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Message from the publisher...

A warm welcome to the March edition of the *Purbeck Gazette* and our first edition as the new owners of this iconic community news magazine.

Firstly, I'm sure that all our readers will join me in thanking Nico, who has run the *Gazette* with dedication since 2010. She has now moved on to a new challenge but will continue to support the Purbeck community.

I am Lloyd Armishaw and, although I now live in North Dorset, I have run various businesses in both Wareham and Swanage, so know some of the challenges that face 'Purbeckians'.

As a family, we also own and run two other community magazines, the *New Blackmore Vale* and the *New Stour and Avon*. Both of these publications were started during the lockdown periods to enable local communities to continue to receive free local news. The magazines are run by a dedicated team of editors, journalists and support staff, who have more than 150 years of experience in the media world.

Your *Purbeck Gazette* will remain at the heart of the community, although with a few minor but exciting changes. We aim to make the magazine bigger to enable us to carry more news and features, and we intend that it will eventually be published fortnightly.

We still want everyone to be involved, so send us your stories, pictures and letters and tell us what is going on. We will print as much as we can - remember this is your community paper.

As a final note, please continue to support the businesses that advertise in the *Gazette*... they're the real heroes that enable it to be produced.

Lloyd Armishaw
publisher@blackmorevale.com

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A beautiful day at Swanage, by Robin Boulwood

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What does 'illegal' mean?

Dear Editor

I know that the meaning of words evolves, but I thought I was on pretty safe ground with 'illegal'. Then I read the headline (not in The Gazette I hasten to add) "Ban on illegal camping not proposed for Swanage and Studland". This was a little confusing.

I then read a report from another county that some vicious hare coursers, who would not hesitate to use extreme violence against anyone straying into their arena, had appeared in court for a second time. Their punishment was a ban on illegal hare coursing in future within said county and a small fine. Since hare coursing is big business, I shan't be surprised to read that the fines imposed by courts can be claimed as a business expense for tax purposes. Banning guilty defendants from doing things which are illegal as a form of punishment I'm still trying to get my head around.

G Yeomans, by email

Developers have carte blanche

Dear Editor

David Hollister, in his column in February's Gazette, accuses Dorset Council of "caving in" to the developers Bracken Developments in allowing them planning permission to build new dwellings at the former St Marys School, Swanage without a restriction on them that they must not be second homes

Unfortunately, this is not the case. Dorset Council had to allow the developers to build unrestricted as they were found liable for a substantial amount of costs on the site of West Lulworth Primary School in 2020. The reason is that the former Purbeck District Council were so slow in developing a Local Plan that the attempt to stop new dwellings being second homes was never formally written into the Local Plan and the Planning Inspectorate therefore found it to be unsound.

This cost Dorset Council a substantial sum of money in planning costs and also means that developers have carte blanche to build new dwellings without the first home restriction all over Purbeck.

A very sad performance by those that ran Purbeck District Council in its final years.

Philip Eades, Swanage

The North-South Deprive

We're levelling up the North and the South

It's top of the Tories' jobs

Southerners will wear flat caps

And the North will all be Nobs

The South will eat tripe and black pudding

The North will eat cake and cream teas

Boris himself will wear braces and boots

As he happily scoffs mushy peas

With hot-pot perhaps or some haggis

So that Nicola Sturgeon's our friend

He'll set up brass bands in the Shires

And pigeons inside No10.

The North will have Eton and Henley

The South will be Scousers and Geordies

Even the Queen will go Northern

With whippets instead of her corgis

This levelling up will make Britain

A nation less down in the mouth

With jobs and with joys and with riches

... But of course these will stay in the South

Martin Hobdell, Swanage.

Letter from Swanage and RP Labour Party to the Gazette

Dear Readers

Swanage and Rural Purbeck Labour Party support Dorset CAN and Dorset CPRE in their campaign to persuade Dorset Council to rethink the Dorset Local Plan. The original timetable for the Local Plan has been significantly delayed and now is the time for the general public and local organisations to again make their objections known to Dorset Council.

There is a risk that the plan delivers: The wrong number of houses... calculated using incorrect algorithms

The wrong type of houses... with insufficient consideration for social housing for local people and sustainability.

The wrong location for houses... damaging the local environment.

Swanage and RP Labour Party are pushing for more affordable and social housing as part of our Dorset Wages: London Prices campaign. Around one in five Swanage properties are second homes or holiday lets. The average yearly wage in Purbeck is £25k and the multiple for buying a house is 12 to 1 compared to 8-1 nationally. Waiting time for social housing for local people is measured in years and getting longer and yet still developers are trying to amend planning consents to omit the requirement to provide affordable dwellings.

Council Leader Spencer Flower issued a statement on January 26

Your Letters

The clue is in the heading above - these are our readers' letters. They are NOT articles, they are letters. By you. Our readers. They are not our letters, they are yours - your letters. Simple!

Please send all letters to ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk with 'letter to the editor' in the email subject line. Please do not exceed 350 words. If handwritten, please ensure it is short and legible.

PLEASE DO NOT DUPLICATE LETTERS TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS - WE DO NOT PRINT MULTI-PUBLICATION LETTERS.

APRIL deadline: Noon on March 9

Lack of cash

Dear Editor

Today I'm writing to you to tell you that I'm concerned about my ability to access cash in my local community.

One cash point in the village where I live, is not always sufficiently 'stocked' to meet local needs.

Kind regards,

Christopher Wakeling, by email

In the name of God, go

Conservative MP and popular Brexit supporter David Davis summed up the pathetic Johnson government perfectly with his quote from Oliver Cromwell, when he used part of the "for the name of God" speech at Prime Ministers Questions recently.

For the benefit of those not aware of it, I have taken the time to quote Oliver's speech that dismisses the rump parliament in 1653. Interestingly, it could have been written today and would have the same recognition as it did almost 400 years ago by the public.

"It is high time for me to put an end to you sitting in this place, which you have dishonoured by your contempt of all virtue, and defiled by your contempt of all virtue, and defiled by your practice of every vice. Ye are a factious crew and enemies to all good government.

Is there a single virtue now remaining amongst you? Is there a man amongst you that has the least care for the good of the commonwealth? Ye sordid prostitutes have you not defied this sacred place, and turned the Lords temple into a den of thieves, by your immoral principles and wicked practices? Ye are grown intolerably odious to the whole nation.

You were deputed here by the people to get grievances redressed, are yourselves become the greatest grievance. Your coventry therefore calls me to cleanse this Aegean stable, by putting a final period to your iniquitous proceedings in this house; And which by Gods help, and the strength he has given me, I am now come to do.

I command ye therefore, upon the

agreeing that the draft local plan chases national housing targets rather than prioritising local needs. His suggestion that we need a radically different plan is welcome although the proposed two-year delay does nothing to solve the urgent problem of unavailable and unaffordable housing for local people.

More emphasis should be placed on the views of local people and their representatives.

We encourage readers and organisations to contact Dorset Councillors through social media, email or the press, making their objections to the plan known. More detail is available on the Dorset Council and Dorset Deserves Better websites.

Peter Jacobs

Swanage and Rural Purbeck Labour Party

Thank you from the Poppy Appeal

Dear Editor

Thank you for your support as ever, wishing Nico a Happy Future too.

The Poppy Appeal for Swanage Stands at £11,095. We are all so very grateful, this will be put to a good use. I shall continue to raise throughout this year and look forward to the 2022 appeal in late October.

Thank you to so many that helped, the stall holders and helpers for the Poppy coffee fair; the wonderful gang that helped in the pop-up Poppy shop, John Corben for setting us up and the owner who so generously let us use the building for no charge. Di Davies for the catering after remembrance, family and friends.

We will all be out and about supporting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 3, we will also be honouring Falkland veterans as it will be the anniversary of 40 years this year, if you live in Swanage get in touch. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the street party, stalls and entertainment too. It's going to be splendid.

Thank you again, look forward to telling you all what we have planned for this year's appeal.

Kind regards

Carolyn Hooper

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peril of lives, to depart immediately out of this place. Go, get you out! Make haste! Ye venal slaves be gone!

So, take away that shining bauble there, and lock up the doors. In the name of God, go!"

Mike Fry, by email

Helping local SMEs to reduce their costs and carbon

Dear Editor

Your editorial in the February edition, made a very important point, "It's time to look ahead and see if we can slowly get back to how things were pre-pandemic - we lost so very much over the past two years; businesses closed, staff became unemployed etc". Local businesses, the majority being SMEs, are one of the important foundations of the success of Swanage

Often their great work and services go un-noticed. The COP21 event late last year amplified interest and awareness of the implications of global warming and some of the strategies to mitigate it. There is a newly formed group of the Sustainable Swanage organisation aiming to support these invaluable local businesses. This sub-group seeks to help SMEs with practical ideas, solutions and promote the region as a goto location for environmental and sustainability matters. We are collaborating with other groups, such as the Swanage Chamber of Commerce and Planet Purbeck.

This year the group is focusing on supporting SMEs on their first steps to get to Net Zero, and the bottom

line benefits of this. The article in the February edition of what Suttles are doing to get to carbon neutral is a great example. The groups is arranging its first open meeting for SME owners on the subject in the middle of March. This free event will focus on opportunities, priorities, tactics and funding to support SMEs. Planned speakers will come from a range of expertise. The event details are: Wednesday March 23, arrive from 5pm, starting at 5:30pm and plan to finish at 8pm at The Grand Hotel, Swanage.

If you are interested and/or want to know, or have any ideas, please mail me at sustainable.swanage.biz.forum@gmail.com

Best wishes

Pete Floyd, Volunteer Lead of the Sustainable Swanage Business Forum

'Swanage Celebrates' the Platinum Jubilee

We are a group of likeminded people who have formed a committee with the aim of organising a Community Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This Platinum Jubilee is a unique occasion that has never happened before in the history of the world, it is most unlikely to happen again. For most of the population, the Queen is the only monarch they have known, our children and grandchildren have grown up under her reign and this occasion is something they will remember forever, it is essential that we celebrate in Swanage in the traditional way for this to happen.

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The New Stour & Avon

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As we are non-funded, we were fundraising before the covid pandemic and managed to raise some funds, nevertheless, the cost of staging an event like this is high, at present in the area of £6000, Public Liability is a huge cost, the stage and professional light and sound system on Prince Albert Gardens is another, chair hire and other essential items have amounted up. We have been fortunate in that

Humphries Kirk Solicitors will be our Headline Sponsors, other than that, we have to do more fundraising. Please support us, at present Oliver Miles has our raffle tickets, at £1 at ticket there are huge cash prizes to be won. Soon there will be tickets available for a party night at the Conservative Club, lots of fun games, disco party music, and prizes for those lucky winners, cocktails at the bar and nibbles on your tables, at £8 at ticket, you won't be disappointed.

Linda Welsh

Swanage

Fishy goings at Abbots Quay

Dear Readers,

Anglers fume over non removal of hire boats from this public quay! I along with many other anglers have fished Abbots Quay for many years. This has always been a very popular winter fishing spot. Now, due to the hire boats not being removed

during the winter, this makes fishing impossible on this quay.

Purbeck District Council and the Town Council have been contacted to try to enforce removal of these hire boats, but are not prepared to take any action. Surprise, surprise! As there is no business for these craft during the winter months why are they still there? Previously they were always removed to allow anglers and boaters access to the river and the public slipway.

The hire boats operate under a Concession which is issued by the Council. This is a public quay not owned by the Council. The Council should not be allowed to authorise the boat hire company to run their business from a public quay, excluding the public from this amenity.

S Jeanes, by email

Alzheimer's Society

Dear Editor,

At Alzheimer's Society we know the bad weather and colder temperatures can bring specific challenges for somebody living with dementia and can sometimes make symptoms temporarily worse.

People with dementia may not always be able to communicate the fact that they're cold, especially if they don't recognise it themselves.

I'd like to offer your readers six tips that may help:

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1. Try to make sure that any rooms that are occupied during the day are kept warm. Draught-proofing and roof insulation will help.

