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Wareham Quay in March by ROBIN BOULTWOOD

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**APRIL deadline: Noon on March 9**

## New local charity for Purbeck called ACT

Dear Editor

We'd love to bring your readers' attention to a new charity in Purbeck called ACT.

ACT was set up last year in memory of a much-loved local resident, Allison Campbell, who died of cancer last April. Allison was cared for at home in her last few weeks, and small things made such a difference to the quality of her life - being able to wash her hair in bed using waterless shampoo caps, for instance, or using soothing creams and lotions on her skin.

We want to make sure other local people nearing the end of life also have access to things that will support their dignity and wellbeing, and that is what ACT is for. Where someone would benefit from items not usually provided by the NHS, ACT aims to supply them in liaison with district nursing and community support teams.

Just recently, ACT has supplied a number of boxes to district nurses in Wareham, containing items such as shampoo caps, hygiene products, bed socks, lip balm, soft washcloths etc for people under their care. In addition, ACT has supplied a baby monitor to a family so they can listen out for their relative at night.

We have been busy fundraising through a number of events, such as the Lions Swimathon in October last year, quizzes, raffles, and a great deal of generous support from Allison's family, friends and work colleagues. We have lots more exciting things planned to raise more money in future, and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us with this: please contact us via our website [www.allisoncampbelltrust.org](http://www.allisoncampbelltrust.org) - and you will find more information and background to ACT there too. We are also on Facebook - @TrustAlliC. If you or a relative would like support from ACT, please ask your district nurse or community support worker to contact us on your behalf.

ACT is here to support people who need us in Purbeck - and to ensure the wonderful spirit of Allison Campbell will live on. \*Charity Registration Number 1195198

## Refugees could be separated from their families

Dear Editor

I'm writing to tell other local people about cruel new laws that our MP should be fighting in Parliament.

The anti-refugee Nationality and Borders Bill breaches the UN convention on refugees.

Rules were put in place after the Holocaust to protect all of us if we flee torture, war or persecution.

Refugees could be separated from their families, and even locked up. No one should be punished for trying to find safety.

The bill is being discussed in the House of Lords right now and then it will go back to MPs.

I want to call on our MP to do the right thing and vote for the amendment to remove clause 11 from this bill.

Clause 11 of the Bill would punish refugees and torture survivors for trying to find safety and prevent people from rebuilding their lives.

Dave Jolliffe

## Simple act of walking

Dear Editor

During the pandemic, many of us rediscovered the simple act of walking - the oldest, cheapest and greenest transport there is. Walking kept us connected to ourselves and to others and helped us to stay healthy and happy.

Walking is good for our minds, our bodies, and our cities, towns and villages.

But lots of us still struggle with narrow, cluttered, uneven pavements; crossings that prioritise cars rather than people; and growing numbers of speeding vehicles.

It doesn't have to be like this. That's why I support the demands Living Streets has made ahead of this year's elections, calling on candidates to pledge to improve our streets for all, cut air pollution and make walking easier and safer. Visit [livingstreets.org.uk/may22](http://livingstreets.org.uk/may22) for more info.

Candidates must commit to set Vision Zero targets of significant reductions in people killed and injured on our roads. We call for commitments on default 20mph speed limits in built-up areas, improvements to our crossings and junctions and an increase in the number of low traffic neighbourhoods. One person killed on our roads is one too many. It is time we redesigned our streets around people, not cars. That way we can all enjoy the benefits of walking and build healthier, happier communities.

Anthony L Morton-Jones

## Please help a city boy locate a farm in Wool

Dear Editor

I am writing in the hope that either you or one of your readers might be able to help me.

I was born in London just before the outbreak of World War 2. I am now writing a book about my childhood. In order to give me an experience of the countryside my father arranged with some kind farmers for me to spend three summers on their farm just outside Wool. I was only just turned eight years of age and was put on the Black and White (?) coach at Victoria and was met by one of the farmer's sons at Wareham. He then drove me to their farm outside Wool where I made to feel very welcome. For a city boy everything was a new experience. I had never been away from home before. There was no inside bathroom and in the evening a Tilly lamp was lit as there was no mains electricity.

The farmers were two brothers, and I think they were called White. Their farm, which they rented, was perhaps called Home Farm. I had never seen a tractor before so to be able to ride on one next to the driver was very exciting. I remember that at the end of the umade farm track we crossed a road to reach the fields and passed through a large archway of the gate house. I wonder if the farm or the archway are still there? The tractors were run on DVO and there is one just like it in the Science Museum. They were very bumpy.

These farm holidays were such an important part of my life. If any members of the farm family are still alive then I would love to be able to thank them. One further thing I remember was that every Sunday morning I had to wash really well as we went to the Plymouth Brethren church (in Wareham)?

I would be most grateful for any information you are able to provide.

Thank you

Philip Banham

## Model railway of Corfe Castle train station

Dear Readers

Visiting Corfe Castle by train in 1971 I watched the British Railways diesel train from Challow Hill meandering towards Swanage. I thought the station would make an excellent model imagined what the railway would look like in steam days.

After the line closed, I took some detailed notes of the station buildings and drew some scale drawings. The station master was still living there and invited me to spend the night. It enabled me to view the interior. Later I bought a 1/480 plan of the station and I obtained a copy of Messrs. Galbraith and Church's drawing of the station. This together with photographs and a collection of photographs of trains that ran on the line provided me with enough information to build a model.

In January 1972 when the line closed and later when British Rail ripped up the track, I did not think that we would ever see any trains running on the railway let alone steam trains. Over the next 50 years the Swanage Railway project overcame many obstacles to restoring the railway and it looks like we will once again be running a service to Wareham this year.

Corfe Castle station building and the Goods Shed remained in fairly good condition after the line's closure. Eastpoint Engineering occupied the station and restored it to Southern livery. The wooden waiting shelter deteriorated and has virtually been rebuilt. The signal box is a new structure.

Over the years I have built an N gauge 1/144 scale model of the Swanage Railway including Harmans Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden stations and Challow Hill cutting and Corfe Viaduct which I have taken to exhibitions. I made a larger 1/43rd 0-gauge model of the station building. I have also built a 00-gauge 1/76 scale model of Corfe Castle station, Corfe Viaduct, Swanage motive power depot and the original Swanage station. I run trains that have appeared on the line since it was built in 1885 to the present day.

It is very satisfying to see a train leave Swanage Station and to run a model of the same train at home.

Robin Brasher, Swanage



# Your Letters

## Help with Enid Blyton's connection with Purbeck

Dear Editor

I am writing an article for inclusion in the next edition of the Society of Dorset Men's yearbook on the subject of Enid Blyton's association with Purbeck. May I appeal through the Gazette to your readers for any information they might have on the subject? All information will be treated as confidential and no personal data will be published.

Please contact me, John Neimer, on 01929 552622 or e mail to [john@jandpneimer.plus.com](mailto:john@jandpneimer.plus.com)

Sincerely  
John Neimer

## Supporting the people of Ukraine

Dear Editor

I'm writing to support the people of Ukraine, who are the unwilling victims of an unprovoked conflict in the heart of Europe.

We cannot believe the fabrication of a despotic emperor addicted to the realms of power rattling his sword of Damocles, that has so far manifested into at three violations of the Geneva convention; targeting medical facilities, civilian populations, and the use of sub-munitions such as Cluster bombs-war crimes in any language.

Sanctions always harm the poorest in our societies, and tread the perilous path of isolationist politics.

As always in conflict displacement the children suffer most; an eight year old boy walking 12 miles to the sanctuary of the Polish border in sub-zero temperatures. Let's share our compassion in the safe community of Swanage on a practical approach, rather one of sending 'lethal aid'. Check the internet for collection points around our area; formula milk, sterilization products, disposable nappies, whole foods, toys, cooking oil and possible accommodation for the refugees of warfare-and show our support to the people of Ukraine.

Yours sincerely  
Myk Hamilton.

## We saved Swanage Ambulance Car!

Dear Gazette Readers

After two years of campaigning, I'm delighted to be writing this letter.

Our community has united behind the campaign to save the Car, with 6 Purbeck Town and Parish Councils endorsing retention of the Car, posters, garden stakes and banners on display throughout the area, the booklet with over 50 stories illustrating why we need the Car, the community song video that's had almost 2,000 plays on YouTube, the children's picture competition and trail, and the generous donations. We now have over 8,000 signatures on the petition to Dorset CCG, and are nearly at the 5,000 signatures needed to get the petition to Dorset Council to full council. I've been out with other campaigners, asking for help to get any consultation out, to make sure our voices would be heard, and we were inundated with offers from people willing to door knock their roads.

Thank you all!

Our need for the Car is clearly evidenced. When it was well staffed in 2019, it attended 1,875 call outs in Purbeck, almost 1000 of these were in Swanage. More than half the Purbeck call outs were category 1-3 emergencies, the most serious, with over 800 category 1 & 2, where there is risk to life. Sadly while the Ambulance Car has been under review, it's staffing has been reduced, so that in 2021 just over 40% of shifts were covered, and over the same period response times for risk to life emergencies have doubled, inevitably meaning an increase in preventable deaths and disability. Dorset CCG and the Ambulance Trust say they are working on increasing staffing, but not to what level or over what time period, so there are still it's

to be dotted and t's to be crossed before we can honestly say that we have our service back as it should be. We also need to ensure that the service continues to prioritise the areas with the longest journeys to acute care, and get our emergency response times at least back to where they were when the Car was well staffed.

I was asked on BBC Radio Solent if I thought the new health body that replaces the CCG this summer might review the service again (!) I really hope not, but please do store your banners and stakes - just in case we need them. I can only end by thanking the Paramedics, who are with us during our most difficult times, saving lives, easing pain and anxiety, including at the ends of our lives. Thank you.

Debby Monkhouse

## Obligation to protect Ukraine from attack

Dear Editor

We have an obligation to protect Ukraine from attack from any outside threats.

On December 5, 1994 the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, UK and the United States signed a memorandum to provide Ukraine with security assurance in connection with its accession to being a non-nuclear state. All four signatories agreed their commitment to seek immediate United Nations security council action to provide Ukraine with security assurances in connection with its accession to

being a non-nuclear weapon state.

I should point out that prior to that meeting in 1994 that Ukraine was in 1991 the second most powerful nuclear republic in the Soviet Union.

They voted overwhelmingly in 1994 for independence with 90 percent of the population in favour. In 1994 Ukraine agreed to destroy all their nuclear weapons as a condition to join the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

We now know that was Ukraine's big mistake?

We will not be attacking Russia providing we contain all hostilities in the Ukraine theatre of war. Ukrainians have been let down badly by the UN and Biden in particular.

We now have a very capable and heroic nation on its own with the exception of some modern hand-held weapons that are rapidly running out along with other essential supplies.

Ukraine has a population in excess of 43 million and Russia is using mass migration as a means of grinding the European Union and us into the ground, economically speaking.

I feel rather than later, we should send in more weapons with modern fighter jets while Ukraine still has an army and pilots capable of putting up a bloody good fight. The UN needs to stick to their treaties if we are to crush Putin.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Fry.

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# From The Kitchen Garden...

## Watercress. Fresh, perky and locally-grown - what's not to love?

by Lorraine Gibson

With longer, warmer days on the horizon and al fresco dining finally a possibility, embrace the sunny season with lighter, brighter dishes, swapping limp lettuce and boring burgers for healthy dishes that still look and taste indulgent.

Quick, easy meals using fish, plants and leaner cuts of meat are the order of the day and with British Watercress coming into season, you can even get smug about helping reduce the carbon footprint since it's freshly harvested on

farms right here in Dorset and Hampshire.

As well as tasting and looking good, this endlessly-versatile little leaf has a fascinating back story.

It's still grown in the traditional – and only – way, in flowing spring water that runs through unique, Victorian watercress beds. In fact, so fascinating is the growing method for the peppery plant that it has a huge following and even its own festival!

Traditionally, about 15,000 people pitch up at Arlesford in Hampshire for the annual

Watercress Festival and having been deprived of the slightly bonkers celebration for the last couple of years, they reckon this year's event will be bigger than ever!

It's one of the healthiest vegetables around, packed with more than 50 vital vitamins and minerals with more vitamin C than an orange, more folate than a banana, more vitamin E than broccoli and more calcium than milk.

The festival is on 15 May [www.watercressfestival.org](http://www.watercressfestival.org) but if you can't wait, here's a couple of tasty recipes:

- A few radishes, finely sliced
- ¼ cucumber, finely sliced
- Parsley leaves, chopped
- Olive oil

### For the dressing:

- 3tbsp natural yoghurt
- 1tbsp olive oil
- A few mint leaves, roughly chopped
- 1tsp lemon juice
- (optional) Garlic clove, minced

### Method

1. Start by making the dressing:

### Sea Bass Fattoush with Watercress, Tomato, Radish, Cucumber, Pitta Chips & Creamy Yoghurt Dressing

Preparation time: 10 minutes  
Cooking time: 5 minutes  
Serves 2

### Ingredients

- 2 Sea bass fillets
- 1 Pitta bread
- 85g watercress
- 1 large tomato, chopped




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simply combine all ingredients in a bowl and set aside.

2. To make pitta chips, roughly chop a pitta bread into chunks. Heat some oil in a pan, enough to cover the base. Once hot, shallow fry the pitta chunks for a couple of minutes each side until golden brown. Tip them onto some kitchen paper to soak up any remaining oil and set aside to cool.

3. Pan-sear the sea bass skin-side down for a few minutes, until it gets some colour. Flip it and cook for a further couple of minutes until cooked through.

4. Assemble the watercress, tomato, radish and cucumber on a plate. Add your pitta chips and sprinkle with some parsley. Place the sea bass fillet on top and drizzle everything with the creamy yoghurt dressing.

### Grilled Nectarines & Feta Salad with Watercress, Tomato and Red Onion Drizzled with Watercress Pesto

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 5 minutes

Serves 1

#### Ingredients

- 1 nectarine (or peach)
- Feta cheese
- 85g watercress
- 1 large tomato
- ½ red onion
- Runny pesto, store bought thinned with oil or home made

#### For the pesto

- 1 bag or bunch watercress
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 tablespoon cashew nuts
- 50-75ml olive oil
- 50g finely grated fresh

Parmesan cheese

- Sea salt and black pepper

If you're making your own pesto, blitz together the roughly chopped watercress, garlic and cashew nuts in a processor, puree them lightly. Drizzle in the olive oil, pureeing in spurts until your desired consistency is achieved. Stir in parmesan cheese and season to taste.

#### Method

1. Quarter the nectarines and in a hot griddle pan, lay them on one side. Try not to move them until it's time to flip them over – around a minute on each side should do.

2. Chop the tomato and red onion. If you are using homemade pesto, make it now.

3. Toss the tomato, watercress and onion together before tipping it on to a plate. Top with your grilled

nectarine quarters and crumble some feta over that. Drizzle everything with lashings of pesto!



