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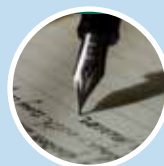


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A Union flag flies at half mast following news of the Queen's death

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01-Oct	00:23	07:31	12:48	19:55			07:08	18:46
02-Oct	01:09	08:17	13:39	20:48			07:09	18:44
03-Oct	02:11	09:19	14:59	22:23			07:11	18:42
04-Oct	03:59	11:45	16:59				07:12	18:40
05-Oct	05:42	00:18	18:30	12:58		NP	07:14	18:37
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07-Oct		02:16	07:55	14:44	20:33		07:17	18:33
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15-Oct	00:37	07:21	12:50	19:39			07:30	18:16
16-Oct	01:13	07:56	13:28	20:16			07:32	18:14
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25-Oct		04:04	09:19	16:24	21:37	NM	07:47	17:56
26-Oct		04:40	09:54	17:00	22:11	SP	07:48	17:54
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News

Rolling, rolling, rolling: railway plays host to legendary Scotsman

THE world's most famous steam engine is making a visit to Swanage.

Close to celebrating its centenary, the record-breaking Flying Scotsman will be at Swanage Railway for almost three weeks from next month.

Owned by the National Railway Museum in York, the 97-tonne A3 class locomotive – completed in 1923 by the London and North Eastern Railway – will be on the Purbeck heritage line for 19 days from Wednesday, October 19 until Sunday November 6.

During a test run in 1934, the Nigel Gresley-designed engine was the first steam locomotive in the United Kingdom to haul a train at 100 miles an hour.

Coupled behind No. 60103 Flying Scotsman will be a late 1940s Devon Belle Pullman observation carriage, known as Car 14, which dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers repatriated to the UK from the US city of San Francisco in 2007.

It was between 1969 and 1972 that the Flying Scotsman ran with the Devon Belle Car 14 in the US during a tour aimed at promoting British exports.

Sadly, the company running the tour went bankrupt, with the Flying Scotsman being returned home but the Pullman observation carriage remaining in the US.

Swanage Railway's volunteer commercial director Marcus Alldrick said: "The trustees, directors, staff and dedicated volunteers of the Swanage Railway are delighted that the railway has been successful in its bid to again host Flying Scotsman."

"We are extremely grateful to the National Railway Museum for again giving Swanage Railway the opportunity to host



The Flying Scotsman on a previous visit

PHOTOS: Andrew Wright

such an historic event to operate and display the world-famous Flying Scotsman, which is such a charismatic icon and turns 100 years old on 24 February, 2023.

Mr Alldrick, a volunteer porter on the popular Purbeck heritage line, added: "It will be marvellous to admire No. 60103 hauling the unique Devon Belle Pullman observation carriage, operating as a pair once again."

Fresh from a major engineering overhaul, Flying Scotsman will be hauling passenger trains from

Swanage to Corfe Castle and Norden for five days – from Saturday October 22 to Wednesday October 26 inclusive – with ticket-only access to stations for the public.

The steam locomotive will be on static display at Swanage station on Thursday October 20 and Friday October 21, and again from Thursday October 27 to Sunday November 6 inclusive, with ticket-only

access to visit the fascinating footplate of the iconic steam locomotive.

Swanage Railway Trust trustee and Swanage Railway Company chairman Robert Patterson explained: "With uniformed attendants serving champagne and canapés to passengers on board the Devon Belle Pullman observation carriage, Car 14 will be coupled directly behind Flying Scotsman when it hauls trains on the Swanage Railway."

"That will give Pullman passengers a rare chance to enjoy the delights of travelling in style behind, and watching, the world's most famous steam locomotive as it travels through the beautiful Purbeck countryside and past the historic ruins of Corfe Castle."

Mr Patterson, who is also a volunteer station porter with Swanage Railway, added: "Flying Scotsman visited the Swanage Railway in March 2019, and the reaction from the public was amazing and proved the iconic locomotive still has a special place in people's hearts."

Costing £7,944 to build,

Flying Scotsman was named after the prestigious London to Edinburgh express train service that the locomotive helped to operate – the journey time being eight hours.

In 1924, Flying Scotsman appeared at the British Empire Exhibition in London and in 1963 British Railways withdrew the locomotive from service.

Purchased by the National Railway Museum in 2004, Flying Scotsman was restored thanks to a £4.2 million, ten-year project funded by the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund as well as from public donations.

To find out more about the Flying Scotsman's visit, go online to swanagerailway.co.uk. Information about the locomotive's history and restoration is available at flyingscotsman.org.uk.

The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers, who should contact Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Jonathan Evans on 01929 408466 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk.



News

Remember lost loved ones with lake candle

EVERYONE is invited to be part of a spectacular, candle-lit tribute being staged by Lewis Manning Hospice at the Ark in Poole Park to celebrate and remember loved ones.

Candles on the Lake is a shimmering, floating-light display that offers an uplifting and moving experience to friends and families as they gather to light memorial candles to the sound of musicians and choirs performing in the background.

Not only is the event on Saturday October 15 free, but the parking is too.

Vicki Gray, fundraising manager, said, "It is free for all to join, so tell your friends, neighbours, colleagues, and family to come along to this fabulous evening.

"We encourage supporters to make an online donation for a candle or candles prior to the event to avoid any disappointment. Alternatively, candles will be available on the night. If you would like to add a

personal dedication, facilities to write your own message will be available.

"We're asking people to donate a suggested £5 per candle.

"If three people donated this amount, it could cover the cost of a one-hour telephone call or visit, providing support to a grieving family."

The event features performances by local musicians and a reflective reading by bereavement lead at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care Jo Sharkey.

The barriers at Poole Civic Centre multi storey car park will be lifted at 5pm on the day to allow the public to park free of charge.

Then it is just a short walk to where the event will be held and a traffic-lighted pedestrian crossing will ease access into the park.

The event starts at 6pm. Find out more at: <https://lewis-manning.org.uk/candles-on-the-lake>.

Tree festival returns

THE Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival is happening again this year – for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival takes place at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Victoria Avenue, Swanage, from Thursday December 8 until Saturday December 10.

The event will include music, 'stories in the stable', childrens activities, a stable scene with photo opportunities in costumes and many beautifully decorated Christmas trees to enjoy.

Organisers are using the event to raise money for the

Swanage Food Bank and Swanage Lifeboat charities.

The theme for the event will be a repeat of 'Christmas songs', which was said to be very popular a few years ago.

The church will be open for the event between the hours of 10am and 6pm each day.

The church will also host a Lights of Love Remembrance Service on the Sunday, December 11, at 4pm.

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News

Letting nature run riot proves to be

A YEAR into Dorset Wildlife Trust's Wild Woodbury rewilding project at Bere Regis and surveys have recorded an uplift in the biodiversity and abundance of species moving onto the site.

Over the last year, the land has been allowed to naturally regenerate, which has increased the biodiversity and abundance of wildlife.

Staff and volunteers have recorded more than 1300 species in this summer's surveys and three Red List birds of conservation concern have been confirmed to be breeding at Wild Woodbury.

A dry spring coupled with the increase of invertebrates attracted by the fast-emerging pollinators in the former arable fields has led to a very positive breeding season for birds.

A rising number of juvenile birds has been spotted across the site including cuckoo, whinchat and nightjar.

Skylarks have gone from two



Flowering musk thistle

singing males last year to 18 in 2022. No tree pipits or woodlark were recorded in 2021 but a breeding pair of each have been sighted raising juveniles this year. Some 28 yellowhammers

have also been recorded. All three are Red List birds of conservation concern, compiled by a coalition of the UK's leading bird conservation and monitoring organisations

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including RSPB and the British Trust for Ornithology.

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The blues are back in town

The 36th Swanage Blues Festival is on Thursday 6 through Sunday 9 October. Our faithful fans and musicians are lining up for another super Swanage weekend blues party. The months since the last festival have been eventful for me personally and I've been able to get out and about again thankfully following two years of self-isolation. This time I do hope to be able to take part like I used to.

The Programme is finalised, the web site is up to date, the posters are printed and the all-important support wristbands are ready for distribution. They're on sale at the usual venues and retailers (details on the website) and if you want a poster too, just pop in to Swanage Information Centre on the seafront.

Our superb acoustic concert venue, The Centre has become even more popular with nationwide artists applying to perform here in Swanage. Well done Mark Stasiuk of Bletchley Blues Club for helping to make this happen and control the sound and stage for us. We have high hopes for something similar at Swanage ConClub, an excellent concert and dance venue taking part in our big town party for the first time.

What wonderful support there is in this town! Support Wristbands are essential to keep the blues festivals going, and are still only £10 as they have been for 10 years.

The programme of events, details about the musicians and the venues together with all relevant information are available on the website at www.swanage-blues.org

News

wildly successful

Butterfly transects have tracked 200-plus meadow brown butterflies as well as silver-washed fritillary and newly-hatched painted lady on the wing. The hot weather in July and August increased moth activity too, with traps holding hundreds of individuals and attracting some rarer species such as dingy mocha.

In just a few sessions, invertebrate specialists have amassed more than 200 species of beetles, bugs and spiders, some of which only have a handful of previous records in Dorset.

Large clumps of the nationally scarce flora, lesser quaking grass, have appeared which offers an excellent food source for many finches including goldfinch, linnet and yellowhammer. Narrow-leaved lungwort, red hemp nettle and three species of orchid are present on the site including southern marsh orchid, as are small populations of cobalt crust fungi.

Wilder Dorset project manager Rob Farrington said, "The aim of rewilding Wild



A golden-ringed dragonfly

Woodbury is to build an exemplar for sustainable land use to tackle the climate and ecological crises – letting nature take the lead as much as possible and the restoration of natural processes on the site should provide the right conditions for many species to return in greater numbers over the coming years.

"Restoring a landscape and making space for nature on this scale takes time of course, but it is extraordinary to see all that has been achieved in just one year and to witness the abundance of wildlife which has made its home at Wild Woodbury.

"Our plans for the next year include renaturalising the River Sherford to allow it to occupy a more natural course across the land, reducing the nutrient load carried into Poole Harbour and creating wetland habitat for wildlife whilst locking up carbon in wetter soils, introducing mixed grazing on the land and opening up 35 acres for local people to use."

