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Welcome to the November edition of your Gazette! It's now officially winter - the clocks have gone back, it's dark and miserable morning and night, but all is not lost!

Christmas is just round the corner (no, don't groan), filled with festive cheer, roaring open fires, delicious food, friends, family and loved ones. The trees are bursting with the last of the forager's delights - Sweet Chestnuts can be gathered-up and cooked at home over the fire at no cost, a few sloes still remain in the hedges - pop them into a bottle of Gin after freezing overnight and save until Christmas. I know I will be!

We begin our Christmas Challenge this month - please do join in and see if you can source everything you need for the festive season from LOCAL shops - keep your trade local, and your community will continue to be able to serve you. Abandon our local shops at your own peril!

Take a look through the feature pages, book-up that Christmas meal or arrange a party for the staff, keep an eye out for that 'perfect gift' for someone special, or try out a new look for the winter. Above all, you'll be supporting local businesses by shopping locally, thus keeping shops open and staff in work. Surely a worthy effort to make to give yourself that warm, rosy glow from doing the 'right thing' this year? We hope so!

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3	--	01.13	08.25	13.44	21.01
4	--	02.13	09.42	14.50	22.10
5	--	03.21	10.46	16.10	23.11 NP
6	--	04.41	11.46	17.35	--
7	00.07	05.50	12.39	18.29	--
8	00.56	06.40	13.24	19.08	--
9	01.38	07.19	14.04	19.40	--
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11	02.54	08.22	15.15	20.40	-- NM
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22	--	05.16	12.22	17.53	--
23	00.42	06.12	13.12	18.45	--
24	01.32	07.03	14.00	19.33	--
25	02.19	07.51	14.46	20.17	-- FM
26	03.06	08.37	15.31	21.00	--
27	03.51	09.21	16.16	21.43	-- SP
28	04.35	10.04	16.59	22.26	--
29	05.19	10.48	17.42	23.11	--
30	06.04	11.33	18.27	23.56	--

ST=Spring Tide NP = Neap Tide NM=New Moon FM=Full Moon

#### Swanage Town Council Meetings - November 2015

Planning & Consultation Committee	Mon 2nd	4.30pm
Tourism Committee	Wed 4th	10.00am
Policy, Finance & Management	Wed 4th	4.30pm
Transport Committee	Wed 11th	2.15pm
Council	Mon 23rd	7pm
General Operations Committee	Wed 25th	4.30pm

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Council	Tue 3rd	7pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 9th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Tue 10th	7pm
Wareham In Bloom	Wed 11th	7pm
Museum	Tue 17th	7.15pm
Amenities	Wed 18th	7pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 30th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 30th	7pm

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Council	Tue 10th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 18th	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 25th	9.15am

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Durdle Door lit-up, by Tim Crabb.

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## Universal Values, Surely?

Dear Gazette,

What a brilliant article on immigration by 15-year-old Alicja Nowicka in your September issue ('After All, We're All People')!

As a writer, she knocks the socks off a good many English girls of her age, but even more importantly, her article puts into perspective some of the perceived problems and misinformation surrounding this subject. Her cogent and well-researched arguments are in contrast to the anti-immigrant rhetoric expressed in some of the British tabloids and also by certain politicians.

When it comes to current immigration into this country, there are broadly two sources: those arriving from European Union countries and refugees from outside the EU. The majority who come to Britain from within the EU either have work or the promise of such and it should be borne in mind that there is a skills shortage in some areas of the British economy. Less than a year ago research was published which showed that recent immigrants to Britain from within the EU (i.e. from Eastern Europe) were making a net contribution of £4 billion to the economy, yet not a single tabloid newspaper chose to highlight this story on its front page. The conclusion must be that many British newspapers have a vested interest in promoting some of the preconceived prejudices of their readership.

Regarding refugees from outside the EU fleeing from persecution, the most important consideration should be compassion and providing practical help. I think it is difficult for those living a comfortable life to imagine what it must take to leave one's country, home and job, as so many Syrians have done, but when faced with probable death or serious injury, what other choice is there? The attitude of the German government towards the Syrian refugees has been exemplary, but unfortunately some other EU governments have not acted in the common cause. This is not a failure on the part of the EU, but the direct result of individual governments acting in what they perceive as their own narrow national interest.

It is worth remembering that every person living in Britain today is descended from an immigrant because this country was uninhabited at the time of the last ice age and then subsequently re-populated by immigrants from the continent as the climate warmed.

Britain's rich history and culture have been shaped by its diverse people and the intermingling of races can only broaden the minds of all concerned in the long term, leading to a greater awareness of a common humanity. The human mind has a tendency to create artificial divisions, yet the true reality is that of undivided wholeness.

There is often talk of 'British values', but surely the greatest values are universal, those of compassion, tolerance and altruism.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage.

## A Great Need - Please Help!

Dear Readers,

**Swanage Action for Refugees**

As you may already know, a group from all sorts of backgrounds has formed in Swanage in response to the flight of Syrian refugees from the murderous conditions existing in their country.

The aim of our local group is to stretch out a hand and bring ten families to the safety of Swanage. Initiatives of the same kind are being set up, we understand, in Weymouth, Portland and Bournemouth and we are moving to link up with them as the Gazette goes to press.

It goes without saying that the need is great. Germany, for example, will welcome hundreds of thousands of these refugees this year. So far the British Prime Minister has agreed to receive twenty thousand selected refugees over the next five years (apparently one hundred have arrived).

For those refugees who have somehow managed to reach Europe the door here is bolted. Swanage Action for Refugees is at the beginning of a process. We will have more information for readers in the next issue. Meanwhile can I appeal to anyone who feels they too want to respond to this humanitarian disaster and would like to help in some way to please contact the Gazette. The Editor has kindly agreed to be our mailwoman for the moment.

David Holman, by email, Swanage Action for Refugees.

## Over 12 Million In Need

Dear Readers,

Oxfam has reached over one million people already with desperately needed food, water and shelter. But the scale of this emergency is huge and we still urgently need your help to continue supporting families forced from their homes by conflict.

More than 200,000 people have lost their lives as a result of the Syrian conflict. Over 11 million people have fled their homes and over 4 million are living in neighbouring countries including Lebanon and Jordan. In Syria alone more than 12 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance such as water, food, and shelter. Oxfam is providing aid and long-term support to hundreds of thousands of people affected by the crisis.

The crisis reached its fourth anniversary in March 2015, and more than half the Syrian population is in need of humanitarian assistance.

Syria still remains a priority.

How can you help? The Music section in Oxfam Swanage Book and Music Shop is really expanding but can't keep up with the demand for CDs, DVDs and Vinyl. Please have a rummage and pop them in the shop or call us on 01929425739 for collection

We are now also selling online and our recruiting volunteers to research and list books for our online store. Please pop in for an informal chat and a cuppa.

Thanks for your continued support

Ian Vatcher, Swanage Oxfam Book and Music Shop Manager

## A Salutary Tale

Hi Nico,

**Re: Hugh Elmes – letter and article, October edition**

What a salutary tale. I watched my Dad draw up a breath from his socks to tell us "I'm enjoying this fag!"

He was also suffering from Emphysema, which took him away at 66.

It convinced me to give up smoking when I was about 25. I have outlived him so far by four years and hope to lay down many more before I follow in his footsteps!

Regards, Peter Wakefield, Swanage.

## Road Tax - Correcting David

Dear Gazette,

I would like if I may to point out an error in the article by David Hollister Re-standardisation of Road Tax (Purbeck Gazette September 2015). David rightly states that Vehicle Excise Duty will change for most vehicles on the 1st April 2017. However, this is for NEW cars not those registered before 1st April 2017.

Below please find below an extract from HM Revenue & Customs dated 8th July 2015:-

Who is likely to be affected: Purchasers of cars first registered from 1 April 2017 onwards.

General description of the measure: This measure reforms Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) for cars first registered from 1 April 2017 onwards. First Year Rates (FYRs) of VED will vary according to the carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions of the vehicle.

A flat Standard Rate (SR) of £140 will apply in all subsequent years, except for zero-emission cars for which the SR will be £0. Cars with a list price above £40,000 will attract a supplement of £310 on their SR for the first 5 years in which a SR is paid.

All cars first registered before 1 April 2017 will remain in the current VED system, which will not change.

So there you go, David can cheer up and smile he will not be £25.00 a year worse off after all.

Kindest Regards to all, David Gough, Days Road, Swanage

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## Disturbed By Domvs

Dear Readers,

Having been born and bred in this wonderful county and as someone privileged to have resided in Purbeck for the last ten years, I am increasingly disturbed by the DOMVS advertising campaign urging local home owners to sell their properties to 'London Clients'...

I am fed up with receiving unsolicited mail through my letterbox, including the latest offering of the DOMVS 'Welcome to Dorset' leaflet, which has incensed me.

Yes, it is a lovely image of a boat on a sandy beach, and yes we all know that Dorset is a popular place to be (there are enough tourists here in the summer to confirm that and the traffic congestion!), but please, it's hard enough for local people to get on the property ladder, let alone selling another second home for some family from London to use a couple of times a year whilst it stands empty for the rest of the time...or is it to used as yet another holiday let?

I am locally employed, work long hours and my only choice is to rent. Buy a house in MY county? I wish.

There is a song by a band called Show Of Hands called 'Country Life' and one of the verses is so relevant to this sad situation;

'One man's family pays the price, for another man's vision of a country life'....sad but so true.

And as for DOMVS now wanting to value our antiques, would you like to purchase our souls next? Give it a rest DOMVS, don't rub our noses in it...enough is enough.

Dave, renting in Sandford, by email.

## Please Leave 'Darzet' Alone!

Dear Nico,

I would like to report that the Purbeck Independent Simpletons Society had their September meeting and swore our allegiance to the Queen. We didn't really swear as we are not like that. We congratulated her on her marvellous achievement of being Britain's longest serving monarch and that she has finally got her name in the Guinness Book of Records! We had three cheers for her and drank her health many times.

Next thing on the agenda was from Reggie Snipe who reported that he had received a postcard from DOMVS which comes from the Latin, meaning associated with fine homes and land. "Jolly good chaps".

We folks in Darzet call you "Darzet, Only, Master, Vermin, Society," where you are encouraging people in London to buy weekend homes in Darzet. It means that local people can't afford to live in the towns or villages where they were born. These people only come at weekends and bring their own food and other supplies, depriving our local shops and pubs an income, even forcing some to close. These businesses helped give so much character to Darzet, which is distressing. I expect after you have sold all the houses you will start selling your own grannies as they would make excellent door stops or knockers.

Second on the agenda was presented by Nigel Ragwort who said that Oliver Miles estate agent in Swanage was also having a 'London Day' to encourage people to buy weekend properties in Darzet and for old people who want to retire here. I suppose they felt that if they could not beat "Darzet Only Master Vermin Society" they should join them. Now, if they want to do something worthwhile they should encourage young maidens into Darzet, so we can introduce fresh blood to build up a healthy stock for our future.

In any other business, Road Kill-Clive said that we should not put too much pressure on "Darzet, Only, Master, Vermin, Society" or "Miles Apart Oliver" as perhaps they were trying to get the Queen to move down to Darzet now she and Prince Phillip are getting older.

Recently it was reported that poor Prince Phillip's memory is beginning to go; the other night after he put his milk bottles out it took him four

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days to find his bedroom. So it was suggested that if the Queen did move down to Darzet, Oliver Miles and "Darzet, Only, Master, Vermin, Society" could buy Buckingham Palace and turn it into flats. It could house the immigrants that are coming into our country and help our government (what a lovely gesture).

We took a vote on it and it was felt that it would never happen.

**People like DOMVS and Oliver Miles**

*We Darzet people find you give us a pain in the back side or Piles,  
Please leave Darzet alone so the young have a home,  
And you find another area that you can destroy on your own.*

*(Preferably the North or South Pole)*

Hugh Elmes, spokesman for the members of P.I.S.S., Wareham.

## Quakers Thank Fundraisers

Dear Editor,

Swanage Quakers would like to thank all those people who came along to our MacMillan Fundraising Coffee and Poetry Event held at the Floribunda café on 23 September. It was extremely well attended with a wonderful atmosphere which was generated by the wide range of poems on the theme of 'Exits & Entrances', about the beginnings and endings of life.

These poems reflected the work given tirelessly by MacMillan Nurses as they go about supporting individuals and families during life changing illnesses and conditions which so often have poor or terminal prognoses.

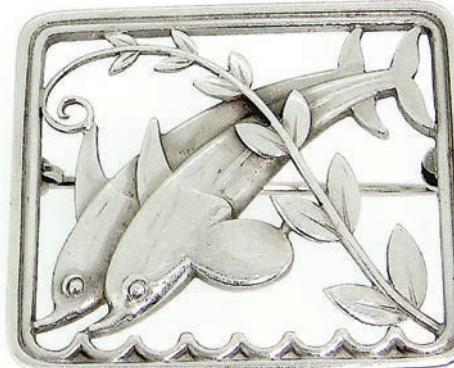
Swanage Quakers were delighted to have raised £230 for MacMillan Nurses, so thank you again for all your support and with a special thank you to Sarah at Floribunda for the lovely cakes and coffee she made for the occasion.

In friendship, Swanage Quakers

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## Sad End Of Charity Mail

Dear Nico,

### Lions Club Christmas Charity Mail 2015.

I am writing on behalf of the Swanage Lions Club concerning this year's Charity Mail. It is with great regret that the Club is unable to run the event this year.

Several members of the Committee who volunteered to organise the Mail have been hit hard by ill health problems and personal circumstances, leaving too few to take on the organisation of such a complex operation for 2015. Although other groups were approached for help, it has become obvious that time was too short for any reorganisation to be effective and cancellation was the only choice left.

If there is another club or organisation prepared to take on the challenge in the future, members of the Lions would be more than willing to offer advice, support and help with regard to the running of the Mail. It has been a fine example of the Community working together for the benefit of the Community – and at the same time raising funds for many local charities. Over the past seven years charities have received more than £17000 from the proceeds of the Charity Mail. Let's hope this popular event can be relaunched for 2016, Christmas won't feel the same without it!

With great sadness, yours sincerely, David Dean, on behalf of the Swanage Lions Club.

## Success Of Local Marathon

Dear Nico,

I would like to thank the Purbeck Gazette for your support throughout the year. The Purbeck Marathon and The Purbeck 16 were very successful and are achieving great ratings from runners. Some of the overriding themes coming through the ratings are the support around the course, even in more remote areas, and the encouragement and help from the volunteer marshals all round the course.

The Purbeck Marathon is a very testing event and this support has been crucial in helping the runners not only complete the course but also enjoy the endurance event.

This has all helped to give The Purbeck Marathon a very strong national, even international, image which in turn promotes the beauty of the region. Race videos posted on YouTube show just how stunning the scenery is.

Added to sights such as Corfe Castle, the Swanage Railway and a seafront finish in Swanage mean The Purbeck Marathon is like no other.

Proceeds from the event are donated to local good causes and we will be announcing our final total for 2015 as soon as we have processed all the accounts relating to this year's races.

Next year's races are on 18 September 2016, with entries due to open in November 2015.

Kind regards, Martin Payne, Marketing and Media Manager

## High Praise For Hospital

Dear Editor and all your community,

I recently had to attend Swanage Hospital after falling from a ladder injuring myself. Although I have always found the staff professional, kind and helpful in previous visits, I felt the need to express my appreciation again for the efficient treatment they gave me to relieve my pain, worry and any damage caused.

I wonder whether I would have received such a supportive instant response had I gone to another hospital. Therefore I suggest anyone who has the opportunity to support the Hospital in any way should do so as you never know when you may need their services.

P Francis, Swanage.

## An Ode To The Shtandart

**Buccaneers**, by Christine Bridson-Jones (*inspired by the Shtandart*)

Close to the rocks, almost hidden from view,  
there's a pirate ship of a varied hue.  
It's waiting till the time is right  
when men creep ashore at the dead of night.  
They're ready to plunder and ransack for loot  
and may even have a weapon to shoot.

Be wary of faces that you don't know.  
They could be innocent, or may be foe.  
Look after the ladies for fear they may go,  
perhaps under pressure, or maybe not so.  
Lock up the jewels, take care of the brandy,  
or beer, or gin; the pirates are randy.

They're poised for some action, after weeks out at sea,  
lusty and heartless, merciless and free.  
They avoid men of law, don't want to be caught,  
but they live lives so risky, with danger they're fraught.  
Your town may be lucky, they may sail away,  
to choose other venues for their affray.

If they raise their pirate flag  
it's not the time to stand and brag.  
For that's when they mean trouble;  
they design to burst your bubble.  
But if you're quick and very wise  
you could give them a big surprise.

There's a pirate ship moored out in the bay,  
its sails are unfurled; it's sailing away.

## Fracking Hell!

Dear Readers,

So Navitus Bay never went ahead – as I predicted. The Government is encouraging fracking with the 14th round of onshore licences (which includes all of the Isle of Purbeck) – as I predicted, and George Osborne has visited China to negotiate, at £25.4 billion, 'the most expensive nuclear power station in the world', (The Guardian 21st Sept 2015) to be just one of six, – as I predicted.

The public have never been consulted on these proposals and it is clear and provable that the people of this country do not want either of them, for good reason.

Nuclear power is a 'hot potato' especially when you involve the Chinese with their terrible reliability track record. And can it possibly be wise to have the Chinese Communist Party at the heart of our energy supplies? (Ecologist 6th October 2015)

Worse is the spectre of fracking. Everyone by now should know the dangers but if you aren't sure take time to watch on YouTube 'Fracking Hell' and 'Voices from the gas fields – it started with just one well' (Infrastrata's 'conventional' proposed gas well at Suttles is chillingly called 'California Quarry Well 1' by the way).

Exacerbating the problem is the money needed to win a licence award is unbelievably little – meaning that 'tin-pot' companies can easily obtain rights and simply fund everything by promising shares of potential profit to companies who do the work – as Infrastrata have done (BP dramatically declined to be involved causing Infrastrata's shares to halve in value. Why

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is that I wonder?) So when it all goes wrong there is no-one to clear up or turn to for compensations (Greenpeace Energy Desk Sept 4th 2015). David Cameron has even urged European leaders to sweep away "burdensome" shale gas regulations, putting us all at even greater risk (Financial Times Jan 24th 2014). Thanks Dave!

As fracked wells only produce gas for about a year, there is an established practice of pumping nuclear waste from power stations into exhausted ones (Truthstream Media 4th March 2015), and this is probably the true aim of David Cameron's otherwise nonsensical plan for all-out fracking when it is currently hardly profitable. I mean, those new nuclear power stations are going to have to dump their toxic residue (that lasts a million years) somewhere – so why not under Swanage?

So if you want to be safe you have two choices. Make a stand, join the 'STOP' Facebook group and say no to all future drilling, because I don't want to have to say 'as I predicted' about this in ten years! Or you could move to Witney, which is a frack-free zone and just happens to be in David Cameron's constituency. Coincidence? No.

Regards, Andy Kirkwood, Swanage, by email

## Wasting What We Have

Dear Gazette,

Whatever the pros and cons are of extracting gas at California quarry, it can hardly be right to waste what we already have.

Godlingston Hill, when viewed from the bird hide that overlooks the Wytch channel, shimmers in a permanent heat haze. This hot air has been rising from the Wytch farm gathering station for years. How many cubic metres of wasted burnt gas does this represent?

Of course, there must be a financial logic of a sort, but is it not reprehensible however we look at it?

Trev Haysom, by email

## Financial, Not Altruistic

Dear Gazette,

In these modern times we need planning regulations on sheds and windows and new houses in order for a balanced and ordered landscape. I feel it is sometimes more financial than altruistic!

However I walked past Townsend Road in Swanage the other day and saw the two new houses built at "Seamist".

Do the said planners ever visit the sites that blight our landscape? On one side there is a Nature Reserve, Behind is a road of bungalows and on the north side, two rows of red brick terraced houses.

How is it in keeping with the area to put up two huge timber, glass and block two storey modern houses?

A great triumph of the Financial over the Altruistic without doubt!!

Regards Peter, by email.

## An Astounding Accusation!

Dear Editor,

I am sure there will be more than just my response to Mr Goldsack's astounding accusation that we are NIMBYs in Purbeck.

He doesn't live where the proposed Navitus Bay would affect him, and furthermore, has he forgotten that, just a short while ago, a wind farm was campaigned against at East Holme...surely HIS OWN BACK YARD!!

I am not ashamed to admit I was horrified from the start that my beautiful daily sea views from the country park across to the Isle of Wight may be jeopardised, and heave a great sigh of relief that "common sense" (for many, many reasons already discussed on these pages) has prevailed.

Ruth Spencer, Durlston, by email.

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## Of Turbines, Pots & Kettles

Dear Nico,

I have to reply to Mr Goldsack ref Navitus Bay (Letters, October edition). I would say his view is rather limited over Poole Bay as he lives in East Holme, also were we all not subjected to "No Wind Turbines" signs on all available spots around Wool and East Stoke?

That was for I think three turbines at Masters Pit. NO comparison to 240 200m turbines.

I would also venture to suggest that the loss of the World Heritage status of the Jurassic Coast trumps any Nimby objections!!

Regards, Peter Wakefield, Swanage

## A Plea From Animal Aid

Sirs,

In light of CRUK's announcement of their "Grand Challenges" £100M grant scheme, when it comes to laboratory research, Animal Aid urges them to invest solely in species relevant human-based science, not unreliable and cruel animal-based methods that are scientifically dubious and to which some scientists display an attachment which is both puzzling and depressing. The scientific case against animal research is supported by Professor Azra Raza of Columbia University, who stated: "An obvious truth that is either being ignored or going unaddressed in cancer research is that mouse models do not mimic human disease well and are essentially worthless for drug development".

Additionally, the former Director of the highly influential US NIH stated: "We have moved away from studying human disease in humans...We need to refocus and adapt new methodologies for use in humans to understand disease biology in humans."

Away from the laboratory, CRUK should pay heed to their own recent statement that healthier lifestyles could have prevented almost 600,000 cases of cancer in the UK between 2009 and 2014.

Jessamy Korotoga, Campaigner Animal Aid, Tonbridge, Kent

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## In Praise Of Pheasant Shoots

Dear Gazette,

On 1st October the pheasant shooting season opens and once more these delicious, wild birds will be in the shops and on restaurant menus. But few people perhaps, will realise the tremendous effort this takes and the benefits to the environment.

An independent survey showed that shooting as a whole puts £2 billion into the UK economy and provides the equivalent of 16,000 full-time jobs in conservation.

The pheasant is the principal quarry of game shooters and because of their value the welfare of the young pheasants is of paramount importance. Young birds are gradually introduced to the wild in carefully maintained habitat that provides excellent shelter for all other wildlife. Shooting does not begin until the birds are fully mature and are completely wild.

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The delicious flavour of pheasant has been widely recognised and popularised by celebrity chefs, and you can now find pheasant in your local butcher or supermarket as well as on the menu in many restaurants and pubs. It's easy to cook and there are numerous recipes in cookbooks along with a good selection online.

Eating pheasant helps both you and the countryside to remain healthy. Woodland thinned for pheasants can contain ten times the number of individual butterflies than unmanaged areas, while the acres of cover crops provide vital winter feed and shelter for our declining populations of farmland birds.

You can discover the true facts about pheasant shooting in Aim of the Game at <http://bit.ly/1V90q6b>

For advice on where to buy pheasant and how to cook it go to [www.tasteofgame.org.uk](http://www.tasteofgame.org.uk)

Debbie Collins, BASC

## Then Again...Another View

Dear Letters Editor,

Every year, around 40 million pheasants are intensively reared to be released for shooting ... and the four-month killing season has now started. Gun lobby spokespeople have already begun trying to fill newspaper columns and the airwaves with their 'sunshine and roses' fantasy picture of their bloody sport.

Cages, industrial hatcheries, giant sheds and release pens are all involved in mass production of these feathered targets. Animal Aid continues to press for a ban on the purpose breeding of birds to be shot for sport, which Holland introduced in 2002.

A particularly vicious aspect of 'gamebird' production is the use of small metal cages, in which the egg-producing birds are confined. Animal Aid recently released shocking undercover footage showing just how wretched and utterly depressing a time the birds have inside these metal prisons. A civilised country would not permit their use.