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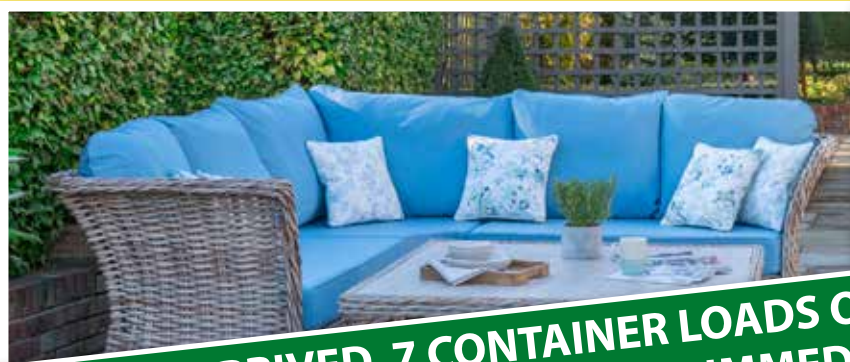
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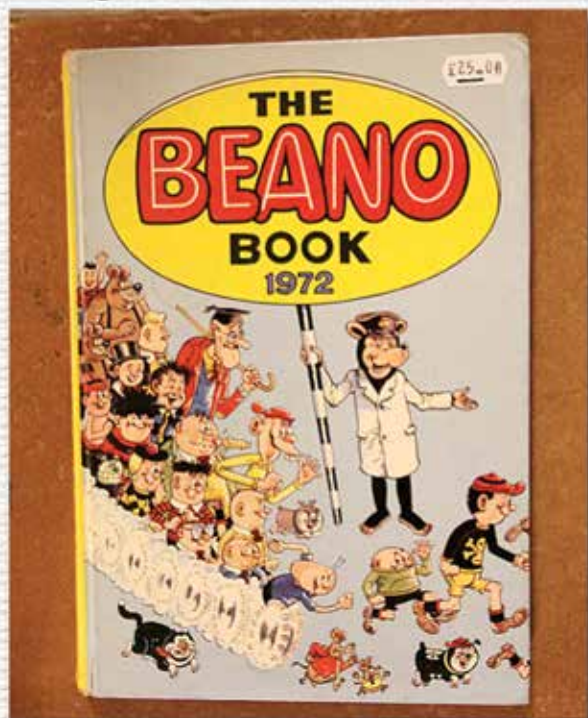
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St. Mark's Church is built in plain early English style, the architect was John Hicks of Dorchester.

The structure was built of local stone, roofed with stone and consisted of a nave, chancel, side aisle with vestry and neat entrance with a suitable turret for a bell.

The pulpit is made of Purbeck limestone and was fashioned and carved by Herston quarrymen. The font with the date 1663 was originally in St. Mary's church but transferred to St. Mark's Church. The church was dedicated on St. Mark's Day 1872 by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Dr. Moberly.

Over the past 150 years the church interior has been changed and extended with the addition of a church room and enhanced over the years with many gifts received in memory of faithful departed members of the congregation.



In July 1986 the Team Ministry of Swanage and Studland was formed, comprising St. Mark's Church, Herston, St. Mary's Church, Swanage, All Saints Church, New Swanage and St. Nicholas Church, Studland. In 2004 we became the Parish Church of St. Mark within the Parish of Swanage.

To celebrate the 150 years, a Musical Concert will be held in St. Mark's Church on Saturday 23rd April at 3pm and this will be followed by a Cream Tea hopefully held in the church garden (weather permitting). Then on Sunday 24th April at 10.00 am, a celebratory service of Holy Communion at which the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Rev'd Karen Gorham will preach and then on Monday 25th April at 7.00pm (the actual date of the dedication), a social evening of quizzes and games and buffet supper at Herston Hall.

We give thanks for all that has gone before and look forward to the future and our vision for the years to come.

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# Museum acquires 'lost' Mark I Tank blueprint

by Lorraine Gibson

The 'lost' blueprint for the world's first tank has been secured for the nation by the Tank Museum at Bovington.

Thanks to the backing of Tim Allan, a former officer in the Royal Tank Regiment, the museum won the auction, giving them ownership of the plans and the patent specification for the Mark I tank for the hammer price of £14,600.

The historic items came from a private seller. The 44- by 28-inch blueprint is dated May 1916, just four months before the tanks were first used in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette, during the Somme Offensive in World War One.

The documents have been described as the 'birth certificate' for the tank, an invention that has changed the nature of modern warfare.

Mark Is were designed and manufactured by agricultural machinery firm, William Foster & Co of Lincoln and the patent describes them as 'transport vehicles propelled by an endless moving chain track.'

It reads the object of the invention is a vehicle specially adapted for use on ground that's 'exceedingly difficult owing to the presence of



obstructions, such as trenches, parapets, shell holes, craters and so forth.'

'The casing ... in the side elevation, approximately in shape resembles a lozenge standing on its edge. The chain track or tracks extend entirely around the frame.'

The Tank Museum curator David Willey said: "We are delighted to add this blueprint and draft patent document to our holdings of First World War Tank material."

"We already have the best collection of remaining First World War tanks and our archive has a substantial

number of drawings and manuals along with photographs, war diaries and personal accounts.

"This blueprint is the only one known for a Mark I, so we would like to think we are the most appropriate place for these items. Bovington has been the home of the tank since 1916."

"This purchase was only made possible by the kind backing of Tim Allan and for this we are deeply grateful."

Tim Allan CBE served as an officer in the world's oldest tank unit, the Royal Tank Regiment which still

wears the First World War tank on its cap badge and is currently deployed in Estonia.

Tim said: "It's a real privilege support the Tank Museum in their acquisition of this important piece of tank history."

"As Chair of the V&A in Dundee, I like to think we should show an example in our support to heritage and I am particularly proud to be associated with the acquisition of something so close to my heart and own career."

Auctioneer Paul Laidlaw of Laidlaw's in Carlisle, who regularly features on TV's Bargain Hunt and Antiques Road Trip, said it was a 'great result' that the documents are in a museum.

He said: "Many auctioneers will go through their whole careers without handling an object that is so important it should not be in the hands of a collector; it's too good to be owned by an individual."

"When I laid eyes on the blueprint its immediate visual impact far exceeded my expectations."

"It's like seeing an X-ray of a mechanical leviathan and gives some insight into why these 'land ships' induced such shock and awe in the troops of 1916."

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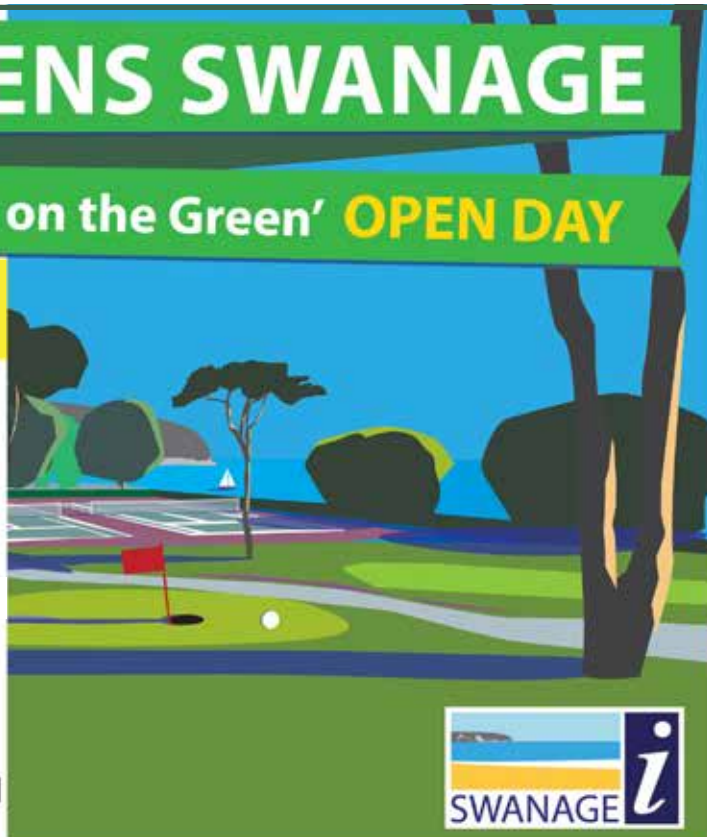
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# From the Hermitage

## Remembering the past, embracing the future

By Nico Johnson (aka Nico Van Vinkle)

Things are quiet here at the hermitage. My animals are well, the trees are beginning to bud and there's a plethora of daffodils and hyacinths providing swathes of glorious colour in the garden. The birdsong is a harmonious melody foretelling of warmer days ahead, with an average of thirty-two species of bird inhabiting or visiting my garden. Spring has gloriously arrived. I'm following the international news (one must) and am devastated another war has broken out, dominating the headlines. Having invaded and 'taken' the Crimean Peninsula in 2014 with only inane mumblings of discontent from the international community, it seems Russia is attempting to add the entire sovereign country of Ukraine to its 'collection' – by whatever means possible.

I follow many on Twitter and was struck by a recent tweet by a lady, preparing to flee her apartment in Ukraine ahead of the Russian advance, with no idea where to go, how to get there and where she would eventually end up. As she packed, she noticed the box containing her recently purchased new boots, something which had given her excitement and pride only days earlier. The boots, shining, unworn, still in their packing, brought home how her life had changed. Things which were important, were suddenly utterly irrelevant. The boots

were left behind on the bedroom floor, still boxed, no longer important or valuable. Life changed, overnight.

At home, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club took to the streets and began a collection in aid of Ukraine. Thanks to all who stopped to drop donations in the collection jars. Thanks also to all members of S&P Rotary who always step up, no matter what, in all weathers, to support those who need it most. Your work is invaluable on a global scale.

Purbeckian retailer and purveyor of fine antiquities, Adam Ridges, along with friend Robin Cupper, set up 'Red Van Operation Ukraine' in response to the war and immediately began collecting medical supplies. After successfully filling the van (thanks to the generosity of many), they set off for Ukraine. On March 12th they reached the border in Poland, the supplies were unloaded and were then transported across the Ukrainian border. On the evening of March 12th, Adam reported: "Massive convoys going into Poland. Ambulances going down the other side of the road. All of Europe is pulling together. If you can find medical kit, we need it. All the kit we delivered should be in the front-line hospitals tomorrow." Well done to all involved with the Red Van Operation – fantastic to see your efforts succeed and kudos for stepping up so magnificently.

The UK government has created a sponsorship system for those with a spare room or accommodation here in the UK who can host Ukrainians fleeing the war. Thousands have signed up as hosts which leads me to hope that as a civilisation, we have moved forward somewhat. Many seem to have forgotten the truly shameful attitudes and headlines from the 1930-40s, when the UK was witnessing Jewish refugees fleeing from Hitler, trying to gain entry to the UK. Some residents were welcoming, many were not. Government policy followed suit – as an example: visas were not relaxed for Jews fleeing the Nazis after the annexation of Austria, instead the government chose to tighten them to 'restrict numbers' coming to the UK. Sound sadly familiar?

Many British did not want 'foreign refugees' here, so policy was created aimed at keeping vast numbers of Jewish refugees out of the UK, rather than to swiftly enable and facilitate the acceptance of as many as possible to the safety of our shores.

It appears we prefer to remember 'Britain helping the Jews' through heavily rose-tinted specs, to believe that everyone was open, welcoming, empathetic to the plight of others, that we were a shining beacon of hope, a country to look up to.

Can we learn from history? Can we do better? Can we bring forth real empathy and a deeper understanding of the fact that one day, it could well be us – scrambling to collect a bag of necessities as bombs fall, desperately fleeing our homes, possibly forever, giving one fleeting glance at those shiny new boots, still in their box, before heading out in the dangerous unknown? Just give that some thought – it could be us.

Our global civilisation is growing closer and smaller – we each have a part to play in how humanity progresses, with what we learn and how the next generations will treat others and in turn, be treated themselves when in need. Only when we actively work towards recovering from our historic (and still prevalent) inherent fear of welcoming

'foreigners' who are in desperate need, will we start to feel the real benefits of a shared society.

In the immediate term, the focus is naturally on assisting our European neighbours, the Ukrainians, in their time of dire need. Soon however, we should all start to seriously question why thousands of Syrians and Afghans (among others) remain trapped in appalling refugee camps, having also lost their homes to war in immediate-past crises, and look at ourselves far more deeply. We need to explore developing policies of welcome and refuge in times of war which are not hinged on race/creed/religion or country of origin. We are all human.

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Now, some local good news! The Swanage Blues Festival returned in March to the delight of everyone. Swanage overflowed with visitors, bands travelled down from across the country and local venues were filled to bursting once more. This year's bash was a real success. Blues refrains drifted on the spring breeze throughout the town, catching the unwary and tempting them into the nearest host establishment. The performers were on top form, belting out the very best of the blues to appreciative audiences.

Lastly, surely every coastal town needs invading by piratical sorts occasionally?! Purbeck Pirate Festival returns this year, now 100% in the hands of professional re-enactors who are running the entire shebang. Be warned – they're armed to the teeth and there are rumours of scurvy amongst the crew after spending long periods at sea when coming ashore was outlawed due to the pandemic!

The festival will be held Fri 4th June – Sat 5th June, at Sandpit Field, Swanage. There will be a full town-wide parlay in force as, unbeknown to many, pirates are quietly respectful of Queen Elizabeth II, who will be celebrating her platinum jubilee. Pirates do like a good flag waving. I've been told....

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# Community Matters

## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

### Taxation without representation?

by David Hollister

Slipping quietly on to my doormat this week, the annual Council Tax bill brought tears to my eyes.

I assume that somewhere behind the couch, we will find the odd £3145 to pay for.... Well, what exactly? Not a great deal that we, living in leafy Harmans Cross, will find particularly useful.

Yes, it's our choice to live here. And as I built most of this house with my own hands back in 1980, I somehow object – no, I strongly resent – being squeezed out by a Council that shows little or no understanding of what it's like in the 'real world', where each year as we get older, we're obliged to count our few remaining pennies and have no choice whatsoever in how they are spent.

I watch the pathetic attempts to maintain the roads and footways, and the profligate waste of money on cycleways that few cyclists will use. Cycling may be the 'buzzword' to environmental protection but for us pensioners the act of getting on a bike is now physically impossible, and venturing up the steep hill to the road a risk even before I turn the first pedal.

I watch them flailing around in Wareham, constructing everything except what's really necessary – a proper footpath adjacent to the road over the railway bridge.

As a journalist I'm bombarded with DCC 'initiatives', 'community resilience workshops', business news' and 'covid updates' and advice on everything from 'health and wellbeing' to getting advice if you are 'clinically vulnerable'. Someone at some time decided that the County Council should be the fount of all knowledge and advise on everything from cradle to grave. I'm sure that a few people find this useful.

But I find myself asking how much this layer of advice and protection is costing us all?

