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Editor's note...



Welcome to the September edition of your Gazette! It's one of my favourite months of the year, when our towns are a little quieter, but the weather is often still beautifully warm, and the seas inviting. Swanage welcomes back the annual Folk Festival this month, so prepare your bells and hankies!

We bring you another packed edition for September, sharing photos of the first ever Purbeck Pirate Festival, as well as Swanage and Wareham Carnivals. Fair to say that this summer has been a blast! A huge congratulations to the small, dedicated teams of volunteers behind our fantastic festivals and carnivals - you've done us all proud this year.

We're now heading into autumn, although there should still be a fair number of warm, sunny days awaiting us before winter sets in. Foraging season is upon us, with the harvest of the natural world ripening all around us.

Take care when out collecting that you know what it is you pick! As Roger Brown wisely once said, you can eat all the mushrooms in existence, but some you'll only eat once.....!

So, enjoy the hazy warmth of September (we hope!), stay active and fit going into the cold, dark months and get chopping that wood! Have a great month everyone!

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05-Sep	06:37	12:07	18:52			
06-Sep	00:20	07:05	12:33	19:19		
07-Sep	00:43	07:33	12:55	19:50		
08-Sep	01:07	08:07	13:25	20:29		
09-Sep	01:42	08:50	14:11	21:20		
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27-Sep	01:25	07:17	13:55	19:57		
28-Sep	02:18	08:10	14:44	20:42		
29-Sep	03:04	08:51	15:28	21:18		
30-Sep	03:47	09:27	16:09	21:50	NM/SP	

NM = New Moon + FM = Full Moon + NP = Neap tides + SP = Spring Tides

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Swanage Town Council Meetings - September 2016

Planning & Consultation	Mon 5th	6.30pm
Personnel Committee	Wed 21st	9.30am
Council	Mon 26th	7pm

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Planning & Transport	Mon 5th	7pm
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Council	Tues 20th	7.15pm
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Planning & Transport	Mon 26th	7pm

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Council	Tues 13th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 21st	7pm
Audit & Governance Committee	Tues 27th	5.30pm
Planning Committee	Wed 28th	9.15am

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Members of Swanage Sea Rowing Club put their feet up! Photo provided by Cathy Lewis

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Lunacy Of 5000+ Houses

Dear Readers,

I went to the Town Council meeting last month (as I was permitted to talk about the gas drilling for the first time in four months!) and what a busy one it was. On the agenda was Dorset County Council's hare-brained scheme to introduce a one way system at the sea front incorporating De Moulhem Road whereupon DCC Councillor Bill Trite spoke out vehemently against it labelling it as being driven by 'sheer greed' because of DCC's desire to maintain the parking meters. Well said Bill.

Next was the lunacy of central Government wanting provision for the building of over five thousand houses in Purbeck in the local plan, (more than another Swanage) with Purbeck District Councillor Gary Suttle explaining that he had been contacting various people in Government to no avail to try and persuade them that this would ruin everything people hold dear to this area. Good work Gary (the way forward for you, if may be so bold, is for you to contact every other Council who feels the same, band together and start a protest - it is tedious and time consuming trying to influence those with more power and less vision, I should know, but hey, welcome to the club!)

And then we had the dreaded drilling with a statement being read that Infrastrata were no longer involved, that exploration would not be starting this autumn, thank God, as they are on the brink of bankruptcy (something the STOP group has been telling Councillors for over three years).

But my point is, why have neither of these councillors EVER spoken out against the drilling? Sheer greed Bill? Have you forgotten about the £100,000 and 100% retention of the rates bribe promised by central government to councils who passed plans for drilling? And the planning file shows blatant bias by the case officer in favour of it.

And Gary, I know you are aware of the threats to health, water, soil, sea, air, traffic, noise, tourism, pollution, wildlife and disturbance, to mention just a few of the irreversible problems, because I sat down and went through them with you three years ago.

The drilling contravenes every safeguard in your precious local plan so why no writing to central government about it? It contravenes three of Swanage Town Councils prime mission statements yet not a murmur of disapproval from anyone in that chamber. Why?

An historical investigation will inevitably bring to light this glaring discrepancy which may prove uncomfortable for those involved. The solution is simple. For councillors to start acting in line with their conscience, own guidelines and their electorates desires to do what they can to protect Swanage. BEFORE it's too late.

Regards, Andy Kirkwood, by email

Writer Spreading Nonsense...

Dear Editor,

Some of the article 'Be careful what you wish for' in the August issue I found was again, the same as the previous month's misleading and ill-informed article 'Grasp the nettle'. Which I thank you for giving me the right to reply.

David Hollister refers to 'Abbascombe application for nine affordable houses', in Worth Matravers, but fails to answer how this is so with 60% of them being full market for sale properties. Please answer clearly.

Failed to answer the simple question of how 80% of market value is deemed an affordable home to anyone on a low income. Please answer clearly.

Fails to answer how market housing can be placed on a Rural Exception site in the guise of 'Affordable housing'. As we share information about this Abbascombe planning application, the manager of the Planning department at Purbeck District council, owns a rather substantial plot of land under

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fifty yards away from the above-mentioned land. Of course this was NOT declared as a conflict of interest at any stage of the planning process.

Is David wondering why we are taking Purbeck District Council to the high court? I find people like the writer of this article who spread, for want of a better word, 'nonsense' in such a public format do so much harm for the local area, both now and in the long term.

If Purbeck District Council and developers/land owners are allowed to place market houses wherever they like with disregard to anything, the notion of helping the homeless is lost forever! How will local people afford them? David promotes second homes and more holiday investments in this area by allowing planning applications like this to go ahead.

I also was at the Parish council meeting David mentioned in his August article, with reference to his note of "Residents of Worth Matravers really don't want to help the housing problem". I find this very insulting and extremely poor reporting on David's behalf as he has failed to write about the Roman Barn complex, which is said to be a 'beacon' across the whole of Purbeck in helping local people with local housing needs. Consisting of land held in community trust, properties delivered and administered by local people.

Maybe a little balance in David's articles may benefit your readership?

Warm regards, Mark Hill

Synthesis Of Shared Values

Dear Editor,

If Andy Kirkwood (Letters, August edition of Purbeck Gazette) thinks that the EU referendum was an exercise in true democracy, he really has had the wool pulled over his eyes.

Firstly, the Brexit vote amounted to 37% of the total electorate (52% of the 72% who voted), so it does not represent a true majority of the UK population. There are many who might (and indeed should) question why the new government intends to implement Brexit on the basis of a minority vote. Parliament has no obligation to carry it out, particularly as it becomes increasingly apparent that, at least in the short-term, the economic consequences may lead to another recession.

Secondly, many people undoubtedly voted for Brexit after being urged to do so by their biased daily newspapers, which have led a concerted campaign of bile against the EU and immigration for years. If populist propaganda is repeated often enough, some people will come to believe it: both the Fascists and Communists in the 1930s knew this and now Donald Trump is using the same tactics in the USA.

What is particularly perverse is that those who claim not to trust politicians were prepared to believe the voices of mavericks on the right and left with neither plan nor vision rather than independent economic experts, scientists, environmentalists and the majority of world leaders, including Britain's allies, whose unequivocal view was that the UK should remain a member of the EU. It is noteworthy that the picture in Scotland is very different, where the ruling Scottish Nationalist Party led a positive Remain campaign, with a large majority in favour of staying in the EU.

Andy Kirkwood quotes Einstein, one of the greatest scientists and minds of all time. Einstein, in fact, believed in one world government and was a pacifist, so would not have approved of those forces now trying to divide Europe. His great quest was to search for a Grand Unifying Theory in physics, and there are many other facets of the world we live in, including politics and religion, where unity should be sought.

The human mind likes to create divisions, but as the ultimate reality is undivided, these divisions are actually false. We can only build a better future through the synthesis of shared values and beliefs by following a middle way.

Britain is at its greatest when it works in co-operation with others and helps those in real need. The time is ripe for an alliance of progressive politicians from different parties with sufficient vision to steer the way forward in the 21st century.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Swanage.



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Save Middle Beach Cafe!



Dear Residents,

Local residents in Studland, and visitors to the ever popular Studland beach, have been horrified to learn of plans from the National Trust to close the toilet block at Middle Beach this autumn, and to remove the sea defences – gabions – protecting the café, and to demolish the Middle Beach slipway and café next year.

These are the only facilities at this end of the beach, and are used by thousands of families each year. Without them, families would have to trek up to Knoll Beach – not good for anyone, especially families with young children, elderly or disabled people.

Middle Beach café has served visitors from before the First World War, and has been in its current location since 1946.

The National Trust say this is “living with coastal change”, but their plans are to remove the sea defences – both the gabions, and the three meter wide slipway. They have not given any indication of how they will replace their facilities, or where.

Studland Parish Council has voted unanimously to oppose the demolition. Local residents at a public meeting on June 4th expressed overwhelming opposition to these plans, and see them as vandalism.

Residents have started a petition asking the NT to reverse their plans, to build adequate sea defences, and to keep the running of the café with local residents. So far 1350 people have signed the petition.

A resolution has also been submitted to the National Trust AGM in October calling on the NT to reverse their plans.

Middle Beach Action Group (MBAG) member, Andrew Parsons, a retired civil engineer, said, “Middle Beach café is a cultural icon. The sea defences should be repaired. We suspect the National Trust is using this as an excuse to move their own business interests from Knoll Beach, which is only half a metre above high water and has flooded in the past, to Middle Beach. This will end over one hundred years of an independent cafe here and will lead to further undermining of the identity of Studland. We don't want to become a theme park.”

The Middle Beach Action Group – a group of concerned residents – asks all visitors to the beach and Purbeck residents to write to the NT to protest, and to ask them to change their policies. Please see www.savemiddlebeachcafe.com.

Kind regards, Nick Boulter, by email

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Dear Editor,

Swanage Needs You.

If, like me, you are a resident of Swanage who is heartily fed up with our litter-strewn streets and weeds growing out of the pavements and gullies, then we have an opportunity to do something about it.

Having attended the 'Litter free Purbeck' meeting at Harmans Cross Village Hall in July, I was delighted to see how many organisations there are who are voluntarily cleaning their surrounding areas, as, like our councils in Purbeck, their councils also do not clean their streets to a satisfactory basis.

It seems due to financial constraints they simply do not have the resources to effectively clean our streets. Obviously street cleansing is considered to be very, very, very low on Dorset County Council's priorities!

I personally feel they are making a huge mistake as towns like Swanage rely heavily on tourism and if any of the recent articles in the Purbeck Gazette are to go by concerning this subject, then tourists are definitely put off, judging by their comments.