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Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022

Iconic monarch lived up to promise

"MAY flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest," said the visibly grief-stricken new king, Charles III, on September 8 in a tribute to his 'darling Mama', Queen Elizabeth II, who had died that afternoon.

The quote, from Shakespeare's Hamlet, moved many to tears, coming as it did on the back of the news that the longest serving British monarch of all time had died, peacefully and with members of her family around her at the place she called her favourite home, Balmoral Castle.

Immediately wall-to-wall coverage filled TV screens and the airwaves. People gathered silently at Balmoral, at Buckingham palace, or wherever else they found solace or time to digest the news.

It was always going to happen, everyone knew that, but surely not then, surely not so suddenly.

After all, her majesty had been seen smiling, if frail, and



The Queen at Bovington Tank Museum in 1997

PHOTO: Bovington Tank Museum

twinkling of eye on the news just two days before when she met the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss.

Queen Elizabeth II was – and still is – arguably the most instantly recognisable person on the planet. Her image, if not her actual royal personage, has been

seen by countless people and at least 9 in every 10 living human beings have never known another British monarch other than her. This familiarity and longevity, coupled with her decency and integrity, made even those who had never met nor seen the Queen in real life

feel that they knew her or had a connection with her.

Whenever she visited Dorset and people did get near her, what they discovered was an engaged, modest and naturally friendly woman.

At Maiden Castle in 1952, she broke with protocol to shake

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The Queen at QE School, Wimborne, in 1998 and, right, at Waitrose in Poundbury
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the hand of a shepherd.

In 1997 while visiting Bovington Tank Museum as colonel-in-chief of the Royal Tank Regiment and to observe soldiers training, she wound up riding in a 1920s Rolls Royce armoured car – while dressed in a daffodil yellow coat and hat ensemble.

In 2008 at Wimborne's Queen Elizabeth School to mark 500 years of free education in the town, she spoke to staff and pupils, signed a picture of herself and was genuinely fascinated by a scientific

experiment children were undertaking.

Of the Queen's death, headteacher Katie Boyes said: "As a school we have taken time to remember and reflect. King Charles and the Royal Family are in all of our thoughts and prayers."

After being warmly welcomed by the public in Poundbury in 2016 and unveiling a bronze statue of her late mother in Queen Mother Square, she visited the pub, named after her accompanying daughter-in-law, the Duchess of

Cornwall, where she left huddled dignitaries so that she could inspect the beer pumps.

In the local Waitrose, she browsed the shelves and chatted and laughed with delighted staff and Dorset suppliers.

Waitrose's marketing director at the time said: "It was lovely and a delightful experience ... such an honour. The Queen was fascinated to talk with the dairy farmers and the local producers."

Her legacy is vast, but its foundations were laid when she

was just 21 and made the public a solemn promise: "I declare that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

A promise she kept for more than 70 years.

So, while the new king and the new Carolean age are welcomed in, Elizabeth II, a unique queen for all people, will remain a huge part of the global public psyche and one of the most memorable rulers in our country's monarchical history.

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Arts centre lights out in mourning

THE Lighthouse arts centre in Poole turned off the lights on the front of its building as a mark of respect after the Queen's passing.

Chief executive Elspeth McBain said: "The Queen had a long connection to Lighthouse and our sense of bereavement is felt all the more deeply because of her visits. She has been an inspiration to us all."

With the Lighthouse having started its life as Poole Arts Centre in April 1978, the building was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on March 23, 1979, during a visit to Poole with Prince Philip.

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Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022

Her Majesty turns heads on flying visit



WHILE reflecting on the Queen's passing, Wareham Town Museum unearthed these two pictures of the Queen passing through Wareham back in 1969.

The images show the scene as her limousine passes through

Wareham – long before the bypass was built.

Earlier in the day she had opened a new facility at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Winfrith.

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The Queen on a visit to Dorchester just five months after ascending to the throne in 1952

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Museum tribute to late Queen is a book of memories

IN TRIBUTE to Britain's longest reigning monarch, Dorset Museum has been collecting memories of the Queen's life.

During the ten-day mourning period in the lead up to her funeral, the Dorchester-based museum opened a book for local people to contribute their memories of the Queen and their thoughts and condolences in the wake of her passing.

Elizabeth Selby, interim director of Dorset Museum, said: "The Queen had a long relationship with Dorset and visited a number of times during her reign, including shortly after her ascension to the throne in 1952.

"The Dorset Museum Book of Memories for Queen Elizabeth II will enable us to



collect and preserve the memories and reflections of Dorset people during this period of mourning, and preserve them for the future."

The book has now been added to the museum's collection and will be available to view by future generations.

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Student nurse learns skills the hard way



Lydia takes a break from her nursing duties to see some sights

WHEN Lydia Paine announced she might take a year out to work abroad after her A-levels, she was told she would never handle it, *writes Lorraine Gibson.*

Lydia, 20, from Poole, said, "I wanted to help in a developing country, but when I told people they were talking about me not being able to eat the food or be away from home."

They also cited cultural and language differences and the climate, among other things. Disheartened, Lydia believed them.

"They were worried about me," she explained, "so I accepted it."

So instead of packing a rucksack, she packed a school bag and followed her initial plan to study nursing at Bournemouth University.

This was in late 2020, during the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic, and things were made harder when she failed one of her course units. This meant starting over again.

Dealing with a student cohort a year younger, and trying to forge new friendships, she craved adventure even more.

She said: "I regretted not having tried and kept thinking if I didn't do it now I never would."

Nursing had informed Lydia's career dream, so she started looking for information on nursing abroad.

Ignoring the doubters, she began planning there and then and persuaded her friend Sophie to join her search for travel and work opportunities.

After "loads of research" and many online chats with Projects Abroad – an organization that facilitates humanitarian-help trips that combine learning and sharing experiences with adventure – the two were ready.

They took a plane to Tanzania, starting a journey that Lydia describes as "the adventure of a lifetime".

"My host family were the nicest people I could have wished for. There was Mamma and Papa and two little girls aged seven and four. I was so grateful for that because if you were ever in your room or bored, you could just walk out and suddenly have two crazy kids to play with."

One item Lydia took with her turned out more useful than expected – a Rubik's Cube.

"I taught the seven-year-old how to do it. I'd say, 'If you find out how to complete it, you can keep it'. On the day I left, I handed her the Rubik's Cube."

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on trip to Tanzania



Lydia, inset in her nursing gear, and with orphans in Tanzania

coalface, helping underprivileged children and families and to see the role of nursing from an entirely different perspective.

"I knew I wanted to nurse and keep my practical skills up but to see the differences was amazing," she said. "It brought home how easy we have things. For instance, with C-sections, if the anesthetic runs out, it doesn't stop the operations, they have to be done without.

"The sad thing with the children was that many of their issues were preventable. There were lot of burns from unsafe housing and kitchens.

"Also neglect – not malicious, more because parents have to work so leave children in unsupervised groups.

"One child had 25 percent

burns. That was hard. Lack of education caused problems with home remedies. One family smeared honey on a child's burns, believing it would help. Sadly, it made things worse and children often had small cuts on their abdomens to allow evil spirits to leave their bodies."

When asked about the one thing that stopped her in her tracks, Lydia was sombre: "We saw some genital mutilation. It's illegal but it happens."

But there were many uplifting moments.

"I loved the orphanages," she said. "The children were the sweetest little things I've ever met and their smiles were wonderful."

Lydia is now back at Bournemouth University, where she is completing her studies.



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See you next year: the sun sets on a



Life through the lens of keen photographer Robin Boulwood, who captured some wonderful moments of a memorable summer – from the aftermath of fire on Studland Heath, right, to grazing horses and beachfront scenes...



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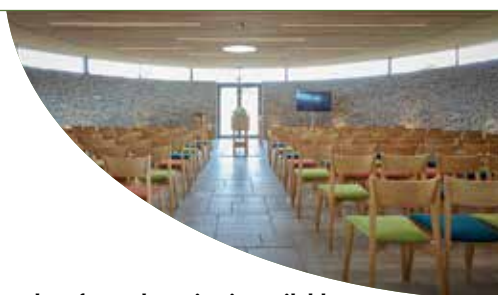
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Blown out of proportion

THIS colourful and colossal interactive outdoor display has been unveiled in Bournemouth Triangle.

'Airship Orchestra' was making its European premiere

and its display kicked off a month of art events throughout the town that ends with the Bournemouth Arts by The Sea festival between September 30 and October 2.



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Changing faces of our latest new PM

It seems we have a new PM,
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One who used to be Remain,
Dizzy Lizzy is her name,
Always spinning round and round,
Until a winning way is found,
Now a hard-line Brexiteer,
Doubtless something else next year,
Another fake beneath our flag,
Is she Boris back ... in drag?

Martin Hobdell, Swanage

Time to ban cold calling outright

ALMOST half the population has had a cold call or text about making a personal injury claim in the past year, and MPs now have a chance to put a stop to it.

The Data Protection and Digital Information Bill is currently being debated in Parliament and we are calling

on MPs to include an amendment to ban cold calling outright.

Cold calls for personal injury are tasteless and intrusive.

Most people who are contacted in this way are left feeling disgusted, annoyed and anxious – according to a YouGov survey commissioned by APIL.

The survey also found that 88 per cent of adults in the UK support a total ban on cold calls and texts from companies who tout for injury claims.

Current rules on cold calling have not prevented the exploitation of vulnerable people.

Now is the time for MPs to act on this issue.

It is what people want.

John McQuater
President, Association of
Personal Injury Lawyers

Telling it like it is

I've just finished reading David Hollister's latest column

concerning the falling standards we're all seeing around us in the Isle of Purbeck.

I can only agree with most of his comments.

We live in a world where chief executives receive huge bonuses, while the workers on the shop floor who actually earn the profits try to exist on low wages.

We also live in a society where a large proportion of parents seem to have abdicated any responsibility for their children's behaviour.

They want schools to take over that responsibility and then complain if a teacher dares to tell off their little darling.

Police don't appear to be able to arrest anyone for fear of being sued, perhaps we should take a lesson from the French and send in the water cannons.

Keep up the good work David, always an entertaining read.

DM
By email



Paying respect where it is due

I AM no supporter of monarchy as I find the concept of royalty contradictory to meritocracy.

But even someone like me can acknowledge the late Queen did a terrific job.

While I do not think anyone should be elevated into any public position by virtue of their ancestry, it would be churlish not to acknowledge she performed her duties and did the job she was born into with integrity and seemingly with few complaints.