2. Encourage wearing layers of clothing, ideally with natural fibres, such as cotton and wool. Easy to remove clothing is best to avoid overheating.

3. Encourage regular movement as much as is possible for the person, such as standing, walking a few steps or rubbing hands together every so often, as this increases body temperature.

4. Drinking hot beverages can also help people stay warm. Bear in mind that some people with dementia will no longer be able to recognise high temperatures, so avoid giving boiling hot drinks.

5. If someone feels the cold a lot, they may need to wear a hat, gloves and warm socks if they go out, especially in cold weather - and indoors too, if necessary.

6. Equipment can be installed to warn of extreme temperatures in the home.

If you're affected by dementia, call Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Connect support line on: 0333 150 3456 for information, advice and support or visit alzheimers.org.uk/coldweather where you'll find more tips on supporting someone with dementia in cold weather.

Marion Child

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Swanage Town Council votes for inflation busting council tax rise for financial year 2022/23

By Philip Eades

Swanage Town councillors voted in January for a 12.4 per cent rise in the towns share of the 2022/23 Dorset Council Tax, a figure more than double the official inflation rate and compounding the very real difficulties local residents will face in April 2022 with record energy price rises looming and the current highest ever levels of petrol pump prices and rising food costs.

The current year's Precept (the amount charged on Swanage residents by Swanage Town Council) stands at £747,000 and the 12.4 per cent increase imposed by councillors raises a further £93,000 for 2022/23 from local taxpayers.

I contend that there is no need or justification for this rise and set out below four areas in which the Council could have either saved money or budgeted for increased income in order that, not only could the rise be erased, but the Town's Precept could actually be reduced in 2022/23.

1 Car Parking Income

The Town Council owns all of the car parks in Swanage and this is the Town Council's biggest source

of revenue. Dorset Council only take the income from on street parking in Swanage, a figure that is budgeted by Dorset to be £90,000 in 2022/23. The Town Council are currently forecasting that car parking will raise £708,000 in the current year 2021/22 (described in the Budget Report as "far higher than anticipated").

Despite the removal of all covid restrictions this year, the Town Council is forecasting for 2022/23 a 15 per cent reduction in car parking income to £605,000. Bizarrely in a report that forecasts a substantial income in beach hut rentals of 15 per cent the Town Council suggests that associated car parking income will actually fall by 15 per cent.

Local residents will be fully aware that the Swanage Carnival is scheduled to return after two years' absence and that all local festivals and the ever-popular RNLI Lifeboat Week are forecast to happen this summer.

There is no doubt that the trend towards staycations has not reversed as yet, and that Swanage can anticipate a bumper level of visitors this summer season.

I would suggest a more conservative approach rather than a wholly negative one could budget that car parking income remains at the 2021/22 level and would therefore add £103,000 to the Council's budgeted income for 2022/23.

2 The budget for Employment Costs

Unsurprisingly employee costs are the Council's biggest item of expenditure and therefore offer the biggest opportunity for cost savings

The Town Council's budget approach in past years has been to assume that every post is filled 100 per cent of the time and this has led to the employment budget being underspent every single year – the budget for the current year 2021/22 is currently forecast to be £52,000 underspent.

Local businesses have been struggling in recent months to fill all their vacancies and many have chosen to close for periods of time over the winter months for this very reason.

I would suggest that it is unlikely that the Town Council will fill all positions 100 per cent of the time and that, by building a 3 per cent vacancy factor into the Council's budget model, a saving of at least £35,000 on this budget heading could arise.

3 The continued occupation of the Old Depot

The Town Council, despite purchasing a brand new depot on Prospect Business Park for over £700,000 in cash in 2018, continue to occupy the old depot in Kings Road West. Although the site is occupied rent free from Dorset Council the Town Council has liability for business rates, utilities and insurance which cost £15,000 per annum.

I would suggest that this unused site should be handed back to Dorset Council on 1 April 2022 thereby

saving all of these unnecessary costs.

4 The removal of 2019 increase in councillors' allowances

All current town councillors stood for election in May 2019 fully aware of the amount paid to them by the Town Council which was a total of £4,300 per annum in total. One of the first unanimous decisions of the new Council was to more than double their own allowances to £9,100 in total.

I would contend that there was no good justification for Swanage Town councillors to increase their own allowances and that the situation should revert to that which existed in 2019.

This would save the Town Council £4,800 per annum.

It is important to note that none of these measures would involve the Council cutting back on its core services to keep the Town looking its best, to invest in the tourism economy and maintain its existing assets.

No criticism of any Council employees is made or implied in the course of the production of this alternative budget.

The above four measures when built into the Town Council's budget model (which total £147,800) would not only eliminate the need to raise the Precept by 12.4 per cent but would enable the Precept to be reduced by 7.3 per cent to £692,200 and local residents' Council Tax bills reduced.

I commit to all readers of this article to revisit these proposals six months into the new financial year in October 2022 and report on its accuracy then and at budget setting in January 2023.

I commend this revised budget to Swanage Town councillors and all residents and Council taxpayers in Swanage.



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Chapman's Pool and, right, Oly Rush

Waste warrior Oly cleans up

by Lorraine Gibson

Things took an ironic twist recently when local beach-cleaning hero Oly Rush found an old detergent bottle washed up on the shore that he thinks could be the oldest plastic packaging ever found.

He was carrying out one of his regular Dorset beach sweeps when he happened upon the Doby bottle, thought to date from the mid-1950s, and with writing clear enough that its 'By Royal Appointment' is still legible.

The moulded container, of which there is an example in the Museum of Design in Plastics, was found among seaweed at Chapman's Poole near Swanage.

Oly, from nearby Upton, knew he'd found a vintage waste item, saying: "she's an old girl."

Doby was produced by Thawpitt Ltd, Manchester, and the tops of its washing up bottles had to be pierced to allow the liquid to be squirted out.

The aged bottle brags that it's the 'big new economy size' of '1½ pints'.

Oly, who last year swam around the Isle of Wight in a world record time to raise money for environmental charities, said: "This just goes to show how long plastics last.

"They are awful for the environment and while I've pulled tons of the stuff from local beaches, this is the oldest thing I've ever found.

"Whether it has been in the water all the time or has come out of a cliff I'm not sure, but either way it wasn't doing any good.

"If we can all do a little bit to cut down on plastic waste then slowly the environment will improve and it'll be better for us all and for wildlife.

"Last year I swam around the Isle of Wight in 15 hours and raised £12,000 for three charities.

"To raise more awareness and money I am swimming around Grand Cayman in May.

"It is 65 miles and will take me 30 hours, but I hope to raise as much as possible for Plastic Free Cayman."

Details of Oly's next big swim can be found at ProjectPlanet.earth.



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Gaia Pope: Manifesto for change released ahead of upcoming inquest



By Lottie Hayton

Ahead of the upcoming inquest into her death, the family of a Dorset teenager have released a manifesto for change calling for more support for survivors of sexual violence.

Gaia Pope, 19, was reported missing from her home near Swanage, Dorset on November 7 2017 and found dead 11 days later.

A police whistleblower alleged in December 2021 that Gaia, who suffered from epilepsy, phoned police on the day she disappeared but her calls were terminated.

Senior Dorset coroner Rachel Griffin said: "It is arguable that acts or omissions by Dorset Police may have been or were contributory to Gaia's death."

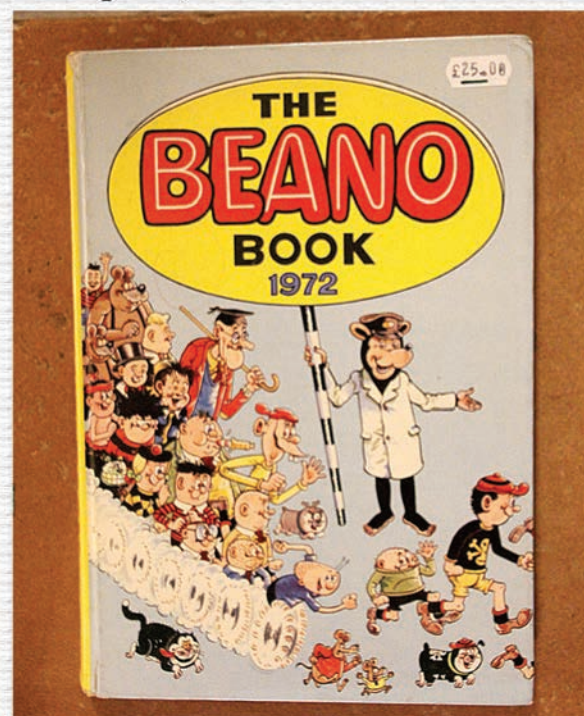
The inquest, expected to last from April 25 to July 8, will be held under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights (the right to life) and is expected to touch on some of the concerns set out in the Justice for Gaia manifesto.

Justice for Gaia says: "Thanks to outdated policies, devastating funding cuts and an unchecked culture of toxic sexism, lives like Gaia's are still being risked and lost."

The inquest will be held at Bournemouth Coroner's Court before a jury and interested parties, including Dorset Police, the Independent Office for Police Conduct, Dorset Healthcare Trust, and Dorset Council.

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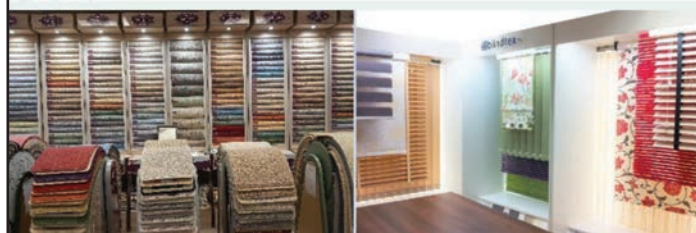
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Hospice charity celebrates 30 years of caring

Lewis-Manning started the year with a bang to kick-off a year of activities to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care.

The packed calendar of events started with a small celebratory tea party with staff, trustees and patients who have played a part in the charity's success over the past three decades, hosted at the hospice on Longfleet Road in Poole.

Clare Gallie, Chief Executive at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care said, "Lewis-Manning Hospice Care has achieved so much in the past 30 years, helping over 8,000 patients, carers and loved ones to get the much needed hospice care they deserve. None of this would have been possible without the incredible help and support from staff, volunteers, trustees and our community who have made the hospice the extraordinary beacon that it is. We have lots going on this year to celebrate this fantastic achievement and hope you could join us and become part of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care too."

Jeremy Allin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Lewis-Manning Hospice Care commented, "I am so proud to be part of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care, especially during its 30th anniversary. I have been Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care for a number of years and I've seen the innovation, drive and enthusiasm to help even more people across East Dorset and Purbeck. The work Lewis-Manning does is so important, particularly as there is increasing demand for hospice care. The future is looking bright for Lewis-Manning over the next 30 years because of all the work our



local community does to support the charity now and in the future."

Tony Roberts, Life President of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care, added, "It's wonderful to be celebrating 30 years at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care. As one of the original people involved in setting up the charity, it is fantastic to see it grow and flourish from an idea our founder Marjorie Lewis-Manning had, to the incredible place it is today. I'm sure she would be so proud of the how many people the hospice has cared for and that her legacy is continuing all these years later. Here's to the next 30 years..."

Day Care Hospice patient Lou Smith-Williams said, "Lewis-Manning's support and kindness, particularly during the last 18 months, has been a real lifeline for me. The hospice staff and fellow patients are an extension of my family and home. Coming here is like having a blanket wrapped around you. On our hospice days we

don't sit and talk about our illnesses, we talk about everyday life. There's no doom and gloom, there's always so much laughter, it's a very happy place to be."

Day Care Hospice patient Rosa Adams added, "Lewis-Manning Hospice Care means everything to me. It's the only place where I feel safe to really let go of my feelings. Everyone understands, you don't have to explain, they just get it."