In fact, a YouGov opinion poll we commissioned last year found that 77 per cent of respondents opposed them.

You can add your voice to those calling for a cage ban. Please contact us for a free information and action pack.

Andrew Tyler, Director, 01732 364546. [www.animalaid.org.uk](http://www.animalaid.org.uk)

Animal Aid, The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1AW

## Identify Yourself Anonymous!

Dear Ed,

I read with dismay the letter in the October publication of The Gazette with regard to camping on a farm in Langton. I also read with dismay that the person who wrote the letter, while happy to complain to PDC, are unwilling to stand up and be counted, and put a name and address on their letter.

They complain about the 28 day permitted camping being exceeded, what they may not realise is that the majority of the extra days that happened earlier in the year, were in fact The Duke Of Edinburgh Award activities, volunteers from this wonderful organisation helping young people achieve challenging programme of personal development. Maybe the letter writer would prefer to see these young people aimlessly hanging around the street, drinking alcohol or getting into other mischief.

As for the other days, does this letter writer ever consider the benefits

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to the village in the way of revenue, to the shop, the pub, the local taxis, the bus service, who all benefit by tourists staying in the village.

There is the wider picture - the whole area around us is dependent on tourism, without it our towns and villages would die. Where would the money come from for our local services? Would the letter writer be happy with a massive increase in local taxes to cover the shortfall? During the summer months I believe that this farm employs an extra seven people - isn't that reason enough to encourage camping not only here, but throughout Purbeck?

There isn't enough employment as it is for young people to stay and make a future here, whingeing about a few days over the 28 days is not going to help.

I live in Tom's Field Road, we have the camp site at the end of the road, do we moan? No, we don't, we need these visitors and are more than happy to see and hear them enjoying their holidays.

We also have Acton Fields Camp site behind us, I love walking past and seeing people enjoying themselves, I love the smell of bacon being fried in the mornings, I love to see the children playing in the open spaces, I love to see the groups of adults sitting having a good natter.

What is the matter with people that they can complain about a few extra days of a camp site being open? If it affects you so badly anonymous letter writer, put your name and address to your letter so we can all see why.

Linda Welsh, Relena, Tom's Field Road, Langton

## New Speed Limit Appals

Editor,

### New speed limit on A351 through Harmans Cross.

I have held a full driving licence for over fifty seven years, during which I have driven around one and a half million miles, and also for some fifteen years I taught learners to drive. As a result I feel I am well qualified to make comments and observations on motoring issues.

I am appalled at the new speed limit of 30mph that has been imposed recently on this mile and a half of road, an 'A' road through Harmans Cross. I can remember when the limit was the National Speed Limit, and then reduced to a limit of 40mph, which, in my view, was acceptable; a reduction to 30mph is quite unnecessary. What next? Convoys led through Harmans Cross by Quad Bikes?

Harmans Cross has no shop, no public house and no school, and there is a pavement right through the village, albeit on only on one side or the other for the most part. In addition the road is well 'policed' by double white lines. There should be no need for the imposition of a 30mph speed limit. In my experience there will always be some drivers who will disregard whatever limit is set, while the average motorist will abide by it for the most part.

Another problem I have observed with the new 30mph limit is that the traffic going through Harmans Cross tends to bunch up into convoys and these can continue once out of the thirty limit in either direction. These 'convoys' have made turning right onto the road at the cross road, or from either of the fuel stations, or out of driveways a more delayed operation.

I would suggest that those members of the council who voted for this speed limit reduction come and drive through the village several times, at varying times of the day, and see how ridiculous 30mph is. Although I did send my objection prior to the meeting, I have not discovered as to why the application was approved.

One appreciates that the residents of Harmans Cross may be ageing a bit, but I am now in my mid-seventies and take longer crossing a road compared with, say, ten years ago. I allow for a larger gap in the traffic. I do not expect traffic to be slowed down just because I need more time than I used to need to cross the road. Harmans Cross does not have a vast number of pedestrians, and certainly not enough to merit the A351 being reduced to a 30mph at this point.

All I can see for this particular stretch of road is that it will become a 'Cash



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Cow' for restricting, in my opinion, what was a perfectly safe 40mph limit. I hope that in due course the Highway Planners will come to realise and admit their error and re-instate the 40mph limit.

Yours Faithfully, Charles Hill, Tabbitts Hill, Corfe Castle.

### 30mph - A Joke!

Dear Editor,

As most people will already have seen the changes of Harmans Cross speed limit reduce from 40mph to 30mph, as a constant user of this road I find it a joke.

It appears plenty of people opposed the reduction of the speed limit, but it also appears that the council's figures of how many were for it are possibly incorrect. I was one who sent a letter to the council opposing as did many others, of which the council has confirmed they received, yet have not responded as to why my objections were not valid.

It appears the numbers of Harmans Cross residents who voted for it, may have also been miscalculated by the council to ensure the speed limit is introduced. Claims for this can be warranted as it appears the numbers may include numerous occupiers of the same house, including siblings using the same template letter across the village. As far as we were made aware, only one person per household could vote/oppose.

It was also noted when it was first announced (in a small, barely noticeable area of a local paper), through research and applying 'Freedom of Speech', that people weren't speeding (as claimed by residents) on a local speed check and were averaged to be travelling at 34mph.

It was bad enough in Harmans Cross when you got stuck behind someone travelling 10mph or more under the original 40mph, but now it appears if we're unlucky enough to get stuck behind a slow driver, we're now likely to be travelling through at speeds of between 15-20mph.

Since this new speed limit has also been put in, I still see no pedestrians walking on the footpaths that go through the village, which surely was the main reason of not being able to cross the road (due to speeding cars), that the limit was reduced? I'm lucky if I see one person, let alone two walking through the village at any time.

I'm interested to see if the new speed limit is even being policed since it went in, especially when the statutory "NEW 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN FORCE" signs have not been installed warning road users who don't read the papers of the speed limit change, nor has the new 30 mph line painting been applied as currently a few stones have been thrown over the existing 40 mph line painting.

I also find it worrying that drivers approaching from Corfe Castle are now having to suddenly brake hard when coming over the brow of the hill after Purbeck Valley Farm due to the new speed limit sign having moved slightly further outside the village. I have experienced this myself.

I'd love to hear other people's views, as I'm sure I'm not the only person that feels this way about the new limit slipping through.

Regards, Darren, Wareham, by email.

### Possible Murder Mystery?

Dear Gazette,

#### Mystery on the Isle of Albany

A visit to a second-hand book shop can yield unexpected treasure! I have recently found a Penguin paperback classic crime novel that was first published in 1954. Its title is *Dishonoured Bones* and the author is

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John Trench. The murder mystery is set in the fictional Isle of Albany. Did I say fictional?

There is an intriguing Author's Note:

*It would be idle to deny that there are resemblances between the Isle of Albany, in this book, and the Isle of Purbeck, in Dorset.*

In my mind's eye it is yes, surely through Purbeck that the suspected murderer flees by car, choosing the back lanes to elude the pursuing police? He drives from "the sharp ridge of the chalk ... there was a wind blowing through the gorse bushes and the tussocky sheepless grass that only rabbits grazed."

By this time in the story, a corpse has been discovered in a disused quarry near a village of old cottages. And in an incident that I can't help likening to a Famous Five moment in a typical Enid Blyton story, a perilous descent on foot from the cliff top to a cave in the bay has revealed a hidden dinghy.

But for all our sakes I hope that no modern-day or future resemblance will stem from the plot-line that John Trench chose in 1954. He decided that a company would dig for shale oil beneath the Albany stone-beds. The hill crest was duly besmirched by heavy machinery: "The skeleton jib of the great drag-line stuck up over the skyline like the dorsal fin of a shark."

Who was John Trench and how did he become sufficiently acquainted with Purbeck that he could mimic its landscape in his story? He was born in 1920 into an Army family. His military career included war service but he afterwards worked for an advertising agency in London. He lived with his family in the Chilterns.

The answer must surely be that John Chenevix Trench was an enthusiastic archaeologist. He wrote four mystery novels featuring series character Martin Cotterell as lay detective. In *Dishonoured Bones* a south coast dig launches Martin into a dramatic new investigation.

Do find and enjoy reading this delightful local-set story if you can!

Jerry Dowlen, Orpington, Kent



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## A Bishop In Dartmoor



Hi Nico,

Tilly here, you don't know me but I am distantly related to The Chug, in a distinctly round about way of course. And I knew Nellie, of course, who took over the column when the Chug shuffled off his canine coil.

I have fond memories of fuggy winter evenings in the Black Swan when the Chug was holding forth on some issue or another, or maybe ribbing David Hollister over his coiffuresque choice of sports car.

I know Chug really enjoyed writing the column, and hoped your readers gained a modicum of entertainment from his humble offerings. He particularly enjoyed those occasional scrapes with the law when he went a tad too far and you had

to yank him out of the libellous mire by his collar. And watch out, because I still have his old scrapbook with the bits you refused to print!

Among his favourite recollections were the two or three occasions he contributed to your April 1st scam; I'm told that once no less than a BBC journalist was completely taken in... although in all fairness I do believe she was a blonde.

I should also mention the book reviews he submitted under that ecclesiastic nom de plume. Anyway, I attach a photo of myself (above left): I know I have a face like a sack of potatoes, and I hope the picture doesn't frighten too many small children, but hopefully my lovely personality shines through.

The other photo (top right) shows one of the stunning views from our new village home, across the green and out onto Dartmoor where the



cloud is lingering over Cosdon Beacon.

The village boasts one street light, one pub and some stocks, and all those readers who write in to the Gazette moaning about dog poo should visit and profit from a little perspective - we have sheep, ponies and cattle roaming freely in the village and indeed, if we forget to shut the gate, in our garden too.

However, we love it here and if all goes well I shall soon be continuing the literary tradition by taking over the editorial reins of our local magazine. Love and big slobbery kisses, Tilly.

(and companion, David Bishop, ex-columnist and book reviewer for the Purbeck Gazette, now living a wonderful new life in Devon. Glad to hear you've settled in to the village and have a new companion, David - good luck with being Editor for your local paper! Stay in touch! NJ)

## Twinning Friends Take Trip



Dear Readers,

I took advantage of the free day in the September town twinning visit by taking my guests from Rudesheim to Osborne House. It took about five hours to reach Osborne House by public transport but it was an enjoyable journey. The highlights were watching the Barfleur leave Poole Harbour from the route 50 bus, seeing the yachts at Lymington Marina and the tall ship Lord Nelson from the Isle of Wight ferry and seeing the views of the sea from the coastal Tennyson Road at Yarmouth. We had a half hour coffee stop at Lymington Pier on the way out.

Our twinning friends are very interested in the Royal family and were delighted to see Queen Victoria's residence. Prince Albert designed the house in the style of an Italian Renaissance palace with twin square towers. It was built from 1845 to 1851.

It looked like the Royal Family had an idyllic existence with the wonderful gardens, the view of the Solent and the toys in the nursery. At the end of the dining room is a picture of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and four children. The two and a half hours we had there were enough to look round the house and to have a light meal. We also had a look at the walled garden with the fountains and carved lions. We did not have enough time to see the Swiss cottage and the beach with the Queen's bathing machine.

It was dark by the time we got back to Swanage which enabled my guests to see the lights along Shore Road. We finished the day with some fish and chips and a pint of Guinness at the British Legion.

I took the picture of Ingrid (above), one of my guests from Rudesheim, at Osborne House on 12th September 2015 at 13:20.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher

## Wear It With Pride

### Poppy

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Put it where your heart beats call  
Only love from hearts so small  
Proves you've understood the past  
Proves perhaps that peace may last  
Your poppy says it all!  
Martin Hobdell. Swanage.



## Wareham Pavement Pros

Dear Editor,

Having recently joined the happy band of mobility scooter users I can sympathise with Mrs O. McNally (Letters, Oct edition).

A shopping expedition from Northmoor Way in to Wareham soon finds all the tender spots in one's anatomy and is the equivalent of ten rounds with a heavyweight boxer.

The authorities responsible for the maintenance of pavements should be compelled to travel by mobility scooter almost anywhere in the area and experience the agony of travel for a scooter user. Even a one inch kerb causes discomfort and two inch kerbs are all too common.

It is obviously too much to hope that any action will be taken on this subject so all we can hope for is sympathy from the able bodied.

Chris Cressey, by email

## 'Love Langton' Litter-Pick



Dear Nico,

### Explore Langton Matravers while doing the environment good

For four years, a few Langton residents have undertaken a twice yearly, three morning litter pick in and around the lovely village, supported by the National Trust, Purbeck District Council and Langton Matravers Parish Council. The Love Langton Autumn litter pick will run on Thursday 12th, Saturday 14th and Monday 16th November, starting at 10am from the National Trust's Spyway Car Park, at the end of Durnford Drove BH19 3HG (beyond the turning circle).

We collect equipment and gloves and agree our routes through the village and along surrounding footpaths and then walk and litter pick until around 12.30pm, removing litter dropped or blown across the countryside. It's not particularly strenuous but we probably walk further than is usual on an urban litter pick.

We always appreciate new volunteers joining us on what must be one of the most beautiful litter pick routes in the UK, so if any Gazette readers would like to join us, they would be very welcome; just turn up in practical clothing and sturdy shoes/boots. For more information about the Love Langton litter pick, contact me, Bridget Graham, [bgraham@bgpr.co.uk](mailto:bgraham@bgpr.co.uk), 01929 421753.

The Love Langton litter pick is represented on the Dorset Campaign Against Litter, a forum of Dorset town, village and beach litter picks and litter prevention campaigners that meets three times a year to share news and ideas.

Next year will see a coordinated county-wide project to reduce the amount of litter that is abandoned in Dorset, disfiguring the countryside for residents and visitors, threatening wildlife, farm animals, marine life and the environment as well as costing tax payers.

If there are any local litter pick organisers or local businesses who would be keen to know more about this welcome initiative at this early stage, please contact Matilda Manley, Litter Free Coast and Sea Coordinator, [m.manley@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:m.manley@dorsetcc.gov.uk) or phone her on 01305 221752.

There will also be more news about this in local media early next year. Litter pick teams might like to know that they can also promote their events and record their pickings on [litteraction.org.uk](http://litteraction.org.uk). The website, run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, supports the growing number of individuals and community groups tackling litter problems across the UK.

Yours sincerely, Bridget Graham

## Further Moonshine...

Dear Nico,

Many thanks for publishing my letter in your last bumper issue.

My recipe for 'Sea Badger Stew' is now on the menu of several local eateries.

The local farmers have been doing a head-count on their lambs to make sure I wasn't telling the truth about rustling them.

I felt obliged to respond to one of your letter writers (Simon Goldsack) who wrote about the decision to say no to the Navitus wind farm just off our coast. I agree wholeheartedly, I have long had my own ideas about eco-energy and it largely involves seabirds.

All the gannets, swans, cormorants etc. who die in the wind turbines, could be caught responsibly in big nets and then brought over here, and



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I can then keep warm and distil my new brew of 'Highcliffe Moonshine' Simon Cattell, Swanage.

*Ed's note- Simon very kindly supplied us with his recipe for 'Highcliffe Moonshine' but in the interests of health and safety we have decided not to publish in the Gazette – sorry Simon.*

## No Shortage Of Quality Stone

Dear Nico,

We noticed in a recent copy of your Gazette that one of your readers was concerned that the CWGC were sourcing stone from other countries rather than using the traditional Portland Stone.

Your reader felt that the quality of the stones was very poor and from looking at the photos we would agree that it was as he said 'a load of rubbish' and certainly not befitting of our heroic servicemen who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Can I confirm that we have large stock of Portland Stone and have been trying for years to secure the lucrative Commonwealth War Graves (CWGC) supply contracts.

Unfortunately we are struggling to compete with cheap imports from Eastern Europe where environmental legislation, health and safety controls and wages are significantly lower and from looking at the photograph, so are the quality controls.

We are engaged in another round of dialogue with the CWGC and hope to persuade them to re look at the Portland Stone, we will also sharpen our pencil!

Your reader's photos will hopefully help persuade them. Incidentally, there is no shortage of Portland Stone, we have recently opened a new mine at Bowers quarry and have reserves for nearly fifty years.

Michael Poultney, Managing Director, Albion Stone

## 30mph To Make It Safer

Dear Nico,

I was surprised to read how vociferously David Hollister was against the speed limit in Harmans Cross being reduced to 30 mph.

He must have good visibility in both directions when pulling out into the main road, but many of us do not.

Although it seems tedious to go through at 30 mph. it must make it safer when going round a bend finding a car pulling across and hopefully it means that those who ignore speed limits will now go at 40 rather than 50.

M J Addison. Harmans Cross.

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## Get Fell In!!

*David Hollister writes...*

**O**K, let's put some misunderstandings to bed. The 30mph speed limit has been welcomed by many residents of Harmans Cross - but not myself - and was imposed because they asked for it. All of a sudden, people have caught on but as they say in the army, 'them what's keen gets fell in previous'.

The plans first appeared in the Parish Council minutes of October 2013 and were formally put forward by DCC in February 2015; a quick trawl on Google reveals that members of the public were asked for their opinions on 26th February, again on 12th March, and also appeared on 'Twitter' and 'Facebook'.

They were in the 'Legal and Public Notices' section in Another Publication. But it's been suggested that most people, not realising that they should be looking this up, were blissfully unaware of the proposals until the 'period of consultation' was over. And consequently did nothing. We wuz robbed! Democracy - "the wishes of the people as expressed" - prevailed. We can't complain. But we could make sure that we read the Legal and Public Notices each week! Door locked, horse bolted.

And on the subject of plans; in our last edition I suggested that those from Kingston protesting against the new quarrying proposals should also have 'got fell in previous' and started garnering support some time ago. Last week I went to a presentation clearly and efficiently put by Suttles at the Worth Matravers Parish Council meeting at HX Village Hall, and in response to specific questions was reassured that this was not a new quarry, it was an application for an extension of the previous quarrying operation; clearly they can't go on extracting stone and aggregate from the same hole for ever, else they'd be through to Australia.

We were assured that these proposals will generate no additional lorry traffic down Kingston Hill, or through Corfe Castle. It'll simply provide for them to continue doing what they do now. The plans and drawings setting out the way in which they propose to address visual and environmental issues were well prepared, and assuming that they do what they say they're going to do, then in theory there won't be a massive scar on the face of Purbeck forever. If we need to sustain this valuable local industry and the sixty four jobs that it provides at Suttles alone, then this is the cost. Omelettes and eggs.

It's 2015 and Social Media is becoming one of the main ways in which people learn about what's happening, and have the chance to express their opinions. And many of them are young people who wouldn't dream of going to a Council Meeting or asking a Councillor to do something, probably because they don't know who their Councillor is. The few Swanage Town Councillors who are members of the Swanage Facebook group - you know who you are - pick up and act on the opinions, complaints, and ideas expressed in the group. The same should apply to Purbeck and Dorset Councillors. You don't have to contribute or comment - just use this valuable facility to keep in touch with your voters. Come on out - we know you're in there somewhere!

It was on Facebook that I originally highlighted the disgraceful state of the road signs in Harmans Cross, although it seems that they're just as bad everywhere else.

I took a photo and published it under the heading 'shameful'. Enterprising Swanage Councillor Gail Green took it up with County, and received a reply; she told me - "Apparently they have been out to clean them to 'no avail'. They have also 'cleared as much growth from around the signs as possible but not all due to lack of reach.'"

I went out with my old car and my long-handled loppers. Standing on the car, I was able to clear all overhanging undergrowth from both signs in twenty minutes. I should explain that I had no ladder, no risk assessment, no health and safety certificate, and no formal training in using a lopper. All offending foliage was removed. I do hope that the council have someone qualified to clear up the dead branches

The next step was to see whether the signage could be cleaned or not. I decided to give it twenty minutes, with a Stanley knife, a green abrasive scrubby, and some warm water and Jif. I don't think I did badly, if I had had more time I would've done more.

I took photographs of the results, and invited the council - via Facebook - to come along and finish the job which is what they're being paid for. A few days later I noticed a County Council vehicle parked, with someone attempting to clean up the '30' sign. I had to ask him! "Are you cleaning the road signs?" to which he replied "too far gone, mate, they'll put up some new ones". I later noticed that although they hadn't cleaned the signs, they had erased the black-ink wording that someone had applied to the sign..... "My bit" with arrow pointing to the clean square and "council's bit" with arrow pointing to the remainder.

So due to the County Council's inability to keep the road signs properly maintained, they now have to splash out on new ones. And I'd bet that there are many other road signs all over Purbeck, left to become irreversibly filthy and requiring replacement. I accuse the Dorset County Council of dereliction of duty inasmuch as they're supposed to look after and take care of public assets and not allow them to fall into disrepair.

And whilst on the subject - what's the point of having road markings if they're so worn away that they can't be read by motorists? Everything from double white lines to 'slow' markings, zebra crossings, on-road speed markings, '30' limit signage and direction signs obscured by foliage. Come on, guys, it's not rocket science. I remember once seeing Councillor Mike Lovell clearing out a blocked road drain with a spade; Mike, your spade is needed again! To dig through the bulls## at County Hall and if necessary get the Executives to come out with long-handled loppers and 'Jif'.

It's really not that difficult.



# Swanage Fire Station Update



Firefighters in Swanage will be on-call for both fire and medical emergencies following a new partnership with the South Western Ambulance Service.

Swanage Fire Station is now home to specially trained co-responders with advanced first aid training and equipment.

They will be called out to the local area when it is believed they will arrive before paramedics to an emergency. Paramedics will still attend emergencies and take over once on scene.

Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter, who attended the fire station's official co-responder launch evening with South Western Ambulance Service, said: "The scheme involves firefighters attending incidents in areas where we can reach a casualty and maintain life until a paramedic arrives.

"This really is a lifesaving partnership. DFRS staff are provided with extra skills, which can be transferred to our own incidents.

"It also gives potential on-call firefighter recruits another way to serve their local community and make them safe."

The Mayor Steve Poultnay and Deputy Mayor Mike Bonfeild along with senior officer David Toman from South Western Ambulance Service also attended the launch at Swanage Fire station.



## Wareham - Hemsbach Update



On Monday 5th October Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Ken Davies with his dog gave his lively talk about the army in Dorset.

The subject matter ranged from tanks like the Challenger II to wildlife and the conservation work at Tyneham.

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### The "P" Word

**A** few days ago, I was with a group of guys and, as guys of that age do, we were remembering the good old days when we were young – back BC as someone said (Before Cassettes). One of the not so good things, was the memory of walking along the beach and treading in one of those soft squidgy black lumps of “tar”. This was bad enough if you were wearing shoes, squelching between your toes was definitely not nice and the devil to get rid of. As I am a retired Ship's Captain and tanker inspector, all eyes were soon looking my way, asking where they came from and why they are not seen any more.



When I first went to sea in 1964, the laws against marine pollution (the “P” word) at sea were minimal and relatively toothless. Loading certain cargoes after certain others is still not allowed, so there is often the need to clean the ship's tanks. This may be anything from air blowing the tanks clear of gas to a full high pressure, high temperature water wash, depending on the requirements of the owners/shippers of your next cargo.

For example, you could not load a cargo of motor diesel oil after a cargo of motor gasoline – even the gasoline gas can reduce the flash point of the diesel enough to put the cargo off-specification. Then the only recourse would be to re-refine the damaged product – very expensive and to the account of the ship owner!!! Sailing as a Cadet on my first ship I can remember washing the tanks using high pressure sea water jets and pumping the resultant blend directly into the middle of the English Channel, there were no regulations to stop you. What happened then was the “light” constituents of the oils would evaporate, leaving the “heavy” ends to coagulate, form into lumps and drift ashore on our beaches, the heavier the oil in the tanks, the more lumps!

It was not until MARPOL 73/78 came into force that things really started to change. This is the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. This eventually fully came into force on 2 October 1983. Currently about 152 states, representing 99.2 per cent of the world's shipping tonnage, are involved with the convention.

This means that any ships registered in those nations have to comply and even those from other countries, have to do so when visiting a signatory state. This Marine Pollution act was one of the biggest benefits ever for the global environment.