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Sport

Sixth spot for town's cricketers

THE Swanage 1st XI cricket team won eight of their 18 games this season to finish 6th in Division 1.

The batting highlight was Craig Wells' unbeaten century, and there were half-centuries from Antony Mahes, Mike and Sid Nash, Mark Stacey (2) and Wells (3).

The outstanding bowling performances were Freddie Long's 7-wicket haul and 5 wickets by Mahes.

There were also useful contributions from Charlie Dyke, Ben Hodder, Steve Kent, Harry Long, Sid Nash and Ryan Stearn.

The 2nd XI won 11 of their 16 matches to finish 3rd in Division 4.

The highlights of their batting were centuries from Renier de Kock, Sid Nash and Pete



The Swanage 1st XI team that played the last game of the season

Richards. There were also half-centuries from Phil Eades, Dave Goldsack, Simon Goldsack (3), Jon Gregory (2), John Lewis, Harry Long, Mike Nash, Tom Rutherford, Tom Wells and Geoff Willcocks.

The outstanding performers with the ball were Ron Barker, Ross Carroll, de Kock, Dave and Simon Goldsack, Mike Gould, James Harding, Mike and Sid Nash, Steve Ramsay and Sam Marks.

The 3rd XI won 5 of their 14 ties to finish 5th in Division 6.

The highlight of their batting

was the 271-run partnership between Tim Ives, who made 135, and David Alcock, who scored 120. There were also half-centuries from Alcock (2), Matt Dunster, Ives (3) and Sam Wells, as well as some useful contributions from Andrew Hancock.

The bowling highlight was Ethan Stacey's 5-wicket haul, as well as, consistent performances from Pete Barker, Carroll, Dylan Church and Sam Wells.

They were all aided by some excellent wicket-keeping displays from another of

Swanage's young 'stars', Seb Wright.

As well as the adult sides, all of the youth teams from the Under-8s right the way through to the Under-15s performed admirably in their respective leagues.

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Opinions that caused a kerfuffle

Jane Ellen Panton was a notable chronicler of life in Victorian-era Wareham and caused a stir or two in the process. NEILL CHILD of Wareham Town Museum reports...

“THE town was built in the shape of a cross and had four wide streets called after the different points of the compass.

“On each side of North and South Streets were erected booths, and here were sold the most fascinating toys: wooden balls, minute tea-sets, wooden soldiers.

“The whips were a great feature, as were the wide leather aprons sold at the same booths; and vast stores of china were heaped about; while a special make of ginger-bread called ‘jumbles’ was to be had then and at no other time...’

This charming description of Wareham in the 1870s was written by Jane Panton in 1908, in her book *Fresh Leaves and Green Pastures*.

Born in 1847, she was the daughter of the celebrated artist William Powell Frith, painter of works such as *Derby Day* and *Ramsgate Sands*.

In 1869 she had married James Panton, who with his brother ran Panton’s Brewery in Pound Lane.

Panton, pictured, lived in Wareham from 1869 until 1882, in the brewery house, and the book is her memoir of that time.

Although she avoids naming people, and in many cases properties, there is much to be gleaned about life in the town and surrounds at that period.

Unfortunately, she too easily identified the lord of the manor, Guy Marston, and he contested

her claim as libellous that he had destroyed Rempstone Estate records. The settlement prevented publication of the book in the UK, but it was released in 1909 in the USA.

Jane Panton wrote further about Wareham in her book *Bypaths and Crossroads*, and also became celebrated for several books on home interior design including *Suburban Residences* and *How to Circumvent Them*. She even earned money as an interior design consultant.

She also wrote regularly for magazines and newspapers. One

of those – in 1885 about Purbeck for Harper’s Magazine, the famous American publication – led to a furious letter circulated to local newspapers that pointed out mis-statements in the piece, including one that Swanage quarry workers would not allow a stranger to work among them.

She died in 1923. One

obituary described her as “a clever woman who talked remarkably well, and had good stories about many mid-Victorian celebrities”.

n Wareham Town Museum, in Wareham Town Hall, is open Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm until October 29. Entrance is free. Online at www.wtm.org.uk and Facebook.



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Telling It Like It Is

Human nature has to change

WELL, it's finally over for another year. Most of the tourists and campers have gone, having only set fire to a few combustible acres in Purbeck.

We now have probably eight months before they reappear – plenty of time for Dorset Council to reappraise the woefully inadequate regulations they made on bonfires and barbecues. Time to “man up”, grab the problem by the horns and make it properly illegal to use a barbecue when there is a severe fire risk – rather than distribute a few roadside signs that nobody takes any notice of.

Time to give the police the power to impound not just the offending barbecue but also the miscreants' vehicle, on payment of a huge fine. If they can do this to people who park illegally on Ferry Road, charging them the earth to get their cars back, why not extend it to bonfires and barbecues?

Lighting a bonfire or a barbecue in the forest or on the beach should be subject to an automatic minimum £1000 fine.

A few prosecutions – along with adequate warning notices – will concentrate people's minds. But it will mean giving proper powers to National Trust forest rangers, beach wardens, and people whose job it is to help protect the environment rather than leaving them powerless to do anything rather than stand by and offer ‘advice’.

And on that subject, what a brilliant team of coastguards and lifeboat

personnel we have in Swanage.

Watching their regular call-out bulletins, as I do for my radio show, makes me wonder why it is they have to risk their lives rescuing idiots, or people old enough to know better.

Sailors and cliff climbers should carry insurance so that everyone who is rescued due to their own stupidity, recklessness or poorly prepared equipment is obliged to make a substantial contribution to the Coastguard or RNLI funds which provide the equipment for the amazing volunteers to use.

It is why every piece about our emergency services that I broadcast on the show is ‘topped and tailed’ with The Professionals theme tune.

We must ask ourselves why property owners and farmers should be put in danger by ‘trackside fires’ on the Swanage Railway?

In the drought, it took a long time for them to stop using steam engines by which time our firemen had been out on numerous occasions.

Then after a small bout of rain, they did a ‘risk assessment’ and brought back the steam engines. Shortly after that we had multiple trackside fires. Again.

I believe the early reinstatement of steam trains was irresponsible and demonstrates a disregard of anyone living near the track or indeed any farmer with standing crops in the adjacent fields.

It is also a disregard of Wilts and Dorset Fire Service who



Cliff climbers should be insured in case of mishaps

PHOTO: Mohamed Hassan

work tirelessly to keep us all safe.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a huge supporter of Swanage Railway, but if income is more important than safety, then count me out. Set fire to your stupid risk assessments and send out a real person, equipped with common sense, to make a sensible decision.

Maybe a DWFS fire officer could do the job?

Like many readers, I remember the 1970s – the uncollected rubbish, wildcat strikes, picket lines, unburied dead, record tax rates, three-day week, power cuts and all of us wondering where our next penny was coming from or where we would find a place to live.

Fast forward to today, and it is déjà vu, perhaps. I can almost hear the rumblings from the left. It's your fault for voting in the “bloody Tories”.

Yet is it? Whatever government we have, it will still be ‘them and us’. Still strangling the young and the poor in red tape. Still depending on the belief that we British will not rise up and reassert our rights as human beings?

The ruling class has reached the same conclusion as me, and the sad thing is they are right: democracy is dead.

Whether you vote red, blue, yellow, green or multicoloured, things will go on just the same.

An election or a referendum is simply a sop to the people, another suggestion that they've ‘had their say’.

That idea is total rubbish. Vested interests and the government-sponsored police and military will always exert the force which the ‘law’ allows, to keep protestors at bay. There is too much ‘law’ and not enough justice. There are too many foodbanks and too many charities doing the work

and taking on the responsibilities which a proper and compassionate government should be dealing with as a matter of duty and human decency.

The Irish judge James Mathew was right when he quipped “the law is open to all, just like the Ritz”. Ask anyone who recently bought or sold a house how long the transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller has been delayed by searches and legal matters. The answer may surprise you.

Look at the disgraceful adverts for ‘no win no fee’ lawyers who act in nobody's best interests but their own.

Look at the ‘class actions’ against Audi and VW, where people are being encouraged to make money for its own sake. Did they really care so much about the environment when they bought their shiny new car, or is it just personal greed for its own sake?

Look at the huge amounts of ‘damages’ being awarded by the ‘courts’ against the NHS. Those millions would surely be better spent in recruiting staff to look after patients. For everyone who's awarded a million pounds, ten more people are remaining untreated due to ‘lack of resources’.

Same applies with housing; for everyone who has two houses, someone else has none.

At the end of it all, it's down to human nature, and in all too many cases it boils down to how much can I grab, how much executive salary can I pocket rather than paying the people at the bottom of the food chain an adequate and dignified reward for their efforts? Who else can I blame?

Can we turn it round? Well, only if we're all acting as human beings in the interests of each other rather than ourselves. And that ain't gonna happen.

DAVID HOLLISTER

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Suicidal thoughts ought to be shared

DORSET'S Suicide Prevention Group launched a new rural mental health campaign to mark World Suicide Prevention Day earlier this month.

Almost a quarter of Dorset's population live in rural areas, and for those who are struggling or facing mental health difficulties that can sometimes feel isolating.

Research indicates suicide rates nationally are higher in rural communities, so Dorset's Suicide Prevention Group's campaign seeks to remind people that wherever they are, and whatever they are facing, support is always within reach.

The group's message is that something as simple as talking to someone can make a huge difference, and however difficult things might seem, there is always someone to turn to.

Trevor Cligg is a farmer in West Dorset who has faced mental health difficulties.

He said: "A lot of people out there are struggling. Some

withdraw and others, like myself, hide in plain sight.

"But talking about it is the biggest thing you can do to help – to whoever, be it your family, your friends, counsellors, doctors. Just talk about it."

Sophia Callaghan, co-chair of Dorset's Suicide Prevention Group, said: "Our group works in partnership to help those in crisis and signpost to the support that is available across our county. Wherever you are, you're never alone. Help is always available."

Find out more at ourdorset.org.uk/wellbeing/suicide.



PHOTO: Victoria_RT

Help available via phone, text and online

YOU can find out more about the Within Reach campaign, as well as support and wellbeing activities in some of Dorset's rural communities, at lightonmh.uk/withinreach.