Trustee Chris Palmer advised, "For many years I was aware of Lewis-Manning and always respected the work that they did in the broader community, so to be given the opportunity to support them as a trustee has been an extremely rewarding experience. I'm very proud to be a part of their community and helping to make a difference."

Day Hospice Clinical Team Manager Debbie Tallick-Wyatt commented, "The hospice has achieved so much so far in its 30 year history and we are looking forward to the future and achieving much more."

Finance Coordinator Flo Tyler said, "I'm very proud to work for such a wonderful service that has been around for 30 years. I'm excited for the next 30, it's such a fab charity that is ever evolving and developing new and better services."

Corporate Partnerships Fundraiser Nicki Cluley said, "It's really fantastic to see the patients, trustees and staff together today. It's a real reminder of why we do what we do."

Find out how you can become part of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care in their 30th year by visiting lewis-manning.org.uk or give us a call on 01202 708470

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From the Hermitage

Remembering the past, embracing the future

By Nico Johnson (aka Nico Van Vinkle)

Most of you will now be aware that I am no longer the editor, nor owner, of the Purbeck Gazette – as of January 17, the title passed to new owners, publishers of the New Blackmore Vale. They will be taking the publication forwards and have a great team of staff, so your Gazette will continue, enabling our community to retain its voice in print, which is enormously important to me. I will henceforth be writing, which will be interesting for me as for the past decade, I've had to withhold my personal opinion as part of my position as editor.

Contrary to what you may have understood from Andrew Fleming's letter in the February edition (Gazette now on 'AutoEditor'), whilst I am no longer editor, I am not completely isolated in my hermitage, deep in the Outer Purbeckian wildlands. I have access to parchment and ink, the carrier pigeons are well fed and know their way back and forth, so I am able some form of communication after all.

I joined the Purbeck Gazette on May 2 2001, writing, sub-editing and building adverts. I later became editor and purchased the title in April 2010. Since then, I have worked alongside many of you, sharing your successes, commiserating with your losses and joining you in your endeavours.

Looking back at old editions whilst clearing Gazette Towers, I was reminded of the faces and words of

those who are sadly no longer with us, those who now live on in our collective memories: Dear David Holman, the Dogfather. Our much-loved proofreader and writer of the 'Through the Keyhole' column for many years. How we still miss him. Our brave World War II veterans, including Brian Guy, author of 'Cameos of War', which we serialised for you in the paper. Julie Wheeldon, a real force to be reckoned with when serving on Swanage Town Council (at a planning meeting back in the day, I attempted to ask a question but before I could speak, Julie told me to 'shut the f*ck up' in front of all before carrying on.

Few dared ask a question when later invited to!). I remember Julie not for her strong character and forthright nature, but for her extraordinary kindness to animals and deep love of Swanage.

David Rose, known nationally for his work with BBC Pebble Mill, as the creator of Film on Four and responsible for such TV classics as 'Z-Cars'. I can still visualise him, sat upon the office sofa, tapping away on his laptop as he wrote an article for us detailing the history of Mermond Place in Swanage, built by his family. A gentle, kind, highly intelligent, inspirational and endearing gentleman.

Bob Campbell, long-term associate of Swanage Pier, international expert in early diving equipment, author and

archivist. For years Bob calculated the Peveril Ledges tide times for us, by hand, and was a regular visitor to Gazette Towers, popping in often for a cuddle with Bubs, one of the office dogs.

The 'Prince of Purbeck', George Willey, whose door I knocked at when I was nine years old, asking for advice on becoming a journalist. I was honoured to know and work alongside George for many years. A unique and irreplaceable character indeed.

Roger Brown, fondly remembered within the monthly Swanage Hospital column. Many of the words of wisdom Roger passed on are unrepeatable here due to the colourful language which embellished almost every sentence. However, we shall never forget the sage advice from this gruff but exceedingly kind, knowledgeable and generous member of the Ancient Order of Purbeck Marblers when asked if a wild-picked mushroom could be eaten: 'You can eat anything once, love.' Never a truer word spoken.

Whilst much has changed around us in the past two decades, our community remains, at heart, blessedly (and stubbornly) Purbeckian in spirit. So much has been achieved of which I am proud the Gazette played some small part. The Purbeck Good Neighbours – a group which slowly grew from the contents of a letter received at the Gazette office from an elderly lady, alone in the world, reaching out for help. Now, we have this amazing group of people who have been volunteering within our community for a decade, supporting those with no one to turn to, assisting with small, one-off tasks, in return for a donation of £2. They've now joined forces with Swanage Linking Lives, an excellent collaboration indeed.

Another personal favourite is the light shone on the quietly heroic Swanage schoolteacher, Trevor Chadwick. Once barely remembered and whose story was almost lost, he is now becoming a household name, his inspirational deeds recorded and recognised. This is thanks to the dedication of a small group of locals

who learnt about Trevor's story and decided to commemorate his facilitation of the rescue of 669 Jewish children from the Nazis in WWII. Soon his statue, stunningly lifelike and lovingly crafted by Moira Purver, will stand proudly above Swanage Bay and his story will rightfully be remembered by future generations.

So much good work carried out, so many people working together. I could fill pages with the names, campaigns and stories of those I have been lucky enough to work alongside, the few mentions here are the tip of the iceberg.

I'd like to thank all of you who shared your stories with us over the years; we have committed so much to permanent record, there for future generations to read. Your voices and stories will never be lost.

So, to the present day and some great news for March! Having stuck my head out of the hermitage for a short while, I am reminded that March kicks off with the Swanage Blues festival (3rd – 6th March)! The festival is now a tradition, thanks to George Crane's wish for a 'blues bash' for his birthday, many years ago. Sole organiser and musician, Steve Darrington, fulfilled George's wish and that 'blues bash' has been given extraordinary longevity. I know Steve has had a hard couple of years having to self-isolate, so all kudos to him for his efforts in enabling the festival to return this year.

Finally, the team behind #WillDoes2004, our home-grown organisation working to ensure Purbeck's children have the support to enable them to live better lives and experience wellbeing, has recently announced some wonderful news. Olympic gold medalist, Victoria Pendleton, CBE (cyclist), has joined the team as an ambassador, offering her support to help the charity to raise funds to help our young people. This is a remarkable achievement and I'm delighted that the team have such an inspirational role model on board. This will undoubtedly help raise the profile of the excellent work of #WillDoes2004 and is great news for the young people of Purbeck.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

You can't always get what you want...

by David Hollister

Last month I told you about the attempts by the developers to remove the 'affordable homes' section of the planning application for the site of the former St Mary's school at Manor Road. On the grounds that if this clause was left in, they would only make £830,000 on the development, which sum is apparently unacceptable to the bankers. They had already successfully removed the clause precluding the sale of these dwellings as second homes. At that time, they had not actually finalised the purchase of the land; there was still time to back away.

But despite the protestations on our behalf by Cllrs Suttle and Trite, by the Swanage Town Council, and even most of the County Councillors, they still went ahead and bought the land. The planning application remained deferred whilst the officers met with the developers but it seems to me that the developers are confident that they can get their own way. And ride roughshod over those councillors and those sections of the community who fervently believe in the principle of 'affordable homes'.

The newly formed Swanage Community Housing Group, whose aim is to provide social housing for Swanage, has come forward and offered to develop the 11 'affordable' homes leaving the developer to construct the remaining 'open market' homes. They have asked the developers to 'put Swanage people before profit' and have offered to negotiate with the diocese to purchase the old school building for this purpose.

I'm sorry, but this is all wrong.

The developers put forward plans – which were accepted. They then put forward an unacceptable amendment (second homes), and the Council passed it. The next step was to persuade the Council to remove the 'affordable homes' clause but they'd not reckoned with Messrs Suttle and Trite and the Town Council and now find themselves on the verge of only making £830,000. My heart bleeds I had hoped that the planning officers would be ruled by the Councillors, rather than vice versa. But no. The County Councillors – except Gary and Bill – realising that if the application failed, the developers would go to appeal at

a potential substantial cost to the council, caved in. So the developers got their way. As apparently they have on previous occasions in Dorset. And we end up with no affordable homes and probably another clutch of 'second homes'. Money talks

It's not the principle of 'affordable homes' that's at stake here. It's the principle of deciding to buy something and then changing your mind time after time when it seems like it might be 'unprofitable'. In the words of Mick Jagger – "you can't always get what you want". I decided to buy an MX5 but I can't really take it back to the dealer now and say 'actually, I really wanted a Porsche, so will you please change it'?

So, Bracken Developments, stop whingeing, build some homes (not houses), pocket your measly £830,000 and move on.

And the next bit is also going to be contentious. Yes, Knoll House was long overdue for a refurb but surely not on the scale envisaged? 30 hotel rooms, 41 new holiday apartments, 16 maisonettes and six villas... right in the heart of the beautiful countryside in an AONB? With no staff accommodation; the staff will be picked up from wherever it is that they can afford to live "off-site", by an electric bus! An electric bus? Really?

Are there 'electric buses' or are the management gambling on such vehicles being available and affordable by the time the development is finished? And exactly where in Swanage will the waiters, kitchen staff, chambermaids and domestic staff be able to afford to buy or rent during the holiday season?

Surely 'staff accommodation' – cheap, clean, on-site – is more efficient or is it that the type of visitors they hope to attract are going to be offended by the sight of ordinary domestic staff polluting their luxury holiday complex? They are people, not possessions and can't just be put back in their box when their shift is over.

What have they done to Hartland Moor? In the interests of wildlife preservation, or heathland 'management', the people who we left in charge thinking that they were environmentally friendly, have removed many of the parking spaces and passing places, replacing them with deep ditches and cutting

down and removing the plants and bushes that have been a haven for wildlife for so many years. Well, if that's 'environmental progress' you can stick it. Another ruination brought about by the office-wallahs. Ask the birds, butterflies, rabbits, and hedgehogs who have managed very well without 'management'.

Why were both 'Well' pharmacies in Swanage closed on Saturday? The information my informant got from Well's head office was that due to the close proximity of Boots Chemists, they didn't deem it necessary to keep 22 Station Road open. Or indeed 40 Station Road. Did it occur to them that many of us preferred the smaller pharmacies and actually liked the friendly and helpful staff? They use the word 'un-practicable'; which in business-speak is 'unprofitable'. Does nobody ever come right out and tell the truth any more?

I am sad that I now live in a world where money is king, and that traditional values and ethics have been replaced by 'efficiency' and 'profit'.

And sad that despite the appalling state of the roads, pavement, and hedgerows of Purbeck they are

now installing another 'cycleway' in Wareham for no-one to use. But the good news is this. Dorset Highways have now started work to build a shared-use footway/cycleway between Station Roundabout and Saxon Roundabout. It will take about eight weeks to complete, at a cost of £260,000. This is the very footway that I have been banging on about in this column for about five years. And hopefully will re-join Wareham North with Wareham South.

But is there an ulterior motive for the County Council? Will they now withdraw the funding that has kept the pedestrian railway crossing alive and employed the helpful and efficient staff for the past few years? I do hope not...

Finally, it has been my great privilege to work for and with Nico Johnson at Purbeck Gazette for the past 15 years.

We have laughed and cried together, argued about many things but agreed on most. And – if this is a parting of the ways professionally – we have parted close friends. Thank you, Nico, for your help and encouragement.

And doughnuts.

Kids free yoga day



Kids' Yoga Day is being celebrated in Swanage on April 1 in local schools and childcare settings at 11am. Anyone interested in yoga for children is invited to The Loft Community Centre Swanage, where Johanna Rossa (JOYoga) is holding this free event, open to all. Yoga mats provided. Just pop by with your children at 10.30 – 11.30am for some kids yoga fun!

Johanna said: "I believe strongly in the power of yoga to help our youth. By participating in Kids' Yoga Day, children will experience first-hand how good they can feel, both physically and mentally, from just five minutes of yoga. Let's introduce children to yoga at our local nurseries, preschools, schools or simply do yoga at home."



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Andrew Fleming, Swanage Town Crier invites you to come along to watch and listen to the first ever Swanage Town Crier Competition.