Is there no way to 'opt out', to take control of what they do? Of the generous 'allowances' and ludicrous salaries paid to Council Officers for what many of us feel to be 'non-jobs'?

The 2021 report published by the Taxpayers alliance shows that 17 staff members at Dorset Council

received more than £100,000 in total remuneration in 2019/20 – including six who received more than £150,000.

The average number of employees who received more than £100,000 per local authority in England in that time period is seven (we have 17) and the average number who received more than £150,000 is 1.7 employees per council (we have 6). Chief executive of Dorset Council Matt Prosser was paid the most in the council area, with total earnings of £227,000.

Dorset Council has set the second-highest council tax in England. The council says the costs of the pandemic and adult social care have been considerable. But surely, they have been 'considerable' nationwide.

CLlr Suttle told the council that they had to put together 'the most challenging budget'. The council's staff won't get a pay rise this year. That's the 'boots on the ground', the little people who actually maintain the infrastructure, coping with reducing benefits, increases in NI, inflation, vast increases in fuel costs; people who use foodbanks, whose daily choice is to heat or eat, watching executives taking home perhaps five times what they earn. This is Dorset. This is 2022.

And to top it all – Swanage Town Council has announced a 16% increase in the local precept. And looking at the list of reasons for the increase, there's not one item that couldn't have waited a couple of years until the population has recovered from the present economic battering. My request to them is simply – if it works, don't fix it. And most of it works. Get real.

My congratulations to Debby Monkhouse and her tireless band, whose campaign to keep our Ambulance Car appears to have been successful.

Probably the best news we've had for years. But who the devil are the CCG and the SWAST who have left us over here in Swanage living in fear that we will be abandoned? The same people who are moving the nearest A & E to Bournemouth, a 27.7-mile journey that will take 56 minutes on a good day.

Only one piece of advice, Debby;

don't throw away the banners. These promises were made by people who my late lamented father wouldn't have allowed over his threshold and his advice would have been – if you shake hands with them, count your fingers afterwards.

We have to make sure that the Ambulance Car is available 24/7 and fully staffed.

Because the delay in calling and finding an ambulance, the traffic delays, the queues to get into the Hospital itself, mean that the 'golden hour' will be long gone before the patient receives hospital attention.


Our wonderful shining NHS is broken, starved of funds, starved of personnel, and unfit for purpose. Because even after Covid, we still seem to think that 'A & E' stands for 'anything and everything'.

We dial 999 because 111 is a joke; it's like an online medical dictionary

with boxes to tick and staff who appear to be reading from cards... we can't get through to a proper doctor without a week's wait after being 'triaged' to find out whether we really need to see a doctor at all. But most times we could talk to our local fully-trained pharmacist, and call the ambulance car when it's more serious. Not everyone – especially the elderly – can 'do it online'.

● I saw a lovely cartoon recently; two old ladies standing by a gravestone; one says to the other 'in order to make an appointment, he first had to update his operating system, download an app, get a username, choose a password, log in to a health portal, navigate to 'messages' and write to his doctor... by then it was too late'.

Be happy. Stay healthy. And thank Debby Monkhouse who although not medically qualified will have saved a lot of lives before the year's out.



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# £2,600 donation for lifeboat station

On Saturday, March 5, family of the late lifeboat supporter Joan Allen visited Swanage Lifeboat Station to donate funds from friends and family.

Joan's daughter Sally Wilkinson, and Joan's niece Jill Rogerson presented two cheques totalling £2,600 to Coxswain Dave Turnbull in memory of Joan who passed away aged 101.

Dave said: "It was amazing to receive such a significant donation from the family and friends of Joan. "It was clear that Joan's passion and support for the RNLI had extended to her family, and it was inspiring to learn about all Joan's work as part of an inland committee raising awareness and valuable funds for the RNLI."

Joan was born near Cambridge but settled in Harpenden and it was here that she joined the local RNLI fundraising committee, taking part in annual street collections and helping to count the collections at the end of a fortnight of fundraising. One of



Sally Wilkinson, left, and Jill Rogerson present cheques to coxswain Dave Turnbull

Picture: Roydon Woodford/RNLI

the years that Joan volunteered, the committee was recognised as the highest fundraising inland branch in the country.

The volunteers at Harpenden were invited to the RNLI headquarters in Poole to be recognised for their tremendous efforts, receiving the RNLI Bronze Badge.

During the Second World War Joan became a Meteorological Wren in Greenwich.

This naval service may well have sparked Joan's maritime interest and led to one of the reasons for her volunteering for the RNLI. Joan was introduced to Swanage, spending time staying at Ballard Lee and

regularly sailing in the bay.

She regularly visited Swanage with her family and in more recent years celebrated her 90th birthday there. It was Joan's wish for donations to be made to the lifeboat station. This donation will help ensure that Swanage Lifeboat Station remains ready at a moment's notice.

## Out Of The Blue



Spring is well under way, so we hope you have taken heed of the last article and have been filling in those priority surveys, if you haven't, don't worry now is a good time to start.

Remember, 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.

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So, what have we been up to? Well, the period 08 February 8, 2022, March 4, 2022 we dealt with a total of 396 occurrences in Purbeck, of which 121 were recorded crimes and resulted in 40 arrests.

We also dealt with a serious road

traffic collision in Swanage, resulting in the road between the Langton Matravers turn off and Crack Lane being closed to allow ambulance and recovery trucks in to deal with the injured and recover the vehicles.

There was also an ordnance device found at Studland, which turned out to be a four-inch naval round from the Second World War.

It was too large to be destroyed in situ, so had to be taken to the beach where the military EOD team safely buried it and destroyed it. We would like to thank the EOD team and the National Trust (NT) for their support, the NT providing rangers to help us put in and control a 200-metre cordon. It certainly gave the dog walkers something to talk about on the way home.

There were also 75 occurrences of road traffic collisions, and whilst on the subject of traffic there have been some changes made to the highway code which you should be aware of, they came in on January 29, 2022.

If you are not already aware of the changes or are just not sure what they entail, use the link below where full



details and an explanation of the changes can be found. [www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022)

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# Youth group flagging up environmental situation

Bouyed by an 'incredibly successful' Christmas event, Planet Purbeck Youth Group has pledged to hold six more events in 2022, to connect other young people to nature and fight the ecological and climate emergency.

Facilitated by the Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation, the National Trust and Planet Purbeck, PPYG wants to spread the word, engage other young people, and make change happen.

This is their own report of their Green Christmas event:

"We hosted a range of activities such as wreath making from natural willow, a 'natural' photo wall and put up some environmental quizzes.

"We met up at 2pm to divide into decorating the youth centre and collecting willow from the common. "Once we had prepared everything, including a Christmas film, hot chocolate station and food tables, people arrived and put pine cones in boxes for a survey and then walked round different

stations, trying different things out and talking to everyone.

"Our aim was to have an informal 'get together' with a subtlety of awareness for the environment where people could hang out and enjoy getting ready for Christmas! "We watched a short environmental film and set up a walkout survey while people filtered out.

"The event went really well and we achieved what we wanted to as there was quite a turn out and we managed to make some people aware, whilst also not overloading them. We also managed to get at least one new member.

"We learned that not pressuring people to do certain activities and letting them mingle worked quite well. Also, putting up activities that would interest teenagers more (eg the selfie wall) are very popular."

The group meets every Wednesday at the Wareham Youth Club from 6-8pm and always welcome new members.





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## Be a knit for the Jubilee

Are you a keen crafter looking for your next project? Why not join in and help us to create items to celebrate the big event of the year!, writes Maria Jacobson.

You can knit, crochet or sew members of the Royal Family, their pets, crowns, 'houses', bunting, tea cozies or other items for a Royal Tea Party – no limits to your imagination! Think of sunny days in June when we will celebrate by organising a special event or two to show off your donated creations, and let your imagination take over.



All items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work in the community.

So please spread the word, get started and let us know what you are making; photos are always great and look good on our Facebook page.

Any questions please contact me, Maria Jacobson, service manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or email [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).

# Wareham Town Council Update

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



### News from Wareham Town Council March

Before the meeting began, 2 minutes' silence was observed thinking of the people of Ukraine.

Built in the 1960s, the Parish Hall is reaching the end of its useful life explained Mike Quinlan, Church Warden.

The roof leaks, the boiler is wearing out and, it is thought, insulation absent. The plan is to build a new hall in the churchyard to the north of the church and linked to it by a glazed passage providing the church with facilities it lacks now.

Local consultation both in the Church and in the Parish generally was underway. The Parish Hall land would be sold and fund part of the new build.

The Council Tax Energy rebate of £150 for households in Council Tax Bands A to D will be paid into the bank accounts of those who pay by Direct Debit.

Other eligible people should apply to Dorset Council (DC).

At its meeting on 1st March DC Cabinet approved the first phase of the Purbeck Gateway Project. DC will be seeking tenders for Extra Care, Supported Living and affordable housing.

There will be no care home and no health hub. DC expects a housing only development to be more marketable.

NHS Dorset CCG may decide in conjunction with the GP Partnership to build a GP surgery on the Middle School site where there will be a

minimum 60 units of Extra Care accommodation with space for early years nursery provision, a minimum of 13 units of Supported Living for people already living in Red Oak Court and a minimum 17 units of affordable housing.

While DC would back a Community Speed Watch scheme, any costs would be borne by Wareham Town Council as would the expense of deer on the road warning signs in Sandford Lane.

Councillors regretfully accepted the resignation letter of Vanessa Ricketts, the Town Clerk, who cited health concerns and the imminent arrival of a grandchild as the reason.

Councillor Malcolm Russell was appointed as Mayor Elect and Councillor Carol Turner as Deputy Mayor Elect for 2022/23.

A contract had been awarded for the construction of a Customer Service and Visitor Information office in the Corn Exchange.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee event will be held in Howards Lane car park in the afternoon and evening of Thursday 2nd June leading up to the lighting of the beacon at 9.45 pm.

It was anticipated that there would be street parties elsewhere in the town over the long weekend and a service on the Quay on Sunday.

The Annual Town Meeting and Awards evening will be on Wednesday 6th April at 7.30 pm. In addition, the public are welcome to attend all the meetings of the Town Council, the next ones being on Tuesdays 12th April and 24th May, at 7 pm in the Town Hall with further information on the Council's website, [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk), or from the office on 01929 553006.

## Don't miss out on tax breaks for childcare

by Faith Eckersall

The Taxman is reminding working families in Purbeck that they could be missing out on an opportunity to get up to £2,000 a year towards their childcare costs.

Tax-Free Childcare – the 20 per cent childcare top-up – provides eligible working families with up to £500 every three months (or £1,000 if their child is disabled) towards the cost of holiday clubs,

before and after-school clubs, childminders and nurseries, and other accredited childcare schemes.

It's available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. For every £8 deposited into an account, families will receive an additional £2 in government top-up.

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# Meet Purbeck's real-life golden girls

by Lorraine Gibson

Meet Swanage's very own Golden girls, Pamela, Mary, Freda and Elsie who have been friends for almost 90 years.

And as three of them approach their 90th and one her 89th birthday, they're celebrating their remarkable, life-long friendship.

Pamela Wright (Curtis), Mary Betteridge (Linnington), Freda Jackson (Tomes) and Elsie Marsay (March) first met as toddlers at Mount Scar School in 1932 when they were three years old and have remained friends ever since.

"When we were children we all lived and played around the Cowlease and Townsend Road areas," says Pam.

"We also liked playing at Durlston and we would often go down into the Tilly Whim caves."

This was at the time when quarries were still operating to the south of Swanage and the four adventurers would go and watch the donkeys walking around the capstones to bring up the stones.

"One day we were out walking and we saw some flowers down near



The four ladies, Mary, front, with from left, Elsie, Pam and Freda

the low sea wall by the caves." Recalls Pam.

"We couldn't quite reach them so we got Mary, because she was the littlest, and held her by her ankles and dangled her over the edge so she could grab one."

She added: "She managed to get one and we hauled her back up. I still can't believe we did that. If

our mothers had known they'd have fainted!"

Luckily, the girls survived their caving escapades, Mary avoided falling into the quarry and although they went their separate ways over the years, they have stayed close - even when Mary, ever the adventurer, moved to Australia for a while.

Now the fab four all live in Swanage and meet regularly for lunch and walks.

"We usually had lunch at the Conservative Club and we belonged to the Women's Royal British Legion.

"We also ran the Swanage Over 60s Club for many years," Pam says.

I ask Pam who is the bossy one in the gang? "That would be me," she laughs.

Who likes a laugh? "Freda, I think. She's quite serious but when we get started we can't stop laughing."

The fashionista? "Definitely Elsie. She's flamboyant and wears things we couldn't."

And Mary? I think we can all say she's the daring one!

Summing up the lasting camaraderie between the four women, who are all mums, Pam says: "We're widows now but we all live in Swanage, so it is nice.

"We've had a lovely life as we've always had each other."

Truly a friendship that's stood the test of time.

## Historic England unlocks grants for heritage stories

by Faith Eckersall

Does your local railway, factory or council estate have a fascinating story to be told?

If so, your organisation or group could get government money to help tell it.

Historic England, the government organisation that looks after old buildings and structures has launched a new scheme to help people celebrate local architecture and histories.

Everyday Heritage Grants of up to £25,000 are available to unlock untold local stories and hidden histories. Applications for funding for smaller grassroots projects of less than £10,000 are also welcome.

Historic England is especially hoping for applications for projects that provide innovative volunteering

opportunities for young people or people facing loneliness or isolation, as well as contribute positively to participants' wellbeing.

Chief executive of Historic England, Duncan Wilson, said: "The histories of castles and great houses and their inhabitants are well documented, but we know far less about our everyday heritage.

"From council estates, pubs and clubs, to farms, factories and shipyards, these are the places where most people have lived, worked and played for hundreds of years. We want to explore these untold stories and celebrate the people and places at the heart of our history."

\*Applications close on May 23. For more details contact [historicengland.org.uk](http://historicengland.org.uk) or email [EverydayHeritage@HistoricEngland.org.uk](mailto:EverydayHeritage@HistoricEngland.org.uk).



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# Biking deeper into Rajasthan

*We bring you a series of short essays by renowned author and historian, Ilay Cooper*



The first blog covered the beginning of a ride across north India on a secondhand basic cycle in 1972, leading to the painted buildings that would absorb much of my future. That section ended in painted Sardarshahr, but a further 3000 km remained.

I left Sardarshahr with a heavy head after an evening trying to outdrink a soldier on local hooch. Little main roads, straight, surfaced and empty, dictated the route. On either side rough, sandy tracks, impassable for the bike, faded into little villages. In a flat landscape the few hills, even for that gearless bike, presented no challenge. I never had to walk. After Europe, the absence of traffic was sinister. Often there was no motor vehicle in ten or twenty kilometres (India had abandoned miles).

Distant camels stacked high with twiggly branches, appearing like walking trees, provided a frequent hazard. Looking back over their shoulder, they drifted across my path. Other camels pulled carts bearing brightly-clad families towards some local celebration. Their pneumatic tyres were a post-Independence development to confront sandy tracks.