If you don't feel

comfortable talking to friends or family, you can speak to your GP or contact a free support service, including: n Dorset's NHS mental health helpline Connection, 0800 652 0190;

n Samaritans – call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org and someone will get back to you within 24 hours; n Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 for confidential support via text message.

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Dorchester Literary Festival 2022

15th - 22nd October

At this year's Dorchester Literary Festival you have the chance to enjoy listening to a wonderful array of best-selling authors talking about their latest books:

Robert Harris will discuss *Act of Oblivion* – a gripping novel about one of history's greatest manhunts; you can also enjoy Max Hastings on *Abyss*, the story of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Ben Macintyre on *Colditz*.

Celebrate the life of our Queen with eminent royal commentator, Robert Hardman, or delve into the extraordinary life of Crimean nurse, Mary Seacole, with Helen Rappaport. Discover Miss Dior's significance with Justine Picardie and Josephine Baker's life in espionage with Damien Lewis. Learn about Marine Commandos from Monty Halls; discover The Celts with Simon Jenkins or enjoy James Hamilton's eye-opening account of the artist John Constable.

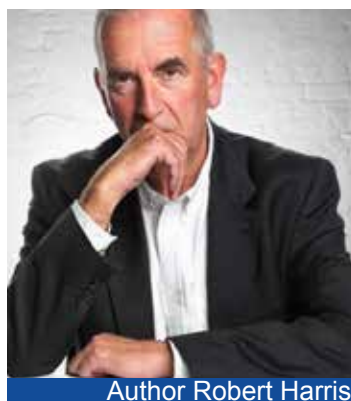
We are also featuring a range of memoirs that illuminate surprising lives: Antiques Roadshow expert Ronnie Archer-Morgan reveals his life story, as does Keith Brymer Jones of The Great Pottery Throw-down; Norman Scott, once at the centre of the Jeremy Thorpe scandal, and Jackie Malton, the DCI whose life provided the inspiration for Lynda La Plante's *Prime Suspect*.

Highlighting the world of nature and animals is Bushcraft and survival legend Ray Mears, who will teach us how to reconnect with the wild with *We Are Nature*; Dave Goulson explains the world of insects in *Silent Earth*; Tim Birkhead shines a light on man's relationship with birds in *Birds and Us*, while Dogfather Graeme Hall gives sage advice on how best to look after a new family friend in *Perfectly Imperfect Puppy*.

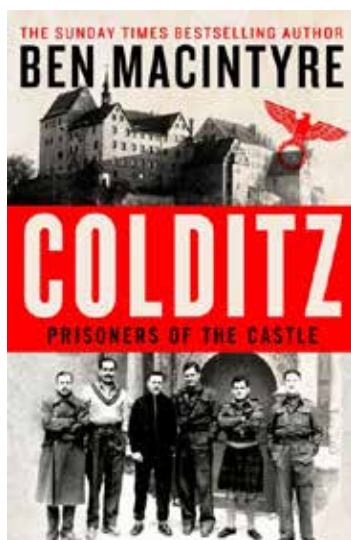
For would be writers there's an afternoon of seminars to help; Sophie Hannah will provide a Writing Master Class and Rebecca Lee will talk you through the publishing process in *How Words Get Good*.

You can follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @DorchLitFest for the latest updates.

Details of all the events are listed online:
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National Coastwatch – Eyes along the coast



Shipwreck is of enormous historical significance

I'M sure I'm not the only one who's been fascinated by the discovery of the Mortar Wreck in Studland Bay. It's been dated to the 13th century, which makes it the oldest remaining shipwreck, in English waters, with part of the hull surviving.

The story of the wreck is gradually unfolding, thanks to work being carried out by a team from Bournemouth University. It earned its name from its cargo of Purbeck stone 'mortar' bowls, used for grinding material such as corn. Recent investigations carried out by the Bournemouth archaeologists have also revealed a number of carved Purbeck marble gravestones. The ship was dated using a technique called dendrochronology – looking at the pattern of the tree rings – and is believed to be constructed from Irish oak, cut down in about 1250AD. Whether the vessel was Irish is uncertain as Irish oak was exported for shipbuilding all over Europe at the time.

Local dive skipper Trevor Small discovered the vessel, when he was out on his boat Rocket. Trevor works closely with Bournemouth University and Rocket is often logged by our watchkeepers at Peveril Point as he takes divers out to the wrecks on the Purbeck coast. The discovery of the Mortar Wreck is of immense

historical importance and because of this the site has been designated as a protected wreck under The Protection of Wrecks Act 1973.

By its very nature, a shipwreck is a unique time capsule, and the protected sites hold fascinating and valuable information about ships, mercantile trade, the lives of sailors and passengers, and society as a whole. The 1973 Act was designed to give protection to these sites by creating a restricted area around a wreck to prevent uncontrolled interference and damage from activities such as unauthorised salvage, fishing and dredging. With the designation of the Mortar Wreck and two others close to the Isle of Wight there are now 57 protected wrecks around the English coast.

Our location, midway along the south coast, means the area is rich in maritime history and in addition to the Mortar Wreck there are four other protected wrecks near to our lookouts at Peveril Point and St Alban's Head. They are the A3 submarine (1912); HMT Arfon (1917), the Swash channel wreck (mid-17th century); and the Studland Bay wreck (c1520). We also have a collection of sunken Second World War tanks in Poole Bay. As these are technically not wrecks, they fell outside the Protection of Wrecks Act but have been designated as



A watchkeeper looks out to sea. PHOTO: NCI

Scheduled Ancient Monuments and have the same protection as sites such as Stonehenge and Corfe Castle.

Contrary to common belief, it is not illegal to dive a protected wreck, but access is controlled by having designated licensees who control the access. To dive a wreck, you have to be a licensee in your own right or be under the direct supervision of a licensee.

In our role as 'eyes along the coast' and with our brief to 'spot, plot, record and respond', our NCI lookouts play an important part in helping monitor activities on protected wrecks. We are familiar with all the local dive vessels, and indeed two of our watchkeepers are licensees in their own right, and if we see an unusual vessel over a site we can pass on the information to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency or Historic England. Our station at St Alban's Head directly overlooks the HMT Arfon and A3 sites and has an information board about the sinking of the Arfon. It was also a fitting site for the commemoration event, held on the 100th anniversary of the sinking – have a look at the NCI article for November last year for the full story! During the first lockdowns of the pandemic, watchkeepers at the Peveril Point Lookout were able to raise

concerns about the proximity of the moored cruise ships to the sunken Valentine tanks.

As a diver I have been privileged to dive on a number of the protected wrecks around our coast and they are fascinating. Swimming around the sites you get a real sense of being immersed in part of our maritime history. Seeing the wrecks laid out on the seabed you can often visualise what was going on onboard the ship while she was sailing and just before the ship sank. Sadly, not everyone can dive and, to broaden access to the sites, Historic England has created a number of virtual dive trails where you can explore the wrecks, without even getting wet! They can be found on Historic England's website <https://historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/visit/protected-wrecks/virtual-dive-trails/>. Currently the only one of the local wrecks which has a trail is the HMT Arfon. However, Poole Museum has some fascinating displays about the Swash Channel and Studland Bay wrecks, and will have information about the Mortar Wreck when the new Maritime Gallery opens in 2024.

This is NCI St Alban's and NCI Swanage helping protect our maritime heritage and listening on Channel 65, NCI out.

NICK REED



HMT Arfon (1917) is one of four wrecks close to the lookouts at Peveril Point and St Alban's Head. PHOTO: Historic England

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Arrow words

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Resistance		Climbing vine		Singer, Collins	▶			
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▶		▼		Food	▼	Meat cut	▶	
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Wordsearch

Vegas Casinos

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Duty-bound (7)
5 Really impresses (4)
8 Courageous (5)
9 Flowers on a bush (7)
11 Remove large particles (4)
12 Respires (8)
15 Humorous (5)
16 Bank official (5)
19 Reasoned (8)
21 Discover (4)
23 Thin, crispy bakery product (7)
25 Telling a porky (5)
26 Ooze (4)
27 Exchanged (7)

Down

- 2 Be successful (4,5)
3 Mid-month day (4)
4 Go aboard (6)
5 Used to exist (3)
6 Penned (5)
7 Gulf (5)
10 By mouth (6)
13 Plant-killing substance (9)
14 Release from a catch (6)
17 Make less wide (6)
18 Proverb (5)
20 Tally (5)
22 Splash sound (4)
24 Sporting prize (3)

Sudoku

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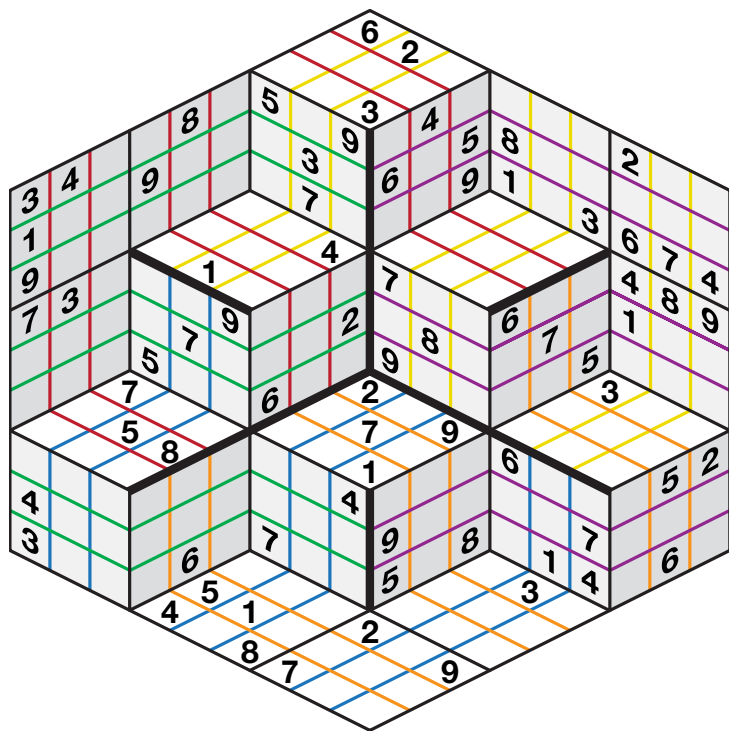
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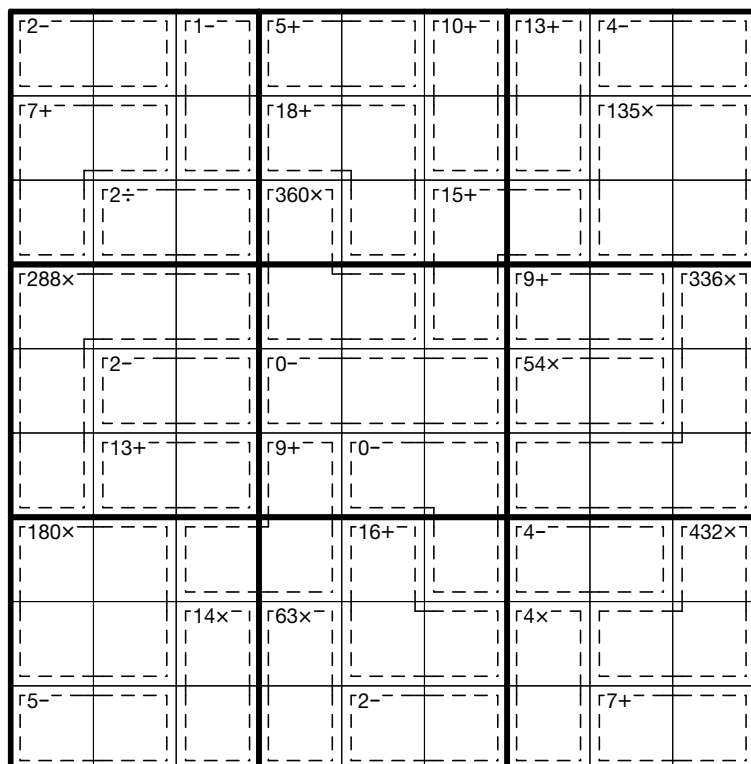
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Jumbo sudoku