I am sure there are people out there who, like me, care passionately about our beautiful town and do not want to see it degenerate through lack of maintenance on our streets.

So please, if you can spare a little time, say once a month, let's form a few groups of like-minded people to address this issue.

I am sure with the backing of Dorset Waste Partnership which is assured (ie lending and supplying of the necessary tools and equipment), we can make Swanage streets look as good as their wonderful surroundings.

R. Nunn, Priests Rd. Swanage.

Please email litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com to get involved – friendly groups already up-and-running in Swanage, Langton and Wareham, just waiting for you to join them!

Lobby For Flower Meadow

Dear Readers,

I have just watched this evening's (17th July) Countryfile, which focussed on traditional flower meadows with some outstanding examples from Dorset.



I have twice asked Worth Parish Council to consider turning some of the Begbie Field, where the community orchard is becoming established, into a flower meadow.

Sadly, however, the council seem to think that it is both too much effort, and that nobody (apart from myself of course) is interested in such a project.

I would like to recommend to your readers today's Countryfile programme which they should be able to see on the BBC i-player.

If they find the idea interesting and think it would be a good thing to attempt, could they let the Parish Council clerk, Mr. Roger Khanna, know of their interest. His e-mail is worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com.

I have been in contact with the Dorset Wildlife Trust who were very enthusiastic about the idea and who are prepared to give expert advice, as well as help with seeds.

Yours, Joanne Lurie, Seale Cottage, Worth

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Praise For Young Rangers

Dear Editor,

I want to let you know about the new Durlston Young Rangers for the six to nine year olds. I cannot speak more highly of it.

It is like cubs or scouts but without all the other bits, just the adventure fun and no uniforms. It was a trial run this year and I am keen it continues. You just book yourself in on the main Durlston Castle number and give the name of the boy or girl to attend. They have experienced knowledgeable rangers to show and participate with the children or grandchildren (grandparents and parents are invited too). It starts on the last Saturday of every month at 10.30am and goes onto noon (or sometimes 12.30pm). It costs only £3.

We took our grandson of six years to the first week, where he learned to make a bow and arrow, made a bush camp and then ended by being instructed how to make a camp fire and roast marshmallows to eat. He loved it.

The following week he went out with expensive proper butterfly and moth catching nets and was shown the correct technique. The idea was to find and catch them in the greenery and collect them in a clear plastic container then return to the Learning Centre at Durlston Castle and put them under a special camera microscope that projected the item onto a large screen. He was then asked to colour in and draw one item he saw that day. This then was made into a badge or key ring by a special machine, for him to take home. What great value and experience for a young person!

Our grandson caught a Lulworth Skipper butterfly and was overjoyed to find out that this was a rare occurrence. Later, after study, he then released it back into the environment.

All are welcome.

Regards, Mike Ford, Swanage.

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Roza Aldridge, Dorset Theatre Goers Club.

Rotary Tribute To Lions

Dear Editor,

As a somewhat senior Swanage Rotarian I want to say on behalf of our President and members how sad we are that Swanage Lions have had to close their club.

Our two clubs have had a good relationship over the years and we have collaborated on numerous occasions to the benefit of our community, which of course is a prime purpose of both clubs.

I have good friends in what was the Swanage Lions Club and have been very impressed with their great enthusiasm and dedication through the years. Whilst our two clubs have been serving the community, we have not been in competition, more supplementing each other. The needs are insatiable and there is room for all to contribute. I believe there is a core of Lions members who will try to continue their work in some form and I applaud them in that and look forward to working with them.

Swanage Lions, your roar will be sadly missed.

Mick Beck, Swanage Rotary Club

Santa Fe Slide Safety

Dear Readers,

As proprietor of Santa Fe Fun Park in Swanage, I would like to ensure the public are aware that the accident involving an inflatable slide during Swanage Carnival Week did **not** occur at Santa Fe Fun Park.

The accident involved an inflatable slide which was booked as part of the Swanage Carnival and Regatta event field, situated at Sandpit Field. We have no connection whatsoever with the people who were operating the inflatable slide as part of the carnival, nor with the carnival itself.

All of our rides at Santa Fe Fun Park are fully monitored on a daily basis, and are operated within safety guidelines at all times. We take notice of all weather conditions, and operate the park accordingly.

Our thoughts are with those involved with the incident, and hope that all involved recover swiftly.

Regards, Arthur Rawlings, Santa Fe Fun Park, Swanage.

Admiral Nurse Funding

Dear Editor,

Swanage Carnival week has been such a promotional success for us with our Elephant and Castle float. Even though we didn't win a prize we've had so many congratulations on our float!

Lots of photos were taken and as ours are not brilliant if anyone reading

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I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard for our float – not least Reg our tractor driver supremo! But also Jerry, Colin, Darren, Richard, Alan, Cheryle, Clare, Gail, Maydieann, and Roza. I also thank all the people who volunteered in the shop and donated items - don't know what we'll raise for the cause but the first week raised £545 – brilliant!

Please keep supporting us – anything you can do as a solo or in a group to raise money – like Becky and Selwyn who climbed the three peaks in twenty four hours! Perhaps you came to the concert at the Mowlem, 'This is Purbeck', raising more funds for the Admiral Nurse, thank you Glenn and everyone who took part.

But a simple coffee morning is easy to manage, we don't all have to climb mountains to help! I'm determined we will get this funded before I leave the scene! Best wishes to all.

Jean Gibbs, Chair, Swanage Area Dementia Community

'Loopy Pilot' Laughter!

Dear Editor,

In response to your reader's letter in the August edition regarding the 'loopy pilot'.

Approximately two years ago we were unable to book the 'Red Arrows' as they were fully booked for the date, so 'Loopy Loo' very graciously offered to fill in so we, the Swanage people, wouldn't be too disappointed!

He would do loop de loops and low rolls, and even use some coloured smoke - wow! The crowds would still come to Swanage to see him and not be disappointed that the 'Red Arrows' weren't coming. In one way it was a kind thought, but how vain to think he could fill the shoes of the 'Red Arrows'.

So we always laugh to ourselves when we hear him buzzing over Swanage looping de loop. We agree with your reader's letter, he does buzz up there for hours, but he probably thinks we are all agog with excitement watching and not annoyed at all the noise as he climbs high to loop de loop. Shame.

Regards, Elaine and Peter Radmore, Langton Matravers.

Emmanuel Sunflowers

Dear Readers,

Emmanuel's sunflowers made passers by smile this summer with their cheery faces peeping over the church wall in Victoria Avenue.

Around 170 seeds were planted in the church garden this year but they didn't all make it to great heights. Other seeds were given to Swanage and Corfe Schools where the students tended them in their own gardens and to our local care homes too, but sadly, only the ones at Wordsworth House flourished.

In August, the tallest church blooms were well over seven feet but "Official Measuring" will take place on September 1st.

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Weedkilling Wonder!

Dear Editor,

Not much happens on the six-house cul-de-sac called Ancaster Road, so when a small BUGGIE comes down the pavement at 06.30, something is really happening!

I had to finishing brewing the tea, then gave chase to find Dave Cliffe, who had indeed arrived to save Swanage from an infestation of verge-side weeds.

I stopped him in his tracks to say that many of us in Swanage will be relieved by his presence! He responded that he loved Swanage and was brought here from Northampton as a kid. He was happy that I took a photo, unfortunately the wing mirror got in the way.

So thank you DCC for arranging this, and to Dave (and others?) for delivering this action in Swanage this year.

Frank Roberts, Swanage, by email.

Clara's Refugee Appeal

Dear Editor,

My name is Clara and two friends and I are doing a walk from Land's End to Dover to raise money for the British Red Cross Refugee Appeal and also awareness for the refugee crisis. We started in Land's End on the 22nd of July and moved on to Dorset on the 29th, going through Lyme Regis, Dorchester and Wareham before moving onto Hampshire on the 1st of August.

On our journey we stayed at several campsites in the area including: Cummins Farm and Thorncombe Farm, both of which were very generous to us. We also had help from Cotswold Outdoor in equipping us. I grew up in and around Purbeck, having attended both St. Mary's Primary and Swanage Middle School (as was).

Below I have written some more information about why we are doing the walk and some contact details.

Why we are doing it? (An excerpt from our social media)

"As many of you are aware, there is an ongoing refugee crisis worldwide. It is particularly prevalent in the Middle East and Syria where civilians face the threat of both ISIS and civil war with the Syrian Government. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled to Europe in an attempt to save their



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lives and the lives of their children. This heart breaking reality came to fruition in September 2015 when the lifeless body of three year old Alan Kurdi washed upon the shore in Turkey. It is estimated that 13.5 million remain inside war torn Syria. With resources dwindling and the hospital in Aleppo having been destroyed by Assad, there is no doubt that more will be risking their lives and relying on the kindness of volunteers and better off societies.

Knowing that if we were in the same position we would do anything we could to survive, a group of students have decided we want to help. There are currently seven of us in total from across England, including Birmingham, Swansea and Southampton. Unable to make it across to the front lines of the crisis ourselves, we have come up with a plan to both raise funds for the resources and awareness for the refugees and their struggle to survive.

Starting from the 21st of July we started walking from Lands' End, Cornwall, UK to Dover, Kent, UK. A total of around 360 miles according to Google Maps, it is only a seventh of the journey from Syria to Calais, where thousands have taken up camp in the unhygienic and diabolical conditions of the 'Calais Jungle'. Living out of tents and the bags on our backs for three weeks is, of course, only a minor sacrifice in comparison to that of the refugees, who have literally been bombed out of house and home.

All funds raised will go directly to the front lines and the volunteers with the British Red Cross refugee appeal to provide shelter, medical care and food to the refugees who are threatened not only by war, but by starvation and exhaustion. To allow all funds to be donated to the cause, they will go into a specially set-up personal current account and transferred direct to the British Red Cross refugee appeal outside of GoFundMe.

Please help to save the lives of adults and children at the heart of this crisis. We appreciate any amount of sponsorship you can give. On behalf of myself, the British Red Cross and the rest of the group from LandDover 360, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for reading and sponsoring us!"

Participants : Clara, Matt and Lauren

Donations Page: gofundme.com/landdover360

Social Media Handles: Landdover360

Blog to raise awareness of the crisis: <https://landdover360.wordpress.com> (which we will update as regularly as possible).

Phone Number: 07975571240

Kind regards, Clara Pope-Sutherland

Teresa Makeover!

Theresa Makeover!