Advancing into the desert, villages of circular adobe huts, beautiful in texture as in colour, became ever rarer. Each dwelling bore a conical roof of dry elephant grass or twigs. Women built and decorated their walls from a mixture of mud and cattle dung, fashioning remarkable shapes. To reduce the summer heat, walls might be divided or pierced by molded round or oval holes calling to mind



the sculpture of Moore or Hepworth. Each larger village supported a tiny roadside tea house, halt for timeless buses.

A whole day's ride separated towns, the road passing between ranks of wonderfully wind-shaped dunes, their curves patterned with ripples or perfectly smooth. Vegetation, well-adapted to aridity and supporting the occasional flock of goats, became sparser. Apart from vibrant village peafowl, birds favoured drab colours – wheatears, larks or partridge merging well with the background. The commonest road kill was a vulture too occupied with a delicious corpse to notice a speeding truck. Flattened on the tarmac, it resembled an imperial eagle.

At Dungargarh, next night-halt, a cell in the dharamshala, a basic inn funded by a local philanthropist, cost 50 paise (2 ½ pence). After the painted towns, I sought murals but these walls were bare. Leaving, 25km short of Bikaner,

the next city, an empty lorry pulled up. Its Sikh driver put the bike in the back and dropped me in the town centre. We would meet again.

Much of five days passed there was with people generous with their hospitality. An impressive fort enclosed the Maharaja's palace but the temples were uninspiring and its zoo sad, a prison for innocent beasts. The town had its charm; in the commercial quarter evening sun enhanced the red stonework of merchant havelis built of intricately carved sandstone. Each façade, balcony and supporting brackets was finely worked with abstract patterns and flowers. Windows curtained by pierced stone screens maintained internal privacy while providing a view out.

I met up with three young men, one a musician in a nearby temple, who introduced the city. One evening including an all-night ceremony where the congregation sang popular

film songs along with devotional ones. When the priest persuaded me sing, the women pulled their veils across to disguise their mirth at weird occidental tunes. He demanded the Lord's Prayer, for which I had to invent a melody. In the early hours, spiced tea and cigarettes were handed around while the musicians sang a song mocking folk who came to the temple only for its free tea.

Turning southwards, I covered fifty km towards holy Kolayat. It lay in a depression just off the road, its sanctity enhanced, in that arid landscape, by large pool surrounded by trees, flowers and small shrines. As with many holy places, pilgrims offered an extra attraction, gathering at dawn to descend steps to the water's edge to bathe. Among them were sadhus, trident in hand, clad in shades of saffron. A little bazaar prospered on remotely pious mementos.

Next morning, on a strong wind, I covered 100 km to Bap, passing a





man bearing an ancient musket with a very long barrel and a beautifully-shaped inlaid wooden butt. The only place to sleep was on the floor adjoining a tea house amongst travelling villagers before leaving for another unremarkable settlement, Pokhran. It was fated for fame when, the following year, India's first nuclear test took place nearby. Less remarkably, I replaced a worn pedal there and a local family put me up. A couple of smart, scarlet-turbaned young men with doubtful diamond ear-studs, hearing I had 120 km to ride, offered a black pill. 'This will get you there!'. 'What is it?' 'Afeem – very good.'

They were right. Hardly noticing the milestones pass, I arrived in Jaisalmer, a town of intricate mansions carved from golden sandstone around a hilltop fortress. That pill was good. I asked 'What is afeem?' They answered 'Opium'. There was only one little guest house – 'Gaylord'. Today Jaisalmer is a thriving tourist destination.

Christmas came. Day-late English-language newspapers announced that Rajaji, once India's Governor General, whom I hoped to meet, had died at 94. America was blitzing North Vietnam, hit India's Embassy, had killed General Giap (fake news:

he would die in bed aged 102). Ukraine is nothing new. Bullying politically incorrect, weaker lands didn't end with the Cold War. Suez, always Palestine, Hungary, Cuba, Cambodia, Laos, Czechoslovakia, Libya, Iraq... How many civilians died when that Baghdad air raid shelter received a direct hit? Oops!

A Christmas dinner of fried egg and chips was interrupted by the arrival of an English couple, who joined me. It turned out that she taught my sister at college and he served at Bovington camp, where my father worked. No escaping family at Christmas!

Short of money but expecting a draft at Jodhpur, I left next day, rising gently out of the saucer of land in which Jaisalmer lay. A jackal slunk among bushes and antelope pranced away. A tented refugee camp housed the Hindu population of a Pakistani village the Indians took in the recent war. Seeing little prospect for advancement in a Muslim land, they retreated with the army.

At dusk, in a large village, two Rajputs employed there invited me to stay. They produced booze and a neighbour's reluctant cockerel was soon reduced to a tough curry. It all made for another rough start next morning.

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# Plan fabulous days out with seasonal

Across Dorset, National Trust gardens are filling with colourful spring blooms, and houses are looking tip-top after their intensive winter cleans.

There's loads going on this season with silent spaces to relax and enjoy the spring gardens, health and wellness events, family trails, beach cleans and much more.

What's more, every time you experience a National Trust day out, you help care for these special places for future generations.

Here are some suggestions:

## Corfe Castle

[nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle)

*A Castle Quest: Celebrating the Bankes estate*

*Daily until Thurs 7 Apr, 10am-4.30pm.*

Celebrating 40 years since the bequest of the Bankes estate to the National Trust, this trail takes participants on a journey of discovery around the historic ruins. From dinosaur footprints in the Purbeck countryside to the earthwork remains of the Durotriges Celtic settlement, this trail will be fun for children and adults alike.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). No booking necessary.

## Quiet hour

*Every Wed, 9-10am*

Relax and enjoy a peaceful hour at Corfe Castle every Wednesday morning. This event could be perfect for people with additional sensory needs and their carers, so that they can fully immerse



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themselves in the experience of visiting the castle grounds and ruins without worrying about how busy the site will be.

Free (normal admission prices apply). Booking essential, call 0344 800 1895.

## Guided walk on Corfe Common and Purbeck Ridgeway

*Fri 25 Mar, 10am-1pm*

Join Ben Buxton on a 3.5 mile guided walk exploring Corfe Common and the Purbeck Ridgeway. Explore the cultural heritage of the area

and discover how history has shaped the landscape. Price: £10. Booking essential, call 0344 249 1895.

## 'The Castle and the Dragon' family trail

*Sat 9 to Wed 27 Apr, 10am-4.30pm*

Help the friendly but forgetful Corfe Castle Dragon find the items that she's lost around the castle. Each item is very important to the history of Corfe Castle, so keep your eyes peeled as you search the ruins. When you've noted all the items on your trail sheet, you must search for the Dragon herself to return the items and collect your prize from the Dragon's nest.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). No booking necessary.

## Hartland Way guided walk

*Thurs 28 Apr, 10am-12 noon*

Join Ben Buxton on a 3.5 mile guided walk exploring Hartland Moor and the Purbeck countryside. Discover the cultural heritage of the area and the important role it played in shaping the landscape.

Price: £10. Booking essential, 0344 800 1895.

## Kingston Lacy

[nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy)

## Silent space

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Price: Free. No booking necessary.

## Mother's Day

Sun 26 Mar, 9.30am-4pm

Spoil someone special – treat them to a cream tea in the café, spot spring flowers in the garden and join in with the craft activity to make them a special gift to remember their day.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). No booking necessary.

## 40 Years of Conservation and Care

Daily from Mon 28 Mar, 10.30am-3pm

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Bankes bequest, join us in looking back at some of the conservation work the National Trust has overseen to the house and collection during the past four decades. From dealing with dry rot to restoring the Kitchen Garden, those who have worked and



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volunteered here share their memories – contribute your memories to build a picture of this magnificent home and garden.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). No booking necessary.

## Forest bathing workshop

Fri 29 Apr, 8-10am

Take some time out to connect with nature, on an exclusive forest bathing workshop that weaves through Kingston Lacy's gardens and woodlands, which will be bursting with beautiful blossom and the sights and sounds of spring.

Price: £15. Booking essential, call 0344 249 1895.

## Studland

[nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay)

## Trust10 trail run

Sun 27 Mar, Sun 24 Apr, Sun 22 May. 8.30-11am.

Join the monthly 10k trail run at Knoll Beach, a great way to blow off the cobwebs, get some exercise and take in spectacular scenery. Join us

on the 4th Sunday of every month and explore the area by taking on this multi-terrain route across sand, road and off-road tracks. The Knoll Beach Cafe will be open for refreshments from 9.30am for spectators and socialising post run.

Price: Free. No booking necessary.

## Great Dorset beach clean

Shell Bay: Sat 2 Apr, 10.30am-12 noon

Knoll Beach: Sat 2 Apr, 10.30am-12 noon

South Beach: Sat 2 Apr, 1-2.30pm

Help us in this vital task to look after the coastline and sand dunes which are a habitat for some of the UK's rarest species, including all six native British reptiles as well as rare bird and plant life. Children are very welcome so bring the whole family and do your bit to keep this beautiful coastline clean.

Price: Free. Booking essential via the website.

## Easter Egg Hunts in Dorset

[nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/easter-egg-hunts-in-the-south-west](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/easter-egg-hunts-in-the-south-west)

From Sat 9 Apr

Join us for our Easter adventures in nature trails at many of the places we care for across Dorset this spring. There'll be lots of fun for you and your family on your trail as you do your nature-inspired activities. Complete the trail and collect your Rainforest Alliance chocolate egg.

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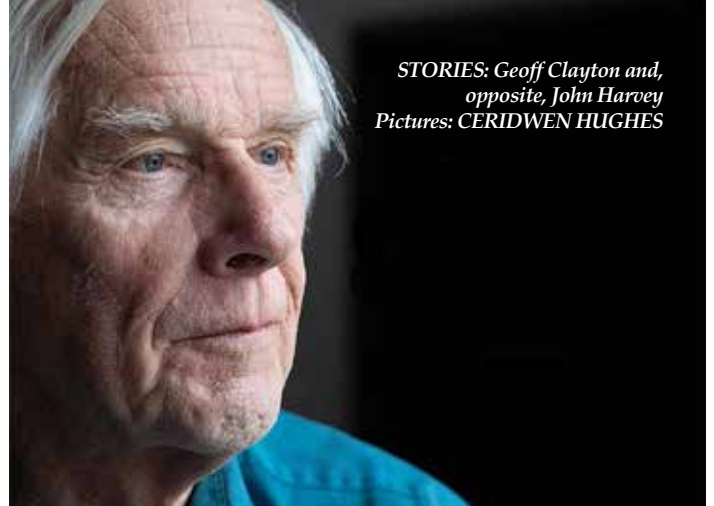
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## In the service



*STORIES: Geoff Clayton and,  
opposite, John Harvey  
Pictures: CERIDWEN HUGHES*

by Faith Eckersall

It's 60 years since National Service ended in the UK. But Dorset man Geoff Clayton clearly remembers the day he was ordered to join the British Army.

Shortly after his 18th birthday in September 1947: "A brown envelope dropped onto the doormat. Inside was a four-shilling postal order, a rail warrant and instructions to report to Chichester barracks," he says. "I had been conscripted and

given my first day's pay."

Geoff is one of 15 Dorset men who have contributed to a new online heritage project, designed to recognise those who were conscripted into the Army following the Second World War.

The National Service Remembered project was began in Wales by Ceridwen Hughes, photographer and founder of Same but Different, but it started in Dorset after Kevin Moore, Programme co-ordinator



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for Dorset Armed Forces Covenant Programme, learned about it.

"We became aware of the National Serviceman's Project that had been completed in Wales and the Northwest and contacted Ceri to find out more," he says. "We realised this would be an amazing thing to do in Dorset and supported 'Same but Different' in the bid to get a Dorset Project funded through the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund."

He said they had uncovered some "rich and wonderful stories from a generation that served their country at a time of need". However, he added: "They do not always consider themselves as veterans as they did not volunteer. It is important that we recognise and celebrate this fantastic generation that gave so much to support their country in years following the Second World War."

After Geoff Clayton received his papers, he was given an army number, a demob number and his AB64 paybook. "When you are only just 18, two years is a long way off," he says. "I wasn't thrilled about going but it was just something that we all had to do."

"Friday was pay day – 28 shillings. We had to buy our own blanco, Duraglit and boot polish. Not a lot left for tea and Eccles cake at break times or a couple of Woodbines. Nearly everyone smoked and food was plentiful and very basic, doled out into one mess tin and tea into the other. If you managed to be towards the front of the queue, you could be early at the washing up bucket."

He said he was asked where he'd like to be posted to. "I suggested Washington or Tokyo where there were R Sigs outposts. They sent me to Lisbon, which sounded great until they gave me a travel warrant to Lisburn in Northern Ireland!"

'Dorset lad' John Harvey left school at 14 and was working on a farm when he was called up to attend Gobowen near Oswestry.

"We got to camp, they gave us a cup of tea and a fancy cake and I thought this isn't bad going," he says. "We then went into a big room with lots of men who had each of the kit items. One bloke had the trousers, one had the boots and then you had your belt and your jumpers and coat. They laid them all across your arms and gave you a hat that looked like a dustbin lid. I think they cut a foot off the bottom of the trousers."

"All in all I really enjoyed it. You could go in there and be an idiot, not doing anything but it was a chance to learn a lot of things that I could never learn on the farm."

National Service famously provided the West Country writer Leslie Thomas with a wealth of stories for his book, *The Virgin Soldiers* and he wasn't the only famous person to have served.

Brian Blessed, Michael Caine and Anthony Hopkins are among some of the household names who went into National Service. And television veteran Johnny Ball, who served in the RAF during the 1950s, is supporting the Lottery-funded National Service Remembered campaign after describing his time in service as 'the making of him'.

The exhibition will be touring the UK later in the year and is available to see online at [www.national-service.co.uk](http://www.national-service.co.uk). If you want to share your experiences of National Service, or find out more about the project, you can visit the National Service Remembered website at [samebutdifferentic.org.uk/national-service](http://samebutdifferentic.org.uk/national-service)

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# Solicitors rise to Jurassic Coast Challenge

Adventurous lawyers are stepping up for a gruelling 100km trek along Dorset's iconic Jurassic Coast in aid of former soldiers and their families.

A team from Dorset law firm Ellis Jones Solicitors is tackling the Jurassic Coast Challenge from Corfe Castle to Bridport on May 14-15.

All proceeds from the fundraiser are in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity, formerly known as the Army Benevolent Fund.

Ellis Jones – with 21 partners and more than 160 staff in five offices – is supporting the team with training sessions, kit, supplies and registration fees.

There are 12 Ellis Jones team members taking part along with a support team. Senior associate solicitor Will Dooley and solicitor Conor Maher are joint team captains.

Will, who has undertaken walking expeditions in the UK and abroad, said: "We're looking forward to a tough yet enjoyable challenge on one of the most spectacular coastlines in the country."