Modern tankers are required to have built in, specifically designated “slop” tanks into which to put all tank washings. Most European ports now have facilities to receive these residues ashore, usually costing the vessel nothing since all costs are already contained in the mandatory port dues.

Unfortunately, some ports still do charge. I was once quoted US\$37,000 to land 10m<sup>3</sup> in the 1990s – big crude oil tankers may have over 1000m<sup>3</sup> after cleaning their tanks – this is big business.

So, because of the increase in regulation and the much stricter enforcement of those regulations, we now should no longer squelch into those lovely black tar balls.

MARPOL 73/78 has now had several annexes added that also regulate discharges of chemicals, garbage, plastics and the control of the nitrous and sulphurous oxides found in the exhausts of ship's engines and generators, so things have improved massively in the last fifty years.

Presently, one of the big pushes is the control of bio-pollution with the transfer of organisms around the world in ships ballast water but that is another very big story.

Stay safe on whichever side of the tide line your life and leisure take you, The Swanage NCI can be contacted at the Lookout at Peveril Point, on 01929 422596, at nci.org.uk, or call us on VHF 65.

**Bob Clark, swanagenci@btinternet.com NCI Swanage.**



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# Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership (SCDP)



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In Swanage there are currently three public access defibrillators accredited to the Ambulance service that are available twenty four hours a day.

One is located on the Masonic Lodge in Marshall Row. The second is located on the outside of Swanage Coastguard Station, North Beach Car Park. The third is at Ulwell Village Inn near reception. Ring 999 and ask for the Ambulance who will pass on the code to open the storage boxes.

The Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership (SCDP) has been set up by a group of representatives from various local organisations. The aim is to raise funds to initially purchase three further public access defibrillators for the town and further funds to purchase devices for the wider community. Consultation is already underway with relevant land owners regarding the

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siting of these devices, with one going in the town centre and the other in Herston, giving an even spread. The third device will be portable and available for local groups and events to hire out for a donation towards ongoing running costs, thus ensuring the long term sustainability of the partnership.

There will also be a community familiarisation programme in their use, though all devices are designed to require NO formal training.

The SCDP are seeking your support and assistance in funding for this community initiative and if you would like to sponsor a device or donate towards the scheme, please pop in to Corbens' estate agents in Station Road or the Purbeck Gazette office in Commercial Road, where both venues will kindly take your donation.

Each device, with its weatherproof storage box is approximately £2000. With Christmas just around the corner, please do consider making this your very local charity of choice.

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Did you know that when suffering from dementia, your brain may start telling you that doormats are in fact just huge, gaping holes, leaving you in fear for your life when trying to access a shop, or friend's house?

No? Well, this is just one tiny example of the frightening changes someone suffering with dementia may experience, leading to great confusion and understandable fear at the changing world around them.

The local group are working hard to improve understanding of this awful disease within our community, making it a safer, friendlier place for those suffering with dementia.

If you're interested in joining the group or wish to know more, information can be found in Swanage Library.

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## Purbeck School Donate £400 To New Lifeboat Station



**T**he Purbeck School donated £400 for the new Swanage boathouse and visited the new site to meet the RNLI crew

**O**n a blustery day in October Chris Eden the Head of House, and pupils from The Purbeck School, visited the site of the new boathouse and presented a cheque for £400 to Peter Foster the Lifeboat Management Group Chairman.

Following RNLI presentations in 2014, the active students ran a number of fund raising events – including hilarious obstacle course races. This involved years 7-11, but all the school were involved in spectating and fund raising on numerous occasions.

Peter Foster explained the current stage of constructing the new boat station - the expected date of completion and delivery of the new 1.5 million pound Shannon Lifeboat. The site visit was quickly followed by entering the temporary housing for the boarding and inshore lifeboats – especially the warm drying room, where the crew's kit is stored.

Chris Eden presented the cheque in front of the lifeboats with Bethany Brown, Laura England, Emily House and Rhiannon Thompson looking on. "This is very well received," said Peter, "and will make a valuable contribution to our fund. When completed all of you will be very welcome to visit us again."

Following the presentation some of the students donned lifejackets and climbed aboard the boarding boat. "New lifeboat members in the making!" exclaimed Chris.

No doubt more visits will be made to Swanage and the Academy training centre in Poole by The Purbeck School in the future, as this energetic and focussed group have nominated the RNLI as one of their charities for the coming year.

*Pictured: Chris Eden handing the cheque to Peter Foster whilst the students look on.*

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## Coastguard Update



September was quite busy for the Swanage team with 14 incidents. Several incidents required the St Albans team to come down and back up the Swanage team which included a climber fallen at Anvil Point, a large search and sadly another dog over the cliff.

Other call outs included four maritime incidents, two medical evacuations, another smaller search and call outs to possible ordnance washed up on the beach. One item was uncovered by a low tide which saw the team having to return to confirm it was an old ferry chain wheel used as a mooring. The second incident turned out to be an old clay pipe in the cliff, however the member of public did the right thing calling the Coastguard when they were unsure what it was. With the summer now drawing to a close many people will be storing their boats away including the safety equipment held on board. Radios, Lifejackets and flares are probably the most important items to check before storing - radios or electronic position devices turned off and kept dry. Lifejackets washed down checked or maybe sent away to be serviced properly.

Flares have an expiry date and should be checked and stored carefully. Flares are dangerous in the wrong hands. If damaged in any way they should be disposed of correctly.

Around the country there are designated collection points and these are normally larger Coastguard Centres, however in Dorset the collection point is at the RNLI College in Poole.

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There will be behind the scenes tours and experts on hand to give advice on researching family trees and preserving records. Musical entertainment and refreshments will also be available.

Sam Johnston, county archivist, said: "Visiting an archive can take you on an adventure into the past – you may end up discovering much more than you imagined.

"Archives are full of fascinating content to read, touch and explore much of which is not available online. Take time to explore archives – whether you're interested in local history, art, sport, food or landscape, there will

be something to inspire you in archives."

The Dorset History Centre stores a wide variety of materials including photographs, oral histories, historic film, workhouse and prison records, letters, wills and illustrated pedigrees of Dorset families. Many family historians use these unique records to trace their ancestors, often in conjunction with online sources.

The open day is being held on Saturday 14 November and is open at 10.30 am and closes at 3.30pm. For more information about Dorset History Centre, see: [www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsethistorycentre](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsethistorycentre)

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# On The Refugee Frontline

*Freelance journalist, Marienna Pope-Weidemann (Mya, pictured middle, above) of Swanage, is currently covering the refugee crisis from the frontline in Lesbos (locally spelt 'Lesvos'). Here, Mya gives a personal account of the humanitarian disaster facing those who are fleeing war, death and horror on a scale we in Purbeck simply cannot imagine.....*

The storms started this week. The sky is congested with lightning, the rain almost biblical. As I'm writing, I know at least one boat full of men, women and children is making the treacherous crossing from Turkey here, to the Greek island of Lesbos. On the Turkish side, the coastguard hunt them like animals in the name of border control, ramming their boats, threatening them with guns, even sending electric shocks down the toe ropes.

This year more than 3,000 souls have drowned in this 6km stretch of sea. The vast majority are refugees fleeing war and persecution in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. The profiteering smugglers who bring them across will thrive as long as the EU refuses to provide safe, legal passage. They keep coming because even this deadly odyssey is safer than staying in Turkey, where expansive refugee camps brim with deprivation and abuse.

My first day on the beaches, a boat ran out of fuel just off the coast and started taking on water. I watched, aghast, as young men threw themselves overboard to keep it afloat for the women and children. Malnourished and exhausted, they were clearly in distress but there was no boat to rescue them.

After a few minutes, I realised none of the aid workers were going to move, so I threw down my camera, grabbed some buoyancy aids and ran into the sea. With the help of other volunteers, we brought everyone safely ashore, weeping and praying. It was an extraordinary moment, dampened by my knowledge that their ordeal was far from over.

I recount this story for a reason. It shouldn't have been me in that water, an untrained journalist from Swanage. That I was the first to get my feet wet tells you everything you need to know about the refugee crisis, which has utterly overwhelmed this beautiful island.

The big aid agencies, already stretched to breaking point in the developing world, are paralysed by its scale. The human rights and often the very survival of these people in their passage through Lesbos depends on a handful of enormously dedicated volunteers from Greece and around the world. What they're doing is an inspiration – but it is not enough.

The makeshift camps along the beach regularly run out of supplies – namely dry clothes – and without enough buses to transport them to the camps, these families are forced to walk the dark mountain roads trembling with cold and shock. Finally, they reach the camps to find them full, and are forced to sleep outside on the ground. With 200,000 having fled through Lesbos this year, almost half within the past two months, you might expect to see a mass shelter construction by the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). But for whatever constellation of reasons – lack of resources, Greek resistance, EU immigration policy – that is not what I've seen.

At Camp Moria, the island's sole registration centre where all refugees must pass, traumatised civilians are treated like animals. They sleep in the dirt, going days without food and water. Until this week there was daily tear-gassing and brutality by the police, themselves overworked and

underpaid. Now they have retreated inside the walls of their detention centre, leaving the refugees to police themselves. The ethnic segregation initiated by the authorities has taken on a life of its own.

Non-Syrians have started throwing away their passports because they know you don't get fed as often if you're from 'the wrong war'. Safety can be measured by skin colour, and God help if you you're a black African or a woman alone. Yesterday we were distributing bin liners – all we could get in time to keep people dry – and they were fought over like diamonds. We'd already run out when I spotted another Afghan mother standing beneath a tree with an infant in her arms. They had no shelter, no food, no water, no human kindness. She was watching her baby contract hypothermia and there was nothing she could do.

Skala Sikaminias, where the boats come in, is a charming fishing village not so different from Swanage. It's surreal to see their little square flooded with frightened refugees, but the courageous volunteers who guide them and the compassion of the locals, from the fishermen that rescue them, to the tavernas that shelter them, preserves my faith in humanity even here.

This is happening on European soil, and that makes it our responsibility. Please – give what you can to support the volunteer's lifesaving work, and call on our government to do more, not with the bombs that destroyed their homes, but by sharing a little of what we enjoy with those who've lost their everything.

**What can YOU do?** Fly out and volunteer - more hands are desperately needed for simple tasks - handing out food, etc.

**Donate:** [https://www.youcaring.com/refugees-asylum-seekers-economic-migrants-on-lesvos-451980#.Viaouo\\_5IO8.facebook](https://www.youcaring.com/refugees-asylum-seekers-economic-migrants-on-lesvos-451980#.Viaouo_5IO8.facebook)



*A child is held aloft as people face being crushed whilst waiting in line for registration at Camp Moira, Lesbos. Picture: Mya Pope-Weidemann*



The children watch the Lifeboat prepare....

## Living With The Lifeboat

Dancer, artist and sculpturist, Carlotta Barrow, moved to Swanage with her mother, writer Dim Pares, after her father, a poet, was tragically lost during WWII. Visiting nearby Studland after losing her husband, Dim spotted Swanage 'shining like a jewel' from the cliffs above Studland, and decided that was where they would move. The family have lived here ever since, and due to their home being very close to the Lifeboat Station, they developed a close relationship with the boat over the years.

Here, Carlotta shares some of the family's photographic archive as she recounts some of her memories....

**Carlotta writes** (pictured below as a child).....



**M**y first memories are of being carried down the steps by the Old Coastguard Cottages at night. It was so exciting, I could see the sparkling water and hear the waves. In the morning, here was Swanage bay, glittering in the morning light with the lifeboat slipway and bright red buoys.

My mother Mrs Barrow (writer Dim Pares) having been recently widowed, chose Swanage as her haven and our home. In those days, before health and safety, the lifeboat slipway was our playground.

We would fish for 'bunnies', tie our boats to the slipway and in the summer, use it as a diving board. We thrived to the tales of Cox, Chinchen 'Mountainous Waves' etc and to see the crew, mostly local fishermen, weave their own lobster pots from withies. Big excitement at night when the rockets went off and the lifeboat was launched, it was said to take eight minutes for the crew to assemble and for the chain to be broken.

The lifeboat became my mother's passion and she worked tirelessly to support it, out in all weathers with her collecting box when it was launched.

Knitting became her therapy after the loss of her husband and she created the most intricate patterns, which led her to winning a knitting competition. The £250 prize was a lot of money in those days! For my brother, she bought a bicycle, and a doll and pram for me, then she raffled the winning jumper for the lifeboat. It was won by Fred Smale, who with his wife ran

the Peveril Point Hotel.

In 1947, my mother (pictured below, with her Lifeboat collection box) bought Waterside, the last house on Peveril Point. It had been taken over by the army during the war and then abandoned. On the top floor a rough look-out had been constructed so we had a bird's-eye view of Swanage Bay and the lifeboat's comings and goings.

When it returned from a rescue in the middle of the night, Phylis Smale would carry a tray of steaming tea out for the cold and weary crew.

My mother, after the hotel was closed, felt she could not carry on this tradition so she formed the Crew Club, and raised money through raffles and so on to buy them an electric kettle and tea caddy. She also provided presents for the wives and children of the crew.

In those days there was not the provision for rough weather clothing, so my mother, with donations, organised the knitting of seaworthy jumpers in oiled wool.

Very rough on the hands of the knitters, but really appreciated by the crew. I was really lucky as a child to go out on the boat and I will never forget the thrill of careering down the slipway and whoosh into the sea with an enormous splash! Bob Brown was Cox then, it was exciting going through the races off the end of Peveril Point.

My mother became secretary of The Ladies Lifeboat Guild and was a highly active member of the team, with her creativity and sense of humour. I remember the successful Lifeboat





*The old Lifeboat launches for a rescue*

Fairs we had at Peveril Point, using the gardens of the Old Coastguard Cottages. Fond memories too of the Lifeboat Engineers including Fred Crutchfield and Vic Marsh, who worked full time to keep the boat ready for immediate action.

I was very touched at my mother's funeral to see all the lifeboat crew looking so smart paying their final respects. My daughter, Anna, and I carried on the tradition; out with the collecting box when the rockets went off, Anna started her 'Shell Shop' with a friend, making and selling items with the proceeds going to the lifeboat. It would be my chosen charity when I did my Illustrated Talks.

One morning I woke to see from my window some very tall masts, it was the Jean de la Lune, which had drifted on to the Peveril ledges. The lifeboat was soon on the scene, with the crew from the offshore boat landing on the ship - the crew from the brigantine had no idea they were there! Apparently the mooring rope to the pier had been cut by hooligans and so while the crew slept, the ship had drifted onto the ledge.

As they were part of a whiskey convention it was 'Scotch on the Rocks'! It was really interesting as 125 years previously, a brigantine had been wrecked here and this was why Swanage got its lifeboat.

I was thrilled to be invited with my husband Christopher, on the Lifeboat Steam-in for the 125 year celebration. We filmed and took photographs. It was so exhilarating, steaming into Swanage bay with three other lifeboats, offshore boats and the helicopter.

We wish the new lifeboat and crew every success.

#### For Swanage Lifeboat

There is always a gap between seeing and knowing  
Between the heart and its home and the ship and the shore.  
We bridge the gap and the life-line keep open, keep flowing  
There is always a gap for devil to widen or heart to endure.

What is a heart without home or a ship without harbour,  
Nought but a wreck in the deep or a hulk on the foam.  
Rudderless, ownerless, lost is the strength of its ardour,  
Journeying purposeless, broken the link with its home.

Strength of endurance in hardship has tempered the race  
To the losses of ships and their harbours, of hearts and their homes,  
Taught the survivors with courage new perils to face  
For the sake of ideas that are bred in our blood and our bones.

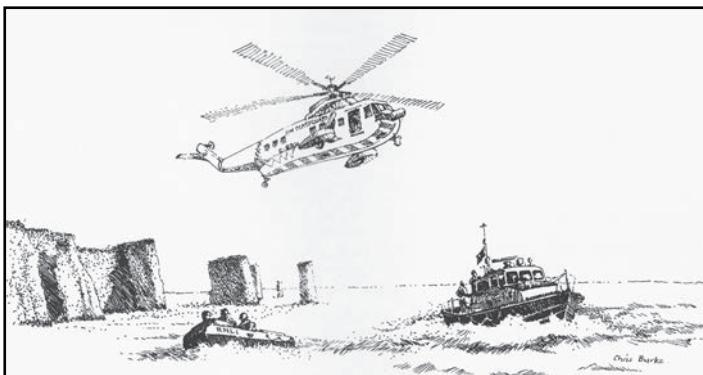
Dim Pares



*Lobstering in Swanage, 1965, with Bob Brown. Photo by Joan Muspratt*



*The Jean de la Lune drifted onto Peveril Ledges*



*Sketch of a rescue for 'Purbeck in Pen 2000' by Christopher Burke*



*Lifeboat launch with Navy helicopter*



Above: The Band of the Hampshire Constabulary



Above: The Dorset Police Male Voice Choir



Above: The Purbeck Arts Choir. Below, the Swanage School Choir.



The wonderful team behind 'Heroes Haven' in Swanage put on a fundraising 'Night at the Proms' at the Mowlem Theatre in Swanage in October. Featuring the Swanage School Choir, the Purbeck Arts Choir, the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir, Kelp and the Band of the Hampshire Constabulary, the Mowlem was packed to the rafters, flags were waving and an evening of fantastic entertainment was on the cards. I was actually blown away with the sheer professionalism of those performing and the wealth of talent which had been gathered together for the evening. The Swanage School Choir did extremely well in one of their first public performances in front of a big audience, so a huge congratulations to all of you involved from the school.

The Purbeck Arts Choir, led by conductor Jay Buckle, gave an outstanding performance, singing a selection of medleys and favourites. The vocal tightness of the group was supremely high quality and thoroughly enjoyable. Swanage shanty group, Kelp, shared some of their traditional shanties, and the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir also proved a huge hit - really phenomenal, with a remarkable depth of sound.

The Band of the Hampshire Constabulary then took to the stage, conducted by Major Pete Curtis (an ex-Director of Music of The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines CTCRM and Portsmouth (Royal Band)). Major Curtis was a livewire on stage, fully immersed in the music, almost physically drawing it note by note from the band. The sound was amazing, the skill of those playing in the band absolutely extraordinary. The evening was one of entertainment of the highest possible class - including a pyrotechnic stage display from Pains Fireworks at the finale.

Thank you so much to Heroes Haven - please can we do it again next year?!

Nico Johnson



Above: Swanage shanty group, 'Kelp'



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Arne's nature, by Karen Smith



Autumn walk at Arne, by Anne Elford



Morris Men, by Anne Elford



Deer at Hartland Moor, by Lyn Head



Big waves at Swanage by Gill Richards

# Out Of Africa And In To Dorset!



Lucky residents of the beautiful Isle of Purbeck in Dorset's world famous Jurassic Coast are enjoying the delights of handmade products all the way from Uganda, East Africa!

"It's all down to the fostering agency where my daughter, Sarah, works," explains Purbeck resident, Judy Cook. "A couple of Sarah's colleagues went to Uganda late last year to help a charity called 'Childs i Foundation' set up their own fostering agency. Whilst there, they were introduced to local people who hand make beautiful stuffed toy animals in vibrant coloured fabrics. They sell them for the equivalent of pennies to raise money for the charity. Sarah's colleagues bought a suitcase full and brought them back to their office in Hampshire to sell on. All the proceeds of the sales in England go back to 'Childs i' so they do well out of it, which is great!"

"Many of my dear friends are very keen on sewing, so they appreciate the immense skill, patience and time involved in making these tactile little creatures. Once they knew they were for sale and I had a huge supply, they sold like 'hot cakes'! I had to re-stock three times! I sold the larger toys for £5, the smaller for £2. Very quickly, I had amassed £200 in sales!"

The £200 raised by Judy and her friends, together with donations from Blue Sky Fostering, the agency's foster carers and staff will fund so much for the babies and children helped by Childs i Foundation. Just £10 pays for a whole month of medical care for a baby, or for fresh drinking water for the Foundation for one week. £25 pays for a 'baby bundle', a bag of essential items for a baby or child to take home or will pay the transport to take the baby or child to visit their family.

Such is the success of Blue Sky's involvement with the Foundation, later this year, Sarah will spend three weeks in Uganda, helping them to recruit more



foster carers. Sarah will be taking an empty suitcase with her for further supplies! If you would like to find out more about Childs i Foundation, please visit their website [childsfoundation.org](http://childsfoundation.org)

If you would like to join our team of foster carers here at Blue Sky Fostering, don't hesitate to give us a call on 0845 450 3519 or visit our website: [www.blueskyfostering.com](http://www.blueskyfostering.com)

In 2014, Kirstie and David, two qualified social workers from independent foster care agency, Blue Sky Fostering, travelled to Uganda to help the Foundation as it established its foster care service. Since then, foster carers have been recruited and many babies and children are rescued and immediately placed in a family environment with the foster carers, rather than in the babies' home.

Blue Sky has supported the Foundation for three years. Foster carers, children and staff have all contributed to the charity in so many ways.

## Wareham Town Council Update

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

### Vikings, a burning boat, Saxon hordes and partying.... What's Wareham up to now?!



**S**ea Battle Wareham was proposed to the Councillors. Vikings, a burning boat, local people as Saxons, celebrations and educational talks could happen over a weekend in September/October 2016. Kevin Brooks, the Mayor's Escort, will take plans forward.

A small part of the European Agricultural Fund goes to the LEADER programme which funds projects creating jobs, growing businesses and benefiting the rural economy. The minimum grant is £5,000, the average £24,000, and the money has to be used for capital costs.

An example would be improving the facilities of a play school so that more children can attend and an extra person be employed. The full application involves a 3 year business plan and as, Sarah Harbige from the South Dorset Local Action Group explained, takes about six months.

Dorset County Council (DCC) was keen to hear from all local youth groups because of concerns about reduced funding for youth services. County Councillor, Beryl Ezzard, said that DCC supported Wareham's intention to have a Local Neighbourhood Plan and she hoped that it would include proposals for community use of the Middle School building and grounds. The County Councillor reported that repairs would soon be done to the road surface of St Martin's Hill leading to North Street and to the A351 flyover bridge.

Purbeck District Councillor, Hilary Goodinge, reported that an 8% decrease in crime and antisocial behaviour had been recorded, that the Dorset Accommodation Charter for the accreditation of hotels and restaurants had been adopted, and that the East Borough Housing Trust was going to source 30 properties from the private rented sector possibly in Poole or Bournemouth to house homeless people from Purbeck.

The Wareham and District Development Trust will present "Ball and Socket" at their AGM on 11 November to raise funds for the Library Garden. An extra bench in North Street, flower stands for Wareham In Bloom and heritage equipment for the North Street telephone kiosk have been paid for from a County Council fund. The first of the seventy affordable homes on Westgate will be occupied from October.

On car parking, the Council may combine with Swanage to save costs in cash collection and ticket machine maintenance. Wareham Council is opposed to a charge for on-street parking and to any increase in parking fees.

A group has been set up to work on the Local Neighbourhood Plan and was due to meet in October. Councillors expressed concern that the Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan would pre-empt Neighbourhood Plan decisions.

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November, 7pm in the Town Hall, Wareham, and the public is welcome to attend. Call 01929 553006 for further information about all of the Council's meetings or visit the website at [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk).

# Farewell, Charlie

## Charlie Cooper

Born and raised in Swanage, Charlie died in Brisbane, Australia, on 28th September, four days after his 66th birthday. He left Swanage a joker, a bright boy who laughed his way through school. At 16, possessed of a single 'O' level, he was as keen to quit Swanage Grammar School as it was eager to see him go. He graduated to the wash-up in the late lamented Grosvenor Hotel, slipped in behind the East Bar then laid bricks for Harry Tatchell.

He was one amongst the youths who loved life and mischief. Naughty, not nasty. Popular, too, amongst the girls. When his foreign girlfriend became pregnant he wanted to marry. She turned him down. After an attempt to see his son again, he returned to Swanage. There, five boys decided on Australia, using the £10 scheme. Four set out in 1970. (The fifth, with the best 'afro' in Purbeck, had his application rejected). Three, returning early, had to repay their fares.