It will be on Saturday, 9th April at 12:00 noon at the hardstanding area by Swanage Tourist Information office. Town Criers from across South of England have been invited and competition will consist of a Home Cry to promote their home town and a Open Cry on the theme of the Queen's Jubilee - both cries to consist of at least 100 but no more than 125 words and will be judged on Volume, Clarity, Diction and Intonation. The cries will start with 3 'Oyays' and end with 'God Save the Queen'. Besides the category for Town Criers there will also be a section open to local members of the audience and children. If anyone is interested, please contact Andrew before the event on swanagetowncrier@gmail.com.



Out Of The Blue



Welcome to March and on our way to the start of spring, the season of new beginnings, a good time for you to start completing our priority survey if you haven't already. The survey gives you the chance to tell us what your priorities are, allowing us to act upon what you have to say to improve our community. Please keep your concerns coming in by taking 10

minutes to fill out the priority surveys. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PurbeckEmail>

So, what have we been up to? Well, the period January 8 – February 8 we dealt with a total of 505 occurrences in Purbeck, of which 116 were recorded crimes and resulted in 39 arrests. There were also 88 occurrences of road traffic collisions.

We have had recent reports of livestock worrying so as we approach spring, we would like to remind you all about the effects of livestock worrying. While the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, a minority consider that a dog running around or among livestock is a harmless activity and it is not until later that the true extent of the trauma caused has been realised.

Dog owners may be oblivious that their family pet is worrying livestock out of their sight, but please take note, it is the dog owners' responsibility to always ensure that their animal is on a lead when around livestock. Never assume that just because your dog is typically gentle and calm that it could never be a threat to other animals.

It is a criminal offence under the (protection of Livestock) act 1953 to injure or worry livestock, and worse case, Section 9 of the Animals Act 1971 provides that the owner of livestock, the landowner or anyone acting on their behalf, is entitled to shoot any dog if they believe it is the only reasonable way of stopping it worrying livestock. Such action must be reported to the police within 48 hours

Keep dogs under control at all times, do not allow them to enter a field alone. Make sure your dog is on a lead when crossing through fields containing livestock. Keep to rights of way and, if your dog has previously chased or attacked livestock, take responsible measures

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to prevent it happening again. Anyone with any information about livestock worrying is urged to call Dorset Police on 101. Anyone wishing to report a stray or missing dog should contact their local authority.

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Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

County planning project transfers 4m documents

by Faith Eckersall

A project by Dorset Council to converge 47 years' worth of information from the six different planning teams it has incorporated since 2019 has transferred four million documents in a year.

Dorset Council's planning convergence and transformation project has converged the documents from district, borough and county councils which were using six different software systems.

Each team had 47 years' worth of information including planning applications, building control

applications, land charge applications and tree preservation orders.

Portfolio holder for planning, David Walsh, said: "This has been a massive piece of work. We are starting to see efficiencies with employees being able to process applications in areas where there is most need, rather than being restricted to a particular part of the county."

Once the final convergence phase is completed next month, the council says it will develop a modern planning system, streamlining processes and making it easier for customers to use.

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Wareham Town Council Update

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



News from Wareham Town Council January

The two lively debates were not about the budget. A resident of Sandford Lane expressed his frustration that despite a petition and repeated approaches to the council, no action on speeding in the road had been taken. Not infrequently deer died as a result of collision with cars in full daylight. The Town Clerk said that Dorset Council (DC) had carried out a speed survey in August 2019 but since 85 per cent of drivers were obeying the speed limit, further action was judged unnecessary. Dorset Councillor Ezzard promised to pursue the complaint.

Cllr Russell elicited explanation of several budget details at the Council meeting. £13,000 has been set aside to cover rendering and new doors for the Quay toilets. Every one of the Council's trees has to be surveyed every five years for which £6,000 has been allowed. £4,000 has been allocated to pay for marshals at the Remembrance Day parade. £1,000 to cover the cost of a badge for the Mayor's Consort: obviously not a crocheted flower or a Dorset Button then! No money has been specified for the Queen's Jubilee event in Howards Lane car park on Thursday June 2. The result of

the budget is that, for a Band D property, the Town Council part of the Council tax will be £220.63.

The Council officers had been working from home as required by the Government but the Council had to meet in person in order to pass the precept. It was proposed that until the next full Council meeting on March 1, committees met by Zoom. The debate was between those Councillors who thought Zoom meetings unsatisfactory and the accompanying process not what voters would expect from their Councillors, and those who accepted the delegation as an interim measure during Covid restrictions. With a narrow majority the proposal was passed.

Blue Badge holders may be encountering changes to car parking provision and charging as the facility is standardised in the DC area. Work was underway in January making a shared footpath / cycleway from Wareham Station to the flyover Wareham Roundabout (A351). The second phase in the autumn will take the path towards the Saxon roundabout.

The public are welcome to attend meetings of the Town Council, the next ones being on Tuesdays on April 12 and May 24, at 7pm in the Town Hall. Dates of the committee meetings and all the agendas are at wareham-tc.gov.uk, or call 01929 553006.

Purbeck community gives great support to Christmas tree recycling and local hospice

The Purbeck community has raised enough money to provide 100 hours of nursing care and seven tonnes of recycling, thanks to Lewis-Manning Hospice Care's Christmas Tree Collection Service

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care carried out its annual Christmas tree

collection service at the beginning of January and are reflecting on the success of the benefits of the service. The popular initiative, now in its fourth year, raised over £10,000 with in excess of 700 trees collected. The campaign has generated huge environmental

benefits and through its recycling partner, Eco Sustainable Solutions, the trees were shredded and placed in to windrows and when composted will produce seven tonnes of product, such as Eco Mix soil improver.

Area fundraiser Ruth Wright said:

"We are thrilled at how our Christmas tree collection service has grown again this year and are extremely proud of the level of recycling that was achieved and how many local lives this money will help. The overwhelming support you have given us will make such a difference and enable lots of people in the community receive the support and care they need and deserve.

"The amount raised will enable the hospice to pay for over 100 hours of nursing care.

"We've had some fantastic business partners who have contributed to the success of this initiative. There are so many thanks to make; Leader Fox Estate Agents, Eco Sustainable Solutions, Abacus and Compton Acres who lent us vans, Dorset Tree Surgeons, James Dean Landscaping for helping us to chip the trees and deliver to Eco, our army of volunteer collectors which included Dan - 'Man with a Van!', Martin Bell, Irwin-Mitchell solicitors, Barrett Homes, Greendale Construction, Easy Storage and Kemp Sails.

"It's been a huge operation but the support that we received was a big help, so a huge thanks to everyone who got involved, whether it was a donation or volunteering your time, you've made a real difference."



Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance launches its 'Blossoming and Blooming' Open Gardens Initiative

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is delighted to announce the launch of its 'Blossoming and Blooming' Open Gardens initiative. 'Blossoming and Blooming' is the charity's latest fundraising initiative, which asks people to show their support by opening their gardens to members of the public between June and September this year. The aim of the campaign is to bring local communities across Dorset and Somerset

together, to celebrate the wonderful gardens spread across both counties, whilst raising awareness and funds for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. No matter the size of the garden or whether they are pristine or wild, the charity is inviting everyone to get involved. Whether people decide to simply open their gardens to members of the public, or have a cream tea or barbecue alongside, the initiative provides a fantastic opportunity for people to hold a special event within their local community in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The lifesaving charity receives no direct funding from the Government or the National Lottery and relies on the generosity of the public to help raise their operational costs of over £5 million per year. Community fundraising initiatives like 'Blossoming and Blooming' play a vital role in helping to do this. Emma Jones, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Fundraising Manager said: "We believe that spending time outdoors with nature is essential for our health and wellbeing. That is why we are asking people to open their gates, share the love of their garden,



whilst raising funds for us. You could host a picnic, serve tea on the lawn or just keep it simple and let people sit or potter at their leisure. Whatever you decide to do, 'Blossoming and Blooming' will raise essential funds and awareness of our life-saving work within your local community. "We have always had wonderful supporters who have opened their gardens in the past and we hope that others will do the same. With our new 'Blossoming and Blooming' initiative, we will be able to fully support these generous people, by providing

all that they need for the day, so it can be a positively 'Blossoming and Blooming' success!"

To register your interest in taking part, or sign up to join in, please visit: www.dsairambulance.org.uk/open-gardens If you require further information, please contact Emma Jones, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Fundraising Manager by emailing: fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk or by calling: 01823 669604. The 'Blossoming and Blooming' initiative will run until September 30.



News From Corfe Castle Community Library

This month's talk is on Friday March 18 2022 at 2pm in Corfe Castle village hall: Zoe Squirrel: An International Para Dressage Dream.

Zoe is a local dressage rider who as a disabled athlete faces some unique challenges. Accessing her sport can be difficult at times but she tries not to let this stop her and focuses on finding ways to make her dreams a reality, so much so that she has recently started to represent GB at international para dressage events. She has left-sided hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, and nystagmus, a visual impairment. These disabilities mean that she has difficulty with mobility, balance and coordination

alongside having limited distance and peripheral vision.

Zoe was also one of the winners of last year's Corfe Library Writing Competition. There is also an article about her in December's Corfe Valley News. Come and hear Zoe's story.

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A long reign for HM Elizabeth II

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George VI on a Shekhawati wall

This month's piece was intended to follow a journey in India, but Sunday morning radio broke with a particularly individual peal of bells from Odiham church, which I associated, without any prompting, with the queen's reign. Then came news of Lata Mangeshkar's death at 92. Always a mellifluous girl of any age, how many people in Purbeck know she even existed? Yet you've heard her. Every time a snatch of Hindi film song invades the media the chances are it's in her voice. Half the songs I learned over years in India were sung by her. Radio 4's 'Something Understood' moved on into our local Melissa Viney talking of walking. A programme I often enjoy, she offered a subject designed to appeal, even if it turned out to be drawn from the treasury of Beeb repeats. So I let her start the day before setting to work on a fry-up. The queen? I was eight, in Austria, when George VI died. My father was serving with the West Yorks as part of the post-war army of occupation. Like Germany, Austria had been partitioned between Russia, America, France and Britain. Vienna, too, was divided, but I missed the city. The night we were due to leave Swanage I was sick with the excitement and woke next morning to find they had all slipped away quietly, leaving me with granny – Grug, we called her. A couple of months later, she took me to London, pointing out the 'Festival of Britain's' Skylon (a rocket never intended to fly)

and houses wrecked by German bombing. People had been killed in all those ruins. She handed me to my aunt, Spinie (not her christened name), who put me on a train bound for Harwich and the ferry across to the Hook of Holland. That little voyage remains clear, as does breakfast in some huge Dutch hall lit with neon which rendered the bacon and eggs an odd green.

There we boarded the Medlock, a British military train (I guess – I'm writing this from the memory of an eight-year-old) carrying school kids to join their parents for school holidays. Flat Holland was cut by canals with herons. Did some of the cyclists wear wooden clogs or has memory created them, knowing they should be there? The train pulled into ruined Cologne where families still lived in half-bombed tenements. I was bright enough to know that folk had died there, too. That vision alone was enough to grant the wisdom to vote for Europe.

My family were waiting on the platform in Spittal. We lived in Oktoberstrasse and a lorry took us each morning to the army school beside the rushing, green River Leiser where windows gave onto dippers walking beneath the torrent. We were always late for Sunday mass, avoiding the lengthy German sermon, which my mother saw as too much of a challenge for her brats. The equally incomprehensible Latin passed unscathed.

Despite two wars, the people were friendly and I soon made friends. There were DPs (Displaced Persons – no one said 'refugees') encamped at the edge of the town. My parents would identify the Russians, Jews, Hungarians by

their different clothes or hats. Discovering a cache of Nazi emblems in the attic of the padre's house, someone gave me a scarlet flag with a crooked cross. With impeccable logic, a German flag in a German speaking land, I draped it on a snowman in the street. Its stay was brief. Eventually my mother, full of loathing, contrived to burn it 'since it was smelling rather damp'.