Conor, who is an adventure training instructor and expedition leader with the Army Cadet Force, said: "Knowing that the challenge is in aid of an incredibly deserving cause will spur us on. We're all looking forward to it."

The 100km trek – 62 miles – takes in Swanage, Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Weymouth, Portland Bill and West Bay.

Team members will raise at least £300 each in sponsorship and have the choice to complete the 100km route over two days or 50k on one of the days.

The event is being organised by Action Challenge as part of its

Ultra Challenge Series. Fundraisers for charities from across the UK are due to take part.

ABF The Soldiers' Charity is the Army's national charity, helping past and present soldiers and their families when they are in need.

Ellis Jones supports a number of charities, clubs and good causes. Recently they have included arts charity Vita Nova, Lewis Manning Hospice Care, Walk for Wards, the BC Club, Variety Wessex, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Swanage Railway and the Honeypot Children's Charity.

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**PICTURE: ON TRACK:** Captains Will Dooley, left, and Conor Maher, right, are leading an Ellis Jones team on the Jurassic Coast Challenge in May

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# DURLSTON

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## April A-Z

Spring is fully in bloom and the park looks beautiful. Taking a walk along the Clifftop path will immerse yourself in sounds, sights and smells.

Looking out to the sea, the sunlight dances off the waves and transforms the coast into a paradise, deceptively still and tranquil.

Standing for a moment, calming sounds of the waves folding onto the rocky shore of Durlston Bay will be interrupted by excited calls of seabirds of the cliffs.

Glancing at the view, a Fulmar will be gliding effortlessly through the air accompanying a Shag diving deep into the water for fish.

Further round the clifftop, the sweet aroma of coconut will radiate from the bright yellow Gorse flowers and an Adder or two may be spotted basking in the spring sunshine at Tilly Whim Caves.

The exhibition in the Fine Foundation Gallery running from Saturday to Sunday, April 2-24, will complement Spring at Durlston perfectly.

Local artist Katy Harrauld's exhibition 'On Wing & Shore' will use the traditional artform of pencil and graphite to explore the hidden lives and complexity of Dorset coastline flora and fauna.

The Easter holidays will bring new energy into the park, with a range of activities for children



Tilly Whim and Anvil Point light

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and families to get involved with.

We have a full schedule of events with Rabbits hidden around the park for our children's activity trail and drop-in activities like Seed bomb making, Wild Wednesdays and a Wild Play Day.

Workshops including Glass Engraving and

Mark Page's Children's Nature and Woodland Art are a wonderful addition along with a host of Ranger-led kids activities and guided walks. Visit the Durlston website to book or for more information on future events and activities.

In other news, our new events guide is in the making which will run from May 2022 – September 2022.

Keep your eyes peeled as this edition will be jam packed with a whole host of events, exhibitions and activities from Sea Bird Boat trips and Outdoor Cinema Events to Anglo Saxon Saturdays and Stargazing evenings. We are all very excited so make sure to pick up your copy on your next visit.

With the winter weather behind us, check out all the wonderful ways you can get involved at Durlston.

From weekly work parties outside, counter volunteering, becoming a roaming ranger or helping down at the Shed.

For more information on events and more visit our Durlston website!

Visit the Durlston website:

<https://www.durlston.co.uk/>

Visit the Seventhwave website:

<https://7eventhwave.com/>

## Margaret Green Animal Rescue

### Join us for our spring online auction!

Margaret Green Animal Rescue are excited to share that we are hosting another Online Auction this year and there are many fantastic prizes up for grabs!

Make sure you



put Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th April in your diary and take part in our Auction, to help us raise money for the rescue animals in our care.

Following the success of our Christmas Auction last year, it is set to be a great opportunity to support our animals and help us to look after and rescue others in need.

From an £80 voucher for the incredible Al Molo restaurant in Weymouth, to hampers for your four-legged friends and a voucher for the

beautiful Sculpture by the Lakes, there will be plenty of great prizes to bid on!

By taking part in the Online Auction and spreading the word, you will be supporting a local charity and helping us to care for over 1,200 animals each year.

Please visit our website and social media pages, to discover more information and updates on our Spring Online Auction very soon.

Website: [margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk](http://margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk)

Facebook: Margaret Green Animal





# Champion Dorset Wildlife

By Faith Eckersall

Bird box? Tick. Compost heap? Tick? Log piles, wildflower grass and native hedge? Tick and tick again!

If you've got all or some of these, you're well on your way to becoming a Wildlife Champion for Dorset and you could be in line for a special plaque.

Dorset Wildlife Trust wants more of us to commit to gardening for wildlife, turning our back and front yards into havens for biodiversity.

The trust says: "There are 15 million gardens in the UK totalling an acreage greater than all our National Nature Reserves put together, so what you do in your garden matters. Large or small, your garden can

provide a vital stepping stone for wildlife and be part of the patchwork of wildlife friendly areas linking towns and the countryside."

Among the things the Trust wants to see champions doing is commit to using only peat-free compost, cutting out harmful chemicals and slug pellets, creating a bucket, pond or bog garden if safe and appropriate, building or installing bat boxes, hedgehog houses and bird homes, and ensuring there are nectar-rich plants available for bees and other pollinators.

If you want to apply for the Trust's free plaque, all you have to do is send it photographic evidence of at least six of these features, which are listed on its site.

details from <https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/gardenscheme>

## Gazette Gardening

### Gardening to combat climate change

with Simon Goldsack

#### Herbs that Show Off

Much has been written about the culinary and medicinal benefits of herbs, but this month I would like to highlight a few of their ornamental credentials.

Most gardeners and garden designers have some 'go to' plants when they are devising a new planting scheme ..... plants that contribute so greatly to a display that it is hard not to use them when the conditions are suitable. In amongst my 'go to' plants are several herbs which I would like to share with you.

First among them is *trailing rosemary*.



In a border it will form a low evergreen shrub with silver foliage and blue flowers in spring and summer but it really comes into its own making a dramatic feature when grown at the top of a wall,

in a pot or in a rockery where its branches can trail. It thrives best in a well-drained soil and sunny position.

*Purple Sage* Just as good for cooking purposes as green sage, this purple form adds a lot of depth to many colour themed borders. It is equally at home in a purple, silver, blue and pink theme as it is with hot coloured theme involving oranges, red and yellows.

*Golden Oregano* This is a real show off and brings a true zing of bright lemon yellow leaves. Its trailing habit makes it ideally suited to the front of a border, in a rockery or even in a gravel path.



It has a sister plant called *Oregano Country Cream* which is also very attractive but in a more subtle way. The flowers of both are very attractive to butterflies.

Finally there are several forms of *thyme* that I would recommend for rockeries and cracks in paving where their pungent leaves will release a lovely scent when lightly trodden on. Try *lemon thyme* as it is particularly aromatic, creeping red thyme for its low flat habit and pink flowers, and *golden thyme* for its bright yellow leaves.

Holme will have a whole host of herbs available throughout April and beyond. To win a free pot and herbs to the value of £25 simply email [enquiries@holmefg.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@holmefg.co.uk) with your name and mark the subject line Purbeck Gazette April Competition. Winner will be chosen at random on May 1st and notified by email.

You have mentioned the conditions suitable for rosemary, do you need to state what the others need?

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# It's time to get composting, says recycling team

Spring is a perfect time to think about making compost for our gardens, hanging baskets and window boxes.

Composting is great for the environment. It improves soil - helping to create healthy plants and reducing the need to water and fertilise. It's easy to make, can save money and you only need a small outdoor space.

Dorset Council is offering compost bins at prices as low as £6 and there is an extra buy-one-get-one-half-price deal (plus delivery). This is for a limited number of bins so hurry whilst the offer lasts! See [getcomposting.com](http://getcomposting.com) for details.

Free compost bins are also offered to schools. We offer up to two compost bins and two caddies, plus a visit from a team member. Visit [dorsetcouncil/recycle](http://dorsetcouncil/recycle) for more details.

Good things you can compost include teabags, plant prunings, cut flowers, vegetable peelings and fruit waste (add citrus peelings sparingly). You can also add cardboard eggboxes and crunched up paper. These provide fibre and carbon and also allow important air pockets to form in the mixture.

Twigs, grass clippings and leaves can also be added, but they will take a long time to break down if large quantities are added at one time.

The compost is ready when it's brown and crumbly. Dig into the soil in early spring or late autumn to improve the soil structure and act as a slow release fertiliser.

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# There's no fudging with this delish dish!

by Lorraine Gibson  
Irish cream fudge

Preparation time: 20 minutes + cooling + chilling  
Cooking time: 25 minutes  
Makes about 30 pieces  
This fudge would make a lovely gift.  
Wrap it in parchment and arrange in pretty boxes, or simply use a little cellophane and ribbon.

## Ingredients

397g can condensed milk  
150ml whole milk  
425g light brown soft sugar  
115g unsalted butter  
100ml Baileys The Original Irish Cream  
Large pinch of salt  
100g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), chopped

## Method

1 Line a 20cm x 20cm baking tin with parchment. Put the milks, sugar and butter in a large, non-stick



saucepan and warm over a medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar has dissolved.

Put a sugar thermometer in the pan and turn up the heat a little, bringing the mixture to a moderate bubble. Stir continuously until the thermometer reaches 113-

115C or 'soft-ball stage' (this should take about 15 minutes).

Take the pan off the heat and set aside for 5 minutes.  
2 Stir the Irish Cream and salt into the mixture. Using electric beaters set to a medium speed, beat for about 10 minutes until

you have a thick mixture that's starting to come away from the sides of the pan. (You can also do this with a wooden spoon, beating for about 15 minutes.)

Tip the mixture into the lined tin, spreading it out evenly. Cool to room temperature, then cover and chill for an hour.

3 Melt the chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water, stirring until smooth. Meanwhile, put a large sheet of baking parchment on the work surface.

Turn out the fudge and trim the edges to neaten, then cut into squares about 3cm x 3cm. Dip half of each square of fudge in the chocolate.

Leave to set on the parchment, chilling again briefly if needed.

*Recipe and picture courtesy of waitrose.com/recipes.*

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# From The Kitchen Garden...

There's so much to do before Spring unfolds properly and the sowing madness has started.

The last of the leeks have come out the ground as they needed to make space for the plough and cultivator before being ready to be planted or sown with this year's different crop. Of course, a generous amount of compost will be applied to make sure the soil stays healthy and can grow a healthy vegetables.

The freshly sown leeks have germinated in their trays and are about to unfurl their one first leaf. I'm always amazed at the wonder of a tiny seed being able to produce a whole new plant, providing it with all the nutrition this emerging life needs until it can photosynthesize for itself. These minute leeks will need pricking out each and every one to be able to grow into mini leeks, before being planted out into their final growing spot in the field in early summer.

The same process also goes for my maincrop onions, shallots and cluster sown spring onions. The garlic, onions and shallots grown from sets have overwintered happily in the ground, getting their roots established and as the days get longer, they really grow at quite an astonishing rate.

Another harvest taking a whole year from start to finish is purple sprouting broccoli. I really have to protect this cabbage relative, as everyone loves eating it, including my customers... cabbage white caterpillars, slugs, pigeons, rabbits and nibbly deer, they all would love to get to this tasty and nutritious vegetable.

I plant out the hardened off seedlings in May/June and try to immediately net them, so they can grow into big, healthy plants until they get battered by the winter storms and just about now the plants gain momentum, looking really lush and start seeding out their purple flowerheads.

This delicious harvest happens during a very short time window, before the tight flowerheads open up into yellow flowers ready for pollination.

Hopefully soon I will get the chance to plant out my chitted seed potatoes so I will have more room for the ever growing amount of seedlings in my one surviving polytunnel.

The beginning of March has been such a stormy time and yes, 2 polytunnels' skin has come off and been ripped to shreds. I need to make up my mind very soon but I'm tempted to replace one not with plastic but with fine netting. This means it's less hot and humid but fully protected from pests and hungry mouths, usefull for

hardening off seedlings and quite nice to work in when it's warm.

Once I've finished ploughing I need to get my skates on relocating quite a few rhubarb crowns. I've had them in the ground for a good handful of years and the time has come to divide and move them to a fesh place.

I've also got some crowns of a different variety new in, just to shake things up a bit- can't wait to try cooking with them!

All around me life is happening and this seasonal routine comforts me, excites me and knackers me every Spring. The ganders are being very touchy since before their girls started laying amazing eggs. Mr Drake is besotted with his womenfolk but keeps a beedy eye out for anything threatening and the first calves are to be born at the beginning of April.

*Ingredients for a 18 cm/ 7inch spring clip baking tin*

Shortcrust pastry:

-300 g plain flour

-100 g cold butter

- pinch of salt

- 1 egg, beaten

Filling:

5 eggs, beaten

100 ml milk

200 ml double cream

pinch of ground nutmeg, black pepper

1 tsp. mustard

200 g purple sprouting broccoli

250 g grated cheese ( cheddar or similar)

4 rashers fried, smoky, streaky bacon

*Method:*

-To make the pastry, sift the flour together with a pinch of salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter with your fingertips until the mix resembles breadcrumbs. Add the beaten egg to make the flour mix come together to form a dough. Wrap up and stick it in the fridge for half an hour.

-Roll out your pastry on a floured surface and line your clip tin with it. Don't trim off any edges yet as the dough will shrink a little. Put it back in the fridge for another half hour.

-Preheat your oven to 180C

-Take the pastry case out the fridge, line the bottom with baking parchment and fill with baking beans and bake blind for about 20 minutes.

-Remove baking beans and sprinkle the cheese over the base, add the purple sprouting broccoli and fried

## Purple Sprouting Broccoli Quiche



bacon rashers

-Mix together the eggs, cream, milk, seasoning and mustard

and pour mix over the other ingredients

-Bake for 35-45 minutes until set.

-leave it to cool and firm up a little.

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# National Coastwatch

## Eyes along the coast

### Getting afloat? Be properly prepared and put safety first



No matter what the weather Easter, and the longer days it brings, seems to be the traditional start to people getting out on the water.

Boats that have been in storage all winter are put on their moorings, rigging is put in place and voyages are planned. In other sports equipment is cleaned off, air tanks are filled, paddle boards are pumped up and the winter spiders are swept out of kayaks! One of my friends even found a mouse nest in the boot of his dry suit!