We've had a Theresa makeover and we're all now dull and grey
Just like Britain's prospects after Referendum day
She's had a change of face herself to Brexit from Bremain
And now she's out to make us all look Thatcherite again
She's here to heal the weak and sick, the homeless and the poor
We'll airbrush out the fact she's never cared for them before
And though she made a boob-job of lessening immigration
Just have faith she'll heal the cracks in Britain's fractured nation
With a bunch of botox Brexiteers to smooth our frowns away
And collagen to stiffen up our upper lips each day
She'll wax away our Euro woes and liposuck our tax
She'll turn us all red, white and blue, no nasty browns or blacks
We'll have a Tory tummy-tuck to make us lean and fit
A tattoo of a bulldog's bits to make us feel more Brit
And though it might be painful and leave you feeling numb
Just look in the mirror now and see what we've become.

Martin Hobdell, Swanage



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Come Out Wherever You Are!

The chance for you to have your say on the astonishing proposals which will be foisted on us by central government, to put a total of 5280 new homes in Purbeck, has now passed. I really hope that you sent in your comments – because if you didn't, then you really can't complain about what happens next. Do you actually give a damn about what happens to Purbeck? Or are you one of the significant number of people who 'keep their heads below the parapet' and leave it to someone else?

Gary Suttle, Chairman of the PDC, said "They don't care about our community, our land, our infrastructure problem, Government just want us to build. I don't care what government says, I don't care what the housing minister says in the letters that he has written....which basically say follow the process and do as you are told. We have gone to consultation, based on government direction, and we will listen. Because this area is our passion. Purbeck District will listen to you. This is not a done deal. We are not building (an additional) 3080 houses." Gary, this is what we expected from a Council Leader and you have not let us down. Just make sure that the Officers are on your side too.....

A group of concerned residents have gathered together under the title "the Pan-Purbeck Action Campaign", to join across the district to fight these proposals. You can email them with your offers of help and support, and find out more, at panpurbeckactioncampaign@gmail.com. So come out, come out, wherever you are. Purbeck has never needed you like they it does now.

There's an old story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

I know that over the past months I've campaigned for more 'affordable housing' for local people, and that my support of PanPurbeck's campaign seems to be at odds with the 'affordable homes' issue. What we want in Purbeck is most certainly not more 'market housing'; we don't even want "affordable homes" – we want homes that people can afford. And that's a hell of a difference. By 'people' I mean the lower-paid ordinary hard-working people that work in our shops and our service industries. These are the 'people' we need; with respect, we don't actually need any more elderly people retiring to Purbeck to spend their final years in the sun, until we can provide a proper infrastructure and homes for the people who look after them.

And the "hell-of-a-difference"? The dictionary definition of 'affordable' is simply "inexpensive, reasonably priced" and that – across Purbeck – is a joke and not a very funny one. I challenge anyone who claims to be building 'affordable housing' in Purbeck to tell me whether a local couple earning minimum wage will be able to find a home for £140,000.

The definition of 'affordable housing' as far as I can find it is a discount of 20% on market rates, at odds with the dictionary definition of affordable, "inexpensive, reasonably priced". So from now on, let's not use the term "affordable housing", let's campaign to stop the Planners using it too, as it's an outright lie. Let the young people who want to get on to the housing

ladder be under no illusions - here in Purbeck, without the Bank of Mum and Dad, no chance whatsoever.

I've commented before on the huge differences between the attitudes of the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. For example, the seven people who joined my campaign last year to help the Foodbank funds with their 'winter fuel allowances', and the remaining 17,993-odd Purbeck Pensioners who didn't. Well? Where will you be this year?

In October last year I showed you a photo of the filthy and overgrown road signage at Harman's Cross, of which I'd cleaned a token corner, as an example of the filthy road signs everywhere in Dorset. I was assured that something would be done; it's now eleven months on; more foliage and not a j-cloth or pressure washer in sight. There's no money to do anything. Many of the signs are now so grimy that they're ruined. So I guess that if you're proud of your town or village, the only answer is to go out and clean the damned things yourself. I'll be starting on mine in September!

And now for something completely different. Over the past twenty years I've been privileged to work with Swanage Carnival, initially as a member of the Committee but latterly as a regular compere for many of their events. Seen a lot of fireworks! Made a lot of friends. Had a lot of laughs.

The firework nights have been fun; playing music and standing alone on the road talking to crowds of up to 5000 people for up to an hour was initially really scary – but eventually became a real hoot. I enjoyed seeing the delight on the faces of the birthday children who came across and pressed the plunger to start the displays.

Leading the procession in the speaker van was always enjoyable; for ten years I asked for a slightly clearer PA system and never quite graduated from those awful 'horns'; maybe I should have used a rolled-up Radio Times! I hope I did my bit in encouraging people to give generously to so many worthwhile causes.

The sea swim was always notable for being an event where I got cold and wet – and I didn't even go in the water. Very seldom was it warm enough to do the commentary without a jacket, and I really felt for those poor kids getting out of a nice warm bay and standing shivering on the quay waiting for their parents!

My favourite event, however, was the annual presentation of the cheques to the worthy causes. I'd take all the basic information away on holiday, learn about each of the charities involved, and write abbreviated scripts for the October event so that when people came on to the stage for their cheques, I could try to make them feel at ease. So much money over so many years, given by the public through the collecting buckets and presented as worthwhile sums to the pre-schools, scouts, guides, small organisations, as well as the 'big stuff' like the Air Ambulance – my favourite charity.

But now it's time for me to stand back and hand my microphone to someone younger, someone who will be more 'in tune' with the Carnival Events, so this is where I say "thank you so much" to Becky Mack and the Carnival Committee, and especially to Darren Strong and the guys who have worked the PA system for me; I've had a brilliant time. Loved every minute.

George Harrison got it spot on – All Things Must Pass. So this is where I walk away and simply say "goodbye". Good night Swanage, wherever you are.

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Thirteen bags later, we are grateful to Hayden Sparks and Hannah Casey, who joined the usual suspects on two 5 o'clock 'Dawn Patrols' recently.

Thank you also to Dorset Waste Partnership for removing old cupboard doors, car parts and many, many empty cans of Carlsberg Export. Where does it all come from?

We continue to seek new voluntary support from anyone who would like to clean up their road, hamlet or local community.

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Photo: New recruit Hannah Casey, of Herston, practices her skills at counting litter bags prior to collection by Dorset Waste Partnership on Thu 04 Aug. Photo: Frank E Roberts

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West Lulworth Woman Walks Over 1000 Miles

Gaynor Kirby, 62, walked from John O'Groats to Lands End, raising over £1,500 for Diabetes UK. Gaynor started the walk in the snow and hail of a Scottish spring and ended the walk in a Cornish summer on Saturday 16 July. The well-known long distance walk is over one thousand miles long.

Gaynor's route followed the Cairngorms, the Pennines then via Offa's Dyke and the South West Coast Path before reaching her destination at Land's End. Over the course of the walk Gaynor covered 1118 miles, averaging around fifteen miles a day, which equates to over 30,000 steps a day and over two and a half million steps in total.

Gaynor decided to celebrate retiring from her job as a doctors' receptionist by walking the long distance trail and fundraising for Diabetes UK because one of her children was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at a young age.

Gaynor said: "When one of our children was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of four, the charity was very supportive, informative and helpful. The role of Diabetes UK in funding research into possible cures is so important, but for us just as important is the care the charity provides for newly diagnosed children and their families."

People with Type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin. About ten per cent of people with diabetes have Type 1. No one knows exactly what causes it, but it's not to do with being overweight and it isn't currently preventable. It usually affects children or young adults, starting suddenly and getting worse quickly. Type 1 diabetes is treated by daily insulin doses - taken either by injections or via an insulin pump. It is also recommended to follow a healthy diet and take regular physical activity.

Mark Howlett, Diabetes UK South West Fundraiser, said: "We are delighted that Gaynor laced up her walking boots and took on this incredible long distance walk, raising so much money for Diabetes UK. We enjoyed following her progress throughout the challenge on her blog <https://gaynorsjogle.wordpress.com/>"

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We are now more than ever, seen as a quick access to a resolution – often to a problem which has been years in the making. We are criticised when we are unable to resolve through no fault of our own.

We are working hard to ensure we offer the very best service to our public, but the only way we will achieve this is with a greater understanding that not all issues can or should be brought to our attention. Everyone needs to ask “am I contacting the most appropriate agency to assist me with my enquiry.”

Do I need help from the police?

A lot of our time is wasted dealing with misdirected or inappropriate calls from members of the public. Some examples of these calls include calling for a taxi, reporting issues with sea gulls and wanting to report a hairdresser for a bad haircut. These are the types of calls that increase the waiting time for genuine callers who need our help.

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Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

Swanage Fire & Rescue Station Update



Hi and welcome to my monthly report from Swanage Fire station:

Operationally we have been kept busy answering 28 emergency fire calls. The fires attended included the following:

- Three medical calls for our colleagues from South West Ambulance.
- Nine heath/grass fires these included a large fire at St Stephens Lane, Verwood where our 4X4 Landrover attended. We also attended Five embankment fires between Swanage and Corfe Castle.
- Five false alarms.
- Eight stand-by moves to cover other stations.
- One fire that involved over a thousand tons of refuge at Trigon near Wareham.
- One fire in a high rise accommodation block that required the attendance of ten fire appliances and crews to bring the fire under control using many firefighters in breathing apparatus and using three firefighting water jets to extinguish the fire.
- One fire that involved a caravan that also spread to a shed and surrounding fencing. Crews from Swanage and Wareham working hard to ensuring that the fire didn't spread to the adjacent property.

Now that the warmer weather is with us, my safety message this month is all about enjoying the outdoors but also being safe. As a seaside town we have many boat owners and fires at sea are thankfully rare, but if you are unfortunate enough to experience one, please think of the following:

- If you are off-shore, move as far away from the fire as you can on deck.
- Get everybody into life jackets.
- Take a handheld VHF radio onto deck with you to call for help.
- Notify the Coastguard by radio; make a Mayday call and/or display a distress signal.

The other danger we have at this time of year is on our heathlands, we want everybody to enjoy these areas but when you are out and about enjoying the countryside, there are some things you can do in order to protect our beautiful surroundings and keep you safe.

Large wildfires are thankfully rare but, when they do occur, they can be very serious and affect large areas of the countryside. They also take a great deal of resources to bring under control, which impacts the availability of appliances for property fires and other emergencies.

Wildfires can ravish the local wildlife, destroying ecosystems in a matter of hours that have taken years to build up. If a wildfire encroaches upon



farmland, then crops and farm buildings can be consumed, and homes that border heathland can also be at risk. At their worst, wildfires can cause death or injury to people. A developed wildfire creates its own wind, which drives it at speeds faster than people can get out of its way.