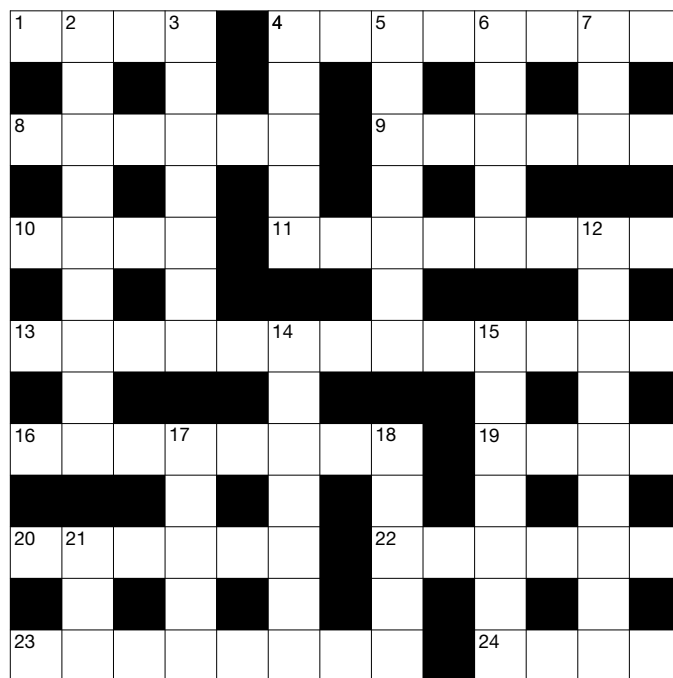


Place 1 to 9 once into every black-bordered 3x3 area as well as each of the 54 rows indicated by the coloured lines. Rows don't cross the thick black lines.

Killer sudoku



Cryptic crossword



Across

- 1 Potato stew initially followed by dessert (4)
- 4 Make ill at ease one in France on bench (8)
- 8 Places for retirement with appeal – or temporary accommodation (6)
- 9 Musical instruments excited groans (6)
- 10 Method of transmitting data provided in West Indies (2-2)
- 11 Right to retain varied prices in edict (8)
- 13 Inertia rooted possibly in getting worse (13)
- 16 Cosily treated with doctor intervening as a token? (8)
- 19 Support member of pack (4)
- 20 It's used for binding number of horses (6)
- 22 Executive typically heartlessly working around company (6)
- 23 Loads onto a computer popular outlets in a market? (8)
- 24 Songs and theatrical works without piano (4)

Down

- 2 See summary first in an exact way (9)
- 3 Hate regulation of speed around island (7)
- 4 Complete state (5)
- 5 Backer quietly soon prepared to enter southern region (7)
- 6 Golf in rank for one who plays it familiarly? (5)
- 7 Waterfall brought up nothing (3)
- 12 Snap policeman by yard – and make reproduction (9)
- 14 Trouble, say, over US gangster outside the law (7)
- 15 Current theme with a lecturer (7)
- 17 Constructed target mostly around Italian article (5)
- 18 Names location for tourists, we hear (5)
- 21 Lightish-brown armoured vehicle with rear destroyed (3)

Place 1 to 9 once each into every row, column and bold-lined 3x3 box. No digit maybe repeated in any dashed-lined cage, and each dash-lined cage must result in the given value when the stated operation is applied between all of the digits in that cage. For subtraction and division operations, start with the highest number in the cage and then subtract or divide by the other numbers in that cage

Brain chain (hard version)

149	-102	+109	$\times 3/4$	-73	-25%	RESULT
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For the solutions,
see page 36

Food & Drink

Cinnamon baked oats are sensible and tasty

SO THE diet is going quite well – small steady losses, that's the way to go.

And while my body yearns for a full English breakfast with hash browns and beans, I know that I have to be sensible.

So my husband found this recipe for baked oats and it is lovely. You can use it with any kind of fruit and it keeps me full till lunch time!

I was lucky recently to find a huge supply of blackberries free to pick, and after making blackberry and apple crumbles, we saved some for breakfast!

It brought back memories of blackberrying with my grandma. The OAP mafia always knew where and when the blackberries would be out and off we would go with grandma's wooden baskets – no plastic bags for her.

She would take one of my grandad's old walking sticks with us so that we could pull down the high branches.

I was always dispatched to

Ingredients (one portion)

40g Porridge Oats
3 tbsp plain Yoghurt
Fruit (raspberries, blackberries, etc)
2/3 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tbsp sultanas or raisins
1/3 tsp baking powder
Squeezed lemon juice

Instructions

Put everything into a mug and mix. Microwave on high for 90 seconds (or 20 minutes in the oven on 180C/350F/gas mark 4). Tip the cake out onto a plate, top with extra yoghurt and enjoy straight away.

get the lowest blackberries as I was the smallest! I hated the brambles and always got scratched! Grandma always told us not to eat too many, but it usually fell on deaf ears. So it was one for the basket and one for me!

When we got them back to



Grandma's, we would wash the blackberries, dry them then use them. We would make crumble using enamel baking dishes and pies, using Pyrex dishes.

Depending on how many blackberries we had picked, we would make crumbles and pies to feed an army.

We would always have some to take home to Mum and Dad.

Some would go to the neighbours, after we had cooked them.

In those days, there were not

so many fridges or freezers, so everything had to be eaten as soon as possible.

What better excuse to have pudding every day! The freshly made crumbles and pies, would often be exchanged for rhubarb or strawberries or apples.

Then we would set to, and make more crumbles, etc, and so it would go on!

So, not only is this breakfast good for me, it brings back such happy memories!

MARTHA LEGG

Combining squash with sweetcorn

IN THIS colourful dish I'm combining two bright stars of the season, butternut squash and sweetcorn.

Sweetcorn is a good source of vitamins C, E, B5 and B1, folic acid, magnesium and phosphorus.

It comes in a wide variety of colours including pink, red, black and blue which offer an array of different anti-oxidants, but in the UK the most

common is yellow which is high in a carotenoid anti-oxidant called lutein.

Butternut squash, as with most 'winter' squashes, is a good source of vitamins C, B1 and B6, folic acid, pantothenic acid, niacin, potassium and dietary fibre.

Using the ingredients listed, left, here is how to make sweetcorn strips with harissa and a butternut squash dip.

Heat the oven to 180 degrees, peel the butternut squash and cut the flesh into similarly-sized cubes. Place the cubes on a baking tray and roast for 20 minutes until tender, then set aside to cool.

Peel off the outer leaves from the corn and any fibres underneath. Cut a flat base to the first corn, then stand it on that base while very carefully slicing it in half lengthways.



Lay the halves flat side down and cut into three equal slices lengthways again, ensuring you keep some of the middle intact, so the kernels don't fall off the inner layer. Repeat with the second ear of corn.

Coat the slices of corn in a little oil, salt and pepper, then pop in the oven for about 20 minutes until golden and they have curled up slightly.

While the sweetcorn is in the oven, blend the butternut

squash with the harissa, extra virgin olive oil, lemon juice and a pinch of pepper to form a smooth dip.

When the sweetcorn strips are ready, dip them in the butternut squash mix, nibble the kernels off the inner layer and enjoy!

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Ingredients (to feed two)

2 ears of corn
½ small butternut squash
1 tsp harissa paste
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil (more if you want a thinner dip)
Juice ½ lemon
Pinch salt and pepper
Optional extras for the dip: feta, yoghurt, mint, chives

Sparkling year for English wine

MOST people think we Brits drink wine rather than produce it. Well, how wrong they are!

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We are also making white, red and rosé wines – some very good ones, in fact – right here in Dorset.

A wine can only be called English if it is made with grapes grown in England. Wine labelled British can be made from grapes grown elsewhere if the juice is fermented and bottled in the UK.

The Love Local Trust Local label is all about highlighting these important facts, so always read the labels.

The climate down south is a little warmer than elsewhere in England, and with help from global warming our average temperatures are rising – from Cornwall to Kent we have ideal climates and soil types.

The fertile soil in Dorset – made up of clay, chalk and flint, the same as the Champagne region of France – is great for growing English wine.

Harvest time for the grapes is late summer to late autumn.

Due to the exceptional weather this summer, 2022 should be a bumper year for English sparkling wine.

National Red Wine Day on August 28 got me thinking about all the wonderful vineyards here in the south.

Did you know there are eight in Dorset alone? When you are out for lunch or dinner next, think about asking if there are any local wines on the menu.

From experience in my own



PHOTOS: Johnboyflash, above, and Photo Mix, below



pub-restaurant our customers love the local wine, cider, real ale, gin and other spirits.