Charlie stayed, heading for Perth for more bricklaying, then eastwards. In Melbourne, behind another bar, he met and married Lesley Dale. Did she push him to study? Monash University took him despite his illegible scrawl, and he coupled taxi-driving with a law degree. It wasn't all plain-sailing: once he lost a scout troop in the outback. Luckily, search parties found it.

It was twenty years before he returned briefly after our mother, uncle and elder brother, Anthony, all died within six months. By then he was practising with a law firm in Brisbane. My sister, Libby, married with two children, was teaching in Santa Monica, California and I commuted between Purbeck and India. Annually my father circled the globe, visiting us in our foreign lairs.

Charlie had another son and two daughters before his marriage fell apart. He settled with Di Zarro after a bad start: on their first coffee date he forgot his wallet. She was forgiving! Later, setting up his own team of lawyers, he proved a natural – bright, amusing, hard-working and a good communicator. The business flourished and his first son, aged forty, finally caught up with him.

As he drove away past The Anchor from his last flying visit to Swanage, Anto Allen was leaning on the railings. Charlie wound down the window, shook his hand, reminded him who he was and, with the traffic piling up, pulled away. In the mirror I saw Anto's look of surprise: was it forty years?

But Charlie developed a brain tumour. Di stuck by him as he suffered increasing confusion. Sometimes he talked of coming back, but Australia and he were made for each other. There he stays.

By Ilay Cooper, Brother to Charlie. Pictured, right: Charlie Cooper.



## Out Of The Blue

Dorset Police



It's been another busy month for us across Purbeck. The summer is all but a distant memory yet demand for our services does not seem to have changed with the season.

We are still seeing a number of poaching incidents across Purbeck, from Lytchett to Steeple and out to Chaldon Herring. The incidents have ranged from the killing and depositing of animals to

the damaging and trespass of agricultural land. Rural crime is a priority for us, with remote homes and businesses often seen as an easy target. If you would like a home security visit, please make contact with your local safer neighbourhood team.

The winter weather has arrived and we've already had a number of wet and windy days. If you are driving in these conditions, slow down and allow extra time for your journey. If your windscreens wipers are on then we suggest your headlights should be as well. The same ethos can be applied at home, with lights on indoors then curtains should be closed.

It is really easy to see all your valuables and belongings on display when your lights are on at home. Last year, just prior to Christmas, you may recall we suffered a spate of dwelling burglaries in Swanage. We are working hard to prevent a repeat of this again this year.

Ensure your Christmas gifts are not left on display, even wrapped under the tree. Keep your curtains closed at night. Review and improve your home security. If you would like up to date information on crimes and incidents that have happened in your area, then subscribe online to dorsetalert.co.uk. It's a free and informative service bespoke to what you want to hear about locally.

October was domestic violence awareness month:-There are many misconceptions about what constitutes domestic abuse. An individual, whose partner is verbally abusive towards them or controls their finances

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or restricts their daily activities, may fail to recognise that that in itself is domestic abuse.

Actual physical abuse is only one aspect of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can be described as including emotional, psychological, sexual and verbal abuse, none of which anybody should be subjected to or tolerate. Controlling behaviour, harassment and blackmail are all indicators of an abusive relationship. If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse or violence and need help, please call 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency. Home watch schemes in Purbeck are looking for new coordinators and watch members to join them and help set up and manage watch schemes in Purbeck.

Home watch schemes assist police to tackle and identify crime and reduce the opportunities for crime to take place as well as keep residents informed of local crime trends and incidents by passing information on to neighbours and other watch members.

A scheme is generally run and managed by volunteers who work closely with local Safer Neighbourhood Teams to help reduce crime and pass on relevant information that may help police target offenders and crime hotspots. Joining Home watch is FREE and requires very little time from its coordinators and even less time from general members.

So if you feel you would like to help your community and become a member please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101 for further details.



## We Remember Jaroslav Hlaváč

At 12.30pm on Saturday 10th October 2015, representatives of Purbeck District Council, Swanage, Corfe and Wareham Royal British Legions, along with WWII veterans Clifford Brown and Malcolm Russell joined members of the public at the site where 26-year-old Jaroslav Hlaváč's Hurricane crashed on Wareham Common whilst defending our skies against the Luftwaffe on 10th October 1940.

Jaroslav (pictured, right) was a Czechoslovak who, rather than hiding away when the Nazis occupied his home country, escaped to Poland before heading to France to fight with the French Foreign Legion. He then transferred to fight with 79 Sqn at Pembrey (UK) and then, finally he was transferred to 56 Sqn at Boscombe Down, having retrained to fly Hurricanes.

On October 10th 1940, 56 Sqn were scrambled to intercept over 100 Luftwaffe in the skies over Purbeck. Jaroslav was shot down at 12.50pm whilst defending our skies, crashing on Wareham Common, his body still in the cockpit. Jaroslav was buried in Warmwell Church (his grave, pictured left). His family never saw him again, never got to attend his funeral, never got to say goodbye.

Dr Keith Major wrote in to the Gazette a couple of months ago, letting the community know about Jaroslav and his sacrifice, having located the crash site by chance whilst visiting a museum which displayed the locations of crashed aircraft. Living in close proximity to the site, Keith remembered people laying flowers there in the past, but noted that this practice had stopped around a decade ago. We must presume that those who laid the flowers in the past are no longer with us. Thanks to Keith, a new generation now remembers Jaroslav and his ultimate sacrifice, so far from home, and the crash site has not been lost to memory.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, to Reverend Cannon Simon Everett, to the Legion Standard Bearers, to Dave Dees of Swanage British Legion and particularly to those who brought children along - Jaroslav's memory will now last long into the future, carried by the next generation.

**The photographs will be shared with the Free Czechoslovak Air Force, to be added to the historical record.** Nico Johnson.



**Pictures by Tim Crabb (thanks so much Tim!). Top - the community gather at the crash site. Right: A Czech gentleman from Wareham pays his respects. Below, wreaths/flowers are laid and the service takes place.**



# One-To-One Cancer Support At Home



Thirty volunteers across Dorset are now supporting older people affected by cancer and their carers through home visits and accompanying them to medical appointments. Bob Smith who has volunteered with the Dorset Macmillan Advocacy service since it began in 2012 says 'I would very much recommend to others who have had experience of cancer to volunteer as an advocate. The emotional rewards are enormous. It's a real blessing to be able to help others using the first-hand

knowledge you have. I have every intention to carry on as an advocate – it is the most important volunteer role I've had to date.'

Kathleen Gillett, Volunteer Coordinator, says 'At present volunteers are having to travel from East and West Dorset to support people in Purbeck and we would very much like to train some local volunteers. The support we give is for people at any stage of the cancer journey including at diagnosis and we try to match people up with a volunteer who we feel they will get along with.'

If you understand the impact that a cancer diagnosis can have, you may even have cared for someone with cancer, and you would like to support someone age 50+ who may otherwise face cancer alone then please get in touch.

We build on your life experience with advocacy skills training. Important qualities for volunteer advocates are being resilient and non-judgmental. You should enjoy listening to, empowering and speaking alongside a person affected by cancer. Ideally you would be flexible and able to give about half a day a week. Team support and expenses are provided.

Contact Kathleen on 0300 012 0256 or email [macmillan@handpandcare.org.uk](mailto:macmillan@handpandcare.org.uk) or visit [www.dorsetmacmillanadvocacy.org](http://www.dorsetmacmillanadvocacy.org)



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## RNLI Swanage Update

Work is continuing on our new lifeboat station, and on Tuesday 6 October our site crane was delivered and carefully manoeuvred onto the site. Our apologies if anybody was caught up in traffic as the crane was delivered, and as always thank you for your continued support.

The crane came in separate parts and was assembled in Broad Road car park and the boat park, and then tracked onto site. Now the crane is in position, we expect the building to begin taking shape as large structural sections are due to be erected in the near future. Watch this space!

The lifeboat was launched twice in September, on Saturday 19th both lifeboats were launched to a climber who had fallen at one of the climbing sites near Anvil Point. The inshore lifeboat arrived just after the Coastguard helicopter, and two crew members were put ashore to

assist the helicopter winchman to prepare the casualty for evacuation. The all-weather lifeboat stood offshore to provide a communications link back to Solent Coastguard.

Once the casualty was safely in the helicopter the lifeboats were released to return to Swanage.

Then on 27th September just before midnight, both lifeboats were again launched to assist in a search for a missing person. With a fresh easterly wind the lifeboats launched into choppy seas and made their way along the coast to Dancing Ledge.

The casualty was located by the inshore lifeboat and put aboard the all-weather lifeboat to be transferred back to shore and waiting paramedics for further care.

## RNLI Swanage Crew Profile - Phil Palmer



**Finally, here's a chance to meet one of our newer crew members, Phil Palmer:**

I joined the crew in July 2014 and started my shore based training.

I am the Operations Manager at Bremcombe Outdoor Centre and a large part of my job involves working on the water or along the coast. I am also a keen dinghy sailor.

I've always enjoyed spending time by the sea and have admired the work of the RNLI so joining the crew seemed like a logical step for me.

For around twelve months I attended training evenings to find out how things work at the station and to

understand the type of commitment involved in becoming a member of the volunteer lifeboat crew.

Spending time with the crew gave me the chance to understand the type of commitment I would be making, being on call 24/7 often in challenging conditions.

This did not deter me and if anything made me want to join even more. My employers also agreed that I could leave work for rescues provided I wasn't leading a group.

In 2015 I commenced training on both the inshore and all-weather lifeboats. I am now working my way through the RNLI competence based training to make sure I have all the necessary skills to help save lives at sea.

We have just been through our busiest part of the year having launched to over 38 callouts this year, several during the hours of darkness.

As the daylight hours shorten more of our training is carried out in darkness which helps us prepare for the difficult situations we may face on a rescue.



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### Economic Review Of Q3 2015

**D**uring the three months to end of September the FTSE 100 index fell by 7.0% and was down by 7.7% over 12 months closing at 6062 at the end of September 2015.

Our analysts generally commented on the global situation as follows:

'After the financial crisis (2008/9) and the Eurozone crisis (2011/12), the global economy is still struggling to make headway with weaker than expected growth in developed nations and a further slowdown in emerging economies. In the 3rd quarter, China's 'Black Monday' (24th August) led to a sharp sell-off in equity markets.'

Although a potential world trade crisis could pose further challenges for the global economy our worst case scenario is that growth will remain slow rather than entering a recession. We remain Overweight in global equities, though because of the risk our cash allocation has moved to Neutral from Underweight.'

With specific reference to the UK, selections from our analysts' comments are as follows:

'The UK equity market ended the third quarter 15% below its April peak. Investor sentiment has deteriorated on the back of global developments especially in China. Nevertheless, the UK economy is performing relatively well and wages are beginning to rise which could lead to the start of a gradual normalisation of monetary policy sometime next year. In 2015, global Merger & Acquisition activity has already exceeded the previous high set in 2009.'

Currently, SAB Miller and ABInBev are in talks over a possible combination to create the world's biggest beer maker. Equity valuations look more reasonable with the FTSE 100 now on a 2015 PE ratio of 14.6 times but the level of conviction is low because the UK market has a relatively high exposure to commodity prices. We remain neutral on UK equities'.

'In the 3rd quarter, the UK equity market fell sharply as sentiment deteriorated and indices are near 2015 lows. In 2015 Earnings Per Share could fall by 12% led by oil companies and mining groups but a 10% recovery is expected in 2016. Fears of a Chinese hard landing and an emerging market crisis look overdone. So, if the Earnings Per Share assumptions are correct, the UK equity market could recover once some confidence is restored.'

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From 2015-16 onwards, the collection of Class 2 contributions will be through the self-assessment system. This means that Class 2 NICs can now be paid together with income tax and Class 4 NICs in one chunk on the 31 January following the end of the relevant tax year. In the past, most people have paid Class 2 contributions monthly by direct debit. Following the final payment in July 2015, HMRC have cancelled such direct debit payments, ready for the switch over to the new system of payment under self-assessment.

However, those who wish to continue paying their contributions more regularly can set up a Budget Payment Plan (assuming they are up to date with their self-assessment payments) and make payments weekly or monthly by direct debit in advance of the payment deadlines.

At the spring Budget 2015, the government announced its intention to abolish Class 2 NICs. Although few details have been announced to date, it appears that after the abolition of Class 2 NICs, the self-employed will continue to pay Class 4 NIC, but this will be subsequently reformed to include a contributory benefit test. The proposed changes raise a few issues - in particular, whilst abolishing Class 2 NIC will be a welcome simplification to the current system, it is essential that a self-employed individuals contributory benefits entitlement is not eroded by the change.

For example, for 2015-16, it is not possible for a sole-trader to pay Class 4 NIC unless their profits exceed £8,060; however, they can still make Class 2 NIC payments, even if their profits are below the small earnings exception threshold (£5,965 for 2015-16), and this, in turn, will retain entitlement to various contributory state benefits. For those who do not opt to use a Budget Payment Plan, the payment date for the 2015-16 liability (£145.60) will be due on 31 January 2017. Self-employed traders will need to budget for this lump sum payment accordingly.

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# Trading Standards

## Dorset Says No To Loan Sharks



The Illegal Money Lending Team England (IMLT) working in partnership with Dorset Trading Standards have teamed up with advice and support services across Dorset to raise awareness of the dangers of illegal lenders, also known as loan sharks.

During November organisations across the county including Weymouth College, Homestart and care providers will be hosting training sessions and delivering the anti-loan shark message.

The IMLT investigates and prosecutes illegal money lending criminal activity. They also help people understand finances so they so they are aware that there are other options available, making them less vulnerable to loan sharks in the first place.

Approximately 310,000 households across the country are in debt to a loan shark. These criminals usually appear friendly at first but quickly trap their borrowers into spiralling debt. As the debts can't legally be enforced many lenders will resort to the most extreme and callous methods to enforce repayment including threats, violence and intimidation. Paperwork is rarely offered so victims are often in the dark as to how much they are actually paying.

Jacqui Kennedy, head of the IMLT says: "If you or anyone you know has been approached by a loan shark, we need to know. The IMLT has been very successful in prosecuting illegal lenders; we know there are more out there and we need your support. Please report them, so we can stop them. Loan sharks should never be a consideration if you need to borrow money.

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information – calls are confidential, and can also be anonymous. The team also offers victim support for anyone involved with a loan shark. We are here to help you – it's the loan shark who is in trouble".

If you'd like to book a FREE training session for your organisation please contact your local LIAISE Officer – Lin Fisher by emailing [lin.fisher@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:lin.fisher@birmingham.gov.uk) or calling 07825 904 587.

Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service check and approve businesses so you don't have to.

To report or seek advice about problems you have experienced when dealing with a trader call 08454 040506.

## Stay Safe Online

Dorset Police is continuing to educate the public on the threat of cyber-crime and is encouraging Dorset's residents to ensure they are safe online while social networking.

The internet is a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, with many of us using Facebook, Twitter, Skype, online dating sites and others on a regular basis.

Superintendent Mark Callaghan, Director of Intelligence, said: "Many of us enjoy sharing the details of our lives with our online friends, but do you really know who you are communicating with and who can see your posts?

"Make sure your privacy settings are set to the highest level so that only your friends can see your details. It is easy for a cyber-criminal to get personal details from social networking sites. Posting details and photographs of your summer holidays while you are away may seem innocent enough, but to a burglar you have just advertised you have an empty house.

"Be wary about who you invite or accept invitations from on social networking sites and internet telephone services. Do not accept friendship requests from complete strangers. You would not do this in real life!"

Dorset Police is advising people to be wary of publishing any identifying personal information either in a profile or in posts – such as phone numbers, pictures of your home, workplace or school, your address or birthday.

Think twice before clicking on any links. These can lead to hoax pages and sites designed to defraud you or steal your identity. Choose safe passwords – careless use of passwords can lead to an account being hacked. The risks are becoming the victim of online bullying, trolling or other forms of abuse such as revenge porn or extortion. What goes online stays online. Do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment.

Detective Superintendent Mark Callaghan continued: "I would urge everyone to visit GetSafeOnline and [cybersafe.dorset.police.uk](http://cybersafe.dorset.police.uk) for help and advice on online safety. Together we can ensure all Dorset's residents are CyberSafe."

Dorset Police is encouraging everyone to visit GetSafeOnline and [cybersafe.dorset.police.uk](http://cybersafe.dorset.police.uk) for help and advice on online safety.

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## Comment On Draft Swanage Plan

Swanage residents and businesses are being asked to comment on a final draft of the Swanage Local Plan before it is submitted to an independent planning inspector. The Swanage Local Plan will become the formal guide to development in Swanage under the umbrella of the Purbeck District Local Plan which guides planning applications in the whole district.

This latest consultation asks people to comment on a draft of the Swanage Local Plan, called a pre-submission document. This has been prepared jointly with Swanage Town Council and the Swanage Town and Community Partnership, comprising local people and community groups, following the 2014 consultation. The pre-submission document identifies sites for development, including the provision of 200 new homes (including 52 which already have permission) and a town centre redevelopment site to provide new shopping space. It also sets out a vision for the town and includes policies to help guide future development.

Purbeck District Councillor Peter Wharf, Chairman of the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Advisory Group, said: "In 2014, over 800 people had their say on issues and options for future development in Swanage. Their responses were analysed and we have now compiled the final draft plan. The valuable feedback we received from the people of Swanage has enabled us to prepare a plan that sets out a vision and provides the strategy for the delivery of development and supporting infrastructure in the town".

Councillor Wharf continued: "We would like to thank the Swanage community for their support and contribution throughout this process."

This consultation will enable residents, businesses and community groups to look at the plan and tell the Council if they think it is sound and has been prepared in accordance with legal requirements. The Swanage Local Plan pre-submission document is available to read at [www.dorsetforyou.com/swanage-local-plan](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/swanage-local-plan).

The six weeks of consultation started on Thursday 24 September and all comments must be received by 4pm on Friday 6 November 2015. These will be passed to the independent planning inspector for consideration as part of the examination of the Swanage Local Plan.

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**Businesses and the public need to know where they stand under the new Consumer Rights Act 2015**

*By Jon Dobson, Senior Associate Solicitor in the Dispute Resolution Department at Battens Solicitors*

Imagine the scene: You've bought a new kettle, got it home, started using it and it stops working. You take it back to the shop, only to find the sales assistant dismisses your complaint, insists you must be at fault or says you're too late for a refund.

Shoppers are set to receive much more of a conciliatory response in such situations under sweeping new changes to consumer rights legislation.

Previously, the law only allowed for a 'reasonable length of time' for the return of poor or faulty goods.

Now, under the new Consumer Rights Act 2015 which came into force on October 1, retailers are obliged to give a no-quibble full refund within a fixed period of 30 days.

And even after 30 days – up to six months from the date of purchase – the consumer still has the right to demand a repair or replacement of faulty goods as any problem is assumed to have existed from the start. If a repair is unsuccessful, the consumer is entitled to a full refund or a price reduction if they wish to keep the goods.

These new rights are just some of the measures in the Consumer Rights Act, which is aimed at simplifying, strengthening and modernising the law. It has implications for consumers and businesses alike.

The Act replaces the Sale of Goods Act, Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations and Supply of Goods and Services Act.

Under the legislation, people buying services, such as decorating or a carwash, have stronger statutory rights. It also modernises statutory rights surrounding digital content and services.

Other measures include greater prominence and transparency of fees and pricings in contracts, including spoken statements by retailers prior to sale. This means shoppers can no longer be hit with hidden charges.

Furthermore, a trader must inform the consumer of his/her right to seek Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

These changes are relevant to every business selling directly to consumers in the modern market place.

They create a clearer and more easily understood arena where consumers can buy and businesses can sell to them with confidence.

Consumers now have a new and strengthened armoury and should make getting a refund, repair or recompense much easier.

Businesses and their staff, however, must be fully aware and prepared for a new era where transparency and prominence of trading terms and accountability for what is said and offered will become the norm.

**There is much more to the new Act, and I would urge anyone with consumer issues or businesses requiring advice on their trading terms to contact me by calling 01305 774666 or email [jon.dobson@battens.co.uk](mailto:jon.dobson@battens.co.uk)**

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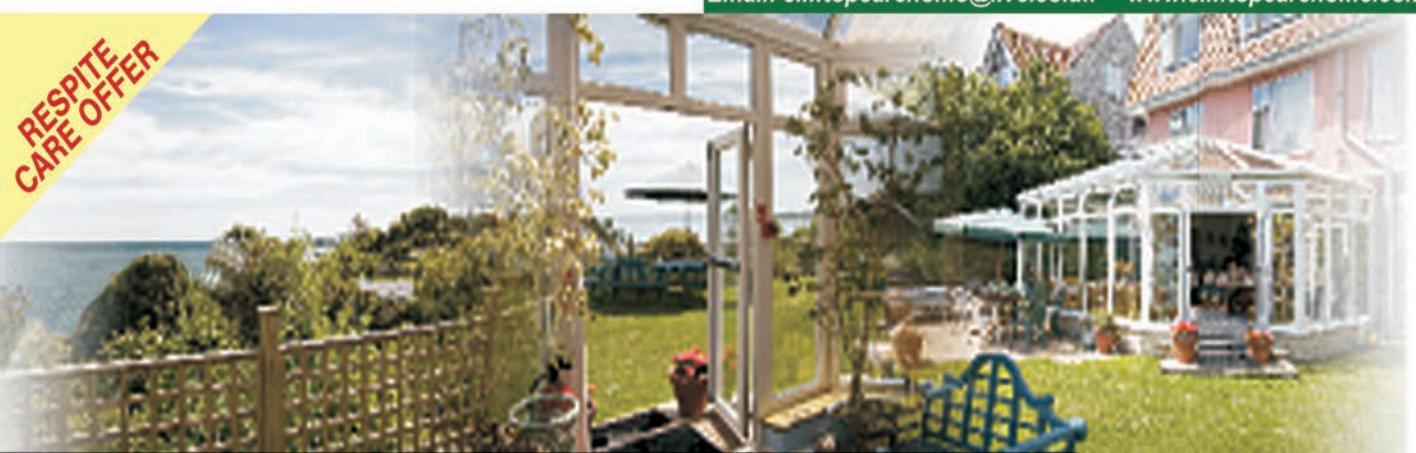
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This month, Swanage Area Senior Forum are subsidising a festive trip to Haskins Garden Centre at Ferndown on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

We have booked a large coach leaving from Gilbert Road, Swanage at 10.30am, returning mid afternoon - at a cost of just £5 per person! So let the coach take the strain ... there and back again!

Haskins Ferndown Garden Centre won a record number of merit awards from Thames Garden Centre Association and were top as the best out of eighteen destination centres in the region.

These awards included categories of garden care, indoor plants, pots and ornamentation, toilets, disabled facilities and customer service points.

So, if you just want to look around and admire the Christmas Décor or fancy doing a bit of Christmas shopping, there is plenty to choose from, including a visit to the amazing Hobbycraft centre on site.

You can treat yourselves to a coffee or lunch in the huge restaurant and we'll all meet up again for the return coach trip home to Swanage, tired but happy over-fifties!

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*Our Third Birthday Celebration.*

From 11.30 am on Saturday 12th December in the All Stars Bar at Purbeck Sports Centre in Wareham we are going to have an information session for our volunteers on Dementia Awareness. Following this we hope that our volunteers will stay and celebrate our Birthday/Christmas celebration with a lunchtime buffet.

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## Swanage BOXING DAY SWIM 2015



The hugely popular Swanage Boxing Day Swim is getting close once again! Every year, hundreds of brave souls take to the sea in a mad dash on Boxing Day morning in aid of local charities and good causes, watched by hundreds of spectators who turn out to cheer the swimmers on.

Organiser, Julian Wood of Country Foods Catering, is already beginning preparations with his team of volunteers for this year's event, and we're now looking at deserving local charities and causes who could be deserving recipients of this year's fundraising. If you have a small, local charity, or know of a good cause locally which could really benefit from the proceeds, please get in touch with The Gazette with the FULL details of your cause, and we'll pass the information on to Julian. Very small, local charities and good causes are chosen as the impact of the funds can be immediately seen - and tracked by those who donated - which is what local fundraising should be all about. Making a difference on the ground. All that's asked if you are chosen as a recipient of funds, is that you attend on the morning, get involved and at least give a hand to the volunteers who man the tea/coffee table and dish-up the bacon butties - if you're not taking the plunge yourself! So, get your fancy dress/bikini/mankinis out of the closet and brush them off in readiness for this year's mad, cold dash into freezing waters - you'll be in good company!