Steps you can take to avoid starting a wildfire:

- Avoid open fires in the countryside. If you must have a fire, make sure that you're in a designated safe area.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Do not throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands, as sunlight shining through the glass can cause a fire to start. Take the items home, or put them in a waste or recycling bin.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Do not try to tackle a fire yourself; usually they can't be put out with a bucket of water. Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible.
- Ensure that you know your location or a landmark so you can direct the fire service.

That's all for this month stay safe and remember test your smoke alarm. **Phil Burridge**, Station Commander

Purbeck Students Have Their Say



Students from schools in Purbeck have been giving their views on plans for future housing in the district. As part of the consultation on the partial review of the Purbeck Local Plan, District Councillor Laura Miller held a series of workshops with students from the Purbeck School and a survey has also been distributed to the Lymington Minster School and The Swanage School.

Councillor Miller, Housing Portfolio Holder and Vice Chair of the Partial Review Advisory Group, which looks at future development, said: "We have been asking local people for their views on development in the district, so it was good to give younger members of our community the opportunity to have their say too. The workshops at The Purbeck School have raised awareness of many issues that will affect future generations."

Mr Guy Swallow, Head of Pastoral Care at the school, was keen for the students to have the opportunity to work alongside the District Council. Councillor Miller and Mr Swallow plan more workshops and collaborations between the council and Purbeck School next year, and hope that students will come into the council for work experience.

The consultation closed on Friday 12 August 2016. Further details can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeck-partial-review

Photograph: Councillor Laura Miller with students from Purbeck School.

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Steve Wheller receiving the award on behalf of Carpets Select

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HM Coastguard

So the sun came out, the visitors arrived and up went the number of incidents in July. In total the team dealt with twenty seven incidents during July, from first aid to rope rescues.

The 16th July turned out to be the busiest day ever for the team, with eight incidents dealt with. It all started at 11am and ended at 11pm, with a diving incident, unexploded ordnance at Studland, several broken down boats, a fire on a yacht, a road traffic collision helping partner agencies and finally, a medical incident.

The team were joined for two rope rescues by our colleagues from St Albans, one climber fell forty foot down by the Western Mile Markers. Working with the Swanage Lifeboat crews, the climber was airlifted by the Coastguard helicopter from Lee on Solent to Southampton hospital.

The second rope rescue occurred at Anvil Point when a young female climber got exhausted at the base of the cliff. Both Coastguard teams attended along with support from the Swanage Inshore Lifeboat Crew. The teams set up and the rope technician was set down, recovering the climber before returning to bring up the climber's friend.

Several incidents related to persons cut off by the tide to the north of Swanage Bay. On spring tides, by Sheps Hollow, the team were called four times to persons cut off or concerned reports of people cut off. One pair thought they could walk around the base of Ballard to Bournemouth, so were offered some advice.

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Wareham Town Council Updates

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



The August meeting took place in the Corn Exchange to make room for members of the public who came to show their concern about the Partial Review. The Council responded that it was objecting to the proposal to build houses west and north of Wareham.

The arguments against building at Worgret are that development is allowed only in exceptional circumstances in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, that the housing would be visible from the Purbeck Ridge and that without the bypass marking the edge of Wareham, 500 houses might become 1,000. The site to the north encroaches on green belt and well-used allotments.

County Councillor Ezzard reported that Sandmartins Out of School Activities Charity would continue to use premises at Sandford School and parents had filed a vote of no confidence in the Sandford School governors; a petition with over 3,000 names calling for a level crossing to remain at the railway station had been presented to the County Council for its deliberation on 7 September; and the Youth Centre plans to provide two lunchtime and two evening sessions from September.

Purbeck District Council (PDC) had decided that taxis would have to pass a vehicle inspection but would not be subject to an age limit. PDC had agreed that the public would be consulted before any reorganisation which could replace the nine Dorset councils with two unitary councils. Reporting on a meeting of Councillors and Town Clerks, Deputy Mayor Russell gave 2019 as a possible date for the change.

Councillor Osmond read from Viridor Credits' annual report examples of grants supporting community projects such as the Rex Cinema and Gateway Church.

The Policy, Resources and Finance Committee had considered the purchase of a chair lift for 2 Mill Lane and new ticket machines for Howards Lane car park. It approved donations for the Purbeck Film Festival, Wareham Father Christmas and Christmas Lights Committees.

The Planning and Transport Committee had heard that a backlog in requests to Dorset County Council (DCC) could delay consideration of double yellow lines for Monmouth Road. Dorset County Highways were looking at ways of making the junction between North Street and Howards Lane safer for pedestrians. Councillor Budd hoped to get answers on the way to proceed towards a residents' parking scheme at a meeting with DCC parking services.

The Carnival Committee had said that the Carnival Sunday was a great success with about 1,500 people attending and thanked the Town Council for use of the Recreation Ground.

The public is invited to the next meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 20th September in the Town Hall at 7pm. Call 01929 553006 for further information or visit the website at www.wareham-tc.gov.uk.

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Gainsborough Care Home's summer fete took place on a warm and sunny afternoon. The event was very well supported by our residents, families and the visiting public. We enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and treats including a scrumptious BBQ; strawberry cream teas and home-made cakes were on sale. A number of stalls available to peruse included a book stall, bric-a-brac and a sale of home-made cakes. Our raffle was as popular as ever.

The afternoon was supported by Dave Arnold, entertainer, who very generously donated his time and played all afternoon. £200 was raised on the day and we will be taking advantage of the summer sales and purchasing garden tables and chairs.

Coming up

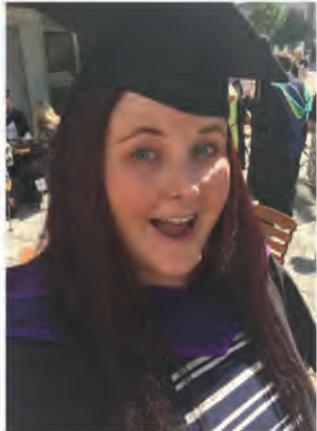
Gainsborough Care Home is holding a coffee event in support of Macmillan Cancer Support "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" at 3pm on Friday 30th September 2016. Your support could ensure that Macmillan Nurses are able to spend more time with the people who need them most.

Our home specialises in Dementia Care

and we are very fortunate within Agincare to have our very own Admiralty Nurse, Jo Palmer. Jo is available to offer confidential advice and support to residents' families, friends and carers who wish to understand more about the disease.

Congratulations

Graduation Day for Claire Prescott BSc, Senior Care Worker. Claire has been studying hard for the past three years and has now finished her degree in Psychology. Claire achieved First Class Honours.



Recruitment

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A Visit From Our MP



Richard Drax, the MP for South Dorset, paid a visit recently to the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) station at St Albans Head.

Having already been to the stations at Portland and Swanage, he was anxious to see the third of the NCI lookouts in his constituency.

He was greeted by Station Manager Phil Atlay, then the watchkeepers on duty showed him the workings of the lookout and explained the particular nature of the traffic that they watch over as it passes their station.

He recounted stories of his own sailing exploits in the waters off the Head and was impressed by the isolated position of the lookout on its windswept headland, south of Worth Matravers.

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Buying a pre-payment plan has the advantage over a savings account or life insurance policy in that it is paid at today's prices – no matter how far ahead the funeral is required. The Douch group has eight branches across the county which operate under their traditional names and has been providing funeral services for over a century.

Nick Douch, managing director of the family business, said: "Sales of our plan continue to rise and more people want to control their own funerals. Our new website allows people to select from a variety of plans and pay in instalments until it is paid off.

"For a monthly fee less than a Sky subscription it gives peace of mind and means family members won't be liable. Unlike an insurance policy, you won't be penalised if you miss any instalments. You can continue with the instalments at a later date. You can also get a full refund, less the administration fee, at any time.

Of course the sum can be paid off in one go and everything can be sorted out in literally minutes on the new site. We have a choice of five plans and all the details and prices are on the website.

"Staff at all our branches are able to offer help and assistance to anyone looking to take out a plan. Being a dedicated Dorset product means our plans have numerous advantages over the one size fits all national schemes."

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Life-Saving Defibrillator Unveiled Thanks To Community Partnership Fund Raising

A new 24-hour public access defibrillator – aimed at saving lives in the event of heart attacks – has been unveiled on Swanage station, thanks to the determined efforts of a dedicated community partnership. The Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership was formed by a group of townspeople who wanted to see the devices, which use electric shocks to re-start the heart, installed around the seaside town.

An unveiling ceremony for the wall-mounted defibrillator, in its distinctive bright green cabinet, took place on the taxi office side of the late 1930s station building with Swanage estate agent and Partnership supporter David Corben cutting a ribbon to officially unveil the new equipment.

David and his brother John sponsored the machine, and its cabinet, in memory of their father, the late Eddie Corben, who was a dedicated fund raiser and member of the community in Swanage for many years. Also involved in defibrillator awareness, education and training work, the Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership is composed of representatives of Dorset Police, the Coastguard, the National Health Service and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (R.N.L.I.). The Partnership's life-saving work has been endorsed by Swanage Hospital, the town's health centre and the Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester.

Swanage Railway General Manager Matt Green said: "The Swanage Railway is delighted to support this important life-saving initiative. Our trains carry more than 210,000 passengers a year and this new equipment will help to save lives in the event of heart attacks. How someone who suffers a heart attack is treated during the first few minutes of a collapse – before ambulance paramedics arrive – can make all the difference between life and death."

"I appreciate the importance of a defibrillator because a friend of mine suffered a major heart attack in a car park and, luckily, there happened to be a paramedic nearby who had a defibrillator in his vehicle and that equipment undoubtedly saved the man's life," explained Mr Green.

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership member Ian Brown said: "I would like to thank everyone who has helped purchase and install this defibrillator at Swanage station – as well as five others around the town – because the equipment will help save lives in the event of a heart attack."



We're appealing for more donations so we can install defibrillators at the Royal British Legion Club in the High Street, at the town's hospital and at Herston on the outskirts of Swanage. As a result of the Partnership's work, several Purbeck parish councils have expressed interest in purchasing defibrillators with our help – as have organisations, clubs and businesses in Swanage," added Mr Brown, station officer with the Swanage Coastguard who lost a valued colleague to a heart attack after the man collapsed some ten years ago.

So far, the Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership has raised more than £15,000 and purchased five defibrillators and their cabinets.