English wines are a little pricey compared to those from other countries. However, what you get in the supermarkets is mass produced, whereas the English wines are tasty, really good and will be a talking point on the dinner table.

English wines are going to be pricier because labour and production costs in this country are more expensive than in other countries and the number of bottles produced is limited.

Remember, if you buy local you are supporting local businesses and helping the rural economy here in Dorset.

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Gardening

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Police the grass to keep lawn order

LAWN care jobs change with the seasons and as autumn begins it is time to renovate.

September is the optimum month to begin your lawn care due to the cooler temperatures and increased rainfall.

There are many lawn care tasks you can do to keep your lawn healthy and prepare it for the winter months.

Mowing

If you have good levels of moisture, growth should still be at its best so keep mowing regularly.

Once the temperature starts to drop the growth should slow and once it does, only mow when required and remember to raise your mowing height.

Scarifying

Scarifying is the process of removing thatch from the lawn.

Thatch is the accumulation of organic matter at the base of the

Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful' and sitting in the shade...

Rudyard Kipling

lawn. A thin layer of thatch up to half an inch is beneficial for your lawn health. However, too much will cause your lawn to suffer.

You can scarify the lawn by hand using a spring tine rake however a scarifying machine would be much better if you have a large lawn or if it is particularly affected by thatch.

Aeration

In addition to scarification, you should also aerate your lawn.

Lawn aeration is required for a healthy lawn as it allows water, air and nutrients to permeate into the root zone.

You can aerate your lawns with many different tools. Small areas can be spiked with a garden fork – simply punch holes into the lawn and rock the fork to enlarge the size of the holes.

For those in need of greater lawn aeration you can use a hollow tine aerator machine, which removes plugs of soil from your lawn and deposits them on top. The soil plugs can be left and will break down over time.

Feeding

It is important to give your lawn a good feed and water after these jobs.

You can prepare your lawn for winter by applying autumn lawn feed, which is high in

potassium and phosphate. This will provide your lawn with the nutrients to support healthy root growth and protect grass from frost and icy conditions.

Overseeding

One of the final things you can do for your lawn at this time of year is to overseed it.

Overseeding will help to fill damaged, worn or thin patches of your lawn as well as reduce the invasion of weeds.

September conditions are favourable for seed

germination as the ground is still warm and rainfall increases.

Caring for your lawn in Autumn can be hard work. But putting in the effort now will ensure your lawn will be looking its best come spring.



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Dig deep for the survivors of summer

OCTOBER marks the beginning of autumn in our gardens.

This hot summer's droughts have wrought a deadly toll in the borders. Many plants that should have been growing away all summer have been struggling just to stay alive.

In heavier soils that, in part, retained some moisture the plants have noticeably coped much better. Whereas in light, free-draining sandy soils some plants have just faded away completely.

Beth Chatto's mantra of 'the right plant in the right place' has been severely tested.

Some plants just seem to survive no matter what the weather. In sunny, heavier soils the Siberian irises, dogwoods (*Cornus alba*), and border phlox, and many others, have repaid occasional buckets of water thrown at them in the hottest part of the summer by beginning to grow again now the weather is cooler.

It is more difficult for plants that need light soil. They have put up with intense sunlight and dessicating winds, but no rain



Iris sibirica is good in tough conditions

whatever has been fatal. Some plants are just survivors, however, and it is worth noting those in your garden for the future. *Verbena bonariensis* – those tall, light purple flowers that survive most conditions – are running happily to seed now, and the asters (*Michaelmas* daisies and their ilk) are slowly returning to flower for the autumn.

Providing they have received

the occasional bucket of water, they have survived. Just. But one aspect of gardening has had to be put on hold – moving perennials and shrubs to new homes within the garden, and planting newly acquired lovelies. Most gardeners have established a 'waiting room' for their new plants until this month, when the weather cools.

Now is the time to dig a deep hole for every waiting plant and

half-fill it with garden compost. Empty a watering can into the hole to saturate the surrounding soil and squelch the new plant into the 'mud'. Back-fill the hole with soil mixed with more garden compost, and give it a final watering to settle it in.

In the warm damp soil it will quickly put out roots and get established. It will live to fight another year.

SALLY GREGSON

For yards in the shade, make a lily bet

THE legendary gardener Vita Sackville-West once wrote about the complex flowers of *tricyrtis*, the toad lily.

She loved the delicate intricacy of the petals' structure. From flat-bottomed buds the flowers open with six petals that are either intricately spotted or translucent. The reproductive parts, the stigma and stamens, are supported on an elongated style above the petals.

The Japanese name is 'hototogisu', meaning 'cuckoo'. Not that it flowers at the same time as the cuckoos appear, but the spotting is thought to resemble a cuckoo's chest.

Most species are native to Japan and are mentioned in traditional poetry – the spare, three-line 'haiku'. Hototogisu flower in September and October, so indicate to the reader the poem is set in early autumn. The subject matter is enigmatic – it is about what is not said but implied.

In its native habitat *tricyrtis hirta* grows horizontally on shady rocks in light, damp woodland soil. It has crossed with *T. affinis*, to produce *T. x* 'white towers'. This prostrate plant grows horizontally with bright green, slightly hairy, leaves and sports clean white flowers that show up well in the cool autumn shade of a woodland garden.

The most commonly grown species in this country, *T. formosana stolonifera*, the toad lily is, however, native to Taiwan. It grows in loose, leafy, moist soil, in light shade, and sports spotted, mauve-pink flowers. But the plant breeders have been at work producing many hybrids: *T. matsukaze*, whose very large flowers resemble purple-spotted spiders; *T. shimone*, with exotic white flowers and deep red spots; and *T. kohaku* with large creamy white flowers and purple-black spots.



Tricyrtis macrantha has golden yellow flowers

Then there are a few species with golden flowers, which may be occasionally available from specialist nurseries. *T. latifolia* has large, wide leaves and golden flowers with brown spotting, and *T. macrantha* also has golden-yellow flowers.

They are worth snapping up. Your garden will be enriched by such unusual flowers.

All *tricyrtis* are magical

autumn plants for every shady garden. Place a few near the path to intrigue an autumn visitor, or under a light tree where the soil is moist without being boggy. Then dot a few slug pubs about.

Add an element of mystery to your garden, and you too will surely get hooked on toads. Or should that be cuckoos?

SALLY GREGSON

Pets

Keep cats away from the sweet taste of antifreeze

AS WE head towards the cooler days and evenings, we need to think about preparing our cars for winter and it's important to note that antifreeze contains ethylene glycol – this is extremely toxic to our pets.

Ethylene glycol is found predominantly in antifreeze and unfortunately is quite palatable to animals, especially cats as it has a sweet taste.

It causes various symptoms, although the initial neurological phase is often missed because onset occurs quickly after the poison has been ingested and is only transient.

Other symptoms include lethargy, vomiting, excessive urination, seizures and possible coma.

The main effect of ethylene glycol poisoning is

overwhelming kidney failure. Crystals form within the kidneys rapidly after the poison has been licked or eaten, causing them to stop working correctly.

Death can occur within a few days, even if aggressive treatment to support the kidneys has been started.

There is an antidote for ethylene glycol but this needs to be given immediately – so if you have even the slightest suspicion that your pet has ingested antifreeze you must contact your vet for an emergency appointment.

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Aim high with simple goals

THIS summer has sharpened our focus on climate change and the lifestyles we will need to adapt to survive, *writes Alice Johnsen.*

While it can be uncomfortable to make change, change is good. More than good – it's essential for us to keep surviving successfully.

At the start of this year, I set out my own goals for my business. Some of them are on track, others less so, having got lost in the distraction of everyday life or becoming less relevant.

I think the start of a new academic year is as good a time as any to consider how your plan is turning out – are you on track, and is it all still working?

While goals are for the most part helpful, they are there to serve us, not the other way round.

We should not become slaves to the goals or targets we set for

ourselves. When that happens, the anxiety produced as a by-product is distracting, draining and time-wasting. If a goal is causing those symptoms, it probably needs revising. Or the tools you are using to reach that goal need reviewing.

A goal in itself can be a good thing but it needs a story around it. Why are you aiming towards that particular goal? Why is this the right time in your life/business/relationship/training? How will you know when you have achieved it and what will it lead you on to? Does it sit well with your life now or is it a standalone idea, potentially a standalone distraction?

One last thought about goals. A big goal will quickly seem unobtainable when times are tough. It becomes too easy to give up on what you are trying to achieve. To prevent this, keep your goals small or – with a big goal to aim for, such as

qualifying for a regional level sports team – break it down.

Create smaller steps you can work through to take you to that goal. Give thought as to how you can recognise when you have achieved each step so your mini-successes build to motivate you towards the big success.

That way, you build a feeling of having a positive influence on your life. You are in control, moving forward and can be proud of what you are doing. *n Alice Johnsen is a life coach. Telephone 07961 080513. Website alicjohnsen.co.uk. Email alicjohnsencoaching@gmail.com*

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Politics

God save the King: continuity rules amid tumultuous change for the UK

THIS week has been unlike any other week in my lifetime.

On Monday we had a Queen and a male Prime Minister. By Thursday we had a King and a female Prime Minister.

As I write we are in a period of National Mourning for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: the date of the funeral has been announced; world leaders have been sending their condolences; the Royal Family has gathered; London is filled with people and flowers showing their love and respect for our beloved monarch.

We all knew this day would come, and yet we all hoped that it wouldn't.

The Queen has been a constant presence throughout my life, and indeed throughout the lives of my parents and grandparents. I am sure we will all eventually get used to saying "His Majesty" and singing "God save our gracious King".

For now it feels new and

strange. The King has already started work – within 48 hours of his mother's death, he held his first audience with the new Prime Minister and met the Cabinet as well as opposition leaders.

As Her Majesty's Vice Chamberlain, I had the privilege and honour of writing to Her Majesty every day that the House of Commons was sitting.

It is called the Message and details the day's proceedings in parliament. It ensured that the Queen was fully informed of the working of Her Government.

I no longer hold the role of Vice Chamberlain – the new Vice Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household will now instead be writing the Message to the King every day. I have no

doubt it will be read carefully, as he shows the same dedication and service to his role as his beloved late mother before him.

The relationship between Monarch and Parliament is a finely balanced one, depending on hundreds of years of history.