So that was my world in winter 1952 of which only February 6 remains clear. Coming back from school, I rushed into the house shouting 'Mummy, mummy the king is dead!'. She grabbed me and said 'You mustn't spread rumours like that. We are a long way from home and people might believe you.' It was useless insisting and anyhow tea was a greater priority. An hour later my father came back from his office saying 'Mary, Mary the king is dead!' She believed him. Later, she had the grace to apologise, slipping me some BAFSVs – special forces currency with hexagonal plastic coins – red pennies and yellow ha'pennies – to spend at the NAAFI. What did I buy? 'Sweets' is the obvious answer, but sugar was still rationed. Soon the newspapers were blazoned with a dark photograph of three queens – Mary and two Elizabeths – at the funeral, deep in mourning.

One other cameo survives: the black banners the local administration put up in the town. The regiment was under the impression that this was because The West Yorks were nicer, more friendly with the locals than The Dorsets whom we had replaced. In those days we believed such things, believed, too, that one religion was better than another. The world was a big place with much to learn.

I only had a year in Austria, but grew to love it and the friends made and lost there. We travelled back to Swanage together – a forgotten journey save for the fact that my little brother had to pee into a cigarette tin. By April I was cycling between Ulwell Road and Hillcrest, a little prep school at Sunnydale. The Edwardian building remains, now surrounded by bungalows. I pass it with no nostalgia.

Then came the build-up towards the Coronation – fresh postage stamps – we all collected stamps – and coins with the queen's head. Amongst the greyness of post-war austerity and



Top: Early 1952, my father and I standing by siblings Above: New Stamps and a suitable post mark

rationing, they spoke of a new Elizabethan Age. There were still bomb sites in Swanage and the bases of two wartime emergency water reservoirs, one of which dictated the shape of the present library.

Swanage had two main photography studios. We patronised Joan Muspratt's in Institute Road. Powell's, on the sea front, was painted a distinctive caramel its display window turning in to a recessed doorway. In the pre-Coronation flurry, Mr Powell had an ancient, double-paged browned newspaper stuck up in that window. It gave a contemporary account of Queen Victoria's coronation – 1838. I occasionally stopped to look at it, thinking of the excitement to come...and the end of sugar rationing!

But I've neglected Lata Mangeshkar. Playback singer par excellence, she was born in 1932 in Indore, where I later saw in the new millennium – indoors in Indore to evade the powerful celebratory thunderflashes being chucking around. A woman of many faces, the voice to which every starlet mimed. For decades, she, along with her sister, Asha Bhonsle, cornered the market of women's song, absent in her presence in so many films. Daily, I woke to her voice rising from the tea house below my room in Rajasthan. She will still be there.



A battered postcard of Spittal



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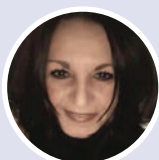
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GHGs each year for its 30-year lifespan, together with other toxic emissions harmful to health, the environment and the biodiversity of Portland.

It's in the wrong location... the proposed waste incinerator site is in the middle of the Dorset Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, surrounded by both land and marine conservation sites and just 500m from residential properties on Portland. The site is located over 40 miles from where Dorset's waste is processed, so will cause unnecessary extra HGV emissions. It will be built in the middle of a tourist and outdoor leisure hotspot



and as such is a potential threat to our tourist economy.

Powerfuel has submitted 18 new documents (600+ plus pages) to DC Planning in response to a second Regulation 25 notice, with comments/objections to be submitted by March 7. We need to instruct our team of environmental lawyers/consultants to review these documents, plus the new air quality information submitted to the Environment Agency as part of the Environmental Permitting application.

Looking ahead, in order to win this battle we still need more funds as, if the Dorset planning officer is minded to approve it, we will call it in for the Planning Inspectorate to make the final decision. If the final decision is to approve, due to errors made in the handling of this application it will be taken to a judicial review, so ahead of us our legal costs will be in the region of £20,000.

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Roast hogget (lamb) on a bed of hay

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And so, the seed sowing has begun... Like every year, I had to be careful not to over order new and/or exciting seed varieties from other growers and seed specialists. It's hard to rein my optimism in when I see some fantastic heritage veg variety and I still struggle with remembering that growing space, time and my energy are not limitless.

So far, I have indoor sown leeks, onions, spring onions, lettuces, mustard greens, and with bottom heat some really cool tomato varieties. Again, it's tricky not to over sow and every year I end up with far too many tomato plants. The magic of seeing those tiny seeds germinating, growing their first leaves and developing into proper plants gets me every time!

Due to the really benign winter, we've had so far, the autumn planted garlic, shallots and onions are doing really well and are in need of a thorough weeding session already. The overwintering outdoor crops like the kale, beetroots and the leeks need to come out now as I want to start ploughing the whole plot in time for the first outdoor sowings and seedling planting in late March. I'm not sure if it's worth overwintering beetroots as the deer and the field mice had a good nibble. The purple sprouting broccoli is just about to perform its magic and there will be armfuls of tender and tasty stems for a short time. After that we will hit the 'hungry gap' in April. It's a tricky time as the winter crops are done with and the new season crops are still at their beginning stages of establishing their root systems and need time to grow. This is the time for me when last summer's bounty seems ages ago and the harvests to come seem yet ages away.

With this in mind the recipe I'm sharing this month is a bit quirky, but boy, does your kitchen smell of the warm summer months, which are just around the corner. You can of course use any lamb, but I was lucky enough to cook this dish with some Swanage Hebridean hogget. You may have spotted these small, black sheep with attractive horns browsing the greenery around Prospect. This type of sheep is slow to mature, and the meat is dark, not fatty at all, succulent and flavoursome. This is such an easy way of cooking with the least faff and does a quality piece of meat true justice. There are no fancy sauces or condiments required, as the flavour speaks for itself, and it would spoil a special treat.

Roast Hogget (Lamb) on a Bed of Hay

Ingredients (for 6):

- 1.5kg lamb on the bone (shoulder or leg)
- 2 tsp mustard

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 sprigs of thyme and rosemary, (or equivalent dried herb) chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Good quality hay

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180C
- Make a paste with the mustard and chopped herbs and spread all over the meat
- Season with salt and pepper
- Pack the meat first into the hay then into some kitchen foil, then put it into your roasting tin.
- Stick it in the oven for about 90 minutes.
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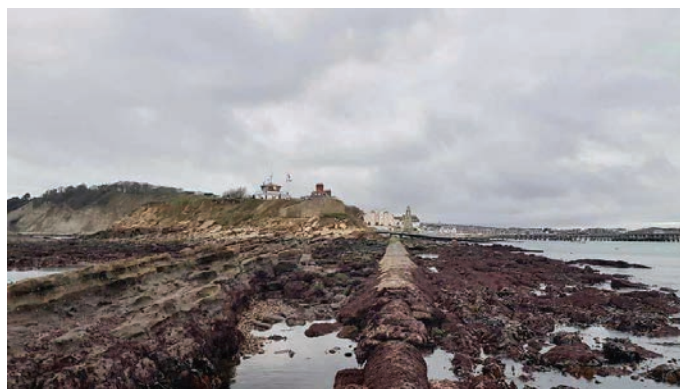


National Coastwatch

Eyes along the coast



Peveril Point at low tide by Will Chellingworth



Time and tide wait for no man, or woman

One of the first jobs we do in the morning, when coming on watch, is to produce the daily tide and weather summary for display, both within and outside the stations.

It's not unusual to see visitors heading straight for the noticeboards to check the day's tides.

In early February we were treated to some exceptionally low tides and the rocks at Peveril Point were exposed even more than usual.

In Swanage Bay people were able to run along the beach all the way from the parish slip right up to Sheps Hollow without having to climb over the groynes.

In a similar vein, the ledges at Kimmeridge Bay (visible to our colleagues at St Alban's Head) formed mini causeways out into the sea.

Most people know we get high and low tides twice a day, but we often get asked to explain the terms "spring tide" and "neap tide".

The tides with the biggest difference between high and low water are called springs and those with the smallest are called neaps. Despite the names we get spring tides and neap tides twice a month. The reason we get these differences is all to do with the way the Moon, the Earth, and the Sun line up. Tides are caused by a combination of the Earth's rotation and the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun on the Earth.

Spring tides happen just after every full and new moon, when

the Sun, Moon and Earth are in line. That's when the Sun and the Moon reinforce each other's effect, making a bigger total tide.

Neap tides occur when the moon is in the first or third quarter - when the Sun, Earth and Moon form a right angle. The effect the Moon has is partly cancelled out by the effect of the Sun, giving a small total tide.

Several times a year the Sun, Moon and Earth line up even more and this is when we get even bigger tides. These usually occur in February and March or September and October and are related to the change in the seasons.

When we think of how the tides behave, we think of water going in and out but a more accurate way of visualising the action is a wave moving along the coast.

As the Earth rotates on its axis, the changing gravitational pull of the moon powers two giant waves flowing around the coast of Britain. The two waves begin their British adventure at Lands End.

One travels up the west coast, around the tip of Scotland and then down the east coast. The

other flows up the English Channel and the two converge at the Thames Estuary.

The distance between the peaks and the troughs of these waves is 580 kilometres and when the peak passes a beach it's high tide and when a trough passes it is low tide. It takes just over six hours for the trough to reach a beach after the peak passes, and this is the time between high and low tide.

The height of a tide is measured in two ways, the height above ordnance datum or the height above chart datum.

With tidal levels the two most commonly used datums are Chart Datum and Ordnance Datum. Ordnance datum refers to the height of a tide above sea level and is measured from a surveying point at the National Tide Gauge at Newlyn.

Chart Datum is unique to each location and is usually set to be close to the lowest tide level that can occur under normal conditions.

For mariners Chart Datum is generally most useful as it refers to the amount of water that's left in

a port on the lowest tide. However, Ordnance Datum is most useful when comparing the heights at different ports - something you can't do with Chart Datum tide tables as it is not a fixed level.

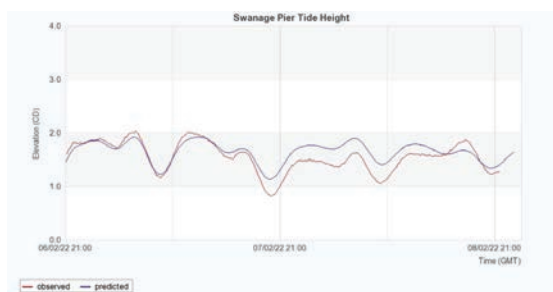
Astronomers have calculated the movements of the Sun, Moon and the Earth over thousands of years and we can generally predict the time and height of a high tide, many years in advance.

However, on the day, the weather can have a considerable effect. Low pressure and an onshore wind can drastically increase the height of a tide, while high pressure and an offshore wind can drastically reduce the height of the tide.

Most ports and towns produce a set of tide tables. They're normally available in angling shops, bookshops, tourist information shops and a variety of local outlets and are often relatively inexpensive. Investing in a set and getting an up to date weather forecast is a useful precaution before setting out on the water or exploring the coast.

Knowing about the difference between spring and neap tides can also be useful when it comes to pub quizzes and the next NCI Quiz Night is on Wednesday, March 23, at the Conservative Club in Swanage. Look out for details in the local press and in shops around the town.

This is St Alban's Head and Swanage NCI listening on Channel 65, NCI out.



Motoring

Third of drivers are not confident using chargepoints

The AA Driving School is calling for more information on EVs to be included in the Highway Code as research shows nearly two in five drivers are uncertain about driving and maintaining EVs.

The survey asked drivers to rate their confidence performing certain tasks related to driving and maintaining an EV without assistance, such as understanding the range, using chargepoints and planning routes that considered charging stops.

Nearly two-fifths said they would not feel confident knowing which chargepoint would be compatible with the EV (39%) and a third were not confident they could charge it correctly at a public chargepoint (30%).