While many people use the run up to Easter to get prepared there are, sadly, those who simply jump onto the water. When going on a long car journey we're used to checking oil, water, fuel and tyres. Carrying out the equivalent tasks on our boats and associated equipment can stop a memorable and enjoyable day out becoming an incident that is remembered for all the wrong reasons. The RNLI do an excellent series of advice guides and checklists to help people get ready for the summer season on the water. The link to these pages is:

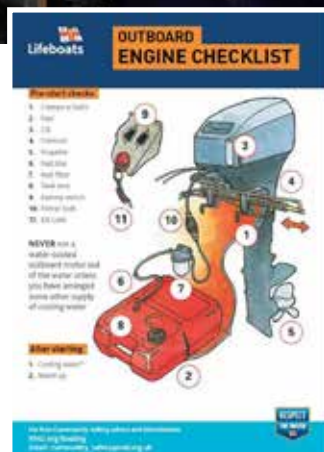
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As well as these guides the RNLI offer face-to-face safety advice sessions that takes place onboard your vessel at a time that's convenient for you. This unique service, provided by experienced and highly-trained RNLI volunteers will provide you with independent advice about your boat's safety

equipment. You'll also have an opportunity to ask any niggling questions about equipment, safety, or emergency procedures that are on your mind. Advice Onboard is a free service that's suitable for anyone who goes to sea on a pleasure vessel of less than 13.7m. It's available in all parts of the UK and Ireland. And it's individual – they will tailor it to your vessel and the type of boating you do. You can easily book a session using their online booking form.

The need to be prepared is best summed up by 'Emily's Code'. Emily's Code aims to prevent accidents at sea by highlighting key safety messages and leaves a legacy in memory of 14-year old Emily Gardner. On 2nd May 2015, Emily drowned in a boating accident due to an ill-fitting buoyancy aid snagging on the cleat of a capsized speedboat. Emily's parents launched the Code with the support of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), HM Coastguard, British Water Ski and Wakeboard Association, and the RNLI to raise safety awareness for small boat owners and users.

Emily's parents Clive and Debbie Gardner said: "If just one family sees this and takes action to protect their children on the water, then Emily's Code will have succeeded, and Emily's name will live on. Something as easy as checking that your lifejacket or buoyancy aid fits properly can save your life. So be smart and follow Emily's Code."



One of the key points in Emily's Code is having some way of communicating with the emergency services if something goes wrong. The most effective tool to do this is having a good marine VHF radio and knowing how to use it. Over the last year the Maritime Coastguard Agency has been encouraging water users to carry out a radio check using the NCIs dedicated radio channel, Channel 65.

As well as checking that your radio works, the watchkeepers can give you a weather observation, tidal information, and the Lulworth Range opening times.

Many of us take a mobile phone on board and this can be another aid to communication.

A recent development is the RYA SafeTrx app ([rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety/keep-in-touch/safetrx](http://rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety/keep-in-touch/safetrx)). It allows you to track your journey on your smartphone, and can alert

emergency contacts should you fail to arrive on time. It's available for both Android and Apple iOS smartphones and is free to download and use.

Safetrx provides all recreational water users with an easily accessible and simple to use means that can inform HM Coastguard of their voyage plans and dynamic location in the event of distress.

RYA SafeTrx periodically sends your location data back to a dedicated server. If your nominated emergency contact calls HM Coastguard about an overdue trip, the Coastguard will have access to your location and SafeTrx trip data through a secure SafeTrx server. This will allow them to get you help more quickly.

Corresponding to the increase in water users we get a lot more visitors and walkers passing by the Lookouts. To cater for them, and to raise much-needed funds, both St Alban's Head and the lookout at Peveril Point will be offering refreshments during Easter.

For those hardy souls who make it out to St Alban's, the team will be serving refreshments from 'the hatch' between Good Friday (15th April) and Easter Monday (18th April). At Peveril Point, our catering team will be putting on 'tea and cakes' on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

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



# Motoring

## Electric vehicles a luxury half of society can't afford

**Electric vehicles creating class and regional divide as poorer populations can't afford them**

Electric vehicles (EVs) are a luxury that almost half of society can't afford, according to claims from used car buying service, [Choose My Car](#).

The high cost of purchase, installing expensive charging points, and rising energy costs are just some of the reasons that lower-income drivers are being priced out of the EV market. That's despite the Government attempting to promote the use of EVs and penalising those who don't with new emission charges across several cities.

EVs have been hailed as the new must-have technology, but the reality is that they are still very expensive to buy, with little in the second-hand market. In addition to the original purchase cost, prices to install a charging point can be as high as £1,000 - and sometimes this isn't even an option.

For those living in high-rise flats, or in homes without a driveway, the

charging process can become almost impossible - and often unsafe.

Other factors that influence the cost are higher insurance premiums and the fact that the energy price cap has risen by 54% this year, meaning charging costs will be higher than ever.

Despite this issue, the Government is pressing forward with plans to introduce more Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ) across British cities, meaning those who can't afford to buy new cars or EVs are being further penalised.

On top of this problem is the vastly uneven geographical split of publicly-accessible charging points. The latest stats show that London has the best supply, with 102 per 100,000 people, whereas the North East region has just 24.

Founder of [ChooseMyCar.com](#), Nick Zapolski, expressed his concerns that those who don't have the money for a new vehicle or EV are being financially penalised when they can least afford it.



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## Random act of kindness at crucial time in women's group's history

By Lorraine Gibson

A local charity group received an unexpected gift on its 50th anniversary that will now enable it continue, at the very moment it was decided that it may need to disband. The Wallisdown Ladies Group, formed in 1951 when 14 young women met in a room above a pub to share their interests and discuss the issues of the day. It now has more than 40 members and has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity in the decades following that first gathering.

However, with many members now elderly – Joan Tunstall, a founding member and now chairman, is the youngest at 77! – and due to the pandemic, many are reluctant to venture out in the evenings.

“We tried to find somewhere to meet during the day but there wasn't much available,” says Joan, “and what was available was too expensive. It was looking as though we'd have to give up.”

Nevertheless, the current members, including five other stalwarts from the original 14, decided to have a final luncheon party to mark the half a century of helping one another and their community.

And it was as they tucked-in to a three-course meal, that Lady Luck stepped in.

“We booked a room at the Kinson Conservative Club and as we were chatting, one of the staff found out about us having nowhere to meet,” says Joan. “As soon as she heard, she said, ‘This is so sad’, then she suddenly said, ‘You can have this room for your meetings from now on.’”

“We were so grateful as it means that the Wallisdown Ladies can meet regularly again.”

The inaugural 1951 meeting place was the King's Arms pub and little did the young women realise that they were forming a group that



would endure for 50 years – and now beyond.

Back then, their policy was a progressive one of inclusivity, a non-denominational ethos that welcomed women of any age, colour, creed or background.



The old adage of ‘what goes round comes around’ rings true as the WWG's kindness and welcoming approach is duly reciprocated.

## Events

### The Mayday Singers

The Mayday Singers “Spring Song” from: 30 April 2022 from 19.00 to: 30 April 2022 to 20.00 at St George's Church, Langton Matravers Tickets £5.00 on the

door with a retiring collection for the Richard Ely Trust that supports young musicians in Dorset. Email: Jane@thepottingshed.org.uk

## Business Matters



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It has increasingly become the norm for shareholdings to be held electronically – Stocks & Shares ISAs have always been held this way. It is certainly the easiest way of holding UK shares and often the only way that many overseas shares can be held. Holding UK shares in certificated form is becoming less common and potentially much more complicated than holding shares with a custodian in electronic form.

All your shareholdings can be held electronically in one place via an FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) registered firm such as Redmayne Bentley. Costs will vary between providers/custodians for operating an account and will also depend on the level of service that you require.

The shares will be held in a nominee account where they are held on your behalf in electronic form. FCA-registered firms operate a non-trading nominee account separate from their company so that clients' assets cannot be used to fund company debts. For instance, Redmayne Bentley LLP has a separate non-trading company, Redmayne Bentley Nominees, which is set up purely to hold shares on behalf of our clients.

If your shares are held electronically, all dividends will be received by that custodian and you will usually have the option of having the dividends paid out as and when they are received, setting a fixed regular payment from the dividend income or holding the dividends in a deposit account with the custodian.

If your shares are held electronically, you always know what valid holdings you have and if there are any changes to the holdings, these are automatically updated. It also cuts down on the correspondence that you receive from the registrars. With nominee holdings you will receive a consolidated tax certificate after the end of the tax year, which is much easier than having to pull together dividend tax details from individual

holdings. You would still receive details of corporate actions such as rights issues and takeovers, but the custodian would tend to send you a summary and your options, rather than the full documentation which is sent by the registrars to certificated holders.

In the past, some shareholder benefits were only available to those who held their shares in certificated form in their own name. This is now less likely, with holdings like Carnival, for instance, still offering shareholder benefits to clients who hold shares in nominee accounts.

One of the biggest advantages of holding shares in electronic/nominee form with a single custodian is when someone passes away. First, you know straight away what was held by the deceased and there is no sifting through piles of paperwork to establish what was held. In addition, instead of having to provide a Grant of Probate to each registrar and having the details altered on each individual holding, the executors need only provide one copy of the Grant of Probate in order for the whole portfolio to be registered in the names of the executors. If the shares are held in a joint account, if a death certificate is provided, the account and therefore the shareholdings can all be transferred into the sole name of the survivor. Having shareholdings in a nominee account can also potentially be useful in the case of an Inheritance Tax liability, as subject to specific forms being in place, shareholdings can be sold prior to Probate being granted for the sole purpose of paying the Inheritance Tax bill.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

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# Town solicitors strengthened with new partners

A high-flying lawyer who completed her training just over nine years ago has been promoted to Partner at Swanage law firm Ellis Jones Solicitors.

Victoria Riddleston has become the 21st Partner at the law firm, which has an office in Swanage's High Street.

Victoria joined Ellis Jones three years after qualifying and during her time with the firm has been promoted three times, demonstrating the firm's commitment to developing its junior lawyers.

Victoria works within Ellis Jones' Dispute Resolution Department and specialises in Contentious Trusts and Probate and Contentious Court of Protection work. Nigel Smith, Managing Partner at the firm, said: "Victoria's promotion is richly deserved.

"Victoria has made an exceptional contribution to the firm, especially within the Contentious Trusts and Probate Department, and she has been instrumental in setting up and leading our specialist charities advice team."

Nigel added: "Victoria's



promotion is further confirmation of the importance we place upon developing our talent and promoting from within.

"There's a clear pathway for career progression and we look forward to seeing more of our rising stars following in Victoria's footsteps."

Victoria, who qualified as a solicitor in September 2012, has been ranked as an Associate to

Watch for private wealth disputes in Chambers and Partners' High Net Worth Guide for the last four years, now being ranked as an Up and Coming Partner.

She has been endorsed as a Recommended Lawyer in the Legal 500 for Contentious Trust and Probate for five years running, from 2018 to 2022, as well as for Court of Protection and Commercial Litigation work. In addition, Victoria was shortlisted as a finalist for Lawyer of the Year at the Dorset Legal Awards.

Victoria said: "I am delighted to have been promoted partner at Ellis Jones.

"The firm highly values its staff and provides excellent opportunities for progression.

"I am very much looking forward to helping the firm and our clients continue to grow and succeed in the future."

Victoria is a member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Solicitors and the Charity Law Association.

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And the company has strengthened its Business Services department with an experienced new partner.

Wayne Spolander, above centre, was named as a key lawyer in the 2022 edition of the industry bible The Legal 500 and leads on corporate transactions with a particular focus on buying/selling businesses, management buy-outs, share buybacks and joint ventures.

In addition, he deals with complex commercial contracts. The transactions and commercial contracts concerned often involve businesses located in different jurisdictions in the world.

Wayne became the 20th Partner at Ellis Jones, which has an office in the High Street in Swanage.

Wayne has more than 20 years' experience as a solicitor across London and the South after moving to the UK from South Africa where he qualified as an Attorney.



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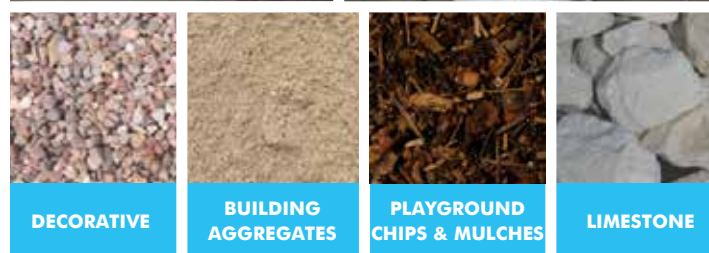
Making Tax Digital (MTD) for VAT is to be extended to cover all businesses with a turnover below the VAT threshold from April 2022. Businesses will be mandated to keep their records digitally and provide their VAT return information to HMRC using MTD compatible software.

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.

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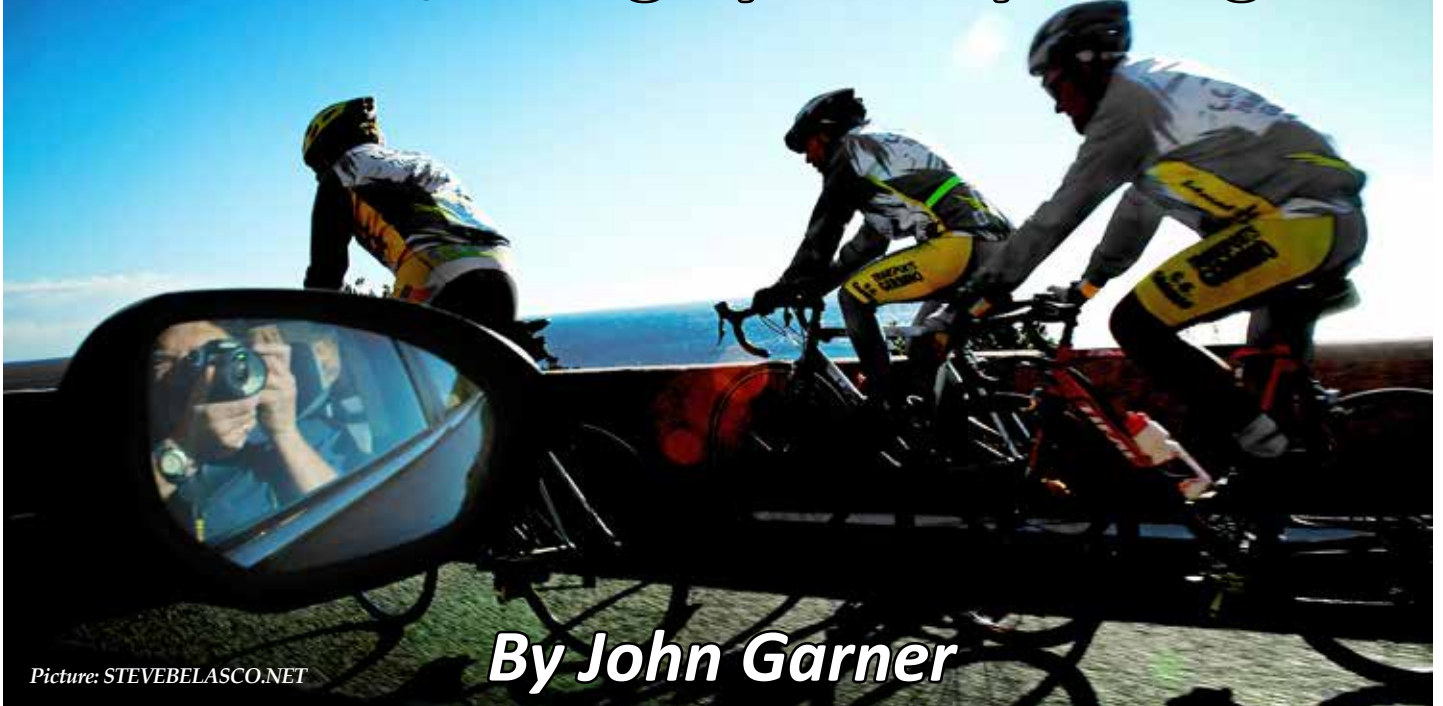
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# Natural Matters

## Good news, though you may not agree!



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**By John Garner**

As I'm sure you are all aware there have been some key changes of the Highway Code of late.