At times, it may seem steeped in so much tradition that it is divorced from normal life. And yet modernity and tradition can travel hand in hand.

On Saturday, September 11, the new King was pronounced at the Accession Council.

The words and ceremony were ancient, developed over centuries. But for the first time, proceedings were led by a woman – Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt is now Lord

President of the Council. And we were all able to see and hear it all on television.

The ancient and modern of parliament and monarchy will continue.

As we mourn our Queen, I firmly believe that amidst the mourning there should also be a celebration of a life well lived, of a life of duty, service and sacrifice. And perhaps each one of us should try to be a little bit more like Her Late Majesty the Queen.

God save the King.

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Michael Tomlinson

Union man gives rail workers' view

MY EARLIEST memories are of going to London by train.

I remember the excitement I felt gazing at Waterloo Station concourse.

Later, grey haired, I used the train to go to conferences in London, relying on the advice of the ticket office staff at Wareham to get the right fare and trusting the skills of the driver to get me there safely and on time.

The railway network was once the backbone of Britain, supporting industry and commerce.

Now, in times of climate change, it can be a way of ensuring cleaner, greener, transport.

The threat of industrial action on the railways dominates the headlines. There is fierce controversy about the rights and wrongs of strike action.

South Dorset Labour was therefore very happy to invite Jim Buchanan, a local RMT

Union official based in Poole, to talk to members about why his union – and other transport unions – have had to act.

Jim told us the truth behind the headlines. The proposals put forward by the Rail Delivery Group – a body bringing together the owners of Britain's various train companies – mean up to 4,000 maintenance staff will go.

Maintenance will be reactive rather than proactive. Drones will be used rather than skilled permanent way staff, who know their patch inside out. Slimmed down response teams will cover wide areas, with different technologies and systems.

Recently I spoke to a former track layer in Weymouth who had attended the Clapham railway disaster.

He was haunted by memories of what he had seen. Like Jim,

he felt that these proposals would put lives at risk.

Up to a thousand ticket offices are at risk.

Jim cited reports that say there may be only two ticket offices left on the

Weymouth-to-Waterloo line – at Clapham Junction and Waterloo. Tickets would only be available online or from ticket machines.

Age Concern say around three million people over the age of 65 have no access to the internet.

Platforms will be empty, with no staff on hand to help vulnerable or disabled passengers. Such passengers would have to book support online 48 hours in advance of their journey.

Jim said railway unions welcomed modernisation and

had embraced it in the past. But they were against changes to their contracts requiring them to work on rest days.

They also rejected the offer of an 8 per cent pay rise over two years when inflation was heading for 13 per cent and energy bills were forecast to exceed £4,200 next year.

Jim added that privatised rail companies made a handsome profit every year. But 80 per cent of those profits went to foreign owners, including the state-run railway companies of France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy.

UK train company directors earn an average of £230,000 per year, whereas salaries for RMT members range from £18,000 to an average of £33,000. The CEO of First Group – owners of SWR – earned £840,000 in pay and perks last year.

"We were once clapped as key workers", Jim told us. "Now we get a slap."



Chris Bradey

Call the right people after crash

RESEARCH commissioned by the UK's leading independent road safety charity has revealed many drivers do not know when they should prioritise calling police over their insurance company in the aftermath of a minor accident.

In a survey for IAM RoadSmart of more than 1,000 motorists, more than a quarter – 28 per cent – said they would call police as a first port of call in the wake of a low-speed accident involving damage to their car, such as a dent to the bumper.

In contrast, 36 per cent said they would call their insurance company first.

Neil Greig, Director of Policy and Research at IAM RoadSmart, commented: "After an incident on the road, it can be difficult to remain calm and consider the most logical course of action.

"Calling your insurance

company is the right thing to do, although it is important to remember the nature of the situation.

"We would only suggest calling the police if somebody is hurt, a crime has been committed, or you are in the live lane of a motorway or dual carriageway, with no other way of getting help."

Some 30 per cent of drivers said they would call a family member first, while nine per cent said they would call a friend.

The decision on whether or not to call the police fetched the most polarised results, with one in three – 33 per cent – saying they would be the last people to call in the event of a minor incident.

The survey also found over one third (36 per cent) of survey respondents would try to get a confession from the driver who hit their car.





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Business

Energy support 'must be lifeline'

THE Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has welcomed the announcement of government support to help firms get through the energy crisis.

But the organisation says it wants to see more detail from ministers before its members can breathe a sigh of relief, adding that key questions remain unanswered.

Responding to Prime Minister Liz Truss's announcement there would be help to ease the burden of rising electricity and fuel costs, the FSB's development manager for Hampshire, Dorset and Isle of Wight Nicky Kildunne said: "It's a huge relief for millions of small businesses to hear they will be part of the government's plans to help on energy.

"Many have been pushed to the brink by crippling energy bills, and so it is welcome that help is on the way.

"The toxic combination of uncapped energy hikes, high taxes, inflation and negative growth have become an existential threat for many.

"FSB is proud to have played our part in championing small businesses' plight and pitching in ideas to the new team in power, and so we have contributed to today's intervention.

"We now have a high-level commitment in principle to help businesses get through the winter intact.

"Done right, this will be a lifeline – protecting jobs, communities and future economic recovery.

"However, the announcement is very high-level and sparse on detail so we will be working with the new government to clarify what happens next.

"Small businesses' instant reaction is that this is not enough information, yet, for them to plan."

She said key unanswered questions included:

n What will be the fixed unit prices (and standing charges) from October 1?



n What practically will now change – will energy retailers suspend high quotes and contract offers and recalculate from October 1?

n Will those who have accepted hugely increased bills in recent weeks be able to renegotiate to bring their bills down to reasonable levels?

Ms Kildunne, pictured, added: "This must not result in a cliff-edge after six months, with the withdrawal of support to all but 'vulnerable' targeted industries, sectors or types of business.

"The definition of who falls in and out of that support will need to be looked at carefully at the three-month review.

"Our work on vulnerability of small businesses to energy costs has revealed huge bills causing damage in virtually any sector that uses energy in any meaningful way, just like most households.

"Any future definition of 'vulnerable industries' will need to be broad, realistic and fair.

"The government should also make good on its commitment for comprehensive help for all small businesses affected.

"If any have energy circumstances such that, in practice, they turn out not be covered by the measures announced today, the government must keep an open mind and ensure policy decisions do not create another group of disenfranchised or excluded small businesses without support, just like it did on income support during COVID."



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Arts & Entertainment



Tim Laycock, left, and Phil Humphries and the musicians bringing the tunes back to life once again

Long-forgotten masterpieces heard in full glory once more

IT IS amazing what you can find in a box that has been sitting on a shelf for a long time.

When the Dorset History Centre (DHC) opened just such an item in the company of Dorset musicians Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries, the result was not just inspiring but offered an intriguing insight into our local history.

Inside was a collection of rare old musical manuscripts so outstanding they have inspired a series of three concerts to be staged in Dorchester, Wareham and Poole this autumn.

Some of the manuscripts discovered are those of William Knapp, the important 18th-century Dorset musician.

Knapp composed the music for the well-known hymn, Wareham, and another piece dedicated to the devastating Blandford fire of 1731 that destroyed most of the town.

Works from the music book of Benjamin Rose were also found. Rose, a farmer and alehouse keeper from near Okeford Fitzpaine, penned a collection of catchy, country dance tunes that encapsulate life in 1820, the year in which he wrote them.

Further songs will be taken from the Hammond

manuscripts, which contain a vast collection of folksongs. Traversing Dorset on bicycles between 1905 and 1908, the two Hammond brothers amassed nearly 700 songs.

The melodic treasure trove will be performed by one of the county's most popular groups, The Ridgeway Singers and Band, which is led by Phil and Tim.

Since the find, the two have been collaborating with the DHC to bring the compositions to life after their extended shelf life.

"We will be singing at least one folk song in each concert that was collected in the town in which we are performing," they explained.

"We will also be performing Linden Lea, with words by William Barnes and set to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams."

The style of much of the Ridgeway's pieces is known as West Gallery, referring to a time



when churches had galleries where local musicians and singers would gather to accompany the congregation's singing.

"Although it fell out of favour in the mid-19th century, as depicted in Thomas Hardy's Under the Greenwood Tree, it is a wonderfully full-bodied sound," they added.

The songs, music and readings will be the Ridgeway's

usual joyful, punchy performance, which have been described by audiences as "brilliant, uplifting singing and terrific readings".

The pair added: "Our collaboration has already turned up interesting new discoveries, such as a list of the members of the Puddletown Church band and singers in 1840-50 that includes two women – in contrast to the 'men and boys only' picture presented by Thomas Hardy."

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Arts & Entertainment

Church is the scene of murder mystery

KINGSTON Church will be hosting its first ever Purbeck Film Festival next month and it is hard to imagine a better setting to enjoy an acclaimed film in the "crime drama mystery" category.

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Graham Moore's directing duties in this psychological thriller are achieved with the same poise and skill he brought to the polished WWII drama *The Imitation Game*.

Rylance plays the part of an English tailor in Chicago whose clientele is primarily a family of wealthy gangsters.

The church screening is set for Wednesday, October 26, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.50, with students and under-25s getting in for £5. Refreshments



Mark Rylance in *The Outfit*

including wine and hot drinks will be available.

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We're excited to be hosting a number of this year's movies forming the **27th Annual Purbeck Film Festival**. You'll find our lineup below under 'PFF Movies'. More information inc. the 2022 brochure can be found on the Purbeck Film Festival website.