There is no dedicated advice on electric vehicles in the Highway Code, despite the government's 2030 ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in only eight years.

The Highway Code plays an important role in learning to drive and the setting of the driving theory

and practical tests, including the 'show me' and 'tell me' car safety questions, but it is also an essential reference for drivers to find the rules of the road.

Helping drivers understand EVs will take a combined effort from driving instructors, manufacturers and motoring organisations.

Petrol stations and fuel tanks are currently addressed in an Annex of the Highway Code on vehicle maintenance, which could be a natural fit for topics like EV chargepoints, battery range and warning lights.

In December, it was announced there will be an update to add a warning in a 'waiting and parking' section to remind drivers that EV charging cables can be a trip hazard on the pavement.

Mark Oakley, AA Driving School Interim Managing Director said: "With the ban of new petrol and diesel cars just eight years away, the Highway Code should be updated to reflect the future direction of driving."



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End of the Tax Year Review

With the end of the tax year fast approaching, this is a reminder that it is a good time to review your financial position and to specifically look at the following areas:

ISAs – Most adults in the UK are permitted to subscribe up to £20,000 during the current tax year in a combination of a Cash ISA and a Stocks & Shares ISA. Many Stocks & Shares ISAs are also now 'flexible' meaning that you can replace any monies which are withdrawn from the ISA during the same tax year. You could, for instance, withdraw the income from your ISA and could replace these monies by transferring holdings to the same value from a non-ISA. The tax advantage of an ISA is that all income received within is tax free, and any realised gains are free of Capital Gains Tax. I would strongly suggest that you speak with your investment manager if you have a managed ISA to ensure that you are making the most of your ISA allowance. For instance, it may be more tax efficient for you to fully subscribe to a Stocks & Shares ISA and keep cash in a non-ISA, as the income may fall within your tax-free Savings Allowance (which can be up to £1,000 depending on your tax position).

Capital Gains Tax – Gains up to £12,300 can be made during the 2021/22 tax year within the Capital Gains Tax allowance. If you have large inbuilt gains in your portfolio, or on other assets, it may be worth seeking professional advice as to how best to utilise your allowance.

Inheritance Tax (IHT) – It is worth seeking advice from an accountant or tax professional, but there are a

number of options available to help you manage your IHT position such as using the annual exemption of £3,000 (which can also be carried back a year if it has not been used), normal expenditure out of income exemption, the small gifts exemption (gifts of £250 to any number of people) and possibly considering the use of trusts. This is a specialist area and I would strongly advise that you seek professional advice on IHT.

As part of a general review of your finances, you may also wish to speak to your financial advisor if you are contributing to a pension, and your accountant in case there are any tax-efficient steps that you could be taking.

Another important area to think about is Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA). A Will ensures that your assets are distributed according to your wishes after you pass away and can be worded for tax efficiency. Under a Lasting Power of Attorney, you appoint a person/people you trust to look after your affairs in the event that you are unable to do so yourself. LPAs exist for Property and Financial Affairs and also Health and Welfare and you can choose to have either or both. For both Wills and LPAs, I would recommend seeking professional assistance to ensure that they are prepared properly and are not ambiguous.

Tax treatment depends on the specific circumstances of each individual and may be subject to change in the future.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

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Why you should leave a Digital legacy?

Trying to access the important data locked into the phone of a deceased relative can be a logistical nightmare. But now Apple has launched a new Digital Legacy program to overcome this problem. Associate Solicitor Natalie Mason reports:

Advances in mobile phone technology have seen us progress from "just a telephone" resembling "a small brick" into the sleek multi-purpose devices that many of us now use. There really is an app for everything, easily downloadable, straight onto your phone.

All this data remains locked safely within the phone through a combination of passwords, unique thumbprints, or other security measures. However, such protection can mean that without careful forward planning, a sudden unexpected death of a family member could lead to their mobile phone blocking access to their personal or professional material. Under the iCloud Terms of Service, the deceased person's data would effectively die with them.

Apple is now attempting to simplify this problem for users of iPhones, iPads, MacBooks and other such devices. In its recent iOS update (15.2), it has introduced its new Digital Legacy program.

Digital Legacy allows the individual to select and send a message via their phone to a maximum of five people requesting that they become Legacy Contacts. They are most likely to be family members or friends but could also perhaps be trusted professionals like Solicitors or Accountants who may have been appointed as Executors to act in their Will.

When the Legacy Contact is notified, the message shares a unique access key with them, and this is then automatically stored in their Apple I.D settings. Additionally, Apple do still require proof of death via a death certificate meaning that nobody can attempt to access the data whilst the individual is still alive. It would be prudent to check with your Legacy contact that they are happy to have this responsibility before sending the message and if they do not own an apple device themselves or perhaps it is too old to update to iOS 15.2, you can instead print a copy of the access key for them or alternatively leave such information with your Will.

After you have died, your chosen Legacy Contacts would be able to access your Apple account data from the phone in a simplified and organised manner, rather than a timely, expensive, and likely unsuccessful legal battle with Apple, who would fight to protect their customer's privacy.

At Battens, we would suggest that when you prepare new Wills or update existing ones, careful consideration is given to your digital data and suitable precautions put in place to assist loved ones after death.

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Trevor Chadwick Appeal

Some two years ago we started our appeal to pay tribute to an unsung local hero by planning to erect a life-size statue in his memory near the recreation area at Swanage seafront. It is anticipated to complete the project by the middle of this year. That hero is Trevor Chadwick, a Swanage schoolteacher whose difficult and dangerous work in Prague, Czechoslovakia, was critical to saving 669 children from certain death at the hands of the Nazis just before the outbreak of the Second World War. Trevor's story is both fascinating and extraordinary. It can be found on the Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust's website at trevorchadwick.uk

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes



to read of his selfless actions. Many in our local community have been most generous in providing donations in support of this most worthy cause. Consequently the Trust has been able to commission the statue itself, having so far raised around £60,000 of the necessary total of £80,000. We the Trustees now appeal to you to help us finish the job. Please give whatever you can in recognition of this brave, outstanding local man.

Every penny you can give will go directly to this cause - there are no overheads or 'administration' costs. If you wish to donate, you can drop cash or cheques made payable to Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust into Corbens office in Station Road Swanage.



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Making Tax Digital (MTD) for VAT is to be extended to cover all businesses with a turnover below the VAT threshold from April 2022. Businesses will be mandated to keep their records digitally and provide their VAT return information to HMRC using MTD compatible software.

If you are VAT registered and not yet doing this then you need to either

1. Register for MTD on HMRC site and organise appropriate software (Xero, Quickbooks or FreeAgent) in time for the first return period commencing after 1st April 2022.

2. Consider cancelling VAT registration if appropriate, if you do not wish to use this type of software.

Remember that VAT registration is mandatory for turnover exceeding £85,000 in ANY twelve month or less period, not just your year end. With increasing material costs, we have seen a number of businesses requiring registration in last few months.

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Wear it out!

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By John Garner

If you've not heard of Beau Miles then I suggest you look him up either on his YouTube channel or have a look at his self-named website. He's done some pretty amazing adventures, from kayaking from mainland Australia across the treacherous seas to Tasmania to extreme running events. But the most interesting adventures he's had, in my opinion, have been the backyard type where he walks the 80km or so to work or kayaks down the waterways to the same place, sleeping where he can on the way and finding 'swag' in the form of discarded items chucked away into the verges. He even does this with food and whilst I'm a bit too squeamish to do the same, I definitely admire the lack of waste.

I really like these videos because in that direct Australia way he has he manages to find adventure in the

everyday. He likes to build things out of junk that other people have discarded or even just reuse stuff he's got hanging around. And (apologies to any hairdressers reading) he hasn't had a paid haircut since he was 10. All in all, a very inspirational and thought-provoking character.

He's a great one for economy, wearing cheap cotton shirts from the charity shop to run in because they have long sleeves and a collar to protect him from the sun. It makes pretty sound sense when you look at it like that. You see, like Beau, I'm not always convinced of the claims made by expensive 'technical' clothing manufacturers about the performance enhancing claims of their products. There's probably a bit too much of what you should be wearing against what's actually the best thing to be

wearing. For evidence I put forward the attire worn by darts players. And snooker players.

However, and I speak as someone who has been known to shell out on the odd expensive toy or two, he doesn't always get it right and he has a short film about the things that he got wrong and why. As someone who has many faults and has to repeatedly make excuses for these errors I feel I've hooked up with a kindred spirit. But at least he's having a go and it's better to have tried and failed... etc etc.

Not that he would ever see his adventures as failures. And I don't mean in the 'always look at the positives of every situation' Disney type of cup half full type of self-analysis. He's a realist who swears and curses when things go wrong and grins and enjoys it when things go right. Like a normal human being. I remain very suspicious of the 'Isn't everything brilliant' approach to life heralded by some. His approach is that there's always something to be learned and enjoyed in what can sometimes be seen as the everyday, failures included.

The 'use things until they fall apart' idea is one that I absolutely buy into if you'll pardon the pun. I don't buy often but I try to get quality when I do. I also use things until they can't be used any more, in some cases longer. I probably would have been called mean or cheap in the past, but now I'm consuming sustainably. Wonderful things words. They can transform you from Scrooge to George Monbiot in a few short adjectives.

I use my bikes for example until they are literally falling apart, getting every single mile I can out of each component. The clothing I wear often becomes unwearable before I chuck it. I have a number of jackets that have the inner linings held in with judiciously placed tabs of duct tape. I have surfboards repaired with the same stuff. Duct tape is by far my most favoured accessory.

I'm not saying I always get the most out of clothing. I have to look reasonably presentable for my job so I try to buy recycled or sustainable stuff where possible. If not I buy hard wearing, long lasting items, although as any of you that know me will be aware, immaculate elegance is not high on my list of priorities.

Sustainability is not an easy topic. People often seem to think it's 'all or nothing', but I'm still convinced that 'quite a lot' is also an option. Do what you can, when you can. It's also not easy to get a clear idea when certain companies claim to be sustainable and responsible. Some are indeed very clear, others not so. My rule for that is simple. Just like a politician's apology 'If it's not clear, it's almost definitely bull****'.

One of the great things about Beau Miles is he's far from perfect like the vast majority of us. But the intention is always a good one. In terms of the overriding message he's spot on. Repair, mend, wear stuff out, wear other people's stuff out. My advice is simpler. Get hold of a couple of rolls of decent duct tape. Greatest thing ever invented.

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Paddington the cockapoo helps save other dogs in need

Margaret Green Animal Rescue were delighted to receive a donation of £300 from Paddington the cockapoo and his owner, Bethany, on January 22. The funds were kindly donated on a visit to their Lincoln Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Dorset following an online fundraiser, which was set up when Paddington went missing on Boxing Day. Bethany posted updates in a Facebook group titled 'Paddington Cockapoo Adventures' and created a fundraising page, to raise money to help cover expenses in the search for Paddington. This included any potential veterinary bills that he may have required, as well as the use of drones



and other resources that were used during the extensive search to find him. Margaret Green Animal Rescue were so pleased to hear that Paddington was found after nine days and was returned safely to his home. The team were thrilled when Bethany made contact with their centre and offered to donate the remaining money from the fundraiser to the charity. The staff were blown away by the story and were honoured that Paddington and Bethany had chosen to make this wonderful donation to them. The donation will go directly towards helping the rescue dogs in their care. This act of generosity has shown what a positive impact can be made when everyone comes together and supports each other. The charity wish Paddington and Bethany a very happy future and would like to extend their thanks to everyone who donated towards the fundraiser. Every donation makes a huge difference to the rescue animals in their care and gives them a second chance. Representatives of the charity would like to take this opportunity to highlight how important it is to microchip your pet and make sure their records are up to date. Thousands of pets go missing each year and by checking your details are correct, you are giving your pet a better chance of being reunited with you. Make sure you visit Margaret Green Animal Rescue's website, to find out more about their work and how this incredible donation will help rescue animals in need. www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

Teddy bear comes home



By Sue Johnson

I have recently bought this little teddy bear from an auction. It is a Chad Valley bear from the 1930s and it came with a hand written note saying: "Bought in 1937 in Swanage as a reward for learning to swim."