**When? Be at the Blue Shelter (Mowlem end), Swanage Seafront, for 11am on Boxing Day with your towel. Swim takes place around 11.15am. Raise sponsorship yourself (the more the better!) or pay an entry fee on the day. See you there!!**

# SWANAGE RAILWAY

## Santa Specials and Christmas Festivities

The Festive Season commences on Friday 4th December with a Victorian Themed Carol Train hauled by a steam locomotive. With music and carols by the Swanage Town Band and Harmony Rocks Choir, ably introduced by the Swanage Town Crier.

Santa Specials run Saturday and Sunday 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th and then daily 19th to 24th December. Children will receive a wrapped-age appropriate gift whilst everyone will receive refreshments from Santa's helpers.

Step on board our luxury festive dining trains this December to travel back in time and enjoy the sumptuous surroundings and service of Christmas past. Christmas Luncheon dining trains run Saturday and Sunday 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd December.

On Monday 28th December make your Great Escape from the television and enjoy a day of steam and diesel locos at our Winter Warm Up.

## Purbeck Railway Circle.

On Friday 13th November, Steve Green will present "The Moors Valley Railway" (MVR).

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The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tea/coffee/biscuits and railway orientated raffle as usual. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

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The new, purpose built Emmanuel Baptist Church and Centre in Swanage with car parking facilities and coffee shop will be the new venue for this magical display of decorated trees, Christmas music and singing with some added festive attractions to tell the story of Christmas as well.

The Festival hopes to accommodate up to fifty decorated trees sponsored by local organisations, businesses, groups, charities and families from all over Purbeck and is keen to welcome many local people to sponsor trees in order to provide an amazing display for visitors from the whole of South Dorset and beyond to visit, spend time and enjoy.

Opening times will be from 10am until 7pm, but closing earlier on the Saturday at 5pm to enable people to dismantle their trees that day.

More details on the programme of events will be published in early December but for now, if you, either as an individual, a local group, or as an organisation or business, would like to display a Christmas tree and promote your business please contact the church office on 01929 427706 or email [ctfbookings@outlook.com](mailto:ctfbookings@outlook.com) for full details of sizes and prices of trees, conditions and booking form.

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## Purbeck School Christmas Fair

The Purbeck School PTFA was very successful last year in raising several hundred pounds to fund projects such as the purchase of a 3D printer for the STEM club, kit for the sports tour to Greece, new books for the library and IT software to support the Health and Social GCSE course.

We will be hosting the school's first Christmas Fair on Thursday 26th November from 7-9pm (table available to set up from 6.30pm). Wine, mince pies and raffle will be on offer and the school choir and/or band will perform Christmas carols while you shop to your heart's content, all under one roof, supporting the school PTFA and local, cottage industry stall holders. Tables are available for £5 and bookable in advance.

Following the popularity of the previous "baby goods sale", we will host another one at the school on 7th November, from 9-11am (tables available for set up from 8.30am).

Many thanks to those new parents of the Purbeck School who took "The Purbeck Pledge" to assist the school PFA for one hour over the coming year - we will be in touch!

For more information regarding the events and the PTFA, please contact [Melanie.bean.moriarty@gmail.com](mailto:Melanie.bean.moriarty@gmail.com)

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Sat 5 Dec  
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## Stocking Everything!

**S**tewart's House of Fabric and Wool are delighted to once again take part in the 'The Purbeck Christmas Challenge' with its aim to help you buy locally in the lead up to the festive season and we want to make things easy for you!

This time last year we started stocking wool, knitting needles and patterns as well as all our beautiful cotton fabrics and our middle room is even more chockablock with all the colours of wool you can imagine. Jean's sewing lessons remain popular and six of her students have just started working on their own heirloom double wedding ring quilts – no mean feat!

If you're thinking of buying a sewing machine come and see the latest sewing, quilting, embroidery and overlocking machines first hand. From sewing machines suitable for beginners, through to high-specification semi-professional embroidery machines.

We're getting ready for our autumn Brother Sewing day on Friday 27th November and we hope to see you there. Customers who buy a machine from us receive an hour of free expert tuition. Don't forget our alteration and repair department if your party outfit needs adjusting or repairing, Jean or Alice will be pleased to advise you on how they can help to make your outfit look a million dollars! See you at the shop!



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# The Perfect Gifts For Everyone

Our thoughts this time of year turn to autumn and the golden russet leaves falling. Dark evenings and walks that have been enjoyed now that our summer visitors have gone home.

We in Wareham have been busy selecting gifts for autumn and Christmas. A pair of binoculars to fit in your pocket, ideal for the younger generation with smaller hands. The Opticron Vega big on value and quality.

We are now stocking 'Leatherman' multi tool knives from £39, plus 'Buck' hand-made American knives and lastly 'Whitby Gentleman's Knives'. All priced to sell. On the ladies side Joan has been busy buying hand-made silver jewellery with natural stone settings. We have earrings, rings, pendants, bracelets all with exciting settings.

**And lastly new this year** - The 'New STAR WARS' release - gifts for the young ones in mind.

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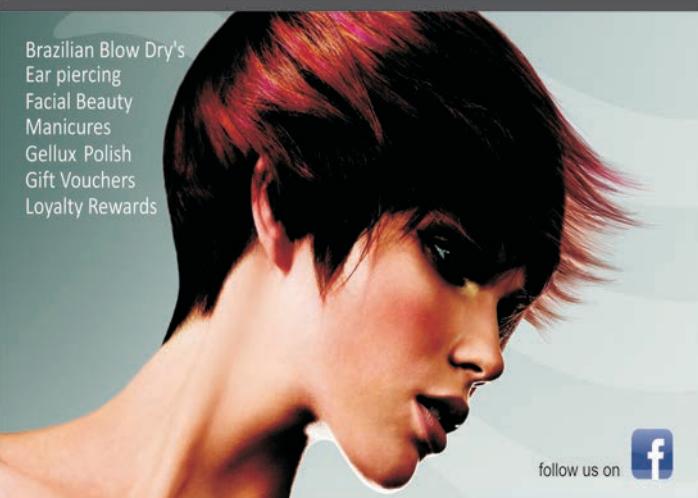
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If you want a great haircut or colour on training night, book in now as cuts are only £10 and colour are from £15, and training is fully supervised.

We train our team to work with face shape, skin tone and eye colouring, which gives a greater understanding in designing hair for the individual. This enables us to practise new techniques and keep our team focused on providing an excellent service.

Madeline will start to take appointments from December and will be offering a **15% discount** on all wash, cut and blowdrys in December and January as an introductory offer.

So, from December, we can offer a 'three tier price list' to suit all clients.

*All clients that would like colour will be required to have a skin test and some will also require a strand test.*

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE!** At the Salon, from 2pm - 6pm. Enjoy a glass of wine and browse the lovely jewellery, scarves and bags!



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— HOLIDAY HOME PARK —

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Chefs Homemade Butternut Squash Soup With Honey Glazed Parsnip Croutons & Brown Bloomer

Avocado & Prawn Cocktail With Tangy Prawn Marie Rose Sauce

Roasted Vegetable & Goats Cheese Tart With Salad & A Honey & Balsamic Dressing

Vegetarian Spring Rolls & Sweet Chilli Dip

### Mains:

Roast Dorset Turkey With Pigs in Blankets, Homemade Stuffing, Roasted and Creamed Potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnips, Sprouts, Peas & Carrots

Grilled Fillet of Salmon Served with a Tomato & Basil Crust on a Bed of Pesto Linguini

Roast Topside of Beef with all the Xmas Trimmings

Broccoli, Leek & Nut Roast with all the Xmas Trimmings

### Desserts

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

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2 Courses: £17.95

3 Courses: £22.95



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Christmas party menus available from 1st - 24th December.

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3 courses: £15.95 per adult

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### The Village Inn 3 Course Christmas Menu

Minimum booking 8 people

**Carrot and Coriander Soup**  
With Croutons & warm bread

**Baby Camembert Rounds**

Fried breaded baby camembert with an orange & cranberry compote

**Prawn, Crayfish & Smoked Salmon Cocktail**

With a citrus dressing and wholegrain bread

**Duck & Orange Parfait**

With watercress salad and toasted brioche



**Roast Dorset Turkey**

With homemade stuffing, sausages wrapped in bacon, and gravy

**Fresh Cod Loin**

Served on a medley of roasted vegetables with a tomato and basil salsa

**Rosemary & Garlic Lamb Shanks**

Slow cooked local lamb marinated in garlic & rosemary served with parsnip and potato puree & finished with a redcurrant jus

**Butternut Squash, Stilton & Spinach Risotto**

Served with lightly toasted ciabatta bread

\*All served with seasonal vegetables & Roast Potatoes



**Christmas Pudding**  
with Brandy Sauce

**Fresh Fruit Salad**

Chocolate Brownie and Salted Caramel Tart

**Baileys Profiteroles**

With toffee sauce

Freshly Brewed Coffee with Cream & Homemade Mince Pies

£17.95 per head

### The Village Inn 2 Course Christmas Menu

Minimum booking 8 people

**Roast Dorset Turkey**

With homemade stuffing, sausages wrapped in bacon, and gravy

**Carbonade of Beef**

Steak braised with local ale, onions and vine roasted cherry tomatoes

**Brie, Mushroom and Onion Filo Pastry Tart**

With a cranberry and port sauce

Both served with seasonal vegetables & Roast Potatoes



**Christmas Pudding**

With Brandy Sauce

**Strawberry and Clotted Cream Cheesecake**

Fresh Fruit Salad

Freshly Brewed Coffee with Cream & Homemade Mince Pies

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*Opening hours: Open from 6pm  
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### Saturday November 14th STEAK NIGHT

£16.50 - BUY ONE GET ONE HALF PRICE, choice of Sirloin or Rump served with Chips, mushrooms, tomato & salad

### Saturday November 28th PIE AND PINT NIGHT

Steak and Kidney pudding, Chicken and Ham pie or spinach and feta cheese pie served with mashed potatoes, mushy peas and gravy and a pint of beer or glass of wine £9.95 per head

### Thursday's Fish and Chip nights in November

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**Get your Christmas orders in soon!**

**Let the team help you arrange the best Christmas feast ever, with a selection of high-quality Curtis goodies!**

## Christmas Menu 2015

3 courses £24.95 2 courses £19.95

### Starters

Fruits de Mer St Jacques, Scallops & King Prawns  
Assorted Game Terrine  
Deep fried Goats Cheese and Herbs  
Winter spiced butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup  
Salad of Red Wine Marinated Duck  
Prawn Salmon and Dill Timble

### Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey  
Loin of Halibut  
Fillet of Pork Apple and Stilton en Croute  
Kimmeridge Lamb Loin (£3 supplement)  
Fillet of Rose Veal

Mushroom and Roasted Chestnut Stroganoff  
All of the above dishes are served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

### Desserts

Homemade Christmas Pudding and Brandy Butter  
White Chocolate and Raspberry Meringue Roulade  
Lemon Soufflé  
Trio of Chocolate Pyramid  
Cassata - Layers of ice cream and sorbet with fruits soaked in liquor  
Selection of English Cheeses and Biscuits (£2 Supplement)

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FOOD SERVICE:  
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### Christmas Menu served throughout December\*

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Full menu served daily

Carvery - 3 Roasts & 9 Seasonal Vegetables - **Gluten Free**

Served 12-2.15pm every Sunday (bookings advised)

### Christmas Eve full menu

Boxing Day lunch & tribute show with Tom Canning as Tom Jones & Neil Diamond

New Year's Eve - full menu lunch & evening

## CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 2015

### Starters

**Homemade Cream of Parsnip, Stilton and Port Wine Soup**,

garnished with Parsnip Crisps

**Chicken Parfait** with a Pomegranate and Rocket Salad,  
Spiced Christmas Ale Chutney

**Freshly Picked Devon Crab & Crayfish Cocktail**  
with Auruga Caviar, dressed with Marie-Rose Sauce and  
deep-fried Filo Prawn

**Wild Mushroom and Sun Blushed Tomato Risotto**  
with sweet and sour Deep Fried Crispy Leeks and  
fresh Parmesan Shavings

*The above starters are served with a selection of warm  
artisan bread rolls and butter*

### Main Courses

**Poached Fillet of West Country Salmon**  
served on Wilted Spinach, glazed with Lobster  
and Crayfish Veloute

**Roast Breast of Dorset Turkey**  
filled with Chestnut and Sausage Meat Seasoning,  
Orange and Cranberry Compote, Pigs in Blankets,  
Roast Pan Juices.

**Baked Pheasant Breast** filled with a Wild Mushroom  
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Lemon Roasted Salmon and Potato Terrine, Fresh Herbs and Horseradish  
Home Smoked Chicken and Smoked Bacon Tian, Toast and Dressed Leaves  
Garlic Creamed Wild and Field Mushrooms, Toasted Ciabatta

### Mains

Roasted Purbeck Turkey, Sausage and Bacon Roll, Sage and Red Wine Sauce  
Grilled Herb Crusted Fillet Of Sea Bass, Lemon Butter Sauce & Roasted Tomatoes  
Seared and Roasted Duck Breast, Brandy and Raison Sauce  
Spinach and Ricotta Strudel, Toasted Pine Nut and Basil Dressing  
All of the above served with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

### Desserts of the Day

Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee and Mince Pies

Crackers, Party Poppers and Balloons

2 course lunch: £18.95 - 3 course lunch £22.95

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### Lunch

Daily  
11-5

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Tuesday-Saturday  
2-4:30

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Sunday  
12-4:15

### Drinks

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8am-8pm

Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Corfe Road, Studland, Swanage, Dorset BH19 3AB [www.purbeckgolf.co.uk](http://www.purbeckgolf.co.uk) Telephone: 01929 450361

## the Orchard Café Christmas Menu



### Starter

Roasted sweet potato, butternut squash and leek soup garnished with shards of crispy leek and served with a roll and butter  
Port & stilton toasts resting on freshly dressed Dorset leaves  
Crab & prawn cakes accompanied with a tangy mango & lime dressing

### Main course

Baked herb crusted cod served with new potatoes & seasonal vegetables  
Fresh locally sourced Turkey served with all the trimmings seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes  
Roasted root vegetable pithivier floating on a tomato jus

### Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce  
Forest berry cheese cake  
Clementine chocolate and Cointreau trifle  
Cheese & biscuits

Coffee & chocolate mint

1 course £9.75 2 courses £13.95 3 courses £17.95

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E: email: [orchard@holmefg.co.uk](mailto:orchard@holmefg.co.uk)

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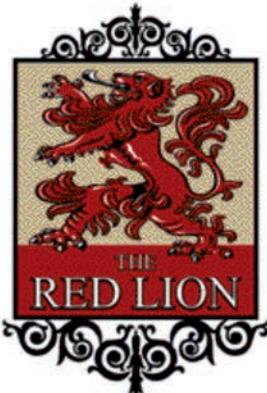
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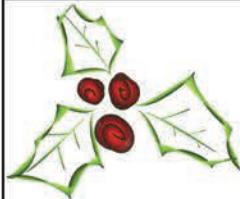
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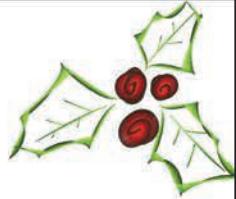
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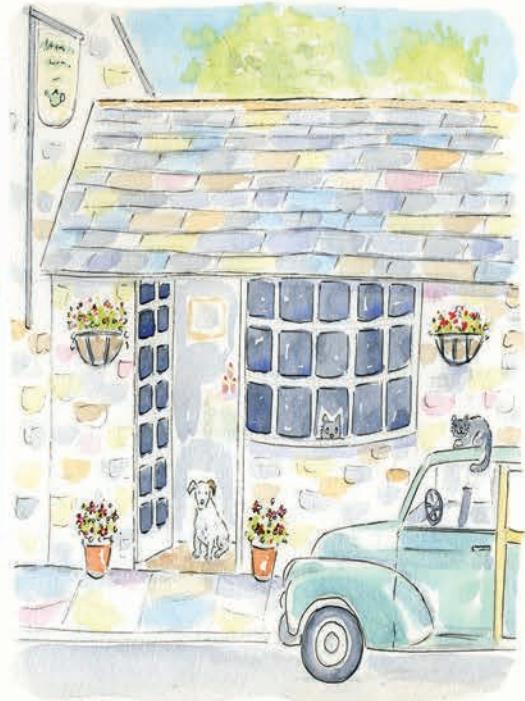
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# Lies, Damned Lies And Statistics

by David Hollister



I really hate people who say ‘I told you so’ but ... I told you so! In July 2014 in this very column I suggested that although diesel engines chucked out less CO2 than petrol, they also generated thousands of other harmful pollutants, many carcinogenic, in particles small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs. Studies in the US show that adults regularly exposed to diesel fumes suffer a greater loss of mental faculties. I also suggested that diesel was for heavy lorries, smelly buses, and Uncle Bill’s farm tractor.

But never mind, said everybody, modern diesel cars are far less polluting than Uncle Bill’s tractor, just look at the statistics published by the manufacturers. Hah Hah! To achieve their ‘oh how green are we’ status, Volkswagen-Audi-Seat-Skoda have been fiddling the figures with iffy software. And are now faced with hefty compensation claims...But wait a minute! The US authorities in California have taken VW to task over Nitrous Oxide (NO2) emissions which are illegal in California but in no other state and certainly not in the UK. They are not nice but neither are they illegal.

Over 11 million VW cars have been fitted with devices which allegedly provide false results in emissions tests. 2.8 million vehicles in Germany and 1.2 million of its vehicles sold in the UK are apparently fitted with the software or devices involved.

However, it’s also far from clear as to whether these vehicles, despite having this device, would break any current emissions rules in the UK or EU. It’s also not clear whether this device was active in every vehicle into which it was fitted. A contact in the motor trade tells me that despite this ‘software’ you can put a clean hankie over the exhaust of a modern diesel and it will remain clean. Sorry, but rather than persecute VW we should be going after the manufacturers of buses, trains and taxis who have supplied filthy, smelly, polluting engines for years and years – and for the authorities who have sanctioned these filthy outpourings in the name of ‘cutting CO2’.

But naturally enough many of those people who up to now have been happy to enjoy the benefits of running a diesel car are now looking for ‘compensation’. Will this become the next ‘PPI scandal’ with no-win no-fee solicitors getting fat on commissions? It only wants one legal case to get past a High Court judge to open the floodgates. And we all know how illogical and unworldly High Court judges can be. UK lawyers are already quoted as believing that there ‘may be a chance’. Listen! That sound you can hear is members of the legal profession rubbing their hands together.

VW has already committed to covering any costs involved, and has already set aside £4.7bn. The company in the UK is giving the vehicle identification numbers (VIN) to retailers and will be contacting affected owners directly. Those affected will be owners of VW diesel cars and vans registered between 2009 and 2015, but not the very latest Euro 6 models. You can check if your vehicle is affected by entering the VIN details found in your log book into online checkers on the relevant brand’s website.

The software rectification procedure will take place during 2016 or 2017. VW says this isn’t technically a recall and there are no safety or security

implications. The procedure will be relatively quick and easy, and there’s no suggestion that the cars are in anyway unsafe to drive, so owners can carry on motoring as normal.

So where are we? You diesel owners have voluntarily bought cars that are supposed to be cheaper to run – which they are. To produce less CO2 – which they do. Did you know what NO2 was before this “scandal” was exposed? Did you really care about the crap that your exhaust was putting out and the effect it would have on unborn children? If you did, you wouldn’t have bought the thing in the first place, you’d have bought a Nissan Leaf. So now do you want your money back? Have you now discovered that your ‘blue-motion’ was actually a ‘brown-motion’?

Oh dear! The resale value might be reduced but it’s a means of transport not an investment. Get over it. But the good thing about all this is that people are beginning to catch on to the huge differences between ‘published mpg’ and the real thing. Every test I do for the Gazette, I compare actual achieved mpg with the brochure. My 2.0i MX5 is supposed to do 37.2 mpg in a ‘simulated urban cycle’ and over the past two years since I started measuring, it’s managed 33.6 mpg, that’s 90%.

I have just sold a Mazda 2 which over 12000 miles from new managed 40.5 mpg as opposed to 56.5 mpg, that’s only 72% (who’s got the heavy foot now, Mrs H?).

I’m not getting at Mazda, I use them as examples as they’re the only cars of which I have experience for long periods. But past tests of Nissan, Toyota, Ford, Fiat, etc have all brought in mpg figures well below those suggested by the brochure. The measuring device I use is a free handy i-phone app called ‘Fuel Economy Calculator’.

Manufacturers’ claimed fuel consumption figures come from an official test called the NEDC (New European Driving Cycle), a procedure that has been in place for around thirty years. They are legally obliged to carry out this test and it must be independently verified and approved by the testing authority, but it isn’t representative of real world mpg because during the test, a car’s systems such as air conditioning and lights are all turned off. There are also no hills, traffic lights or headwinds to affect the fuel consumption or emission results either. No slower cars in front. No roundabouts. In short, a totally false figure generated to make the manufacturers’ products look good.

If we at the Gazette advertise the fact that we print 20,000 copies and then only print 19,000, we’re breaking all sorts of trading standards regulations and can (very rightly) be prosecuted. So how come the motor manufacturers can print outright lies and get away with them?

There are moves to update the NEDC test or replace it entirely so it is more reflective of ‘real-world’ driving conditions. Can’t come soon enough.

In the meantime – if you really care about emissions – don’t go on a bus, get a bike – or a Nissan Leaf!



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## Electric Cars Driving Change



Recently adding an electric car to the fleet has prompted a total rethink for local recruitment consultancy, TeamJobs. After fourteen years at the helm of a successful business and with two funky Nissan Jukes on the books, TeamJobs managing director, Jason Gault, didn't expect an all-electric Nissan LEAF to drive company strategy. Eight weeks after the LEAF's arrival things have changed at the Bournemouth and Poole based business.

"The car has initiated a series of changes that weren't even on our radar at the beginning of the summer," says Jason Gault. "Initially the team were sceptical about driving an electric car on client visits and inevitably there was a fear of the unknown, but fast forward just a couple of months and everyone loves driving it – it's become our 'go to' vehicle. More surprisingly, the team also love what it stands for."

Jason reports that the car has been a real motivational factor, encouraging them to consider other ways of maximising the passion, enthusiasm and loyalty of the teams. As a result, TeamJobs is now incentivising staff to leave their cars at home (anyone who cycles or walks to the office three or more times a week gets a monthly bonus), a shower has been installed so that cyclists or runners can freshen up when they arrive or after a lunchtime work out, bike racks and locks have been provided, plus fruit and nuts are delivered to the desks.

"I'm not exaggerating when I say the LEAF was the root of all these changes," continues Jason. "It's been an inspiration but on a more practical level it's also helping us keep day to day expenses down and it's reducing our impact on the local environment. We have a strong local client base at the core of our business and our focus will always be on delivering excellence and added value to our clients, but we also want to extend our reach. To do that we need a committed and motivated team who feel proud of the company. The changes we've made are all part of that process – we're moving towards our target and we feel we've made great progress in a short space of time." TeamJobs had a two week trial in the Nissan LEAF, allowing the team time to understand the car and realise that driving and charging it really is a piece of cake.

To find out more about Westover Nissan, contact Paul Gentle or Paul Brockwell on 01202 532100, pop into the Nissan showroom on Wallisdown Road in Bournemouth or visit [westovergroup.co.uk/nissan](http://westovergroup.co.uk/nissan).

Pictured - Paul Brockwell from Westover Nissan 'turns over' a new Nissan Leaf to new owner Jason Gault from TeamJobs!