GENERAL RELEASE MOVIES:

See How They Run (12A)

- Saturday 1st October through to Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm
- Monday Matinée on 3rd October, 2.30pm

Ticket to Paradise (12A)

- Saturday 8th October through to Thursday 13th October, 7.30pm
- Monday Matinée on 10th October, 2.30pm

Mrs Harris goes to Paris (PG)

- Monday 31st October through to Thursday 3rd November, 7.30pm
- Monday Matinée on 31st October, 2.30pm

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL MOVIES:

• **Wild Men / Vildmaend** (15): Friday 14th, 7.30pm

• **The Artist** (PG): Saturday 15th, 6.00pm

• **Cinema Paradiso** (12A): Saturday 15th, 8.00pm

• **In the Heat of the Night** (12A): Sunday 16th, 11.00am

• **Adaptation** (12A): Sunday 16th, 7.30pm

• **Flee / Flugt** (12A): Monday 17th, 7.30pm

• **Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy**

• **Gizen to Sôzô** (15): Tuesday 18th, 7.30pm

• **A Chiara** (15): Wednesday 19th, 7.30pm

• **Parallel Mothers / Madres Paralelas** (15): Thursday 20th, 5.30pm

• **The Good Boss / El Buen Patrón** (15): Thursday 20th, 8.00pm

• **Song of the Sea** (PG): Saturday 22nd, 5.30pm

• **The Worst Person in the World / Verdens verste menneske** (15): Sat 22nd, 7.30pm

• **Paris, 13th District** (18): Sunday 23rd, 7.30pm

• **A Miniscule Adventure / Les Mandibules du Bout du Monde** (U): Monday 24th, 5.30pm

• **Cop Secret / Leynlogga** (15): Monday 24th, 7.30pm

• **Murina** (15): Tuesday 25th, 7.30pm

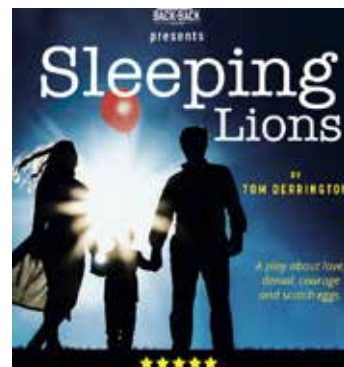
• **Eric Ravilious: Drawn to War** (PG): Wednesday 26th, 7.30pm

• **The Velvet Queen** (12A): Thursday 27th, 6.00pm

• **Between 2 Worlds / Le Quai de Ouistreham** (12A): Thursday 27th, 8.00pm

• **Petite Maman** (U): Friday 28th, 6.00pm

• **La Famille Belier** (12A): Fri 28th, 8.00pm



CLUBS & SOCIETIES:

Monthly

• **The Making Memories Dementia Friendly** cafe is **Tuesday the 4th and 18th of October**. There are no movies for October.

• **The Flower Club** will meet on **Thursday 20th October at 9am** in the Community Room.

Weekly / Bi-weekly

• **Health Qui Con Community** meets every **Wednesday at 1.30pm** in the Community Room.

• **Egyptian Bellydance** classes every **Tuesday at 5.30pm** in the Community Room and run weekly.

• **Swanage Arts & Crafts Market** is every Saturday and Sunday outside the Mowlem to October.

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Spotlight 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 19th Sept is NOON 12th Sept

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

OCTOBER 2022

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, Swanage. Till 11.15.
- 10.00 Table Tennis Club Methodist Ch. hall, High Street, Swanage. 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 Swanage Disabled Club meet until 4pm. Meeting place All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell, Swanage. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241.
- 16.00 Colour Me Happy. Adult colouring session at Swanage Library. Drop in.
- 16.45 Soccer Skills Swanage FC First Sch children £1. Till 5.45. 425175.
- 18.00 Swanage Tennis Club at Beach Gardens, Swanage. Free cardio tennis taster. Till 7pm.
- 19.00 Swanage Youth Club. School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm.
- 19.00 Whist. Come and join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Call 07984 968733.
- 19.00 Wareham Choral Society meet Lady St.Mary Church, Wm. Till 9.30. New singers always welcome. 01202 632678.
- 19.30 Purbeck Village Quire rehearse at Wm URC Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. 288045 or 480737.
- 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, Swanage. Cadets age 12+. Email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 Swanage Badminton Club meet at Swanage School, High Street, BH19 2PH, and play until 9pm. New members welcome.
- 20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Swanage.

EVERY TUESDAY

- 09.30 Isle of Purbeck Arts Club. Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Swanage. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. 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. 553718.
- 10.00 First Steps Parent & Toddlers' Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 11.30am during term time. Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours.
- 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 A Place Of Welcome at 103 High St. Swanage. 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.
- 10.30 Employment Hub at Swanage Library. Until 12.30pm. Book via Skilla dn Learning on 01202 262300.
- 10.30 Swanage Walking for Health Group starter walks (15-30mins).

Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the Swanageing of things gently! 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. www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.
- 12.00 Nature Tots (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm.
- 14.00 Swanage Walking for Health Group. Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. 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.
- 18.00 Swanage Youth Centre Girls' Night (Yr 8+) Till 10pm.
- 18.15 Swanage Cricket Club Practice till 8.30pm.
- 18.30 Swanage 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+. Email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 Belvedere Singers rehearsal at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage. BH19 1AZ. Parking on-site. Till 9.30pm. All singers welcome! 425074.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 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. 552864.
- 10.30 Play and Learn at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
- 10.30 Books and More – Swanage Library. Reading & discussion group.
- 13.00 Studland Toddler Group at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 Herston Senior Citizens meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Swanage. All welcome.
- 14.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Swanage. 07969 925502.
- 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.
- 16.15 Swanage Football Club U-7s training til 5.15pm. £1. 426346.
- 17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s training til 6.15pm. £1. 426346.
- 18.00 Swanage Youth Club. School years 7 and 8. Till 8.30pm.
- 18.30 Swanage and Wareham 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 Wareham Depression Support group. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at Not Just Sundaes, South Street, Wareham. BH20, until 9pm. John: 01929 556315 or 07871 727278 or email: johnoneil905@yahoo.co.uk.
- 19.00 Swanage Town Band meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.
- 19.00 Purbeck Runners meet at Beach Gardens Pavillion, Swanage.
- 19.30 Swanage Musical Theatre meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. 426161.
- 20.00 Swanage Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10pm.
- 20.15 Dorset Buttons Morris Practice. URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- 20.30 Wm Swanageimmming Club Adults. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10pm.
- 22.00 Swanage Youth Centre Club Night (16+) Till 11.59pm.
EVERY THURSDAY
- 09.00 Swanage Painting Club. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Swanage. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Jane on 01929 427078.
- 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 for further information.
- 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, Swanage. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 Sensory Play for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 Wyvern Savings and 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 and Toddler Group During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45am. 556806.
- 10.00 A Place Of Welcome at 103 High St. Swanage. 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 Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall, Swanage. Til 11am. Admission 50p.
- 10.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups and 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.
- 10.30 Midweek 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'Urberville 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 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. 552864.
- 13.30 Toddler Group. All Saints' Church, Swanage. 423937. Till 3pm (term times).
- 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. Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net.
- 14.15 Swanage Over-60s Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Swanage. All Welcome.
- 17.45 Swanage Youth Club. Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm.
- 18.15 Swanage Cricket Club Practice till 9pm.
- 19.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. 07969 925502.

- 19.15 Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind players welcome. Ffi, call: 551478 or 01202 242147.
- 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.
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 08.45 Coffee @ 112 - Drop In For Coffee! Catch up with friends at 112 High Street (United Reformed Church) in Swanage. Cake and bacon butties. Fair trade stall. Donations for 'Besom in Purbeck' and church funds.
- 09.30 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 10.30am. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. 07969 925502.
- 09.30 Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 Table Tennis Club Methodist Ch. hall, High Street, Swanage. 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. 01929 556146.
- 18.00 Purbeck War-Game & Model Club. Royal British Legion, Swanage. 426096.
- 18.00 Swanage Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9). Till 8pm.
- 18.00 Purbeck Youth Choir at the United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 8-18 years old. Till 7pm. Jay Buckle on: 07947 866945.
- 18.30 Swanage Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 421840.
- 19.00 Swanage 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 Swanage Youth Centre Live Bands (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 Swanage Youth Centre Late Session (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free).

EVERY SATURDAY

- 08.00 Purbeck Runners meet at the Mowlem, Swanage. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 Swanage CC U11 - U15 Practice till 10.30
- 09.00 Swanage Self Defence FUNDamentals for ages 4-12 years at Swanage Methodist Church, Swanage. For a FREE taster session, contact Ian on: 07888660225 or email: SwanageSMA@gmail.com and quote 'Purbeck Gazette'.
- 09.30 Swanage CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30am.
- 10.00 Tea, coffee and home-made cakes in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 11.00 Lego and Megablok Mayhem at Swanage Library, until 12 noon.
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- 09.00 Purbeck Runners meet at the Mowlem, Swanage. 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.
- 10.30 Stoborough Baptist Church – would love to welcome you for meeting. For details please call 01929 550309 or website www.stoboroughbaptistchurch.co.uk.

ACORN LODGE ODDFELLOWS: Events all held at the Three Legged Cross Hall, Wimborne: Tuesday, October 11, 2pm – photo talk by Jurassic Coast Photography and afternoon tea, £3.50; Saturday, November 19, 10am – Christmas card – iris paper folding – making and coffee morning; Saturday, December 10, 1.30pm – Christmas buffet, £4. Contact social secretary Julia Taylor to book places.

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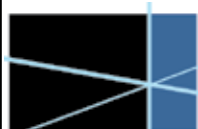
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Property



Symonds & Sampson and Trinity Rose Commercial secure multi-million-pound sale on impressive North Dorset site

The commercial team at Symonds & Sampson and Trinity Rose Commercial, the Chandlers Ford-based commercial property specialist, have secured a multi-million-pound sale on East Down Farm, a large and superbly equipped site near Blandford Forum in North Dorset.

The 24-acre site, which includes 200,000 square feet of modern units, offices, workshops, storage, loading and digital weighbridge facilities, was listed with a guide price of £5 million. The agents secured the sale of the site to a private investor in one of the most significant transactions in the region, within just six weeks.

Symonds & Sampson acted jointly with Trinity Rose Commercial to put together a dynamic marketing campaign

that attracted considerable interest from the off, the collaboration culminated in a speedy sale for the site's owner.

'We recognised the potential that East Down Farm had to become a very attractive investment opportunity for a buyer immediately,' commented Ryan Holmes, commercial partner at Symonds & Sampson. 'Of course we are thrilled to have secured the sale in such a short space of time, but the commercial benefits of having a new storage and distribution hub on our doorstep are not just immediate and will be felt for some time to come.'

East Down Farm was sold with planning consent for a storage and distribution facility and the newly named Dorset Business Park which now offers a range of high-bay warehouses

and ancillary accommodation in one of Dorset's most strategically located sites on the Blandford, Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester road network.

The site derives much of its electrical supply from solar energy and represents a welcome draw to organisations looking to relocate to more carbon-efficient operating facilities.

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