Or you may not know it as it seemed to glean very little press coverage other than a cursory mention on the day of its inception.

And judging from recent exchanges whilst out riding, there does appear to be a small minority who are somewhat unaware of these new laws.

In fact I would go as far as to say they've taken them as a direct threat and are determined to make their incredibly dangerous point.

Two friends of mine have been knocked off their bikes in the last few weeks.

Both ended up in hospital, both need operations and both will need an

extended period of recovery.

And crucially in both cases the drivers accepted liability and an acceptance that they were to blame.

However, this is not the same thing as ranting or driving dangerously to try to intimidate cyclists.

These were just unfortunate events and certainly in one case the driver was mortified at having hit a cyclist, temporarily blinded as he was by a low winter sun.

I've included these examples to show just how vulnerable cyclists are even without the added harassment of unthinking and aggressive drivers.

So what's changed as of the 29th January? The hierarchy of the road. The code now states that those road users most at risk in a collision are top of the hierarchy.

It doesn't mean that cyclists can behave irresponsibly but it recognises this innate vulnerability and aims to protect them.

If people are crossing a road or are at a junction the driver has to give way. This included a person on a motorcycle or cycling.

Cyclists also should respect people that are walking in shared spaces. Sensible stuff like not speeding past people or horses from behind.

(And this is a bit of a clincher). Cyclists and their position on the road.

Cyclists should ride in the middle of the road on quiet roads, in slower moving traffic and at the approach to junctions or narrowing roads.

On busier roads they should be at least 0.5 metres out from the kerb.

Groups of cyclists should be considerate of other road users but should consider riding 2 abreast as this is generally deemed as being safer.

If someone's behind be aware and ride single file to allow them to overtake when safe to do so.

When overtaking parked cars leave 1 metre or the width of a door opening suddenly.

Overtakers of cyclists should give them at least 1.5 metres of space up to 30mph and more at higher speeds. It's 2 metres for horses and pedestrians.

Crucially drivers should wait behind and not overtake until it is safe and

possible to clear this amount of space between the car and the cyclist, horse or pedestrian you are overtaking.

People driving up to roundabouts give priority to cyclists.

This summary doesn't cover everything but it's got most of the salient points.

Of course it can really be summed up by being alert and considerate to all other road users, but some folks have a strange interpretation of what that means so the good producers of the Highway Code have spelt it out.

It's very little consolation to be waving the Highway Code at the driver who's just knocked you off your bike.

The moral high ground is no defence against a high speed vehicle. It's really important that everyone knows the new rules.

Whilst I have a healthy disrespect for daft rules, these ones are designed to make everyone safe on the roads.

I doubt the car driver that ranted at a friend of mine the other day would be quite so brazen if he'd knocked him off his bike and injured or killed him. Something I doubt you ever come to terms with and these rules will definitely not prevent all the possible injuries.

But I reckon they are definitely a step in the right direction.

We've just got to make sure everyone is aware of them.

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# Furry good reason to volunteer

by Lorraine Gibson

Ask anyone who's had a visit from Caring Canines and they'll confirm that dogs really are man's best friend.

This brilliant, self-funded service arranges visits to care homes by four-legged friends that give residents a bit of mood-boosting company.

Aware of the huge benefits that come from being in the presence of a gentle dog, Sue Dennett and her friend, Julie Lankshear decided to set up a small, dedicated group of local owners and pets who could visit care homes in Dorset.

That was in 2006 and what started as a small-scale 'something to do' in their spare time is now a full-time concern, run from their homes and something they just really love doing.

This is reflected in Caring Canines achieving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

"It's so rewarding," says Sue. "Dogs open up all sorts of communications channels. It's amazing, even people who are quite poorly respond on seeing them. They open up a whole new world."



The pandemic has been particularly harsh on care homes, so the return of this service is incredibly important.

"We've come back from a ghastly two years and are needed more than ever, so we are recruiting," she says.

"We need dogs - and their owners - who can join us for a set amount of time a week, month, whatever, to help."

Sue adds: "It's so rewarding but like many small organisations we are

struggling back to normality and having more members to spread our special doggy magic would be wonderful."

So, what sort of dogs are they looking for?

"It's all about the temperament," says Sue. Regardless of breed, size, whatever, it's all about the dog. Are they gentle when taking titbits? Well-behaved? Confident? Gentle?

"They do need to be at least 10 months old, and need to live within 15 miles of Bournemouth, but otherwise, a good temperament is everything."

Caring Canines is a completely free service which runs on a tiny budget, so a 'thank you' donation is always welcome.

The dogs are particularly beneficial for people with dementia but everyone benefits from a stroke and a pally paw.

Sue says: "I think the photo of Stella and Max says it all. Caring Canines are known as the 'Happiness Dogs' and we always say 'a smile makes it all worthwhile'."

To volunteer or find out more contact Sue Dennett on 01202 764571 or sue\_daisy@yahoo.co.uk.

## More county support for unpaid carers

It is estimated that more than 11 per cent of Dorset's population are unpaid carers. They may be looking after their partner or spouse, a relative, a friend or a neighbour. The person they care for could have a physical or mental health problem or have substance misuse issues.

In a bid to make more organisations across Dorset aware of unpaid carers and to make Dorset a more carer-friendly community, Carer Support Dorset has recruited a new community engagement officer, Tracy Rowland.

Tracy has had a lengthy career in healthcare including working as a registered nurse through to work with Public Health Dorset and most recently, as a programme lead with NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group.

Any organisations interested in linking up with Tracy and finding out more about support available to unpaid carers should contact Carer Support Dorset on 0800 368 8349 or email [admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk).



  
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# Arts & Entertainment

## National Open Youth Orchestra unites with BSO Resound

BSO Resound, the world's first disabled-led ensemble as a core part of a major symphony orchestra, will join musicians of the National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO) on the stage at Lighthouse, Poole, as NOYO makes its anticipated stage debut this spring.

Since making its acclaimed debut in 2018, BSO Resound has remained focussed on its mission to inspire the next generation of talent and regularly gives both schools' performances and relaxed concerts. NOYO is a pioneering inclusive youth orchestra where talented 11-25 year old disabled and non-disabled musicians rehearse and perform together. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) runs

one of four regional NOYO Centres, with sessions led by musicians from the BSO.

Originally due to give its anticipated stage debut in 2020, NOYO will tour its four regions this spring: Bournemouth/Poole [22 May]; Birmingham [5 June]; Bristol [15 May]; and London [24 April].

The group joins BSO Resound for its concert at Lighthouse, Poole, which will be a Relaxed Concert for all ages, with BSL interpretation. It will also be livestreamed and available online for 30 days.

Dougie Scarfe, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra said, "We are delighted to help introduce the National Open Youth Orchestra to our audiences

on the South Coast. The joint commission of 'What Fear We Then?' and the involvement of BSO Resound reflects our commitment to nurturing the talent of young musicians, disabled and non-disabled. We invite audiences to discover a hugely creative youth ensemble that showcases how diversity can open up exciting new musical possibilities and opportunities for the next generation."

BSO Resound is known for spearheading change: in 2019 the group was recognised with the Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award for its part in improving opportunities for disabled musicians. It also made a high-profile debut at the 2018 BBC Proms as the first

disabled-led group to perform at the festival.

Allianz Musical Insurance is a Supporting Partner of BSO Resound.

BSO Resound and NOYO perform at Lighthouse, Poole on Sunday 22 May, 4pm. The performance will be livestreamed and available for 30 days: <https://bsolive.com/events/musical-discoveries/>

For full details of NOYO's debut series visit [www.noyo.org.uk](http://www.noyo.org.uk)

For further information please contact: Claire Rawles [crawles@bsorchestra.co.uk](mailto:crawles@bsorchestra.co.uk) 07860 776646 or Rebecca Johns [rebecca.johns@premiercomms.com](mailto:rebecca.johns@premiercomms.com) 07715 205196

## Camp it up at Dorset's boogie family music fest

by Lorraine Gibson

It may be 14 years since Rob da Bank and his wife Josie staged their first Camp Bestival at Lulworth but he admits that he still gets a huge kick from those first glimpses of the castle as he arrives.

"As we get towards Lulworth, it's always a beautiful sight and we can't wait to get to the beach for a swim.

"For me, it always feels like coming on holiday and we're delighted to be coming back to Dorset again this year."

Rob and Josie have four boys, Arlo, Merlin, Miller and Ely and as we chat we discover that a couple of our children are similar ages so we have equally-similar family memories of 'Camp Besti' over the years.

Like dressing up with as much gusto as the kids, or hoisting them up to see Mr Tumble and their being so tired from the activities that they'd be literally dropping come (inflatable) bed-time. Some parents say their kids sleep better at CB than they do at home.

Rob and Josie were already running a music festival when they discovered their 'castle in a field'. "We'd been running Bestival but we went to Big Chill Dorset and it was at Lulworth," he says.

"We thought it would be a great place for a family festival. Having kids was the reason we set up Camp Bestival, we wanted something a bit more child-friendly."

He adds: "That's not to say a boring thing with screaming kids, anything but, it's always been a place where grown-ups have as much fun as the children.



"So, we rang the owner, James Weld and he was bang up for it.

"Over the years there have been so many highlights, Chuck Berry, PJ Harvey, Florence and the Machine," says Rob, "but the main one is still walking round the fields and seeing everyone so happy. No parents shouting at children, just good vibes."

Tickets for the four-day event are selling fast and, surprisingly, Rob says that almost 50 per cent of attendees now book boutique camping.

That's a hefty chunk but, aftermath of Covid restrictions on travel aside, Rob has a theory.

"People are doing less festivals so the ones they do, they seem to want to do well.

"That doesn't mean you need to spend a lot of money. Other people prefer to turn up, get stuck in and they have just as good a time. That's what I love about it."

This year's theme is Desert Island Disco, so don your satin flares and lurex top for a line-up that includes the holy trinity of disco - Sister Sledge, Earth, Wind & Fire Experience and Kool and the Gang.

If you're more blues and bass than boogie, head for Rag 'n' Bone man and Rudimental.

Attractions reflect Camp Bestival's

eclecticism.

"We have the Wall of Death and the tree climbing and new attractions," says Rob.

"The mad stunts in Extreme Bike Battles will be spectacular, but the most exciting thing will be the Guinness world record big disco-dance challenge."

Crowds will become the show as they join together to create the record for the world's biggest disco.

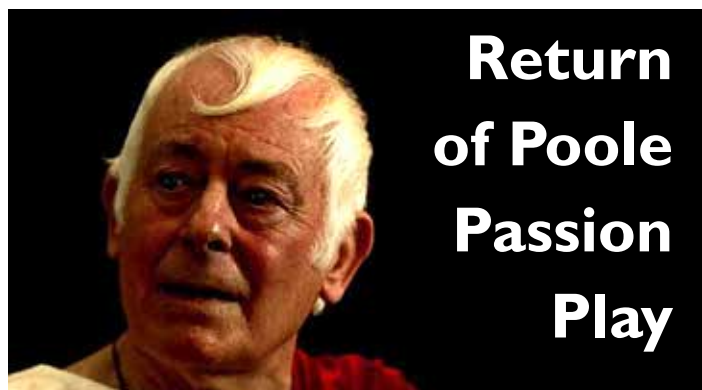
"I can't wait for that," says the big kid at heart.

Camp Bestival takes place from July 28 to 31.

[dorset.campbestival.net](http://dorset.campbestival.net).



# Arts & Entertainment



The Poole Passion Play, the dramatic presentation of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, is set to return to the stage.

After an enforced absence of almost three years because of Covid 19, this previously biennial play is back for a five night run in April at St Peter's Church in Poole. The play, Footsteps, is a

new production written by local actor, director and playwright, Anne Ballaam. It is set in the present day as a group of tourists in Jerusalem visit sights of Jesus's last journey. The tourists, all with their own individual reasons for taking the tour, gradually become immersed in events as they took place more than two thousand years ago.



As the play progresses we hear their stories and see them interact with the events of the last three days of Jesus' life.

The Poole Passion, a registered charity, supports Mental Health and Routes to Roots in Poole.

It is an all-inclusive theatre group welcoming those from all walks of life, faith and ability.

A video montage of

previous performances and a taster of the new production are on YouTube 'The Poole Passion Play'.

Footsteps runs from Tuesday to Saturday April 5 to 9 at St Peter's Church, Parkstone, BH14 0NN.

'Curtain up' at 7.00pm. Tickets are available online at poolepassion.com or by phone on 07719 173378 (before 9pm please).

## Upcoming Events on Swanage Pier

This Easter there is plenty of fun activities to get involved with on the Pier. Take part in our amazing Easter Trail, where the Easter bunny has been up to mischief hiding their coloured eggs in time for an egg-citing Easter egg hunt to take place. There will be a prize for finding all the eggs that are hidden on the Pier.

There will be a Children's History walk on Tuesday 12th and 19th April. Learn about the history of the Pier, including hearing about pirates, smugglers, sunken treasure and shipwrecks.

If you are looking for fun crafts to enjoy this Easter, come along to the Pier on Thursday 14th and Monday 18th April between 10.00am and 2.00pm and make your very own Easter Bunny or Chick and more.

On Wednesday 20th April we have let's go discover the creatures below Swanage Pier. Learn how to crab safely, create a crab mask or hat and visit our science lab to

discover the microscopic world living under the Pier.

No need to book for any of the activities, just turn up and have fun.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of Swanage Pier being opened on the 29th March 1897. We are holding a raffle to win a fabulous original Rebecca Lardner Painting. Rebecca won Artist of the year in 2010 and is a nationally acclaimed artist (living in Dorset) and we're delighted that she has agreed to undertake this commission to celebrate our 125th anniversary.

We are also putting together an exhibition of photos of the Pier through the years, which will be held in May. If you have any photos of the Pier and the story behind them, please email - activities@swanagepiertrust.com

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## Spring Concert

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Dorset Art Weeks returns for 2022

It is 30 years since the very first Dorset Art Weeks!

Following on from last year's rescheduled event, visitors to this year's Dorset Art Weeks (14- 29 May) can look forward to re-discovering an exciting variety of artist studios and exhibitions in unique locations and beautiful settings, and finding out what the county's creatives have been up to during such an extraordinary time.