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# An Old Tradition Revived

## *The Swanage Low Tide TT*



Postcard of the low tide race in 1895



Revised - the Swanage low tide time trial 2015

**By: Charlie The Bikemonger**

I went from a low tide dog walk to hosting a bicycle beach time trial, all within 24 hours. It was the first day of the Swanage beach dog ban being lifted, so Olive the Dog and I went down the beach to exercise our new seasonal freedom. However, it coincided with what looked like the lowest tide I have ever seen: surely we could do something with this new space? Inspired by a picture of a lady in big white frock cycling along Swanage beach in 1895, I swiftly organised a bicycle time trial for the following day.

The logistics of such a thing are very simple: I have a blanket third party liability insurance for time trial events. Beneath the mean high tide mark almost no one can stop us....

However the tide proved to be a significant issue. There is a difference between GMT, BST and UTC time, so we waited for another hour and took on a couple of pints of carbohydrates at the bar under the Mowlem theatre.

For the first time in 120 years, six local cyclists from all sorts of cycling disciplines turned up. We set off at 30 second intervals, and headed off all the way to the white rock cairn at the far end of the beach and back. The tide was not ideal and some of the braver cyclists took the gamble of going below the banjo jetty, and got very wet.

Some of the puddles concealed substantial depths and consequently there were some amusing moments. Slipstreaming is not allowed in time trialling, and anyone attempting it in this event would find themselves in a shower of sand and water flying off the other chap's wheel.

After about 12 minutes the time trial was over, leaving everyone thoroughly wet and out of breath, but in excellent spirits.

Steve Gordon (from the Dorset Rough Riders mountainbike club) won in a time of 12:40, followed by Jon Macey, Mr Bikemonger, Ian Stockley, Liz Gilmore (Bikesoup team) and Andy Chinchen (on a single speed bike).

Road cyclists, known as "roadies", use handle bar extensions when time trialling to get an aerodynamic position. These bars are called "aero bars". Now, we are not "roadies", we are "beachies" and Steve won our own beachie variation of the aero bar (see picture, right).

We will keep an eye on the tides, and no doubt do this again, and keep the long tradition of beach cycling at Swanage alive. Watch this space!



Steve and his 'aerobars'

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### What you need...

First of all you need to get started a day before you want to eat. The cooking time is also long. But this gives you time for a Sunday afternoon dog walk to the Square & Compass.

The spice rub...

A leg or shoulder of kid goat  
2 tablespoons ground cumin  
1 tablespoon paprika  
1 tablespoon ground coriander  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1/4 teaspoon clove  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne, to taste  
Half a minced fresh garlic, to taste  
Chilli is optional.

Sweet potato mash...

Boiled sweet potatoes  
A dollop of mango chutney  
A good squeeze of lime juice  
Fresh coriander leaves

Hummus....

A can of chickpeas drained. (I know a joke about chickpeas)  
A clove of minced garlic or two  
A good squeeze of lemon juice  
A dash of salt  
Olive oil, adjust the amount to get a nice consistency.

### What to do...

Mix up all the spices, and rub into the goat. Don't mess about, really work it in.

Wrap in cling film and pop in the fridge overnight.

Onto a baking tray and into a very hot oven, 220 degrees for 30 minutes. Then turn down to 150ish and cook for 4 hours covered in foil.

A slosh of red wine will do no harm.

The meat will simply fall off the bone when it is done.

Once done, allow to stand for 15 minutes before carving.

### Meanwhile....

Mash the potatoes and other ingredients to make the mash.

Blend the chickpeas and other ingredients in a blender to make the hummus.

**Serving...** I did not present this well. You can do better. Make a hill of mash, place the goat on top, and the hummus on one side. It will look great if you make the effort.

**Top tip...** don't leave a French spaniel in the same room as the leftover roast goat, and then don't leave your meal in the living room while hiding the remnants of the leftover goat. I managed to lose both the leftovers and half my meal.....

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Nigel and Joan renovated an empty National Trust property in the Square at Corfe Castle, changing it into a bakery and have fulfilled the terms of the lease making sure that 90% of their products are baked on the premises.

The bakery changed its name to Corfe Castle Village Bakery in June 2009 when Joan took over the business, allowing Nigel to spend time baking and fulfilling his Council duties.

At present the bakery employs Nigel and two trainee bakers and produces a wide range of breads and baked products.

The 'in' word at the moment is ARTISAN, but Corfe Castle Village Bakery has always produced a wide range of breads all made using traditional methods and all hand moulded as the bakery has very limited space for machinery.

Bread is produced daily and is never sold the next day unless it is reduced in price.

The bakery produces a wide range of wheat and rye based breads and have just introduced a Gluten Free loaf to compliment the 100% Rye Loaf.

After a busy summer season, preparations are now starting for Christmas. The bakery produces many specialist goods including four different types of mince-pie. Christmas cakes, Christmas logs and Christmas puddings are also produced, not forgetting several German specialities such as Stollen, because Nigel also trained in Germany.

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The winners will be announced at the Awards Evening on Tuesday 3rd November. **Live local, support local, eat local!**

# Natural Matters

## Corfe Castle

by John Garner



I've been dithering away on these columns for some time now and it occurred to me recently that you often neglect the things that are right in front of you.

For example, we become so accustomed to the sea that we take it for granted even though for those who care to holiday in Dorset it is still a massive thrill. Likewise, we all see Corfe Castle all the time on our various journeys around Purbeck.

It's pretty much impossible to miss.

However, on the occasions that I actually look up and see it from the GPS tracker on the handlebars of my bike, it's still a source of great pleasure to me.

Cresting a hill on the bike with Corfe suddenly appearing can

still take me by surprise. A glimpse of it through a gap in the hedgerows or trees as I pedal along reminds me of its imposing historical significance. You can see why it's where it is. It sits perfectly in a gap between the hills on its own little mound.

A 'corfe' is in fact a gap between hills so you can see how it got its name... especially now that there's the remains of a castle on the corfe. To clarify. No-one built the remains of the castle there. They built a castle there presumably because a place named 'The remains of Corfe Castle' has nothing like the tourist pull that 'Corfe Castle' has.

Well it's a theory. There's another theory involving explosives later in the article. When all is said and done it's there because it's such a strategically important point with commanding views of the surroundings. As a result there have been settlements there for as long as settlements have been in most places.

There are several barrows in the area that apparently date back to 6,000 BC. Very bright people have suggested that these particular ancients would have arrived from Europe on the bridge of land that used to join Purbeck to the continent.

Now wouldn't it be great if it still existed.

No more queues for the ferry. We'd probably all be speaking the same language which would negate all those linguistic inadequacies being exposed when you get off at the other end. Corfe could have been the capital of Europe. Possibly.

Some time after that came the Celts and the tribe of the Durotriges (high kings) as well as various peoples from the Middle East. Multicultural or what. This was about 1600BC.

Then the Romans had a period of patronage as they always did pretty much anywhere in Europe. Mainly using it as a trading post they brought massive cultural developments to the area. These were then ignored for 2000 years and in fact

some of the 'modern' plumbing in Corfe has not yet reached the standards achieved in Roman times.

Danes, Saxons, Normans all had a period of tenure, the Normans beginning the first real castle to be built in Corfe. The Norman influence can be seen in various chapels and churches around Purbeck. After the Normans had conquered Britain, Corfe as a castle really took on a certain significance.

During the middle ages it was a royal castle of great importance and presumably made it a pretty large target for those folk that didn't think much of royalty and were beginning to voice their opinions through the medium of high explosives.

During the civil war, an act of parliament meant that it was blown up from the inside, your Cromwellians having a bit of a penchant for blowing, or trying to blow, things up. I've been to a firework display at Corfe and it was great as fireworks often are, but I didn't really relate the significance of the event then. I do now. That is if there is a significance. Sometimes we can look too hard for the reasons for things rather than just appreciating them for what they are.

All that history and yet it stands still. Perched on its promontory as a reminder of the rich past of the area. Another reminder of its very rich past are the re-enactments that occur in and around the castle from time to time. It's not unusual to see the odd Viking or Saxon strolling around ready and willing to whack each other to death in the grounds of the castle. Scholars will be aware that the castle hadn't been built at this point, but as you'll no doubt have gleaned from previous columns, like me, the re-enactors tend not to let details interfere with their re-telling of history.

A geezer with a musket can often be seen strolling along eating a sausage roll from the bakery in readiness for a skirmish with the enemy. It all makes for a very entertaining spectacle. In fact, some are wearing spectacles which may well be another historical inaccuracy, but who's keeping count? I reckon if a big hairy bloke comes running at me with an axe in one hand and a sword in the other, I'd rather he could see that I'm not the enemy regardless of the authenticity of his eye wear.

So visit Corfe. Don't drive past. Watch a re-enactment. Go to the fireworks or just enjoy it for its many stories. Or if you're a builder, put in a quote to repair it.



# Increasing Lungworm Threat To Dogs



**A**s summer turns into autumn, vets are urging dog owners to be aware of an increased threat of lungworm.

Cooler nights and a decrease in daylight means dogs are likely to come into frequent contact with snails and slugs, which are the most common hosts of the lungworm parasite. But even keeping pets from accidentally or deliberately eating the molluscs might not help in the fight against the

spread of the disease, as Dr Huw Stacey, director of clinical services at Vets4Pets, explains.

“The risk of lungworm is gradually increasing in the UK, with examples of the disease now occurring in all counties. It was first documented in Cornwall and South Wales in 1979, and has spread rapidly, with cases now confirmed in Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England. Lungworm

is a parasite and has a life-cycle which starts and ends with snails and slugs. The lungworm larvae are found in dogs' faeces, and are eaten by molluscs, which then infect other dogs that either eat these slugs and snails or come into contact with their slime

“Symptoms of lungworm can include changes to breathing, such as coughing or running out of breath easily, weight loss and a reduced appetite. In advanced cases it can cause life threatening bleeding disorders. None of these signs are a guarantee of the presence of lungworm, so further tests would need to be carried out by a vet to diagnose the infection.”

Lungworm isn't a condition that affects only dogs. Foxes can increase the transmission of parasites in a local area, however the long distance movement of the infection is thought to be almost entirely down to pet dogs.

“Lungworm is a condition that can be treated successfully by vets, if diagnosed in time,” added Dr Stacey. “Preventative products are available and with regular use, prevention is easily achieved. You should always speak to your vet as not all worming products are effective against this parasite. There are a number of other steps that can help prevent your pet from getting lungworm.”

“These include stopping your dog putting snails or slugs in their mouth, bringing your dog's toys in from the garden at night and not throwing your dog sticks; because as well as the risk of causing injury a stick can harbour lungworm larvae if a snail or slug has been on it.

“Further information can be found at [www.vets4pets.com/lungworm](http://www.vets4pets.com/lungworm).”

## Remember To Get Microchipping!

**O**wners of almost two million dogs are advised that they have less than six months to microchip their pets. From 6th April 2016 it will be compulsory for all dogs aged eight weeks and over in England and Scotland to be microchipped; it is already law in Northern Ireland, and Wales is due to introduce the legislation in the near future.

Current figures suggest 80 per cent of dogs are currently microchipped, but it still leaves approximately 1.8 million pet dogs needing to be microchipped in the next ten months.

The microchip, which is the size of a grain of rice, will need to be officially registered with an approved microchip database, which will hold it along with up-to-date information about the dog and its owner's contact details.

Huw Stacey, director of clinical services at Vets4Pets, said: “We think National Microchip Month is an ideal time to provide dog owners with an early advisory notice of an important date for pet owners' diary in 2016 – compulsory microchipping of dogs.

“All dog owners and breeders must keep these details up-to-date and only dogs that are deemed unfit by a qualified vet are exempt from having a microchip implanted.

“A sterile microchip is inserted painlessly under the skin between the dog's shoulder blades and takes seconds to complete, meaning a dog can be in and out of a practice within a few minutes. A microchip is designed to last the lifetime of a dog.

“Microchips offer a quick, effective and permanent way of making sure your pet is always identifiable and that you can be contacted in the event of them being lost and subsequently found. Dog rescue centres, dog wardens and vets scan every stray or unidentified dog that is presented to them. An owner's details are kept on a central computer, resulting in a quick and happy reunion should a dog become lost. “But owners must make sure that if they change their telephone number or move house that these details are updated on the central database; details of how to do this will be sent with the registration certificate.”

Microchipping is not restricted to dogs. Only 50 per cent of cats (four million) are microchipped compared to 80 per cent of dogs.

Dr Stacey added: “If all owners microchip their pets it will make reuniting lost pets and their owners a much easier process.

“But for the time being it's important that dog owners are aware of the new legislation and have enough time to microchip their pet.

“If your dog is already microchipped and you have lost or forgotten the details or database where the information is stored, visit [www.vets4pets.com/thevetreport/#28](http://www.vets4pets.com/thevetreport/#28) to find out how to retrieve them.”

## Swanage Garden Society

**Wed 18th November**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**(followed by cheese and wine)**

**Herston Hall, Swanage  
7.30pm All welcome!**

*The Village that Died. By Roy W. Jenkins*

A woodpecker sits up in the tree

Where the village used to be

All the villagers were asked to move

To help the military to improve

Tyneham Village on the Dorset coast

Was left to nature to do its upmost

No more children in the school

All uprooted by military rule.

No more smoke from chimneys tall

All deserted by one and all

God's house left empty for all to see

But well preserved for the lost community.

Tyneham opens today for visitors to gaze

How life was in those far off days

Look at the buildings left behind

They paint a picture to remind

How sad the rule of the land

Could destroy a village with one swipe of the hand

Oblivious to what used to be

The woodpecker taps away merrily

# The Hardy Way by Margaret Marande

By the end of October the waymarking of the new Hardy Way will be complete. Distinctive green and white HW discs will pepper a two hundred and twenty mile trail through the beautiful countryside of Dorset and a tiny part of Wiltshire. The stretch of the walk on the Isle of Purbeck is certainly one of the most outstanding sections.

How did the path evolve? Back in the 1990s, when Margaret Marande retired from a working life in mainstream and prison education, she decided to indulge her twin passions: reading the novels and poems of Thomas Hardy and walking. It didn't take long for the idea of a long-distance literary footpath to evolve.

How to start? It was crucial to read everything that Hardy had written. It took quite a while to list the names of all the fictional places that had been identified as based on actual locations. This ranged from the very well-known such as Casterbridge/Dorchester to the more obscure - Little Hintock/Melbury Bubb (The Woodlanders). Even then there was always a question mark over exactitude. The word 'probably' was key.

The next thing was to plan a route that linked the places most economically distance-wise on public rights of way. Over two hundred and twenty miles! Of course it is possible to break this up into sections but the walk is entitled The Hardy Way - A 19th-Century Pilgrimage. Pilgrimages are usually long and quite arduous so in its purest form the Hardy Way is a long distance path. Also pilgrimages usually end in a holy place, which is why the route begins at Hardy's birthplace and ends in the quiet country churchyard nearby where his heart is buried.

Next came the field work. Actually getting out there with Ordnance Survey maps walking the route and discovering the places that Hardy described so evocatively. In spite of 'progress' there are many locations that remain almost unchanged.

The persistent hum of traffic recedes to be replaced by a silence that evokes, for example, the bleak uplands of West Dorset where Tess (in Tess of the d'Urbervilles) worked in bitter weather grubbing turnips at Flintcomb Ash farm - Church Hill above Plush, near Buckland Newton. On Purbeck Corfe Castle and Wareham are the backdrop for one of Hardy's less well-known novels, The Hand of Ethelberta.

Hardy lived in Swanage for a while. Of course quite often the route hits the twenty first century.

On the two magnificent Jurassic coastal stretches from Lulworth Cove,

which Hardy visited by paddle steamer in 1868, to Kimmeridge Bay and from West Bay to Weymouth via the Isle of Portland - Trumpet-Major country - things are very different, with little pretence of solitude but because the coast is so beautiful it doesn't seem to matter. Hardy describes the gaiety of Weymouth when George III visited every summer and drilled his troops on the Ridgeway above the town as a Napoleonic deterrent; the figure of the King on his horse is still clearly engraved in the chalk above Sutton Poyntz to prove the point.

The next stage was to 'write it up' linking the route to historical fact and to fictional description and extracts. An unusual pagination device helped: the left-hand literary pages to read consecutively; similarly the right-hand route directions and factual information - the whole to tally as closely as possible. This was very difficult to achieve but makes the book user friendly. After the publication of the book Dorset County Council decided that they would like to adopt the path and to waymark it. Local accommodations have hugely supported it and a great many of them have copies of the book for their guests to enjoy.

The Thomas Hardy Society, Tourist Information Centres and Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre - a new venture- have also been very supportive in promoting the book. The aim is to contribute to the local economy as well as to create more interest in all things Hardy. There has been favourable feedback from walkers some of whom have stated that walking the route has made them want to revisit Hardy.

**The Hardy Way - A 19th-Century Pilgrimage by Margaret Marande**  
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## Award For Council Technology Park

Purbeck District Council has won an award in the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Small Business Friendly Award programme.

The FSB awarded the Council with a High Commended award for its work to revitalise and secure confidence in the Dorset Green Technology Park, near Wool.

Following news in 2014 that the site's owners had gone into liquidation, the District Council swiftly pledged to reinvigorate the site by committing to invest £927,000 of its own funding, matched by equivalent funding from Dorset County Council and £600,000 of government investment support through the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership.

Councillor Gary Suttle, Leader of Purbeck District Council, said: "We are delighted that the FSB has recognised the District Council's commitment to this site.

"When the site owners went into receivership, the District Council took decisive action to save the site from total collapse. Our commitment to invest in Dorset Green has restored confidence to the existing companies on the site, including a world-class advanced engineering company which has just announced its own ambitious business expansion plans."

Councillor Suttle continued: "Public and private investment secures the future of the site for high quality employment use, as well as addressing the expressed demand for modern fit for purpose small workspace. Jointly we have secured the future of 400 existing and 100 new jobs."

Neil Eames, Development Manager for the FSB said: "Our FSB Small Business Friendly Awards aim to recognise, and publicly acknowledge, the significant work undertaken by local authorities, in supporting the micro and small business community.

"Small businesses are vital to the local economy, and council support is essential. We are delighted to acknowledge Purbeck District Council for their work with the Dorset Green Technology Park, which will provide modern functional workspace for small businesses, and opportunities and an environment in which new businesses can be supported to prosper and grow.

"It is very encouraging to see local councils help stimulate and provide an impetus to the British economy through small businesses."

The District and County Councils will acquire 6.2 hectares of open land at the site and will shortly commence building 20 small workspace units (totalling 1800 sq metres).

The Council is seeking government funding for further innovation facilities on the site and has just submitted an application for Enterprise Zone status for the site which will unlock further economic potential.

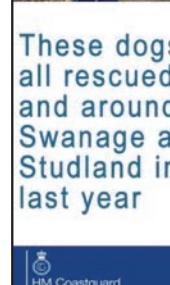
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# DURLSTON

## COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



### Bash, Bake, Burn and Do Your Bit for Wildlife

Durlston's grassland is some of the most important in Britain, supporting 9 species of orchid and plants like Early English Gentian, for which the Purbeck Coast is one of the most important areas in the world.

You can help keep it special, by coming along on Saturday 7th November at 10.00am to help clear Blackthorn scrub and burn it on a bonfire, followed by a bonfire-cooked Jacket Potato! To take part, give us a ring, or drop us an email.

### 'Durlston Past': Exhibition

A year or two ago, 'Gazette' readers helped create a superb exhibition covering Durlston's 20th Century history, through their photographs, recollections, letters and documents.

If you didn't get to see it last time, it will return to the Fine Foundation Gallery between the 4th and 27th November, when you will be able to discover how Durlston and the Castle have changed from Victorian tourist attraction, to wartime army base, silver service restaurant, pub, to its restoration and re-opening in 2011.

If anyone has any new photos, stories or objects we could copy, or borrow, we can add them in.

### Live Jazz: The FB Pocket Orchestra

The FB Pocket Orchestra will be returning to Durlston with their unique foot-tapping blend of Hot Jazz, Blues

and Ragtime from the 1920s and '30s, which will make you wish you had been born 100 years earlier!

They will be performing in the Fine Foundation Gallery on Sunday 29th November at 7.30pm and tickets are £8 parking is included on advance sales.

### Mindfulness Walk

Our programme of popular Mindfulness Walks, led by 'Mindful Nurse' Nikki Harman continues this month, with a relaxing, meditative stroll through the woodland, learning some simple mindfulness techniques along the way and starts at 10.30am at the Learning Centre on Sunday 8th November at 10.30am - advance booking essential.

### Autumn Birds

Although most summer visitors have left us (with October featuring sightings of a rare Yellow-browed Warbler), migration is still a key feature of Durlston's birdlife: finches, buntings, larks, pipits and thrushes can be seen, flying over the Downs on their way south. Redwings and Fieldfares may begin to be particularly noticeable around the Gully, feeding on the rich harvest of haws.

Twittering flocks of Goldfinches and Linnets glean seeds from the fields and noisy flocks of Long-tailed Tits are a frequent sight. Look out for Merlin, our smallest bird of prey, and the magnificent Short-eared Owl, which often hunts in daylight.



## Margaret Green Animal Rescue

**Join us on Sunday 6th December  
for Festive Fun!**

**Christmas at Church Knowle  
Sunday 6th December, 2pm - 4pm**

Visit our centre in Church Knowle for an afternoon of festive fun on Sunday 6th December!

From carols to festive arts and crafts and of course plenty of mince pies to go around, there really is something for everyone. Dogs are welcome on leads at this free event and visitors will also be treated to a delightful display from our rescued donkeys Sid and Jake, and other equines.

Our Christmas event will be our last big event of the year and we would like to make it as big as possible to end our 50th year at Church Knowle on a high.

If you are coming along, why not bring a Christmas gift or shoe box filled with goodies for one of our animals, or perhaps bring some cakes or festive treats for our bake sale.

Our Christmas at Church Knowle event is on Sunday 6th December, between 2pm and 4pm.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, bringing along a stall or would simply like some more information, please contact Lucy on 01929 477070 or email [marketing@margaretggreenanimalrescue.org.uk](mailto:marketing@margaretggreenanimalrescue.org.uk)



  
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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack

### Healthy Soils leads to healthy plants

The top four inches of your soil should be teeming with life and if you treat it right, you will be rewarded with stronger, healthier plants and more flowers.

The best way to achieve a healthy soil is to add a generous amount of compost or other source of bulky organic matter to the soil surface at least once per year and now is the time to do just that.

Adding a two to four inch surface dressing to the soil (mulching) before winter helps to:

- Insulate the soil against cold weather and therefore protect overwintering plants.
- Encourage beneficial bacteria and Mycorrhizal fungi which recycle nutrients for the plants to use and helps protect plants against attack from pathogens.
- Improve drainage and soil aeration on heavy clay soils.
- Retain water and nutrients on sandy and silt soils.
- Reduce annual weed germination and make subsequent weeding easier



With all these benefits it is no wonder plants perform better.

The best way to treat your borders is to first do your autumn tidy by cutting back summer growth of perennials, clean up any leaves and weeds, carry out any autumn divisions and plant your bulbs.

Then start by spreading your own compost (as long as it is free of weeds such as couch and bind weed) on the cleaned soil.

When you run out of your own you can supplement using one or other of the following:

- Well-rotted horse or farmyard manure
- Recycled garden waste compost such as Eco Tree and Shrub or Eco Mix compost
- Well composted leaf mould
- Spent mushroom compost (do not use on acid loving plants such as Azaleas)

Holme for Gardens are running some great offers to help with your autumn mulching.

### November Tasks

Net your pond to keep the leaves out.

Regularly clean up leaves from your lawn to prevent disease.

Transplant shrubs now if you need to move them.

Take hardwood cuttings from deciduous shrubs such as Buddleia, Weigela, Deutzia etc

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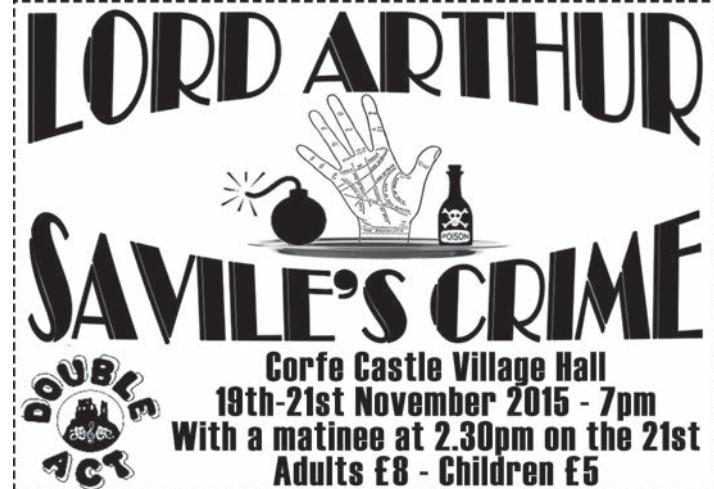
Above: A mulch has many benefits and it looks good too.