The new equipment has also been installed at the Swanage School, the Swanage coastguard station, the sea rowing club next to the town's Victorian pier and the seafront tourist information centre on Shore Road. Thanks to the support of the British Heart Foundation and Dorset Police, a defibrillator has been installed outside the neighbourhood policing team office at Swanage Town Hall in the High Street.

Donations can be left at Corben's estate agents at 41 Station Road, Swanage.

St Mary's Tower Bell-Ringing Open Day



At St Mary's in Lytchett Matravers we have a tower of six bells but sadly only four to five regular ringers, so we were keen to try to get more people in the village interested in ringing. A lot of work was put into organising the day ensuring we had enough for visitors to see and enough support if they wanted to have a go on the bells.

As we set up the simulator and put the DVDs into the computer for showing on to the screen, we had no idea what to expect. Sandwiches and homemade flapjacks and brownies had been made, coffee and tea were ready - would anyone turn up? We knew of one or two people who had expressed an interest but....

A lady came in who had been really looking forward to having a go, so we were off. A gentleman came in behind her and was keen to have a go so we had two taking instructions. The first lady seemed to be a natural and when we took a break she gave Annie, who had been training her, a big hug and was clearly delighted. Then someone offered to take a photo of her actually pulling the rope which turned into a short video so her day was made. She also wanted to come again so her name and email address were top of the list!

People started to flock into the church and took turns in having a go with our trainers Annie, Alan and Angie. The rest of the team were making sure people had fliers and refreshments and names were filling up the list.

We even had people from outside the village who were keen to come and have a go. The morning flew by - where had that time gone?

A family came in with two young girls but Mum and Dad had rung before and had a chance to ring with a group of ringers on the bells whilst our trainers had a rest from teaching.

We had arranged for our neighbours from Lytchett Minster to come up and ring the bells to give us a break and meet some of our visitors, which meant people got to hear the bells being rung in methods and call changes.

Our lovely new vicar who had moved in two days earlier came down with his wife and youngest son to see how things were going and being tall, he helped take down the simulator so that it could be taken to its next destination.

A huge thank you to all our wonderful friends from East Dorset Guild - Alan Bennett, Marissa Bartlett, Paul Tyson and Angie Jasper - for all their help throughout the day and since with more advice - we have five beginners who have agreed to come back and ring again this week, which is tremendous.

Thanks also to our team Debbie Phipps, Annie Mitchener, Mike Kimber, Chrissie Hibbitt and Diana Martin.

Pictured - Villagers learning the ropes with trainers Annie Mitchener and Angie Jasper

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This month, A Decade Ago...

In September 2006, reader David Gerry wrote in to add his concerns regarding the recent 'awful' tree surgery carried out along Victoria Avenue in Swanage. David explained that the trees lining Victoria Avenue had been planted before WWI and were originally paid for by James Day.

Due to the changing nature of the urban environment since planting (introduction of tarmaced roads, etc), David suggested that now was the time to address the issue and look at replanting more suitable trees.

Readers Chris Cressey, David Budd and Richard Hordle wrote in to discuss the use of metric measurement, highlighting confusing cases where both metric and imperial measurements were used, such as in the County Council's Traffic Management Section.

Steve Darrington updated us on his campaign to make Swanage accessible to the disabled. More drop kerbs were due to be installed at various junctions between Victoria Avenue and around Arkwrights and Priest's Road, as well as at Shore Road.

Synergy Housing was allocated over £10 million worth of Social Housing Grant towards their new homes scheme through the Housing Corporation's 2006 - 2008 National Affordable Housing programme.

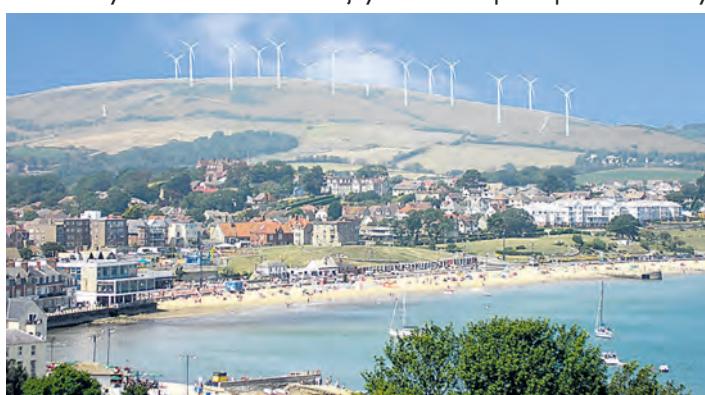
Wareham and Dorchester Camera Clubs supported the 'Friends of Chernobyl Children' by joining the children on their organised day trips and taking photographs, which were then made up into albums for each child. These were then taken home to relatives and friends in Belarus. The two clubs also provided a day out at Splashdown (Tower Park) and a picnic and woodland walk at Moors Valley Park. The photograph (below) shows the visiting children.



Work experience student, David Beddard (15), researched wind turbines, mocking-up an illustration to show a wind farm on Ballard Down (below). His piece began: 'Britain isn't living up to expectations. We never win Wimbledon despite inventing tennis; we don't win the World Cup despite inventing football. Another expectation we fail to meet is reducing our CO₂ output and becoming "greener".'

David's article finished with: 'To conclude: fossil fuels destroy the planet, wind turbines supposedly drive us mad, the sun will blow up in about five billion years and nuclear power gives us waste for creating mutant fish (let the hyperboles abound). It seems Andy Kirkwood (October 2005 issue) hit upon right idea with tidal power. Anyone for a swim?'

The Rotary Club of Wareham enjoyed a Powerpoint presentation by



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I've watched Swanage Carnival since I was a child, revelling in the party atmosphere, fun and games. Sadly I'm a little old now to enter the Pavement Artists competition, and being competitive I've given up on the Yard of Ale as I don't have the drinking capacity to win it. This year's week-long celebration was better than ever, with a super procession winding through the town on Sunday giving all the spectators a sensational day. Some floats indulged in an Hawaiian theme, reflecting our South Coast holiday spirit, while a tribe of Zulu warriors offered some alternative flavour. Various bands, majorettes, and dancers entertained, with the Notting Hill Carnival team injecting additional colour with their outstanding costumes. The fireworks, although sadly threatened by rain, were a sight to behold, and thrilled the crowds who gathered with necks craned to watch. Once again a highly successful week, which has hopefully raised much-needed funds for the twenty-seven Carnival charities. The only thing missing from my childhood memories was the involvement of more local groups - when I was young most of the pubs and many local businesses entered a float and put forward teams to compete in the various events, adding to the 'local' community feel of the Carnival. This year I noticed many local absences - is this due to the 'next generation' not getting involved and not realising that it is their Carnival that thousands come to watch? I wonder? Hopefully next year we'll see a return of more local businesses ready to join in the fun, and the Carnival will continue to go from strength to strength.

Nico Campbell-Allen

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Zoe Orchard, the guest of honour at the Club's 2006 August meeting. Zoe gave a presentation on a two-day leadership course she had attended with twenty-nine other young people at Avon Tyrell.

Zoe and Catherine Woolf were sponsored by the club to gain the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. The picture (right) shows Zoe receiving her award from then Club president, Peter Holloway.

Durlston Country Park reported on a busy month at the park, with extremely popular children's activities on offer throughout the summer, including the favourite: 'Hunt for Hamish's Marbles'!! Young visitors were searching for mini-beasts, echo-locating for fish and cooking delicious meals for wildlife, amongst many other activities. As part of Dorset Marine Week, Swanage Pier also hosted some very successful events with the ever-popular 'SeaFest' being the highlight of the week.

Then-Editor, Jon Sibthorpe, advertised his upcoming opening night with saxophonist, Chris Rand, at Alfie's restaurant, Swanage, with their duo 'The Midnight Ramblers'. Playing a mix of blues, country, folk and jazz, the boys launched a series of informal music nights which became a regular and popular feature in the town's music schedule.

Ian Lowson continued to encourage the public to support the Ranger School of Dance's appeal for funds to revamp the dance school, with cheques continuing to come into the Gazette office in support of June and her School of Dance. Thanks to all of you, she's still in business today!





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Val Treks For Dementia!



Val Wilson, a 64 year old retired nurse living in Wool, decided to take steps - lots and lots of them - to raise money in support of Dementia UK by taking part in a charity trek across the mountains, snowfields and glaciers of South Iceland.

Val says that she decided to take on this challenge in memory of her mother Sheila, whom she had looked after for fourteen years, walking with her for every step of the terrible journey which dementia represents, and enduring so many heartbreaking moments.

Having raised over £3000 in sponsorship, Val flew out to Iceland and with a group of other fundraisers - among whom Val was easily the oldest by at least thirty years - and embarked on the huge challenge of crossing this starkly beautiful country on foot.

Val says that one of the hardest parts of the trek was sleeping on the hard ground in a tiny tent which didn't give much rest after twelve-hour trekking day - and that went on for three days. There were some steep, rocky ascents and some equally steep and slippery icy descents; there were snow ice-fields to cross, and freezing cold rivers through which to wade, but Val was motivated to keep putting one foot in front of another by knowing what fantastic cause her efforts were supporting.

At the end of an epic three days and nights, Val said, "This trek was the toughest challenge I have ever faced. I feel I have achieved something

really important and hope people reading this and hearing my story will be inspired to take up a challenge like this to support the work of Wareham and Swanage Dementia Friendly Communities to support the fundraising campaign for an Admiral Nurse in Purbeck."

Wareham Area Seniors' Forum

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We hope you have enjoyed the summer! We look forward to seeing old and new members on Monday at Wareham Parish Hall to find out about the new Mayflower Care Home that is being built in Sandford and due to open in 2017.

Wareham Senior Forum Committee and some of the members have been working with Wareham & District Dementia Friendly Community to raise awareness in the area and Wareham has now joined with Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community to fundraise for an Admiral Nurse in Purbeck.

We need a total sum of £100,000, so do look out for the various fundraising events happening in Wareham and Swanage. On the 20th August there was a special show held at the Mowlem and there's also a Pop -Up shop opened in Tilly Whim square (opposite Java) in Swanage, with all funds from both going to the Purbeck Dementia Friendly Community. The Friends of Wareham Hospital are holding their AGM at 7pm on 12th September - all welcome.

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We are hoping to hold some events to thank all our volunteers personally for the good work that they do and get together to find out what difficulties they have found when helping people in our areas.

With so many services being cut we would like to know what effect this is having on our older people and see if there is any way we can make a difference to their lives.

Also to let you know that our partner group, Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community, are joining with the Wareham Dementia Friendly Group with the aim to raise funding to provide an Admiral Nurse in the Purbeck area.