A name cloth label has been used to repair one of its foot pads and it says 'Margaret Davy' so I presume this was the owner who was holidaying in Swanage and whilst here learnt to swim. I wonder which shop it was bought in?

It is in good condition for its age, approximately 85 years old. If only it could talk. Happily, it is now back in Swanage and I am pleased to give it a new home.




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March A-Z

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Early morning strolls are a great opportunity to soak in the views of the sunrise and its reflective rays on the sea. Seabirds like **Fulmars**, **Guillemots** and **Herring Gulls** can be spotted from our observation points looking over the breeding ledges in the cliffs.

Insects start to reappear as the frosty spells are left behind, giving us great opportunities to spot **Brimstone** and **Small Tortoiseshell** butterflies, the beautifully bumbling bees and the **Bee-fly**. **Jackdaws** and **Kestrels** can be seen and heard along the coast and by the **Lighthouse** with distinctive calls and flight patterns.

The spring **Migration** is getting underway in earnest with the arrival of **Wheatears** and overhead passage of **Meadow Pipits** and **Pied Wagtails**.

Nocturnal animals can make appearances



Tilly Whim and Anvil Point lighthouse

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in the early evening and into the night including, badgers, tawny **Owls** and **Pipistrelle** bats. **Quiet Rustling** may be heard from the abundance of **Shrubbery** and hedgerows, indicating the presence of small mammals like a mouse or more commonly a grey squirrel.

A daytime stroll to **Tilly Whim Caves** on a warm, sunny day can be host to a great variety of March wildlife. The caves have remained **Unopen** since 1976 but the location itself offers incredible **Views** of the coast, lighthouse and seas. Reptiles such as **Common Lizard**, **Slow Worm** and **Adder** may be seen above the cave entrance basking in the sunshine.

A closer look at a blackthorn bush may give you a sight of **Xanthoria Parientina**, growing on the branches. Despite being a difficult one to think of, it's more known name is 'Common orange lichen' or 'maritime sunburst lichen' which grows all year round.

And for those 'eagle-eyed' visitors, a **Yellowhammer** or **Stonechat** is likely to be seen from the top of the yellow flowering gorse.

With the increase in variety of wildlife and Spring just around the corner; all of this gives the Rangers a **Zealous** feeling for the year ahead. Make sure to take in Durlston, in all its March glory this month. For more information on events and more visit our Durlston website: durlston.co.uk/

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2026 guillotine for historic ways is abolished

The government is to scrap the 2026 deadline for recording historic paths in England. The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, is delighted at the news.

The deadline meant that on January 1 2026, public rights over thousands of paths, which are public highways but not yet recorded as such, or not yet recorded correctly, would have been extinguished, with those

rights being lost for ever. If a way is not recorded on the definitive map and statement of rights of way, it can disappear under development.

Users have been frantically researching the historic evidence to claim paths, but there was no way that they could research them all before the deadline.

On February 16, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) told the

stakeholder working group (made up of representatives of users, landowners and farmers, and local authorities) that it would ditch the deadline, since considerable work remained to get the proposals ready for legislation.

Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the Open Spaces Society and a member of the SWG since its inception said: "We are greatly relieved that Defra has

recognised that the 2026 guillotine is impractical. Much legal and technical work remained to be done before it could be imposed, and this has stalled for some time. We are pleased that Defra has taken this sensible and pragmatic decision.

"Now, users can carry out their work without a Sword of Damocles hanging over them, and we can ensure that valuable ways are saved."

Gazette Gardening

Gardening to combat climate change

with Simon Goldsack

Over the past few months, I have been addressing issues that help gardeners combat climate change and the effect it has on garden wildlife.

In this issue I want to discuss the waste materials we generate because of our gardening activities and what is the most environmentally-friendly way to deal with them.

If we follow the Waste Protocol - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, we can really help the environment.

Our weeding generates plant waste. We can reduce the need to weed by packing your borders with the plants you want to grow, leaving little room for weeds to germinate. Applying organic mulches will also help.

The pulled-up weeds can be composted by mixing with more twiggly matter or scrunched up newspaper. Try to weed before the weeds seed, as the seeds can survive a cold composting. Do NOT add bindweed, couch grass or dandelion to the compost heap. These should be desiccated in hot sun.

Mowing your lawn releases CO2



and you have a weekly supply of grass clippings to deal with.

Reduce mowing by turning your lawn into meadow. Just mow some short paths so you can get to where you want easily. Alternatively, dig up the lawn and turn it into more flower bed!

Grass clippings on their own do not compost well, so mix them with twigs, chipped bark or newspaper and they will break down into good compost.

Volume of hedge trimmings will be reduced if trimmed twice per season instead of once, as it produces smaller, lighter branches. If small enough these can be used to mulch established trees and shrubs. Small or shredded woody twigs and leaves are already a perfect mix for composting.

Autumn leaves can be left to breakdown in situ but clear them immediately from lawns. If you are minded, rake them from your borders as well, compost them with soft waste such as kitchen scraps and grass mowings to hasten their breakdown.

Hot compost bins produce better compost than traditional compost heap as any weed seeds will be sterilised by the heat, although cold compost bins are fantastic for a whole range of beneficial fungi and invertebrates that help recycle the plant material.

These vital animals, known as detritivores, are nature's clean-up and recycling merchants. They in



turn are fed upon by a whole host of other insects, birds, amphibians, and small mammals.

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Arts & Entertainment

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George's doctor has demanded he must rethink his diet, so his family have banned him from using the kitchen and sent him to the shed. But George simply must keep cooking, and this unstoppable urge leads to inventive creations, innovative solutions and some seriously tasty food. Following sell out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe and extensive touring in the UK and beyond, award-winning comedian George Egg presents his unique and utterly absurd comedy show, packed with ingenious live cooking and laugh-out-loud stand-up. Funny and inspiring in equal measure, expect power tools, gardening equipment and office supplies to be re-purposed and abused. Expect laughs. Expect to learn something new. And expect to taste the food at the end (at your own risk!).

Sunday, March 27, 7.30pm. Lytchett Matravers Village Hall. 07795 467666. £10, More information from www.artsreach.co.uk



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Community solidarity to be celebrated in Studland

It's 1971 and, straight out of school, Aggy McGraw gets a job at Fairfields shipyard in Govan a week before the new Tory government decides to stop investment in 'lame duck' industries, including shipbuilding on the Clyde. Facing an uncertain future, with nothing to lose except her job, Aggy is swept up into the famous 'Work In' to demonstrate that shipbuilding has a future, and that the jobs, traditions, skills and communities can be saved. Using a blend of live music and powerful storytelling, Yes! Yes! UCS! is a celebration of the community solidarity and collective resistance inspired and led by Upper Clyde Shipbuilders' shop stewards Jimmy Reid and Jimmy Airlie, attracting national and international support that led to victory in the fight for Right to Work.

Saturday, March 19, 7.30pm. Studland Village Hall. 07736 043532. More information from www.artsreach.co.uk



Heart-warming play brings live baking to Briantspuddle



There are two types of people. The ones who move away. And the ones who stay and wait... Enjoyed the Great British Bake Off? Then you'll love this show. Not Now Collective tackle your senses and your imagination in Pepper and Honey, a new play about two women questioning the meaning of home. This heart-warming and poignant play intertwines live baking with a story of what it is like to settle in a different country, leaving and returning and making and breaking family traditions. Timed to perfection to deliver a perfect Croatian pepper biscuit, baked live in front of and with the help of the audience.

Saturday March 5, 7.30pm. Briantspuddle Village Hall. 07788 100273. More information from www.artsreach.co.uk

Arts & Entertainment

Carlotta Barrow's colourful history in dance

A passion for dance lifted Carlotta out of her ballet classes at St Mary's Convent School in Swanage to a place at the Arts Educational School, Tring Park.

After winning the Ballet Cup in 1957 she moved to the school's London branch. From this her professional career began, first as a dancer in West End musicals then in films including *Stop the World I Want to Get Off* and *Casino Royal*.

She met the choreographer Gary Cockrell while dancing in the American Musical Carnival at the Lyric Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue.

He had come to London with *West Side Story* and was teaching jazz dance, a new form that attracted Carlotta's interest.

She flew to New York to study with Gary's teacher Matt Maddox, and here was auditioned and accepted for the Boys from Syracuse which was transferring from New York to the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

After this Gary chose her to be a member of his new group, The Beat Girls, with whom she danced on BBC 2's show *Beat Room* for a year.

A new turning point in Carlotta's career occurred on the night the Daily Mirror sponsored a ball at the Albert Hall in the presence of the Beatles.

She sustained a knee injury after the performance and had to say goodbye to her friends in the

Beat Girls who later formed Pan's People. She joined Gary and his partner in creating The Dance Centre in Covent Garden on an American model of open classes, airy studios and proper showers. Here Carlotta taught jazz dance and began work as a choreographer.

Since returning to Swanage she is so grateful for the Ranger School of Dance where she can continue to dance and see new generations graduating in this profession.

My Life In DANCE



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Carlotta Barrow An Illustrated Talk

From early beginnings training at Arts Educational School, Tring. Studying Jazz dance in New York. To dancing in West end Musicals, Television and films. Then opening the Dance Centre in London's Covent Garden.

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Swanage 10k in pictures

by Ken Hewitt photography



Health & Beauty

Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

Talking about your mental health is the first step to recovery

Lockdowns, restrictions and hardship have contributed to a major increase in mental health issues during the covid-19 pandemic.

Many people have struggled to cope and find it hard to discuss their problems, but one local man who is using his own experiences to help others says that talking really is the best therapy.

Chris works as a Peer Support Practitioner with Steps2Wellbeing, a free NHS mental health support service run by Dorset HealthCare.

He turned to the service during one of the darkest times of his life, and it helped him get back on track. Now he's urging others to do the same.

Chris said: "I've been to some incredibly dark places where I found it tough to ask for help and admit to myself, I wasn't coping."

"I have always been a survivor and I'd grown

used to just dealing with things as I didn't always have people I could rely on. I didn't want to appear, or more importantly feel, weak. I felt so alone, and didn't want to burden friends with my problems as I didn't think that they would understand."

After some soul-searching Chris went to see his GP, who referred him to Steps2Wellbeing for talking therapy.

"I wasn't very open with my therapist to begin with but the questions she asked and the way she understood me put me at ease. I broke down a few times but there was no judgement, I was in a safe place where I could explore how I was feeling. I began to understand that I was far from alone and there was nothing 'wrong' with me – there were plenty of others all experiencing the same thoughts and feelings I was. My therapy sessions helped me become aware of my negative cycle of thoughts and take back control of how they affected me.

"There are still days where I feel low or anxious, but I use techniques I learned during my appointments, and am able to catch things sooner. I have the control to stop it all spiralling."

Steps2Wellbeing is open to all adults in Dorset and Southampton, providing a range of low and high intensity treatments for common mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.

You can access the help you need by speaking to your GP or contacting the service directly at www.steps2wellbeing.co.uk.

If you are in a crisis and require urgent mental health support, please do call the Trust's 24/7 helpline, Connection, on 0800 652 0190 or NHS 111.



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Health text messaging service for young people

Young people aged 13-19 in Dorset can now access support via 'Let's Chat Sexual Health' – a brand new confidential text messaging service.

It is provided by Dorset Sexual Health, part of Dorset HealthCare, and offers advice and information about topics such as emergency contraception, unplanned pregnancies, contraception, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STIs).

The service can also answer questions on general sexual health matters, the locations of clinics around the county, and the wide range

of support available through Dorset Sexual Health.

To speak to a sexual health advisor, just text 07312 263101 for fully confidential advice and support.