Below: Freshly mulched border



# Arts & Entertainment

## Lord Arthur's Savile's Crime



**D**ouble Act's November 2015 production is an Oscar Wilde story dramatized by Constance Cox. "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime". It tells of a hapless Lord, duped by a cheiromantist, bullied by a prospective mother-in-law and driven to distraction by a "helpful anarchist" (humanitarian branch). The twists and turns of the plot will have your eyes swivelling.

The dates of shows are on November 19th, 20th and 21st at 7.30pm, with a matinee at 2.30pm on the 21st November. The performances will take place in Corfe Castle Village Hall. Tickets are available on 01929 480323 or from Corfe Castle Village Stores, priced at: adults £8, children £5. OAPs £7 (Sat matinee only).

## Local 'Joint Act' Raising Funds

**L**ocal 'joint act' Ball & Socket will be in concert in Wareham on Wednesday 11th November helping to raise much needed funding for the redevelopment of the Wareham library garden.

Purbeck-based Ball and Socket have been entertaining erudite audiences for nearly thirty years. They have been described (amongst other things!) as a Flanders and Swann Tribute Band; they comprise two chaps who sing with a keyboard or two, performing some well-known and some less well-known songs by Flanders and Swann, as well as songs from a variety of other sources.

The audience can look forward to a programme that offers a varied and humorous evening with attempts at local and topical relevance, updating words as appropriate, including some opportunities to join in.

The Wareham & District Development Trust have been given the task of completely redeveloping the walled garden to the rear of Wareham library and making it into a more useable community space, but will need to raise £40,000.00 to do so.

It is hoped that the Ball & Socket concert will raise between £400-£500 to go into the 'pot'. The concert takes place on Wednesday 11th November, Wareham Parish Hall on the Quay.

Doors open at 7pm, the entertainment begins at 7.30pm, tickets are only £3 each from the Discover Purbeck Information Centre within Wareham Library, and the whole evening has been kindly sponsored by Holme For Gardens.

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# Gold Award Celebration For Swanage's Rollo

**S**wanage is about to see the decoration of one of its very special citizens, Rollo Woods, with the honour of the Gold Badge of the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

This is only given to people who have made a significant difference to the world of English Folk Music and Dance, such as Cecil Sharp, Ralph Vaughan Williams and, of course, The Yetties! A fitting end Rollo's busy 90th year!

Rollo was introduced to Folk Music at the age of ten when he played the country dance tune 'Rufy Tufty' on a bamboo pipe for a family dance. By the age of twelve, he was attending country dancing lessons with a group of middle aged ladies. Brave indeed!

Rollo became a librarian, and used his skills in researching Folk music and the Church music that Thomas Hardy describes so entertainingly in 'Under the Greenwood Tree'. He was an instigator of the West Gallery Music Association, and is the Researcher and Band Leader for 'The Purbeck Village Quire', who perform in appropriate village costume, and are to be found singing in churches and village halls in the area, including at The Swanage Folk Festival.

Another of Rollo's strengths was that of band leader for Barn Dances. He started 'The Black Glove Band' in the early 60s when everybody danced to records, and, for several years, ran evening classes in Southampton, entitled 'Playing in a Folk Band'.

When he moved to Swanage he formed 'The Greenwood Tree' band, then, when his lead piano accordionist was about to leave the area, he formed a new band, 'Maiden Oak' at the age of 88.

It is impossible to cover all the different aspects of Rollo's impact on the Folk World. He has produced many well used publications on children's band music, psalms, songs, hymns and tunes found in obscure manuscripts just waiting to be played and sung.

Many people are delighted that this humble man who so often takes a back seat is being honoured so deservedly. The Presentation of the Gold Award will take place at Swanage Free School, on Saturday November 28th, at an event that will reflect two of Rollo's current interests, West Gallery Music and English Folk Dance.

The Purbeck Village Quire, and Maiden Oak Band would welcome anyone who would like to join them in an afternoon of singing West Gallery Carols,



starting at 1.30pm followed by tea.

The presentation of the medal will take place at 5pm, and will be made by a friend and colleague of Rollo's, Jack Crawford, a former Director and Trustee of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, and Chairman of the West Gallery Music Association.

This will then be followed by a Barn Dance, with music provided by the Maiden Oak Band, who will be joined by friends and members of Rollo's family.

**Anyone wishing to join the celebrations is asked to contact Chris Pullen 01929 423505 or [pullenswanage@gmail.com](mailto:pullenswanage@gmail.com) to help with numbers for catering.**

## Writer? How To Publish - Made Simple

**I**f you've written a business book there are many ways to publish it; looking for a traditional publisher, working with an independent or going it alone.

According to Sue Richardson of SRA Books in order to decide on the best publishing route, you first need to understand what you want to achieve. For example, if you want to sell copies at the back of the room, it can be expensive to buy them from a traditional publisher. On the other hand if it's vital that your book appears in airport bookshops then self-publishing is not going to work. It all comes down to creating the perfect publishing plan to meet your specific objectives.

Richardson looks at the three main publishing options and explains how to choose between them:

**Traditional publishing:** If your book is accepted the publisher will publish, market and sell it. You sign a contract handing over rights to the content in the book and accepting their royalties agreement. The publisher usually provides an editor and does all the production work – design, copy editing, typesetting, proofreading, printing, ebook creation, etc. The publisher is also responsible for distribution to Amazon and bookstores. They may also offer the rights for foreign language editions.

Financing is undertaken mostly by the publisher. Returns to the author are relatively low – around 8-10% of net sales. For example, with an RRP of £10 you will get around 35-50p for each book sold. You can usually buy copies at a discount, which you can sell to create a small revenue.

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**Choosing an independent publishing services company:** If you like the idea of the independence of self-publishing but don't have the time or project management skills, then it's worth looking at working with a company which specialises in helping people publish independently.

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By understanding the three different options, and how they fit into the strategy for your book, you can make an informed choice about the best publishing route for your manuscript.

# Health & Beauty

## Traditional Acupuncture In Purbeck



I have just returned from speaking at a Conference in China about the transmission of acupuncture to the West. China is the birthplace of acupuncture, with classics detailing its practice dating from 3rd century BC. Its value as a therapy is now recognised throughout the world. I was trained by one of the early pioneers in the UK, JR Worsley, and have practiced since 1979.

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My interest in serving people draws upon the ways classical acupuncture recognised the interaction of body, mind and emotions, which transcends a division often found in modern medicine.

I am a member of the largest professional organisation of acupuncture practitioners in the UK, the British Acupuncture Council. Their website [www.acupuncture.org.uk](http://www.acupuncture.org.uk) has details of acupuncture's effectiveness in many conditions.

I am also skilled in the gentle non-manipulative bodywork called Zero Balancing and trained with its founder Dr Fritz Smith since 1983. See [www.zerobalancinguk.org](http://www.zerobalancinguk.org) for more information.

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



A wonderful opportunity has arisen for the local people of Swanage.

From September Swanage Hospital is able to offer an endoscopy procedure that is recommended by the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

This is a one off test for all 55 year olds who are resident in England and registered with a GP practice that is linked to a Screening Centre site that is offering the service of Bowel Scope Screening.

These people are eligible to receive a one off invitation to attend for a bowel scope screening test (flexible sigmoidoscopy) at a specified time, date and location. This procedure involves looking at the lower part

of the large bowel to check for any abnormalities and the aim is for the prevention and health awareness of bowel cancer.

All eligible people will be sent an invitation to attend for a test. If you have not received an invite and would like to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity you may be able to self-refer into the programme subject to fulfilling certain criteria.

You must be aged 55-60, registered with a GP practice currently linked to Swanage Hospital, have no previous bowel scope screening episode within the programme and not be on surveillance as a result of symptomatic endoscopy. To self-refer please contact the Guildford Hub on 0800 707 6060.

Specialist Screening Practitioner nurses from the Dorset Bowel Cancer Screening Programme team based at Poole Hospital will be joining the experienced nursing team at Swanage every two weeks to provide a list. After you have accepted the initial invitation you will be sent more information and the necessary preparation needed for the test.

If you are aged 60 – 74 years old then you will be included in the current Bowel Cancer Screening Programme where you are sent a home testing kit every 2 years. Please take advantage of these opportunities to assess the health of your bowel.

Until next time, take care, Matron Donna



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# Sport



## Row Me A River...

### Swanage Sea Rowing Club

Swanage crews took part in two iconic river rowing events this autumn – in Paris and London. Both were very different, but equally unforgettable.

For sheer romance, how can you beat rowing down the Seine into the heart of Paris? This was exactly what eight SSRC members did when they joined the Traversée de Paris, an eighteen mile gentle row involving more than 200 boats. It started in the early hours, but as the sun rose in a cloudless sky, the rowers could admire the beautiful scenery and elegant buildings. The highlight was a spectacular view up to the Eiffel Tower. The Swanage crew had been invited to join the event by a French rowing club from Poissy, near Paris. SSRC is hoping to invite them to row over here in 2016. In contrast, the Great River Race was all about pump and grind. This spectacular race spanned over twenty one miles along the Thames from the London Docklands to Richmond. It involved more than 300 rowing boats and 2,000 competitors. The Swanage crew on Winspit was made up

of six oarswomen, one cox and one passenger. Clad in fancy dress, they were cheered along by crowds of people lining the banks.

The course passed the bridges of Tower Bridge, Westminster, Lambeth, Battersea, Wandsworth, Putney, Hammersmith, Chiswick and Kew before the sound of the cannon at Richmond Bridge marked the end of the race. Our crew completed the race in just over three hours, leaving them exhilarated and exhausted! The day ended with a spectacular riverside party at Ham – although some rowers struggled to lift their pints with such blistered hands!

If you want to give rowing a try, why not come along to one of our open sessions? The Tuesday evenings have finished for the winter but, weather permitting, you can come out on Saturday mornings (10.30am to 12.30pm), starting from the stone quay. It costs £2 for a short row (about 20 minutes), and there's no need to book.

For more details go to [www.ssrc.org.uk](http://www.ssrc.org.uk) or phone Gill Jennings on 01929 424144.



## Become an Allstar!

Purbeck Allstars FC is a brand new football club for Purbeck, with two age groups for this season (under 12s & under 14s). We play our games on a Saturday (so not to interfere with your Sunday league club) in the Nerf Junior Premier League.

Matches are played to a high standard over four periods with all players getting at least 50% of the game. Playing at top quality venues, our players receive hospitality post-match so increasing the social aspect to a player's development.

All our coaches are UEFA B qualified and have worked at academy level. We are based at the Purbeck Sports Centre in Wareham, where we train and play our home fixtures.

For further information, contact Jamie Smith [jl.smith1976@btinternet.com](mailto:jl.smith1976@btinternet.com)  
Follow us on Twitter @AllstarsPurbeck or at our Facebook page Purbeck Allstars FC.

# Race To Recovery At Bovington Army Camp

Bovington Army Camp recently played host to the British Cross Country Championship (BCCC), an off road 4x4 racing event. Competing at Bovington, thanks to support from Westover Land Rover, were the Race to Recovery (R2R) team – the only British motorsport team made up of combat injured ex-servicemen and women, as well as civilian amputees.

R2R is an organisation which gives injured people and amputees the opportunity to take part in motor racing, competing against able bodied teams. It aims to inspire and educate the global community about overcoming adversity, as well as encourage donations to military charities such as Help for Heroes.

At the wheel of the R2R race machine – a 2.5 litre V6 Land Rover Freelander – was Grant White, with Yanto Evans as co-driver. Grant is an ex Royal Marine, while Yanto served in the Parachute Regiment, and both are right leg below-knee amputees. “Last year’s Bovington BCCC race was the first one that Yanto and I had competed in together but we’ve now got several under our belt,” says Grant White, R2R’s managing director. “We were the first amputee pairing to finish an off-road rally and we’ve subsequently broken other records too. We came third at Bovington this year but we were only a few seconds off second place so we are hopeful that our team will do even better in the future.

“I’m stepping down as driver to focus on a team management role, so we’re on the hunt for new drivers. We are always looking for people to join our support team too, so anyone who’s interested should get in touch. We are hoping to race two cars next season so that more injured people will have an opportunity to get involved in motor sport – and in competing against able bodied drivers. We’re revving up to start the recruitment process!

“The team wouldn’t be able to compete in events like this if it wasn’t for



our sponsors so we are very grateful to companies like Westover Land Rover who get behind us and offer both practical and financial assistance. Westover, who were sponsoring us for the second year running, also brought an additional Land Rover and two Jaguars down to the track on the day, which were a great centrepiece and made us all think it was time to update our own vehicles!”

The R2R team drive two Land Rover Freelanders, as well as three Bowler Wildcats (which use components from the Land Rover Defender). To find out more about R2R, go to [race2recovery.com](http://race2recovery.com).

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## Wareham Cricket Club's Under 10 Success!



Wareham Cricket Club's Under 10 team recently finished as runners up in the South and East Dorset Cup Final at Dean Park. Well done to the whole team! Best wishes, Bob Huskinson, Chairman

## Swanage Bowlers

The Indian summer weather at the end of September enabled Swanage bowlers to make the most of the last days of what proved to be a hugely enjoyable and successful 2015 season and there were plenty of bowlers taking advantage of the late-summer sunshine and warmth in the social roll-ups until the green closed. In the bleak winter months the ladies can reflect on their great achievement of reaching the final of the Edna Paisley Trophy and the men on their promotion in the B&D League.

The last match of the season against Sidmouth Bowls Club was a splendid social occasion and fifty six bowlers on seven rinks enjoyed a final opportunity of competitive bowling. Swanage rounded off their season with a convincing victory over Sidmouth followed by post-match drinks and fish & chips for a very satisfying finale.

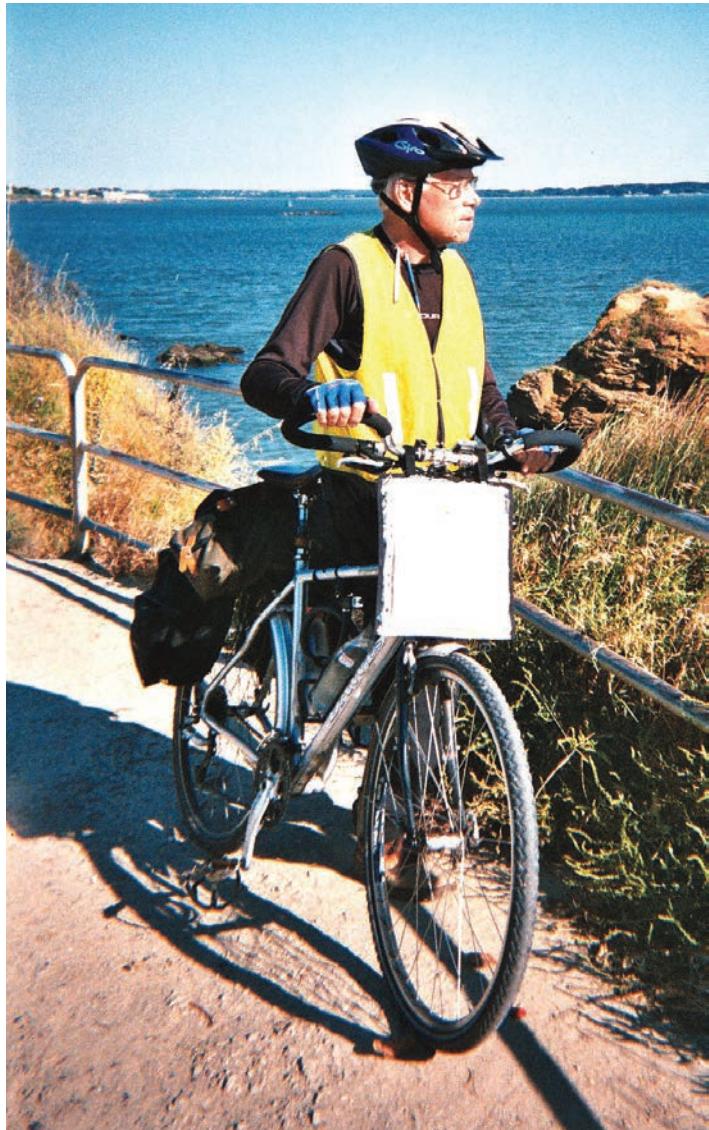
A large group of Swanage bowlers went to Devon for a few days in late September. Whilst the food at the hotel where they were based (The

Devonshire Hotel at Torquay) left a lot to be desired, this was more than compensated by the glorious weather and three pleasurable matches in Torquay, Babbacombe and Paignton, the latter providing the bonus of a magnificent cream tea. All three matches were lost although Swanage did manage to win a few rinks.

President Barrie Tatman hasn't stopped raving and salivating over the superb fare served up at the Men's end-of-season 'Captain's Dinner' at The Village Inn at Ulwell, while the Ladies held their thrash at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. Next up for the outdoor bowlers is an autumn game at Cowplain Bowls Club near Portsmouth to try out their outdoor synthetic bowling surface. Then comes the club's Annual Luncheon and Trophy Presentation at the Pines Hotel on 20th November with the AGM the following day at 10.30 in the pavilion.

In the meantime, the winter season has begun for Swanage indoor bowlers who bowl under the name of the Isle of Purbeck Bowls Club based at the 3-rink green at the Bay View Holiday complex with the usual leagues and competitions. Anyone interested in bowling indoors in Swanage this winter can contact Terry Buck on 426378 for details.

# 81-Year-Old Wareham Man Cycles Around Wales For Charity



You would think that at the ripe age of 81 most of us would be taking life a little easier but not so for Wareham Resident and keen cyclist, Graham Baynes (pictured, above), who has just successfully completed cycling 475 miles around Wales to raise money for his favourite charity, Kids for Kids.

Kids for Kids is the charity set up to help save the children the world has forgotten, children in Darfur, Sudan.

For his 80th Birthday, Graham treated himself to a cycle from Dorset to Edinburgh and raised over £3000 for Kids for Kids.

We wonder where his 82nd birthday will take him next year!

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# New Captains On The Ball



With friends, family and fellow golf members present, the new Golf Captains at The Dorset Golf and Country Club started their annual captaincy with the traditional Drive-in.

Tim Morris, as the new Club Captain, stepped onto the blue tee on the first hole facing a difficult head wind and struck his drive into the distance. Joining him for the Drive-in was the new Lady Captain, Pauline Henson, who hit a sweet shot straight up the middle of the fairway.

Senior Captain, Tony Eley, hit a great shot but couldn't out drive Callum Ward, the Junior Captain, who showed the watching crowd how it should be done with a drive of 268 yards.

The traditional drive-in raises money for the Captains' chosen charity, with members guessing what the total yardage would be. This year the new quartet amassed a commendable total of 911 yards in challenging conditions.

Tim commented: "Our charity this year is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. It is a particularly good year to help the Air Ambulance as, towards the end of 2016, they are taking delivery of a new helicopter. It is more spacious than the old helicopter, will accommodate two patients and will be equipped with the latest technology. Our fundraising activities will have the specific goal of assisting with the purchase of ultrasound scanning equipment and the generosity of our members for the Drive-in today means that we are off to a great start."

## Swanage Tennis Club Update

The winter season has now commenced and has seen the newly promoted Mixed 2 team in action against a very competitive Corfe Mullen team. Sue Tindale/Jamie McDonald (1st pair) made a confident start, winning their first match 6:3, 6:2 and continued to dominate play in the first set of their second match.

But the Corfe Mullen second pair proved a tricky combination, slicing and dropping balls short. This, as well as a lull in momentum from Swanage resulted in losing the second set. A match tie-break was closely fought Swanage regained their grip on the match and claimed a win 6-4 4-6 1-0. Meanwhile Helen and Bob were also finding the Corfe Mullen's second team a difficult one to cope with. The Swanage pair gave their opposition a good game in the first set but let their opponents run away with it in the second, losing 6:4, 6:0.

Bob and Helen found themselves down a set 2:6 in their second match but found form in the second, almost forcing a tie-break.

With two matches a piece the result was always going to be a close one. Corfe Mullen gained a win of five sets to four.

The club has also had its annual championships over the past few weeks. Jo Kiddell held on to her title of Ladies Singles Champion after a very close battle with Deborah Miller.

Mike Muir claimed the Men's Singles, Meg Mutter and Paul Marchant (Mixed), Margaret Doherty and Deborah Miller (Ladies Doubles) and Jeff Veale and Ian Marchant (Men's Doubles).

# Purbeck Marathon 'Best Ever'



In its four years The Purbeck Marathon has improved every year and there is little doubt that the 2015 event was the best ever and it is certainly more than just a Marathon. The weather was almost ideal, a sunny day but with a light breeze to keep the runners cool. However, the rain of recent days meant that conditions were muddy underfoot in some places.

The winner of The Purbeck Marathon 2015 was Pete Roper from Poole AC in 3.18 followed by Gavin Pritchard in 3.27 and Scott Parfitt of Lytchett Manor Striders in 3.28. The women's race was won by Jess Gray of Watford Joggers in 3.51, followed by Jennifer Ansell of East London Runners in 3.57 and Liz Goldsack in 4.11. The first local male was Kevin Watson and the first local female was Amy Grobbelaar. There were 299 finishers in the Marathon.

For 2015, the main Marathon was joined by The Purbeck 16, a shorter but no less challenging race. The men's race was won by Chris Stockdale of Southville Running Club in 2.03 closely followed by Tomasz Mietki just 17 seconds slower and Sev Roberts of Stubbington Green Runners in 2.06. The women's event was won by Olympic athlete Liz Yelling of Bedford & County in 2.16 followed by Helen Johnson of Bracknell Forest Runners in 2.36 and Paula Wright of Lytchett Striders in 2.37. The first local male was Tomasz Mietki and the first local female was Liz Yelling. There were 132 finishers in The Purbeck 16.

There was a great atmosphere at the finish area on Sandpit Field with plenty of runners and supporters staying long after the race for the presentations and to take in the wonderful atmosphere. As well as enjoying a beautiful day they were treated to great views of the historic paddle steamer Waverley arriving in Swanage.

Comments made by runners mentioned the beautiful scenery that made even such a difficult run a real pleasure. The 100+ volunteers around the course were far more important than just marking the route. Tired runners always appreciate encouragement and the support of the marshals is crucial to the runners' performance and the success of the event.

Martin Payne, Race Director for The Purbeck Marathon, noted how the

event had grown: "The Purbeck Marathon has improved each year and the addition of The Purbeck 16 has enabled more runners to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Purbeck. Many of the runners have completed the race several times and look forward to coming back. The runners have consistently praised the beauty and challenging nature of the course as well as the encouragement of the marshals around the course, many of whom are in position for several hours."

The Purbeck Marathon 2016 and The Purbeck 16 2016 will take place on Sunday 18 September 2016. Entries should be open towards the end of October 2015.

This marathon is a community event, put on by volunteers in order to share our favourite runs with you and to raise much needed funds for local charities and good causes. In 2014, we were able to donate £6,000 to these causes, a 50% increase on 2013. For 2015, volunteers have a direct say on how our funds are distributed to good causes. We will announce how much we have been able to distribute to local charities and good causes as soon as we have the final figures.



Above: part of the stunning route on race day, by Tim Crabb



Above and right, images by Martin Payne.



# Swanage Football Club



Recently we entertained Corsham Town from the higher Wessex League in the 2nd qualifying round of The FA Vase.

This really is one the highlights of our season and it was so nice to see so many supporters at Day's Park.

For this game we were really grateful that our

old programme editor Gareth Davies had agreed to produce a special edition FA Vase programme. Since producing "The Swan" a couple of seasons ago Gareth now has a significant role inputting into the AFC Bournemouth match day programme and therefore does not have the time to produce a match day programme for us. We are hoping though that committee member John Condie will be able to step up and produce a programme on a regular basis so watch this space.