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Thank You So Much!

Following last month's appeal for new Committee members and helpers for our Swanage Area Senior Forum, we are delighted to say that eight members of our community have stepped forward to ensure our future is secure.

Over the past eight years the Forum has become part of our community watchdog landscape which can now be guaranteed to carry on for the foreseeable future.

At our AGM meeting on Wednesday 7 September, we will introduce you to our new committee members.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our current Chairman, Trevor Ayling, who is probably moving away from Swanage due to family commitments. He has been on board as Chairman since the launch and has brilliantly captained our Forum ship with his hardworking and multi-talented personality.

We also say farewell to our Treasurer, Chris Wallis, and warmly thank him for his services. Lastly, two of our long-standing committee members who are standing down after many years commitment are Jean Gibbs and Stan Hornsby; tirelessly working on the Forum Committee and elsewhere in the community for many years.

This doesn't mean they are "retiring" from community life; far from it! Both are fully engaged in many projects and are an example to us all of just how much you can fit into a day when you are in your eighties - and still stay young at heart.

Jan Turnbull, Chair of Friends of Swanage Hospital will address our meeting on the latest developments in the proposals from the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Review, which will affect us all locally in our future healthcare.

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PASTIMES AND PLEASURES IN PURBECK



As the saying goes: 'One man's meat is another man's poison' and when it comes to what constitutes a pleasurable pastime, there are many differing views.

What we can agree on however, is that here in Purbeck there is something to suit all tastes and all ages. Our feature this month provides a wealth of suggestions to entertain you, from great days out, exhibitions, events, and hobbies, through to mouth-watering wining and dining.

Of course not forgetting the ever popular pastimes of retail and beauty therapy – What's not to like?!

Don't forget that in every issue of the Purbeck Gazette, the Spotlight Diary at the rear of the magazine contains an amazing array of events and activities to tempt even the most jaded palate - get out there, get involved and join in!

Enjoy the very best that Purbeck has to offer this September!

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Swanage And Purbeck Walking Festival 2016



The seventh Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival runs from 17th – 25th September.

The Festival has matured into a successful nine days of walking in this spectacular unspoilt corner of Dorset. Walks range from a two mile art stroll or town trail to twelve mile hikes, taking in some of the best views in the country and including the eastern end of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast.

Of special interest to photographers will be the special interest walks led by award-winning landscape photographer, Andy Farrer and wildlife photographer, Julian Sawyer.

The area is known for its quarrying history, steam railway and the wonderful diversity of flora and fauna and walks are all led by local guides



who are keen to share their knowledge.

The Lulworth rangers are leading three walks this year, looking at the geology formation of the coast and the wildlife.

Walks are designated easy, moderate or strenuous and there is something for every age and ability.

Festival organiser, Robert Westwood, said "We are delighted that the Festival has captured the imagination of so many people from both this country and abroad and that bookings are already coming in. We look forward to welcoming even more walkers in 2016."

For full details and bookings, please visit www.walkswanage.com or contact Swanage Tourist Information Centre (01929 422885), or Discover Purbeck Information Centre in Wareham (01929 552740)

Kit Yourself Out!



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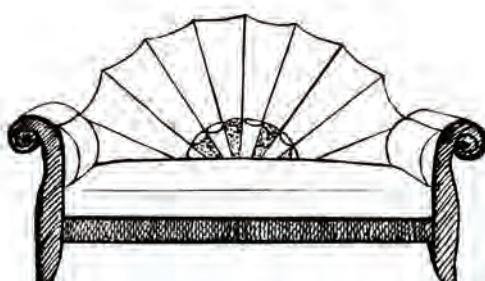
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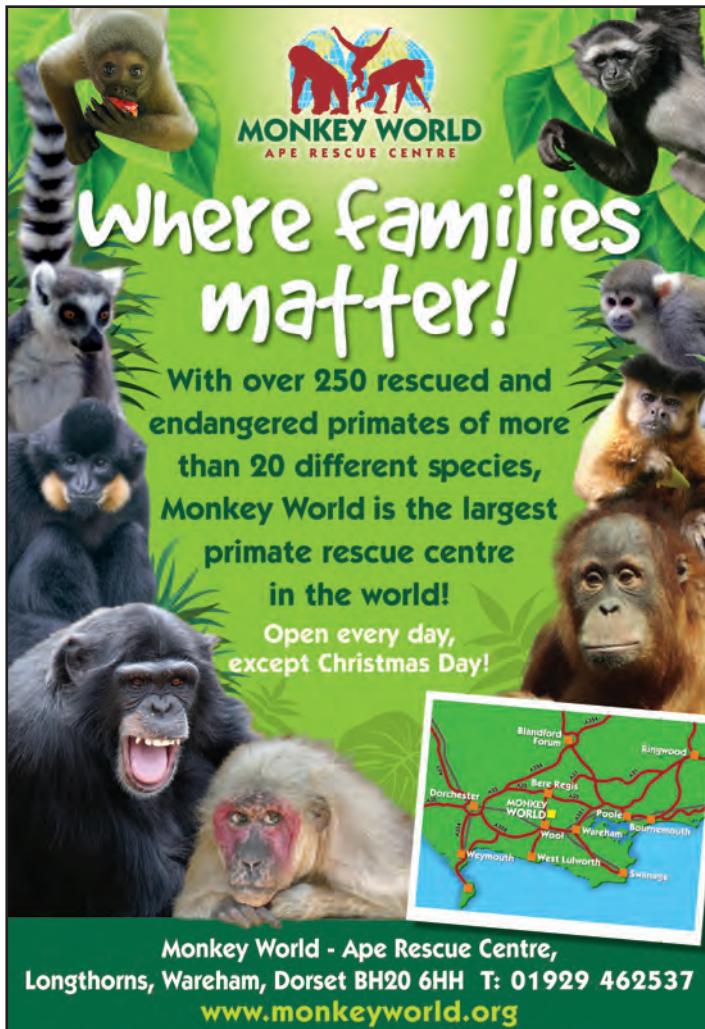
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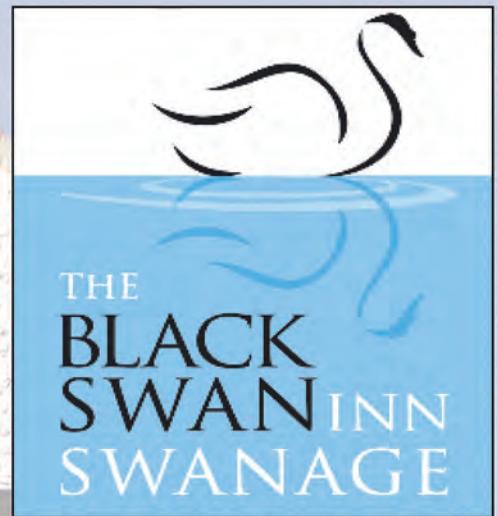
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As well as the base rate cut, there was an additional £70bn of asset purchases (of which £10bn will be corporate bonds). Elsewhere, in order to ease the pressure on the banking system and to help the transmission of monetary policy, the Bank of England announced a Term Funding Scheme, which will enable banks to access funding at levels close to the Bank Rate.

This is a key measure, because unlike the previous Funding for Lending Scheme there seem to be no strings attached. Taken as a whole these measures are bullish for UK sovereign and corporate bonds and positive for equities (including financials). The big loser was Sterling, which fell. Because of the uncertainty around "Brexit", interest rates are likely to remain low for an even longer period of time than previously expected. This is broadly a positive for equity markets, as low interest rates mean it is cheaper for companies to borrow to invest in their businesses.

Strength in the US economy means that the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates soon, but policymakers are being cautious on the pace of increases.

There is no suggestion yet that the UK will introduce a negative interest rate policy, known as a NIRP. Both the Bank of Japan (BoJ) and European Central Bank (ECB) have introduced NIRPs as inflation expectations in both regions remain subdued (UK inflation rates currently look set to rise and hit 2.4% in 2018 and 2019).

ECB President Mario Draghi first introduced a NIRP in December last year. He also unveiled a bold set of measures in March to ease monetary conditions in the Eurozone, reducing the rate on cash deposited overnight by banks by 10 basis points to minus 0.4% and lowering its benchmark rate to zero.

This means that commercial banks are charged by the central bank for holding some deposits, with the aim being to encourage financial institutions to use their reserves to lend to businesses.

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Businesses need to keep track of their debts, says Angie Loveless, Debt Recovery Manager at Battens Solicitors

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Figures from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) predict that by 2030 there will be damage to GDP between 2.7% and 7.7% per head of the population, as it is predicted that investors, consumers and businesses confidence in the economy will be reduced.

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The NEW MG GS - A Credit To Its Badge

by David Hollister

MG is a name long associated with open-topped sports cars, the wind in what's left of one's hair, and hours spent tinkering with oily hands trying to make them go that little bit better. Or indeed, to go at all. Years of British inventiveness and creativity, later ruined by years of poor workmanship and rusty unreliability!

Now at last the marque has been sold to the SAIC motor Co of China, who rapidly renamed it MG Motor UK; in 2011 the first of the all-new MG models was assembled at Longbridge and launched in the UK. MG Motor UK became the fastest growing car manufacturer within the UK in 2014. And eastern quality control came to Middle England.

It was back in August 2014 that I road-tested the superb little MG3 and really liked both the car and the price. When the new MG GS supermini crossover was announced in June this year I couldn't wait to get my hands on it, and thanks to Purbeck MG, I was able to spend an excellent weekend in a top-of-the-range GS Exclusive Auto, which we took to the Wye Valley – one of my very favourite testing-grounds.

The MG is actually bigger than it looks; longer than the Honda CRV, wider and taller than the Qashqai and almost as big as a Ford Kuga. It's a whole new platform, with a conventional transverse front-mounted engine and a choice of 6-speed manual or 7-speed dual-clutch automatic gearboxes. Although it looks as if it should be AWD, it's actually front-wheel drive only.

The engine used across the GS range is an all-aluminium turbocharged 1.5 litre petrol unit, although there are rumours of a 1.9 litre diesel later in the year. Only a small engine, but a healthy 166 bhp of torque which was quite enough to do everything I asked of it. And no, I didn't ask it to prove its alleged 112 mph maximum!

Lots of luggage space; 60-40 split rear seats which fold down flat, and an unusual amount of rear-seat legroom. The Exclusive model comes with a host of the usual goodies and electronics; almost everything you'd expect on a £21,000 car. Initially I found the cruise control, infotainment system and sat-nav difficult to come to terms with, although by the end of the two days I had mastered them all; perhaps a case where I should have studied the 'user guide'..... Unfortunately there wasn't one in the test car and I couldn't find one online. But the sat-nav is clear, bright, informative and – once familiar – one of the best I've used. And cruise, once I'd got the hang of it, was so easy.