There's a huge amount to see this year with over 250 venues taking part, and more ways than ever to engage with the event, including open studios, public art trails and group shows from a vibrant community of artists, galleries and public spaces.

A new Art Weeks Directory will be distributed to libraries, galleries, museums and other cultural centres across Wessex in April.

It features venue details, six regional maps and all of the information needed for audiences to plan their venue visits, create an art trail and discover more about the county's artists, curators and galleries, including special exhibitions and



activities which will feature in this year's event.

Artist and venue information can also be found on the Dorset Art Weeks website from April where audiences can browse full details to help plan venue visits and days out.

The Dorset Art Weeks App allows visitors to create a list of favourite venues, curate their own art trails and view venue details on a mobile phone, and is available for iPhone and Android.

From individual studios to galleries, workshops to collectives, pop-ups to projects, the event caters for all tastes and interests in the visual arts, covering a wide variety of art forms-



ceramics, jewellery, film, installation, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, woodwork and more.

It's a great opportunity to see artists' ideas at their source, as well as ambitious group shows, and to appreciate the breadth and depth of creative talent in the county.

As artists celebrate the distinctiveness of their local areas and the places which inspire their work, Dorset Art Weeks provides a unique way to make the most of Dorset's stunning countryside and coast and what it has to offer, and to discover the unexpected.

Look out for the Dorset Art Weeks signs popping up across the county



and pointing towards a great day out. With so much to see and do, it's the perfect blend of art, food and travel, with some venues offering refreshments, along with headline sponsor Hall & Woodhouse offering warm hospitality at their stunning pubs around the county.

All venues will continue to take measures to ensure continued safety at this time. After a challenging couple of years, artists will look forward to welcoming audiences and sharing their work with you this May.

Follow Dorset Art Weeks on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information. [dorsetartweeks.co.uk](https://dorsetartweeks.co.uk).

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## Budget Agreed to Protect Local Services

Swanage Town Council has agreed total spending of £3 million for the 2022/23 financial year to protect local services and deliver priority projects in support of the local community and the town's economy.

Core Town Council services include maintaining parks and open spaces such as The Downs, children's play areas, playing fields, allotments, Beach Gardens sports park, the main beach, cemeteries, public toilets, Peveril Point boat park, car parks, the Information Centre and the market.

The Council also makes financial contributions to other organisations, such as Dorset Council, to help fund safety enforcement in Swanage Bay, the Durlston Bus and the Mount Scar School Crossing Patrol.

The budget for 2022/23 includes contributions to many other projects, such as:

- Ground stabilisation works and enhancement of Sandpit Field and the Spa - £300,000
- Repairing the Parish Slipway/Stone Quay and stabilising Peveril Point Rd - £125,000
- Improvements to the Football Club Facilities at Day's Park - £90,000
- Environmental projects and support for Sustainable Swanage - £84,000
- Improvements to King George's Field Skate Park - £25,000
- Improvements to the former St Mark's School Playing Field, Jubilee Road - £22,500
- Development of a Neighbourhood Plan - £15,000

The majority of the Council's funding comes from its commercial activity and the fees it charges for the use of its facilities. In addition to this, £840,000 will be charged to residents in 2022/23 via the Town Council's share of the Council Tax bill, known as the parish precept. This makes up less than 10 per cent of residents' total Council Tax charge which also funds Dorset Council, Dorset Police and Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

This year Councillors reluctantly decided that it was necessary to increase the Town Council's charge to residents. This will see the precept payable for a Band D property rise by £14.86 per annum to £172. This equates to £3.31 per week, an increase of 29 pence. Those living in Band A properties will pay £2.20 per week and those in Band H £6.61 per week.

By way of comparison, Dorset Council's share of the Council Tax Bill will be increasing by £1.02 per week for Band D households, from £1,779 per annum to £1,833. The Band D precept charged by Weymouth, Dorchester and Wareham Town Councils next year will be £176, £202 and £221 respectively.

Councillor Avril Harris, Town Mayor, said 'Councillors acknowledge that due to the increasing cost of living this is a very difficult time to ask local people to pay more for Council services. However, the Town Council is also experiencing inflation and we believe that Council facilities have to be maintained to ensure that Swanage remains a vibrant and prosperous town.'

Councillor Harris continued: 'The Town Council's priority is to invest for the future, enhancing opportunities for young people's play and recreation, working towards carbon neutrality and supporting the local economy.'

**For more information the Council's full budget report is available online at  
17 January 2022-Item 4)Budget Report.pdf ([swanage.gov.uk](http://swanage.gov.uk))**

# Health & Beauty

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

### Seek help to overcome an eating disorder

Ensuring people with eating disorders get the treatment and support they need at the earliest possible stage is vital in helping them overcome their condition.

And Dorset HealthCare's eating disorders service is urging anyone who may be suffering in silence to take the step and seek help. In common with the rest of the UK and worldwide, our Dorset's All Age Eating Disorders Service has experienced a surge in demand since the beginning of the pandemic.

The referral rate in 2021/22 to the service (all ages) increased by 53% compared to the same period in 2020/21. Referrals have increased mostly among children and young people (under 19), showing a rise of 76% in the past three years.

Our Trust's service is designed to help people, and their families/carers, overcome a range of eating disorders. It supports all ages from across Dorset. Referrals to the service can be made through a GP or any health or social care professional. Self-referral and parental referral are also accepted.

The service provides a number of evidence-based treatments, tailored to the needs of the individual, including cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and family based therapy (FBT).

Treatment currently takes place on an outpatient basis, mainly online but with a number taking place face-to-face at sites in Poole and in Dorchester. For those who require day care or inpatient treatment, this is provided at St Ann's Hospital in Sandbanks, where a new state-of-the-art £8 million development is currently being built to support more local people from 2023.

Our Trust also runs an online carers support

group and carers workshops.

Please visit our Dorset All Age Eating Disorders Service website for more information and its support offer - [www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/eatingdisorders](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/eatingdisorders) or call 0300 019 1771.



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## New Community Engagement Officer

Tracy Rowland appointed as new Community Engagement Officer

It is estimated that over 11 per cent of Dorset's population are unpaid carers. They may be looking after their partner or spouse, a relative, a friend or a neighbour. The person they care for could have a physical or mental health problem or have substance misuse issues.

In a bid to make more organisations across Dorset aware of unpaid carers and to make Dorset a more carer-friendly community, Carer Support Dorset have recruited a new Community Engagement Officer, Tracy Rowland.

Tracy has had a lengthy career in healthcare including working as a Registered Nurse through to

work with Public Health Dorset and most recently, as a Programme Lead, Primary Community Care Directorate with NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group.

Tracy adds:

"I am delighted to have joined the Carer Support Dorset team. I am looking forward to engaging with organisations to improve the understanding and support available for Dorset's unpaid carers."

Any organisations interested in linking up with Tracy and finding out more about support available to unpaid carers should contact Carer Support Dorset on 0800 368 8349 or email [admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk).



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[holly@dorsetneurophysio.co.uk](mailto:holly@dorsetneurophysio.co.uk)



# MP's delight as ambulance car service to continue

South Dorset MP Richard Drax has said how delighted he is that the Purbeck/Swanage Ambulance Car is to stay.

After a long, drawn-out consultation, during which funding for the car continued in full, the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group and the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust have confirmed that they will continue to provide the service 24/7.

"This is excellent news and I am delighted at the decision taken," said Drax.

"This ambulance car provides invaluable reassurance, every hour of every day, to residents of Purbeck and Swanage.

"It has long been clear to me that the removal of this service would have severely reduced the help available to local communities and I have backed the campaign to retain it to the hilt."

"Purbeck and Swanage are already at the end of the line geographically, and the knowledge that there was expert healthcare available, when it takes at least 45 minutes to reach the

two nearest general hospitals, was comforting for many."

"I understand that the CCG's and Ambulance Service's response to their listening exercise has been severely delayed by the impact of Covid and the vaccine rollouts, which has of course, increased local anxiety. I can only say how delighted and relieved I am that they have reached this decision and thank them."

## Cervical screening. Don't ignore the risk

Women in the Purbeck area are being urged to take up their cervical screening appointment after figures showed that around a quarter are ignoring the invite.

Embarrassment and nervousness around the test, which can detect pre-cancerous changes in the neck of the womb, were given as the main causes for not booking an appointment, a new survey showed.

Around 2,700 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in England each year and approximately 690 women die from the disease – around two deaths every day. Previous estimates suggest screening prevents 70 per cent of cervical cancer deaths, but 83 per cent of deaths could be prevented if everyone attended regularly.

The Department of Health and Social Care with the support of the NHS, has launched a major new national campaign to increase the number of those eligible attending their cervical screening in England. The new Help Us Help You – Cervical Screening Saves Lives campaign urges those who may be eligible not to ignore their cervical screening invite, and if they missed their last one, to book an appointment with their GP practice or sexual health clinic now.

Lead Consultant for Screening and Immunisation for NHS England and NHS Improvement South West, Dr Julie Yates, said: "Screening helps prevent cervical cancer by checking for a virus called high-risk HPV which causes nearly all cervical cancers."



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# Blast From The Past!

## *This month, a decade ago...*

By Nico Johnson

Our front cover in April 2012 highlighted a visit by the Princess Royal, the long-awaited news that Swanage's Heroes Haven was completed and about to open, and not one, but two April Fool's stories. My, did we have fun with those!!

We'll start with Princess Anne, who visited Purbeck to officially open the renovated and completed Durlston Castle on March 12th, 2012. Durlston staff, volunteers, local councillors and school children from St Mary's school were in attendance to welcome the princess to Durlston. Then-Countryside Ranger Service Manager, Hamish Murray, gave the princess a tour and she spent time chatting with volunteers and staff before enjoying a delicious lunch, provided by the team at Seventhwave. The press had not been invited to attend but having heard about the visit on the community grapevine, I turned up hopefully. Amazingly, I was invited to follow the princess at close hand on her tour and was granted permission to take photos. I've met Princess Anne a couple of times now and can attest to the fact that she is thoughtful, extremely dedicated and genuinely interested in her work.

On to Heroes Haven! From a concept to reality, the long-awaited completion of the holiday cabin in Herston, Swanage, was announced. Purpose-built to cater for those injured whilst serving in our armed forces, the bespoke log cabin had been funded by the tireless work of a small group of locals, inspired after Swanage Carnival Committee received a letter from the mother of Rifleman Jack Otter in 2010. Jack had sustained serious injuries whilst serving in Afghanistan and his mum had written as Swanage had been a favourite holiday destination, but due to a lack of accommodation which catered for both those with injuries and their families, they realised they may never be able to

holiday there together again.

Almost immediately, a small group was formed, and our April 2012 edition proclaimed the news that the cabin was ready to open, inviting the public to take a tour between April 14th – 21st. Remarkable what a small, dedicated group can achieve.

In other news, Seventhwave restaurant at Durlston had recently opened and locals had been popping up to experience the new establishment. David Hollister had noted in his column the previous month that he'd not been impressed during his first visit, and readers took up the subject in their droves. Cold soup, miserable service, no pepper in the cruet – the complaining went on and on. Why such a furore? The restaurant was part of then-Dorset County Council's revamp of Durlston Castle, and it was therefore viewed as a 'public', rather than private, business. Not such great news for the new management and not-council affiliated restaurateurs, Ian Davey and James Soulsby, who were aghast at the level of public interest and headed to our office, desperate to get their side of the story over and garner some public support for their efforts in establishing something new for our community at the castle.

Tales of gas services being disrupted, failures on the council's part to complete the work on time and much more were shared, everyone finally had their say and we declared an end to any further correspondence regarding Seventhwave. Today, it's a much-loved part of our town and is certainly worth a visit – pepper is available! Happy tenth anniversary SW team.

Wareham Museum announced that they were 'bringing the sword home' after arranging for the temporary return of the 10th century Saxon sword, found eight-five years previously during the construction of the current



South Bridge. Locals were invited to a free public talk to mark the homecoming of the sword by Lilian Liddle, entitled: 'Home at last; Wareham's Saxon Sword and the Viking Invasions.' The sword remained on display at Wareham Museum until the end of August 2012.

Our trusty investigative reporter unveiled shocking plans that a NT/HHH subcommittee had called in architects to begin discussions regarding the proposed complete redevelopment of the Corfe Castle ruins. Bringing together a formidable team who'd been behind the creation of the Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai, plans were afoot to create an exclusive hotel building, based loosely on the original footprint of the castle, incorporating the 'standing remains' into the fabric of the building. 'Castle Court Hotel' was to be built with extensive use of glass and steel to contrast the existing natural stone of the castle remains. Wind generators were planned for the neighbouring hills, with paperwork lodged before the council for approval. Well-heeled visitors were expected to flock

to the highly striking hotel, thus boosting the local economy.

In other rather worrying news, our medical and healthcare reporter shared new plans which would shape the future of dentistry for decades to come. It had become clear that dentists were suffering financially and that the current modus operandi was not sustainable long-term. Coupled with this, the trend in 2012 suggested that student fees had greatly reduced the intake into dentistry, leading to major concern.

Our specialist reporter fully explained the existing intricacies of this area of healthcare before detailing startling new plans: 'In the same way that state pensions will be phased out it, is realised that state dental care is rapidly becoming unsupportable. On the principle that artificial teeth are far easier to maintain throughout a lifetime, it will shortly be compulsory for all children of an age where the mouth size is fully developed (probably early teens) to have all their teeth removed and replaced with composite implants which will subsequently require little or no maintenance.'





# 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: cc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 **Swanage Badminton Club** ,adults, meets at The Swange School Sports Hall. Visitors always receive a warm welcome. Tel: Greg (Club Secretary) 477268
- 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 dn Learning on 01202 262300.

- 10.30 **Swanage Walking for Health Group** starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 481000
- 10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.
- 11.30 **New Adult Latin American & Ballroom Dance Class for beginners.** FREE taster session at D'Urberville Centre, Wool. Till 12.30pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadiebelius@gogglemail.com
- 12.00 **Nature Tots** (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm.
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
- 14.00 **Swanage Walking for Health Group.** Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.
- 14.00 **Swanage Town Walk.** Local historian takes walks lasting 90 minutes. Meet outside the Museum in the 'Square'. No charge but voluntary contributions welcome.
- 14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night** (Yr 8+) Till 10
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 8.30pm
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Wareham Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: cc.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.

# WEEKLY EVENTS

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

- 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: johnneil905@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.purbeckdancesstudio.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: donnadibelius@googlemail.com
- 11.30 **Home Producers Market.** Wareham to be added to the diary. Every Thursday from 7am to 11:30 in the United Reformed Church, Church Street, Wareham
- 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: donnadibelius@googlemail.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
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30am. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 **Wareham Area Men's Shed** meets at Purbeck Connect, Sandford Lane, Wm. Ffi: call Chris on 554758, Harold on 792591 or Mike on 288045
- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** 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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