Corsham started the game in confident fashion, they came with a game plan and caught the Swans cold with their pace early on, especially down their left side and George Sparrow was booked inside the first ten minutes. Not long after the booking Swans gave away a free kick on the edge of their box only for it to be deflected into the net leaving Swans keeper, Nick Taylor with no chance.

0-1 Swans heads didn't go down and on eleven minutes Chris Woods drove a great cross to the back post to find Richie Best heading in under pressure. 1-1 After getting back on level terms Swans found themselves behind again after a lofted ball into their box was headed on into the corner 1-2. After seventeen minutes Swans found themselves on the end of a controversial penalty, Landon Arthur was adjudged to have fouled the Corsham no. 9 and he stepped up to convert the penalty 1-3.

On thirty one minutes Stratford went down with a pulled hamstring, this left Swans managerial duo with a forced change and in Jack

Watson they had an ideal replacement. Although 1-3 down Swans still believed in themselves and went close on a couple of occasions before Ricky King finished off a great move by calmly slotting the ball in the corner 2-3. Swans thoroughly deserved this goal which gave them great confidence going into half time. H.T. Swans 2-3 Corsham.

Buoyant Swans started the second half as they ended the first, on top. Two great chances from Chris Woods and Ricky King in the first fifteen minutes after the restart added to the home side's confidence. They were now in total control, it only seemed a matter of time before Swans drew level. It took Corsham midway through the second half to trouble Nick Taylor in the Swans goal.

On seventy minutes Swans got their just rewards when Jack Watson got to the byline and pulled a dangerous cross into the Corsham six yard box for Jacob Harrop to volley home 3-3. For the remainder of the game Swans were the team in the ascendancy and were unlucky on numerous occasions not to get the all important winner. Then with only seconds left and to everyone's dismay, excluding everyone from Corsham, a long lofted ball bounced into our box, Swans keeper jumped and caught the ball first then collided with the Corsham forward. The linesman then frantically flagged, calling the referee over, he then booked Nick Taylor and pointed to the spot awarding a penalty to Corsham! The penalty was converted leaving us all dismayed at the referee's decision. With only a few minutes remaining the team still had another attack in them and Jack Watson was unlucky not to level as his thunderous shot from ten yards struck the Corsham crossbar.

This definitely was not our day but the whole team played out of their skins and did themselves proud and although we lost the game, there are so many positives to take from it and Tim and Tony can only build from this game.

We are in the process of trying to set up a women's team, so if any aspiring players would like to join ,training is every Sunday 4:30 - 6:00 at the club ,please contact Hannah Dyke 07739 683345 .This would be great for us to achieve as we have three girls teams at present and having a women's team at the Club would give the girls somewhere to carry on playing their football. **Come On You Swans!**

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# Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club



Swans commenced their September league season with possibly their worst start to the year by facing the top four clubs in the table on consecutive Saturdays.

They started with a home game against Trowcestrians, who narrowly missed promotion to the National leagues last season. It was a learning experience for the Swans team who were shown how to play the game at this higher level. The only score Swans got was a penalty goal by Matt Stevens as they went down by 3pts - 59pts to Trowcestrians.

The following week, 12th September, Swans travelled to second in the league, Maidenhead, and put in a much improved performance. Playing for the first time on an artificial astro-turf surface, Swans took time to adjust to the bounce of the ball, with Maidenhead going into a 24pts - nil half time lead.

However, Swans did better in the second half, for after two minutes Swans winger Lewis Price went over the try line. Although the home side added another try, Swans replied as winger Callum Young scored Swans second try.

Freddie Strange added the conversion to make the score 29pts - 12pts. Swans continued to attack and Lewis Price went in for his second try of the afternoon. Close to the end of the game scrum half Chris Tomes scored Swans fourth, and bonus point try as the match finished 34pts- 24 pts to Maidenhead as Freddie Strange finished the game off with the conversion. Swans then welcomed third-placed Newberry to Wareham and after a very close first half Swans were 6pts - 3pts down with Phil Graves scoring a penalty goal. In the second half Newbury managed a couple of tries and in the end Swans lost 21pts - 3pts.

On the 26th September Swans had to travel to top of the league Swindon and did not get off to a good start as the hosts went 12pts - nil up. However Swans came back with a penalty from Phil Graves, and a try from winger Callum Young which Graves converted (12pts-10pts).

From the restart Swans flanker Kirk Jones made a break, and second row Jack Hogg was following up and scored a converted try putting Swans ahead. At half time Swans were leading 15pts - 17pts. Swindon scored a couple of tries early in the second period, but Swans hit back with a try by centre Matt Roberts.

The heavier Swindon pack took charge, and in the end Swindon made the score 60pts - 22pts. Having played the top four clubs in the league, Swans are hoping for better things as they take on Trowbridge and High Wycombe in October.

## **Main Fixtures for November (all 2.30pm start)**

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- 14th Swans 1st XV v. Grove (SW1(East) Home
- Swans 2nd XV v. Blandford 1st XV (D/W1) Home
- 21st Swans 1st XV v Salisbury(SW1(East) Away
- Swans 2nd XV v Lytchett Minster (D/W1) Home
- 28th Swans 1st XV v Leighton Buzzard (SW1 East) Home

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# Spotlight Event Diary

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

## NOVEMBER



**Sun 1st** \* **Britain's Wartime Secrets** At The Tank Museum, Bovington.

14:00 **Foo Foo Live acts** at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

**Tue 3rd** 19:00 **Friends of Swanage Pier Quiz Night** At the Catholic Hall, Swanage. £4 per person.

19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham 'An Evening with the SAPA Judges Panel' Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822

**Wed 4th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

10:30 **Swanage Probus** Meets at Purbeck House Hotel. For 'Purbeck Property Scene' by Oliver Miles. Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Livingstone 01929 425002.

**Thu 5th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

19:15 **Swanage Trefoil Guild** Meets at The Guide HQ Bell Street. A talk on 'Our Cabana'. New Members and Visitors Welcome. Ffi: 01929 556374.

**Fri 6th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

18:00 **Purbeck Model Railway Group** Running session at The Stables, Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage, BH19 3DJ. Ffi: Robin Brasher 427015.

19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: Pangborne Cup, Book/film Titles, and Shore Trophy. Open Judge: Penny Piddock

**Sat 7th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

\* **Cider Festival & Count Bobo** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

10:00 **Bash Bake & Burn** At Durlston Country Park. Help us clear the Blackthorn scrub and burn it on a bonfire, followed by a bonfire cooked jacket potato! To take part give us a call.

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet outside Mowlem theatre for a circular walk via Peveril Point, Durlston Head, Anvil Point and Durlston Country Park. Ffi 01929 422795.

**Sun 8th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

10:30 **Mindfulness Walk** At Durlston Country Park, advance booking essential.

14:00 **FB Pocket Orchestra** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

**Mon 9th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

**Tue 10th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

13:30 **The Purbeck Workshop** Make a block then print your Christmas cards with Linda. Unit 6 Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Road, Wool, BH20 6HG. Ffi: www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776 907.

14:00 **Parkinson's Self Help Group** At The All Saints Church Hall, Swanage.

19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham 'Theme Competition Print & PDI Reflective' Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822

**Wed 11th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Cull-peppers Dish Car park for a 5 mile walk of woodland track and road walking. Ffi 01929 426926.

10:00 **Swanage Lions 50-50 Sale** At The Catholic Hall, Swanage. Goods in: Mon 9th and Tues 10th of November. Ffi: 01929 421696

14:00 **Stoborough WI Meeting** At Stoborough Village Hall. An afternoon of African Drumming, by Ralph Cree. Competition - Holiday souvenir.

19:30 **Studland WI Meeting** At Studland Village Hall. Open Meeting. Entertainer Trish Lewis. Celebrate 100 years of the W.I. A humorous look at the 1965 archives. Competition: W.I. Memorabilia.

19:30 **Ball & Socket** At The Wareham Parish Hall, on the quay. Tickets £3 from the Discover Purbeck Information Centre within Wareham Library.

**Thu 12th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

10:00 **Swanage Lions 50-50 Sale** At The Catholic Hall, Swanage. Goods in: Mon 9th and Tues 10th of November. Ffi: 01929 421696

10:00 **Love Langton Litter Pick** Meet at National Trust's Spyway car park, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG, until 12.30pm. Equipment provided. More info from bgraham@bgpr.co.uk 07771 851892

**Fri 13th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

10:00 **Swanage Lions 50-50 Sale** At The Catholic Hall, Swanage. Goods in: Mon 9th and Tues 10th of November. Ffi: 01929 421696

19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harmans Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled 'The Moors Valley Railway' by Steve Green. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Sat 14th** \* **Durlston Past Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery.

\* **FreeBay Tabletop Sale** At The URC Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi: Elizabeth 01929 422406

\* **Wareham Art Club Summer Exhibition** At The Town Hall, Wareham.

09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers Market** Commercial road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. www.purbeckproducts.co.uk

10:00 **Swanage Lions 50-50 Sale** At The Catholic Hall, Swanage. Goods in: Mon 9th and Tues 10th of November. Ffi: 01929 421696

10:00 **Swanage Hospital Autumn Fayre** At Swanage Hospital. Cakes, pickles, seasonal produce.

10:00 **Love Langton Litter Pick** Meet at National Trust's Spyway car park, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG, until 12.30pm. Equipment provided. More info from bgraham@bgpr.co.uk 07771 851892

10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Sherford Bridge on B3075 road for an easy winter walk, mostly on good paths around Morden Bog and Wareham Forest. Ffi 01929 425165.

10:30 **Dorset History Centre** Open Day Bridport rd, Dorchester.

11:00 **Family History Open Day** At Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.

20:00	<b>Kangaroo Moon</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229	Mon 23rd	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.
20:00	<b>The Purbeck Workshop</b> Stargazing and astronomy with Bob Mizon. Unit 6 Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Road, Wool, BH20 6HG. Ffi: www. purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776 907.	13:30	<b>The Purbeck Workshop</b> Handmade Christmas decorations with Pat. Unit 6 Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Road, Wool, BH20 6HG. Ffi: www. purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776 907.
Sun 15th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.	Tue 24th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.
14:00	<b>Wild Ponies</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229	19:15	<b>Rotary Club of Wareham</b> are looking for new members and meet at Springfield Country Hotel at 7.15pm. Speaker - Alice Leaper from The Butterfly Space in Malawi. For more information please contact Tony on 553936 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk.
15:00	<b>Stoborough Sunday Afternoon Tea Club</b> At Stoborough village Hall. Afternoon tea on the third Sunday of every month, between 3-5pm, Telephone 01929 553503 for further information	19:15	<b>Rotary Club of Wareham</b> Looking for new members, meet at Springfield Country Hotel at 7.15pm Speaker - Alice Leaper from The Butterfly Space in Malawi Alice is a very interesting woman who has set up a volunteer Community Project in Malawi. www.butterflyspacemalawi.com For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk
Mon 16th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.	19:30	<b>Wareham Camera Club</b> Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham League Competition No 2. Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822
10:00	<b>Love Langton Litter Pick</b> Meet at National Trust's Spyway car park, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG, until 12.30pm. Equipment provided. More info from bgraham@bgr.co.uk 07771 851892	19:30	<b>Dorset Industrial Archaeology Society</b> Aviation Around Poole Bay, by Kevin Patience. Meetings are held in The Dorset Room, Colliton House, Colliton Park, Dorchester (opposite County Hall), starting at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome (small donation suggested). Further details from 01305 785968 or 871863.
13:30	<b>The Purbeck Workshop</b> Handmade Christmas decorations with Pat. Unit 6 Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Road, Wool, BH20 6HG. Ffi: www. purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776 907.	Wed 25th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.
19:45	<b>Swanage French Circle</b> Presents 'Le Roussillon'. An illustrated talk by John & Ruth Chaffey in Studland.	10:00	<b>Swanage Walking Group</b> Meet at Bere Regis CP (off Manor Farm Rd) for walk via Shitterton, Black Hill, Turners Puddle, Hollow Oak, Watercress Beds & Court Farm. Ffi 01929 426926.
Tue 17th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.	Thu 26th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.
10:15	<b>Isle of Purbeck Arts Club</b> Coffee Morning With members painting and small exhibition at the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 12:00. Everyone welcome. Ffi: Gina on 421689	13:30	<b>Swanage Day Centre Festive Fayre</b> Crafts, seasonal gifts, books, tombola and raffle, tea and mince pies.
13:30	<b>The Purbeck Workshop</b> Make a block then print your Christmas cards with Linda. Unit 6 Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Road, Wool, BH20 6HG. Ffi: www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776 907.	19:00	<b>Purbeck School Christmas Fayre</b> Wine, mince pies and raffle, and the school choir sing carols!
14:00	<b>The New Christian Spiritualist Church</b> Swanage Guest Medium Pat Vitins, warm welcome to everyone, refreshments served.	Fri 27th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.
14:30	<b>Purbeck Assoc. of the National Trust</b> Illustrated talk 'The Falkland Islands' Former Governor Nigel Haywood talks about conservation challenges and successes; at All Saints Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw. Till 4.00pm. All welcome. £3.00 incl refreshments Ffi 01929 427300.	15:00	<b>Corfe Castle Primary PTFA</b> School Christmas Fair In the school hall. Contactsimohf@yahoo.co.uk.
19:30	<b>Wareham Camera Club</b> Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Edward Parker 'Photographing Trees' Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822	20:00	<b>Mother Ukers</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
Wed 18th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.	Sat 28th	<b>Purbeck Produce Farmers Market</b> Commercial road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
10:00	<b>Swanage Walking Group</b> Meet at Northbrook Road, Swanage for circular walk via Day's Park, the allotments, Godlingston Manor and Round Down. Ffi 01929 424462.	10:00	<b>Swanage Walking Group</b> Meet at Sika Trail car park for an easy leve walk around Wareham forest and Morden Bog. Ffi 01929 550399.
14:30	<b>Studland History Group</b> Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Stewart Rainbird, 'The Role of Studland in WW2'. All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.	10:30	<b>A Humdinger of a Bazaar</b> At The URC Swanage. Father Christmas arrives at 12 noon in his magical forest.
19:00	<b>'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'</b> At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee at 2.30pm on the 21st. Adults £8- Children £5. Tickets from 01929 480323 or from the village stores.	14:00	<b>Putlake Farm Christmas Market</b> Craft stalls, cakes and treats, Santa's grotto, Purbeck produce, mulled wine, hot food and drinks, Christmas trees and much more! For a stall contact Karen on 01929 423102
19:30	<b>Christmas Shopping and Indulgence Evening</b> At Stoborough Primary School. Beautiful gifts & crafts for sale for that special Xmas present ! Entrance £3 per person to include glass of mulled wine and raffle ticket. Tickets from School office or on the door - Everyone welcome !	20:00	<b>Rory Mcleod</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
19:30	<b>Swanage Garden Society AGM</b> at Herston Hall, Swanage. Followed by cheese and wine. Membership £5 per year, meetings charges normally £1 (£2 where food is served).	Sun 29th	<b>The FB Pocket Orchestra</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston. Tickets £8.
Thu 19th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.	19:00	<b>Truckstop Honeymoon</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
19:00	<b>'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'</b> At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee at 2.30pm on the 21st. Adults £8- Children £5. Tickets from 01929 480323 or from the village stores.		
19:30	<b>Langton Matravers History &amp; Preservation Society</b> Meets in the Village Hall for an illustrated talk by Mr.Reg Saville on 'The Saxon Walled Town of Wareham'. All welcome. Members £2.50 and non members £3.50 .		
Fri 20th	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.		
10:00	<b>Soup &amp; Sweet</b> Including a table top sale at the Catholic Church Hall, Swanage. Raising money for Wessex Heartbeat. £4 per person.		
19:00	<b>'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'</b> At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee at 2.30pm on the 21st. Adults £8- Children £5. Tickets from 01929 480323 or from the village stores.		
19:30	<b>Swanage Photographic Society</b> Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. AV presentation 'Poles Apart' With Jane & Stephen Lee. Visitors welcome. ffi Colin Brixton on 423841		
20:00	<b>Keith James</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229		
Sat 21st	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.		
09:45	<b>Swanage Walking Group</b> Meet at Challow Hill free CP for circular walk around Corfe Castle via Rollington Hill, Little Woolgarston and back via Corfe Common. Ffi 01929 450164.		
10:00	<b>NSPCC Christmas Fair</b> At Wareham Town Hall. Bric-a-brac, toys, cakes, tombola, crafts, books, and raffle. Refreshments available. Ffi: 01929 553578		
19:00	<b>'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'</b> At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee at 2.30pm on the 21st. Adults £8- Children £5. Tickets from 01929 480323 or from the village stores.		
20:00	<b>Front Country</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229		
Sun 22nd	<b>Durlston Past Exhibition</b> At The Fine Foundation Gallery.		
14:00	<b>Lynched</b> Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 439229		

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### EVERY MONDAY

09.00	<b>U3A Table Tennis Group</b> meet at Harmans Cross VH.
09.30	<b>Under 2.5 years old group</b> . Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.
09.45	<b>Toddler Club URC</b> , Sw. Till 11.15
10.00	<b>Table Tennis Club Sw FC</b> All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
13.00	<b>Play and Learn</b> at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm
13.00	<b>Under 1s and Tums</b> at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm
14.00	<b>Pins and Needles</b> at Harmans Cross VH.
14.00	<b>Swanage Disabled Club</b> meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.
16.45	<b>Soccer Skills Sw FC</b> First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175
18.00	<b>Sw Tennis Club</b> Snr Club Session. 426312
19.00	<b>Wareham Choral Society</b> meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460
19.00	<b>Swanage Youth Club</b> . School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm
19.00	<b>Whist</b> . Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733
19.00	<b>Purbeck Chess Club</b> . Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Brian Beard 425988
19.30	<b>Purbeck Quire</b> rehearse at Wm Methodist Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. Ffi: 423505 or 480737.
19.30	<b>Wareham Art Club</b> Workshop at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.
19.30	<b>Badminton &amp; Table Tennis Club</b> , Adults, Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Small friendly club. All levels welcome. Till 10pm. 07917 473390
19.30	<b>Wm Folk Dance Club</b> Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 553519/422730
19.30	<b>Swanage Badminton Club</b> at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07966

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19.30 Swanage Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: [oc.2185@aircadets.mod](mailto:oc.2185@aircadets.mod).

20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.

20.00 Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo  
**EVERY TUESDAY**

09.00 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or [sylviaag@swanagemethodist.org.uk](mailto:sylviaag@swanagemethodist.org.uk)

09.30 Isle of Purbeck Arts Club. Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.

09.30 Well Baby Clinic at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.

09.30 Kiddies Corner Mother & Toddler Group (term time only) No fee - donations welcome. Purbeck Gateway Church. 551415

09.30 Wareham Art Club Workshop at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.

10.00 Wareham Croquet Club meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Bridgit on 01929 552816 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email [warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com](mailto:warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com)

10.00 Sw Tennis Club Club Session. Till 11. 426312

10.00 Sandford Toddlers at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.

10.00 Short Tennis at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175

10.30 Swanage Walking for Health Group starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 481000

10.30 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or [sylviaag@swanagemethodist.org.uk](mailto:sylviaag@swanagemethodist.org.uk)

11.00 Guided Tours of St John The Baptist Church, Bere Regis. Come and find out why there's a chap with a headache on one of the south aisle pillars! Visiting groups are always very welcome on other days/times, by contacting either Richard on 471339 or John on 471469. Light refreshments can be organised with advance notice. All welcome.

12.00 Nature Tots (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm

14.00 Swanage Walking for Health Group. Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.

14.00 Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group Till 5

14.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls. Furzebrook VH. Roll-up session, all standards welcome. Ffi 401799

17.00 Sw Tennis Club Junior Session till 6pm. 426312

18.00 Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night (Yr 8+) Till 10

18.15 Sw Cricket Club Practice till 8.30pm

18.30 Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 421840

19.00 Wareham Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: [oc.2185@aircadets.mod](mailto:oc.2185@aircadets.mod).

19.30 Swanage Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Swanage Day Centre, High Street, Swanage. If you want help to stop drinking, you are welcome. Or call 01202 296000 for more details.

19.30 Sw & Langton Folk Dance Club Langton VH. Ffi: 421913

19.30 Belvedere Singers rehearsal at their NEW venue, St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. All singers welcome! 423729

20.00 Sw Regatta & Carnival Assoc Bingo Herston Leisure, Herston Yards Farm, Sw.

20.00 Carey Hall, Wm Bingo  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

09.00 St Mark's Toddlers Group, St Mark's Church, Swanage. Herston, Sw Till 11am

09.45 Corfe Wool Workshop Corfe VH, East St. Members £1.50; non-members £2.50. Till 12.00. 427067

10.00 Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till noon.

10.00 Breast Feeding Group at Wareham's Children Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864

10.30 Play and Learn at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.

11.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Swanage Library till 1pm. Find our about volunteering to support community groups & charities

13.15 EBC TOTS meet Emmanuel Baptist Ch, Victoria Ave, Sw. Till 2.45. £1 per child.

14.00 Herston Senior Citizens meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome

14.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502

15.00 Extend Exercise Class, now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.

16.15 Swanage Football Club U-7s Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346

17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346

18.00 Swanage Youth Club. School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm

18.45 Sw Hockey Club Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442

19.00 Wm Bridge Club at the Library, South St. 552257

19.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799

19.15 Purbeck Runners meet at the Crows Nest, Sw. 4/5 mile run.

19.30 Swanage Musical Theatre meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161

19.45 Badminton Group meet at the Purbeck Sports Centre until 9.15pm for games of mixed doubles. Ffi, please call Kate on 01929 421806 or email [katespurling@btinternet.com](mailto:katespurling@btinternet.com)

20.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10

20.15 Dorset Buttons Morris Practice, URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130

20.30 Wm Swimming Club Adults. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10

22.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+) Till 11.59

**EVERY THURSDAY**

08.30 Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798

09.00 Swanage Painting Club. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078

09.30 Play and Learn at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.

09.30 Well Baby Clinic at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.

09.30 Sensory Play for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am

10.00 Wm Parent & Toddler Group During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806

10.00 First Dorset Credit Union is in Wareham at 'Not Just Sundaes' community cafe, South Street, Wm. Until 12 noon.

10.00 Wool Country Market D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.

10.00 Sw Tennis Club Session. Till 11am. 426312

10.00 Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Till 11am. Adm 50p

10.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find our about volunteering to support community groups & charities.

10.00 Wareham Croquet Club meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Bridgit on 01929 552816 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email [warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com](mailto:warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com)

10.30 Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group

10.30 Mid-Week Market Morning Service URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976

11.00 Sensory Play for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.

13.00 Studland Toddler Group at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.

13.30 Under 1 year olds at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Antenatal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.

13.30 Toddler Group. All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)

14.00 Life drawing classes at Harman's Cross Village Hall from 2pm till 4pm. For further information, ring 427621.

14.15 Sw Over-60s Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.

17.45 Swanage Youth Club. Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm

18.00 Five High Singers, United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm

18.15 Sw Cricket Club Practice till 9pm

18.30 Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455

19.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502

19.00 Purbeck Gateway Club meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: [Lewisbell1@aol.com](mailto:Lewisbell1@aol.com)

19.15 Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind players welcome. 551478/01202 242147

19.30 Short Mat Bowls in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682

19.30 Purbeck Arts Choir meet for rehearsals, with conductor Jay Buckle, at Swanage First School from September - May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419

19.30 Swanage Youth Club Youth Action (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm

20.00 Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo Sw  
**EVERY FRIDAY**

09.30 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 10.30pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502

09.30 Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.

10.00 Swanage Library Rhyme Time, until 11.30am.

10.00 Table Tennis Club Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093

11.00 Toddler Time For Under 5s And Carers. Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146

14.00 Pottery Classes held in Corfe Castle. 2 - 5pm. Call Rachel 01929 480455 to book. £10pw

14.30 Short Mat Bowls at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.

18.00 Purbeck War-Game & Model Club. Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.

18.00 Sw Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8

18.00 Sw Tennis Club Senior Club Session. 426312

18.30 Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 421840

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