So for the first hundred miles or so, I was distinctly unimpressed because nothing worked the way I thought it should have. The array of 22 buttons on the dashboard was disconcerting until several of them became really familiar. I am not, by nature "intuitive". I am, by nature, thick and impatient.

This is why I always do a two- or three-day test drive; it's not unusual for me to hate a strange car the first day and then – all of a sudden – it all falls into place. As indeed it did with the MG. So with this car – probably more than any I have tested for ages - my advice has to be RTFM. For a good long time. And it will pay dividends – you'll love it!

The automatic gearbox works well in traffic, but if you want to get a spurt on then you can switch it to 'Sport' mode and use the 'flappy paddles' behind the steering wheel to drive it like you stole it. Honestly, it doesn't feel like a 1.5-litre engine! Acceleration is published as 0.60 in 9.9 seconds but it seems quicker than that. The braking is sharp without being fierce. Published MPG for this model is 45.5 combined; I managed 31.4 on the 280-mile journey, that's 70%. Maybe down to me using 'sport' mode when the testers clearly don't!

Our journey both ways took us to a couple of fascinating National Trust properties (yes, we're really trying to justify our annual subscription and this weekend we got ahead of the game!). The first of these (The Kymin, near Monmouth) was accessed by a very narrow, steep and twisty road which the MG took in its stride.

The reversing camera became very useful when we had to go backwards



to let oncoming traffic through (why is it always me that ends up having to go backwards?) The reverse parking sensors also saved my no-claim bonus on a couple of occasions. Although it's bigger than it looks, it actually feels smaller than it looks if you see what I mean!

As on the MG3, I found the suspension somewhat firmer than perhaps Tina's back would have preferred, but the superbly upholstered leather front seats soaked up most of the bumps. I do feel that MG need to make their mind up if this car is aimed at the family or the sports-person; maybe adjustable suspension would endear it to both. Some reviewers criticise things like "plasticky" interior trim but I assure you it isn't; it's perfectly adequate and easy to keep clean as well, ideal if you have children! I found the rear window a tad small but the large door-mirrors make up for it.

Perhaps my biggest issue is what I genuinely believe to be a design fault; with your hands on the wheel in the normal '10 to 2' position, when you use the paddle-shift to change gear, the ball of your thumb neatly changes the channel on the steering-wheel audio control! This could take some getting used to..... And perhaps the radio touch-screen could have been clearer to access whilst driving; I don't like to take my eyes off the road to change the station.

OK, this was the top of the range model, £21,000 on the road, a great deal cheaper than many of the similar-sized cars on the market today. And perhaps this shows in a few areas. But overall it's a pleasant, well-equipped, nicely-styled and functional car, with the cheapest one in the range coming in at a mere £14,995.

Would I buy one? Probably not –as you know, we're 'little car' people – but I'd certainly like to borrow it again please! Several times! Thank you to Purbeck MG for a really interesting and entertaining weekend's drive. Go and see for yourself; it's only at Stoborough; 01929 552588 to arrange your own test drive. But to get the best of it – go that extra mile!

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Mammals on Roads, which records sightings of live mammals too, informs PTES as to where mammals are present and helps the charity to monitor changing mammal populations across the UK and take action if needed.

PTES has coordinated Mammals on Roads since 2001 and since then, over half a million kilometres of road have been surveyed. Mammals on Roads plays a vital role in the ongoing conservation of British wildlife and findings from this and other PTES surveys showed that hedgehog numbers have declined by over a third in the last decade alone.

Based on these findings, PTES has initiated campaigns to help protect hedgehogs – such as Hedgehog Street, a joint campaign with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which now has thousands of 'Hedgehog Champions' committed to help save the humble hedgehog from further decline.

Mammals on Roads requires the public to record sightings of mammals, dead or alive, any time between 1 July and 30 September. To record mammal sightings your car journey must be 20 miles or more (excluding urban areas, dual carriageways and motorways) and completed in one day – perfect for summer day trips and family holidays!

Iconic British mammals that you might spot include foxes, badgers, deer and rabbits, but PTES also wants to hear about any sightings of more unusual mammals such as polecats and pine martens.

David Wembridge, Surveys Officer at PTES says: "No-one likes seeing roadkill, but recording it as part of a survey like Mammals on Roads tells us about wildlife more widely. Comparing records year to year enables us to build a picture of how a population is changing, which is key to conservation."

Without the help of volunteers, it's almost impossible to identify these sorts of changes nationally and to spot population trends. Citizen science is essential to conservation—without the efforts of individuals recording the wildlife they see, we would not have the evidence of the recent decline in hedgehog numbers.

If you're going on a road trip this summer, take part in the survey, keep an eye out for mammals and get involved in conservation."

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£199.55	£13,995.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£10,995.00	48 MONTHS	£4,482.30	£17,060.70	9.9%	MILES P.A.: 6,000

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Fuel economy figures for the Pulsar Range: URBAN 37.2-68.9mpg (7.6-4.1L/100km), EXTRA URBAN 58.8-85.6mpg (4.8-3.3L/100km), COMBINED 47.9-78.5mpg (5.9-3.6L/100km), CO2 emissions 138-94g/km. MPG figures obtained from lab testing, in accordance with 2004/3/EC and intended for comparisons between vehicles and may not reflect real driving results. Offers valid until 30th September 2016 and subject to vehicle availability. *Finance provided by RCI Financial Services Ltd, PO Box 149, Watford WD17 1FJ. Subject to status. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. You must be at least 18 and a UK resident (excluding the Isle of Man and Channel Islands). Terms and conditions apply, please visit www.nissan-offers.co.uk/termsandconditions or your local dealer for full details. ¹£1,500 finance deposit allowance and 2 years free servicing only available when vehicle purchased on Nissan Finance and must be by a franchised Nissan dealer at specified intervals. Mileage limits apply - please see www.nissan-offers.co.uk/termsandconditions for servicing intervals. Offers not available in conjunction with any schemes or other offers. Vehicle price includes first registration fee and 12 months' road fund licence. Westover Group Ltd trading as Westover Nissan are a credit broker (not a lender) for the purposes of this financial promotion and can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction. You will not own the vehicle until all payments are made. For terms and conditions relating to Nissan technologies visit www.nissan.co.uk/technology T&Cs. Always drive carefully and attentively. Information correct at time of going to print. Model shots shown are for illustration purposes only. Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd, The Rivers Office Park, Denham Way, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 9YS. E&OE.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£7,846.00
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	48 MONTHS
OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	£2,812.18
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE (BY CUSTOMER)	£10,113.18
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CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	£175.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£8,820.00
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	48 MONTHS
OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	£2,721.98
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£149.00	£14,665.00	£3,733.50	£1,150.00	£10,931.50	37 MONTHS	£4,482.30	£17,060.70	0%	0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

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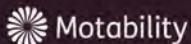
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Model shown is Verso Icon 7-Seat MPV 1.6 D-4D Manual at £22,295. Model shown is 2016 RAV4 Business Edition 5 door FWD 2.0 D-4D Manual £25,095. Prices correct at time of going to print. * 3 years 0% APR Representative only available on new retail orders of Verso (excluding Active grade) and 2 years *0% APR Representative only available on new retail orders of RAV4 between 1st July and 30th September 2016 and registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services by 31st December 2016 on an Access Toyota (PCP) plan with 0%-35% deposit. [^]Verso payment shown is based on a 36 month Access Toyota contract with £6,240 customer deposit and Guaranteed Future Value/Optional Final Payment. [^]Payment shown is based on a 24 month Access Toyota contract with £7,874.25 customer deposit and Guaranteed Future Value/Optional Final Payment. Toyota Financial Services (UK) PLC; registered office Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Excess miles over contracted charged at 9p for Verso and 12p for RAV4 per mile. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and conditions apply. Affordable finance through Access Toyota. 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer warranty subject to terms and conditions. E&OE

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Food

From The Kitchen Garden...



Roast Garlic Soup

By Regula Wright,
Godlingston
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Ah now, there's a nip in the air and soup is back on the menu - easy to prepare, comforting and a tasty meal, especially combined with bread and cheese. In my childhood I used to hate soup and couldn't see the point. Now however, all grown up, I love soup! Any soup - handy to prepare in advance, easy to make loads and easy to eat, even when you're tired...no chewing required, just shovel it in!

At this time of year the garlic bulbs have been dug up and are curing (drying) nicely in the shed. The bulbs are still full of juice and sugar and get all 'caramelly' when slowly roasted in the oven. This roast garlic soup is a particular favourite as you can smell it for miles when those bulbs are roasting... and it also is quite useful when the cold bugs are trying to get you!

Agreed, this is truly 'hands on cooking' but well worth the greasy fingers from squeezing out the roasted garlic cloves. Best done actually, together with a good friend and a glass of something nice before a long walk somewhere bracing! Then come back, finish the cooking and warm up with soup and cheese on toast. Perfect!

This recipe is for six people, so nobody can be accused of garlic breath.....

4 tbsp olive oil
5 whole garlic bulbs, cut in half crossways
25 g plain flour
1.5 litres hot water/even better chicken stock
Sprigs of thyme or dried thyme
Salt & pepper
100 g thin vermicelli or orzo pasta rice
Fresh parsley, chopped

Heat the oven to 140C/gas 1.

Drizzle the oil over a roasting tray and put the cut garlic bulbs on it. Roast for 1hr, until soft and golden. Remove the garlic from the oven and, when cool enough to handle, squeeze out the soft, buttery flesh.

Put it into a saucepan with the juices from the roasting tin and mash with a spoon. Over a medium heat, mix in the flour so it absorbs the oil and makes a roux. Slowly pour in the hot water/chicken stock, stirring constantly. Add the thyme and seasoning and simmer for 20 minutes.

Remove from the heat, discard the sprigs of thyme and use a hand-held blender to make the soup smooth. Return to the heat, add pasta and cook for a little longer. Add parsley just before tucking in.



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Dorset Women Cookin' It For Themselves!

Dorset food producers join together for delicious foodie calendar in aid of local charities

Top female Dorset food producers have come together to launch the Dorset Food & Drink Calendar 2017, in aid of local Dorset charities Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and Julia's House. The calendar highlights up-and-coming foodie females making waves in the UK food producer scene. With UK artisanal produce and Dorset brands becoming increasingly popular, the calendar offers the perfect opportunity to learn more about the dynamic women behind these popular brands.