Joanne Goodman, Advanced Clinical Nurse Lead for Dorset Sexual Health, said:

"It's fantastic news that we can now offer this additional service for young people across the county. We want to encourage those that need support to text us so we can help them and provide the right advice in an easy and accessible way."

Let's Chat Sexual Health is available from 8am-6pm, Monday to Friday (excluding weekends and bank holidays), with a sexual health advisor responding to messages within one working day. If a text is sent outside of these hours, service users will receive an automated message with advice on where to get help if they require it urgently.

Let's Chat Sexual Health is not an emergency service.

For urgent medical attention contact your GP or NHS 111, or call 999.

For more information visit sexualhealthdorset.

Hello From Swanage Medical Practice

News from Swanage Medical Practice

NHS Covid Pass for travel

With travel restrictions being lifted in the UK and the rest of the world starting to open for travel, we would like to remind you about how to access your NHS Covid Pass to be able to prove your vaccination status.

If you're aged 12 or over, you can get a digital NHS COVID Pass for travel through the free NHS App.

You can access the app through a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet. Proof of your covid-19 vaccination status will be shown within the NHS App. We recommend that you register with the app before booking international travel. For access via the NHS app you do not need to contact your GP.

You can also get your NHS Covid pass as a letter, by telephoning 119.

Travelling with children under 12 years of age - We have had a few enquiries from parents with children under 12 who have not been vaccinated but where some countries require vaccination for entry. You will need to check the entry requirements for the country you are travelling to and in some cases, you might need to arrange a private PCR test for your child to be able to enter a country.



Advice on travel restrictions for the country you are planning on visiting can be found on the government website: gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

Covid vaccines

A reminder that you can still book your Covid vaccines at the Wareham Hospital. Vaccines for all eligible age groups aged 12+ are available and can be booked via the NHS National Booking system.

Travel Vaccinations

With travel restrictions starting to be lifted you might be considering travel to a country where you need travel vaccinations. Foreign travel may expose patients to certain infections, so it is important to be immunised.

If you have a trip planned, at a minimum of six weeks

in advance of travel, please collect a 'Foreign Travel Form' from reception or [complete our online travel form](http://swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Travel-Vaccinations) at: swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Travel-Vaccinations

Once completed this will be passed to a nurse who will contact you direct to book an appointment.

Most travel vaccinations incur a charge. Please note we are no longer a Yellow Fever Centre.

Face covering required in our practice

Please can we ask that you continue to wear a face covering when you attend the surgery. Face coverings remain a recommendation in Public Health England's infection prevention control guidelines for all staff and visitors in a healthcare setting.

We would also ask that, where possible, you follow social distancing rules when visiting our surgery. Thank you for your support in helping us protect our patients and staff.

The Practice Patient Participation Group

The Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to work with the Practice Manager and the GPs to help improve and shape local health services.

This small independent group, which used to be known as The Friends of the Practice, meets regularly and provides a way for patients to get involved with the Practice and to influence decisions about local services. Members are also kept informed about the Practice.

The Group provides a forum to identify the needs of patients and to hear their views - the aim is to ensure the views and interests of all patients registered with the Practice are represented. It's all about making sure patients are put first.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PPG or would like more information about the group contact the Practice Manager.




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Blast From The Past!

This month, a decade ago...

By Nico Johnson

Back in March 2012, not only we were all looking forward to the Swanage Blues Festival, but also to the Swanage Comedy Festival. The 'Sun, Sea and Stand-up' shows were booked to run at a variety of venues in Swanage, including The Legion, the Football Club, Seventhwave restaurant and Swanage Bay View.

Among the headliners for 2012 was 'Hancock's Half Hour', performed by 'Burnt Toast', and stand-up shows from Dan Antopolski, Steve Best and Nick Page, among others. The comedy offerings were brought to us by the Rock-A-Hula Club (Dave Taylor and Jack Daniels) and held a hugely popular slot in Purbeck's annual events calendar for several years. Time to bring it back?!

In our letters' pages, we published a response to the letters of complaint in February 2012 regarding the 'mystery man' who had undertaken ground and scrub clearances along the river walk at Wareham. The mystery person themselves, JA Legg of Sandford, penned us a letter: 'One day I had a dream, it was a message from Our Father In Heaven. He said: "A piece of my garden on the River Frome at Wareham is very overgrown and needs sorting out. No birds are nesting there because the brambles are overgrowing all chance of new growth of flowers and rushes. Will you please sort it out for me?"

JA went on to state that they had not seen any birds whilst removing the brambles and as a previous farm worker, they knew about the cycles of nature. They disagreed with the previous letter writers and stated that only two people had criticised their use of 'riphook and saw' whilst they worked, and no public body had questioned them at the time. John Scott, former development Manager for Wareham and District Development Trust, also wrote in, stating that there was in place a 'year-on-year management and maintenance

plan' for the area, which allowed for the occasional cutting back of overgrowth. John stated he didn't know who the 'mystery man' was and suggested it may have been a student or someone on community 'payback'.

Students at Stoborough First School (pictured below) reported on their invitation to visit the Palace of Westminster. Twenty-seven children (then in Year 4) were invited to see a display of their work in the private members' gallery in the House of Commons. The work comprised colourful posters portraying the importance of childhood education, embodying the children's hope that all girls worldwide would be educated by 2015 as part of the 'Send My Sister to School' campaign. The children's work was chosen to represent the efforts of over 600,000 UK school children who had supported the campaign by writing to 10 Downing Street or their local MP.

Daisy May's Arcade in Swanage published a full page, announcing the completed redevelopment of the site and the opening of the new shops contained in the arcade: Martin's Purbeck Memories, Replayed Records, Purbeck Plumbing and Heating, The Sweetie Treat Shop and The Emporium.

All that remains today of the original set-up is Martin's Purbeck Memories, with other businesses either having closed or relocated.

The team behind Swanage's Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration announced their plans for the day (Monday, June 4 2012), which included the Lower High Street being closed, suitably decorated and laid with tables and seating for around 600 people, stalls, live performers and a 'Best of British' fancy dress theme. Voluntary groups including Rotary, the Carnival committee, Swanage Lions and Swanage Town Football Club were co-organising the event. Today, we're looking ahead to the



Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a similar event planned for this coming June. Back in 2012, the BBC's South Today decided to spend the day with us, reporting live from Swanage's street party. Will they return for the platinum?!

Diana Littleton, then of the Purbeck Deli in Swanage, publicised that she and her partner, Dave, were taking on the old tearoom at Worth Matravers after it had experienced a long period of closure. Villagers were delighted at the news that for once, something was opening in Worth, rather than closing and becoming yet more second homes! Offering local food, expertly prepared by Dave and a delicious range of afternoon teas and suppers with a vintage twist, the tearoom has since served the villagers and visitors well.

Since December 2009, when Care South cancelled their contract with the then Dorset County Council, members of the community, backed by Swanage Town Councillors, had been campaigning for the James Day site in New Swanage to be retained as a residential care home. The 'James Day Action Group', led

by Swanage Area Senior Forum, wrote to announce that there seemed to be light at the end of the tunnel. Agincare and DCC had been in talks and although leases had not been signed, it looked promising. Raina Summerson, Chief Executive Officer of Agincare, was due to speak at an upcoming meeting on March 28 2012 to discuss Agincare's proposals for the future of James Day Care Home. Thankfully, those leases were agreed and signed, and we have retained the home originally gifted to the people of Swanage for the use of our older generation.

Swanage man, Charlie Allen, announced that he would be running his sixth marathon in 2012, this time in aid of Sonus, the charity of the deaf and hard of hearing. Charlie was (and still is!) known for his money raising activities for charity, which included not only long distance running, but also rowing. Charlie had previously completed four London marathons and one New York marathon. A call was put out for donations and our wonderful community obliged – as always!

Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for APRIL is NOON 9 March

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.

MARCH 2022

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 Methodist Ch. hall, High Street, Sw. All ages/abilities welcome. Steve: 424591, Malcolm: 427695
- 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 All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell, 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 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 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.
- 19.00 Wareham Choral Society meet Lady St.Mary Church, Wm. Till 9.30. New singers always welcome. Ffi: 01202 632678.
- 19.30 Purbeck Village Quire rehearse at Wm URC Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. Ffi: 288045 or 480737.
- 19.30 Wareham Art Club Workshop at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.
- 19.30 Wm Folk Dance Club Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 07749 853815. Email: warehamfolkdance@gmail.com
- 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.
- 10.00 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 103 High St. 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. Until 12 noon.
- 10.15 Exercise to Energise! Free taster session of Movement to Music to Keep Fit at All Saints Church Hall, Swanage. Call Marion 01929 423923
- 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 Skills and Learning on 01202 262300.
- 10.30 Swanage Walking for Health Group starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seaford. 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
- 19.00 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.
- 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 Belvedere Singers rehearsal at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Sw. BH19 1AZ. Parking on-site. Till 9.30pm. All singers welcome! 425074.
- 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
- 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 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.
- 11.30 Extend Exercise Class! Free taster session of Gentle, Fun, Friendly and Chair-based way to improve your Strength, Co-ordination, Balance and Flexibility at All Saints Church Hall, Swanage. Call Marion 01929 423923
- 13.00 Studland Toddler Group at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 Herston Senior Citizens meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 14.30 Local Historian takes you on a town walk around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 15.00 Extend Exercise Class, now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 16.15 Swanage Football Club U-7s Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 Swanage Tennis Club at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
- 18.00 Swanage Youth Club. School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.30 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 Pavillion, Sw
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161.
- 19.30 **Sw & Wm Hockey Club (13+ years)** Training, Wm Sports Centre. Till 9pm. Email: swanagewarehamhockey@outlook.com
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+)** Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Carey Crafters** meet every Thursday at Carey Hall, Mistover Road, until 12.30pm (come anytime between). No age or gender restriction. All crafts welcome we have a wide variety!. Come along and share your craft or learn a new one! Contact Donna on 07870 993311 or Helen on 07368 352737 ffi.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 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 **A Place Of Welcome** at 103 High St. 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. Until 12 noon.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Till 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Tratt, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. D'Urbeville Centre, Collier's Lane, Wool. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. www.purbeckworkshop.org Phone: 07794 479208
- 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@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s Meet** in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **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. Ffi, call: 551478 or 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
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- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Methodist Ch. hall, High Street, Sw. All ages/abilities welcome. Steve: 424591, Malcolm: 427695
- 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 **Informal Lesbian Social Group** meets each Friday for fun, laughter and to make new friends. Ffi, contact Karen by email at: outinpurbeck@gmail.com
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Live Bands** (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 20.30 **Short tennis** for adults at Swanage School Sports Hall. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 10pm. First session FREE.
- 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
- 09.00 **Swanage Self Defence FUNDamentals** for ages 4-12 years at Swanage Methodist Church, Sw. For a FREE taster session, contact Ian on: 07888660225 or email: swanageSMA@gmail.com and quote 'Purbeck Gazette'
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket** till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Till 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 10.00 **Swanage Self Defence** for teens and adults at Swanage Methodist Church, Sw. For a FREE taster session, contact Ian on: 07888660225 or email: swanageSMA@gmail.com and quote 'Purbeck Gazette'
- 11.00 **Lego and Megablok Mayhem** at Swanage Library, until 12 noon.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- 09.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until noon. Under 6s-16s only. Call Claire on: 07799 842225 Ffi.
- 10.30 **10.30 Stoborough Baptist Church** - would love to welcome you - for meeting details please call 01929 550309 or website www.stoboroughbaptistchurch.co.uk.
- 13.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 2.30pm
- 14.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 4.30pm.
- 19.00 **Quiz Night with cash prizes** at the Red Lion, High Street, Swanage. All welcome - come along and see if you can win the prize pot!
- 19.00 **Alcoholics Anonymous Wareham.** Until 8.15pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. Call 07855 536039 or email: warehamsunday@gmail.com for details of meeting location and so on.

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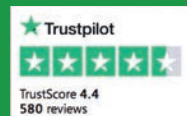
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