internet and gain basic online skills. Booking essential on 01929 423485.
- 14.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls. Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
- 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.
- 16.00 Colour Me Happy. Adult colouring session at Swanage Library. Drop in.
- 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 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 Parent & Toddlers' 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 Adult Line Dance Class. FREE taster session at D'Urberville Centre, Wool. Till 11.30am with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 10.30 Employment Hub at Swanage Library. Until 12.30pm. Book via Skilla dn Learning on 01202 262300.
- 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.
- 11.30 New Adult Latin American & Ballroom Dance Class for beginners. FREE taster session at D'Urberville Centre, Wool. Till 12.30pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 12.00 Nature Tots (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm.
- 14.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls. Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
- 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 Swanage Town Walk. Local historian takes walks lasting 90 minutes. Meet outside the Museum in the 'Square'. No charge but voluntary contributions welcome.
- 14.00 Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group Till 5
- 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.
- 19.00 New Adult Line Dance Class. FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 8pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 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! 425074.
- 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 Adult Dance Classes. Modern Line dance. Until 11.30am. At St Edward's Church hall, Swanage. Ffi: 01202 243803 or see: www.purbeckdancestudio.co.uk
- 10.30 Play and Learn at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
- 10.30 Books and More - at Swanage Library. Reading & discussion group.
- 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 Oigong: 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 Depression Support group. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at the Lower Hall, Salvation Army, Kings Rd East, Sw. BH19 1ES, until 9pm. Ffi: Nick on: 07766352062 or email: nickviney@hotmail.com or call Mary on: 01929426896.
- 19.00 Wareham Depression Support group. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at Not Just Sundaes. South Street, Wareham. BH20, until 9pm. Ffi: John: 01929556315 or 07871 727278 or email: johnoneil905@yahoo.co.uk

- 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 Pavilion, 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
- 09.30 **Adult Dance Classes.** Latin American & Ballroom dance. Until 10.30am. At the Wareham Scout & Guide Hut, N. Bestwall Rd, Wareham. BH20 4HX. Ffi: 01202 243803 or see: www.purbeckdancestudio.co.uk
- 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 warehamcroquetclub@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.
- 11.30 **New Adult Line Dance Class.** FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 12.30pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.00 **Wareham Area Men's Shed** meets at Purbeck Connect, Sandford Lane, Wm. Ffi: call Chris on 554758, Harold on 792591 or Mike on 288045
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 13.00 **New Adult Latin American & Ballroom Dance Class** for beginners. FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 2pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 14.00 **Swanage Town Walk.** Local historian takes walks lasting 90 minutes. Meet outside the Museum in the 'Square'. No charge but voluntary contributions welcome.
- 14.00 **Wareham Happy Cafe.** Friendly conversation, talks, activities and some fun to put a spring in your step! Everyone welcome. Held at the Not Just Sundaes Cafe in South Street, Wareham. BH20 4LU. From 5th March 2020 onwards. FREE. Until 3.30pm.
- 14.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclb.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 **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 David Fawcett, 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 **Wareham Area Men's Shed** meets at Purbeck Connect, Sandford Lane, Wm. Ffi: call Chris on 554758, Harold on 792591 or Mike on 288045
- 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
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
- 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
- 18.00 **Purbeck Youth Choir** at the United Reformed Church Hall, Sw. 8-18 years old. Till 7pm. Ffi: Jay Buckle on: 07947 866945
- 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.
- 19.45 **Alcoholics Anonymous Wareham.** Talk and tea from 19.15, meeting from 19.45 until 21.00. At Wareham Day Centre, 21 Bonnets Lane, Wareham. BH20 4HB. If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome. You can learn about living sober from people who do. The first Friday of each month is also open to professionals and friends/family of problem drinkers. Ffi: 01202 296000.
- 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
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