Participants include:

Gemma Major - Dorset Pie Co
Tracey Collins - Ajar Of
Katherine Locke - Jalopy Pizza
Christine McFadden - Christine McFadden Cookery School
Chrissy Regler - From Dorset With Love
Annette Lee - Woolsery Cheese Co
Hazel Hartle - Purbeck Ice Cream
Gill Rossiter - Riverford Organic Veg Co
Christine Willis - Christine's Puddings
Nicci Campbell & Emma Hamriding - Angel Cake co
Annie Hanbury - Baboo Gelato
Ilaria Padovani - Mercato Italiano
Emily Davies - Dorset Blue Vinny

The idea for the calendar was first floated at Dorset foodie event Fish & Ships 2014, where Dorset Food & Drink member Tracey Collins, of 'Ajar Of', took note of the amazing Dorset brands on display and felt it was time to share these brands with the world! Support was soon shown from Dorset Food & Drink and charities were picked to benefit from any proceeds made from the sale of the calendar.

Katharine Wright, Dorset Food & Drink Co-Ordinator comments: "Dorset is increasingly becoming known as a hotspot for amazing local food producers and this calendar is a celebration of the women behind some of these brands. Not only are we keen to highlight the women and the amazing Dorset products, we also want to show those at home how to create some of the delicious products with the on-page recipes. We hope to see Dorset recipes cropping up in kitchens all over the country!"

The calendar has been co-ordinated by award-winning preserve maker Tracey Collins, along with an acclaimed local photographer, Lara Jane Thorpe, who donated her time and photography expertise to shoot the entire calendar. Local designer Colin at Vertiworks completed the calendar by producing the layout for the final product. Printing was kindly donated by David at Blackmore Vale printing and paper from Denmaur Independent Papers. Finally, In The Bag PR offered marketing services to help share the calendar far and wide, not only spreading the Dorset word but helping to raise as much money as possible for Julia's House and Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The Dorset Food & Drink calendar hopes to raise £8,000 for the charities whilst promoting local foodie women and hopefully will lead to a second print run...!

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Wareham In The Wars

by John Garner

Whilst trying to find some new walks for my dog and me the other day I decided to stop at a spot I have driven and ridden past more times than I can remember without ever stopping. To this end, I parked at Holme Bridge and tried to find some paths and routes either way that might wear out the dog and give us both something new to explore.

To the east the path was so overgrown that I didn't have the will to push on once I'd gone under the railway bridge. Definitely a long trouser walk and one that I will return to I'm sure. To the west I couldn't really see where the trail was heading. The path seemed to head across the fields and then peter out at a hedge. Next time I'll take the OS map and see where it should be. A little downcast I plodded back intent on loading the more than happy dog back into the car and heading off. I was about to get in the car when I noticed an information board next to the bridge. And very glad I am that I did.

Now before I press on this isn't a chance discovery that led to a life changing event or even another world through the back of a wardrobe, but it signifies the need in me to be more observant of my immediate surroundings that's for sure.

The information board tells of a fairly rich history. There has, it stated, been a bridge there since medieval times. So far so good I hear you mutter. People inhabiting the area. Water to be crossed. Generally your starting point to call in the bridge builders.

What I hadn't foreseen, somewhat dimly now that I think about it, were the small fragments of history that the crossing would deliver in both the civil war and the Second World War. Bridges, regardless of size, nearly always have some strategic significance. Neither can be said to have dramatically altered the course of either conflict during which they occurred, but the history on your doorstep can be fascinating especially when discovered by chance.

So apologies to anyone who has their eyes open on a daily basis and knows what's coming next. You can turn the page if you wish. As is my nature I shall push on regardless. In 1643 the population of Wareham was largely for the Royalist cause whilst those in Poole were Parliamentarians. The military in Poole had decided enough was enough and attacked Wareham by boat.

About two hundred Roundheads alighted at Redcliffe and chased the residents down to the Quay where there was fierce fighting for most of the day at the end of which the soldiers from Poole departed leaving many dead or injured and having taken as much ammunition as they could carry.

However, Wareham stuck to its guns and remained Royalist despite

the attack and future smaller skirmishes. On the 27th February 1644, a larger scale attack was launched, resulting in the battle at Holme Bridge. Remarkably, whilst the Royalists of Wareham were greatly outnumbered and came under attack from all sides, forty five men fought tooth and nail with three hundred Roundheads and killed forty five of them.

Of the Wareham folk, twelve were wounded and one Lieutenant died. A pretty good return if tallies of dead people can be viewed as such. Wareham would eventually fall to the Parliamentarians, but it must have been quite a battle. Tales of wounded and dying men rallying the troops are hard to prove, but the main message seems to have been this. You mess with the good folk of Wareham at your peril.

Many years later during WWII, the bridge was said to have given temporary respite to a couple of German airmen after their Messerschmitt Bf10 was shot down over Purbeck and the crew parachuted to safety. This is a harder one to verify, but a plane was indeed shot down on the evening of 25th August 1940 and the plane crashed into a nearby field, belonging to Priory Farm so it's quite possible.

Splendidly the farmer, one Alan Barnes, took the cockpit canopy and used it as a cloche under which he improved the growing capacity of his fruit and vegetables for many years, one hopes. It has a brilliantly 'Dad's Army' feel to it I think. It would be interesting to speculate as to the chain of thought in Mr Barnes' head that started at 'Blimey, it looks like an enemy plane has been shot down in one of my fields,' and culminated in something like 'that there canopy would bring my tomatoes on lovely! I shall liberate it and win the East Stoke show' - possibly. (Apologies to any members of the family who take exception to this blatant distortion of the facts.)

There's a sense of irony there as well I suppose. It would, one assumes, have been rather disappointing for the German airmen had they known that their plane was being recycled for the war effort on the enemy side. To think that the pinnacle of German engineering was being used to bring on a crop of spuds a few weeks early must have been hard to take.

As mentioned earlier I have crossed this bridge countless times. On an autumn or spring day at dawn it can look stunning with a mist hanging over the river and a solitary swan patrolling its territory. But I definitely see it in a new light now.

There are two bridges at Holme Bridge. It should probably be called Holme Bridges. It isn't but do not let this absence of plurality spoil the enjoyment. I have no doubt there are dozens of such places around Purbeck and Dorset. I am going to make it my place to try to find as many as possible. Starting with the places that I see every day.

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Animals are always a favourite and this year there are a range of new livestock classes being introduced for the first time. The included Belted Galloway cattle from Scotland and – closer to home – rare breed Portland sheep, which date back to before the Roman Invasion. The Show will also be hosting the Tamworth National Pig Championships as well as the finale of the National Show Blacksmith's Competition.

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Wareham In Bloom - Always Going For Gold!

On a windswept Monday in mid-July, the RHS representatives from the national 'In Bloom' initiative came to visit Wareham town, where volunteers have been busily working hard for this year's 'In Bloom' entry.

The judges came to town to judge Wareham on several categories entered in to the regional South and South East competition, which were; Small town, Churchyard, Allotments and Clean and Green for the Queen.

The judges were welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor Doreen Cleaton, and taken on a whistle stop tour of the town by Councillor Eric Osmond MBE, Chair of the Wareham in Bloom committee.

The judges were looking for projects that demonstrated Horticultural and Gardening achievement, Environmental cleanliness, Conservation efforts and Community involvement.

Councillor Osmond proved to be the perfect ambassador for Wareham's efforts in the 2016 South and South East in Bloom competition.

The judges seemed to leave the town greatly impressed by the summer displays and community effort made by everyone involved.

The results for the competition will be announced in September at the South and South East in Bloom Awards ceremony, so until then, we will all be keeping our fingers crossed for a win for Wareham.



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with Simon Goldsack



Five great plants to make your garden sensational this September:
Aster x frikartii (pictured, above)

A low-growing, mound-forming plant with a good long flowering season from August to late September. The pale blue flower colour blends so well into most planting schemes.



Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' (left)

This tall perennial is magnificent and will make you think you are still in high summer through the clarity of its blooms.

It reaches up to 7ft but I normally prune mine in June to strengthen the stems and restrict its' height to 6ft so it better withstands the autumn elements.

Hydrangea paniculata 'Pinky Winky' (top right)

This sturdy shrub produces upright dense, conical flower panicles. Initially lime green, the florets soon turn white

and then mature to pink so that a distinctly multi-toned affect is produced. It reaches 1.4m which is more compact than other *H. paniculata* types so it is sturdy and bears the flowers without flopping over.

Dahlia 'Roxy' (right)

All Dahlia's flower fantastically through September but I particularly like



Roxy. The single flowers are striking in colour but the flower structure is simple allowing bees and visiting insects to access the flower's nectar easily.

It also has deep purple foliage which is so useful in providing a contrast within a planting scheme.

Caryopteris 'Heavenly Blue' (below)

If you chose one plant for your garden to attract bees then I would highly recommend this one. The blue flower heads are a'buzz with our foraging friends throughout September.

This small shrub is compact and is therefore suited to any size of garden. The silver leaves are another useful addition to a planting scheme. The plants above will be available at Holme through September. Earlier this year we added 32 new varieties of Dahlia to the garden borders at Holme.

All have established well and will be putting on a magnificent display this month so be sure to pay us a visit and relax in the gardens for free.

See you soon at Holme!



Arts & Entertainment

Swanage Folk Festival



9th to 11th September 2016

The Swanage Folk Festival is gearing up for another exciting weekend. The planning for the concert programme is complete and this year's line-up promises to be one of the best yet.

The festival starts off on a high note with an opening concert featuring Oysterband, one of the best known bands on the festival circuit, supported by Cardboard Fox with their bluegrass vibe and Gareth Lee and Annie Baylis. Three very different acts all coming together for one great night. Saturday night is no less varied with the toe-tapping Keston Cobblers Club leading the way. They will be aided and abetted by one of the North East's finest in Tom McConville with his band and the up-and-coming singer/songwriter, Sunjay.

The Saturday night dance will once again be held at The Swanage School and features the excellent young dance band Threepenny Bit. This dynamic band combines a group of diehard folkies with some of the finest jazz and classical musicians of the south to create infectious musical energy for ceilidh dancing.

For something a bit quieter, you can try one of our afternoon folk club concerts. The Saturday concert features not one but two 2016 BBC Folk award nominees in Rosie Hood and Stick in the Wheel, whilst the Sunday concert features the excellent local duo Nine Barrow, with another rising young star, Maz O'Conner.

The parish church provides the venue for two Sunday concerts, an afternoon presentation by Time and Tide based on the life and music of Thomas Hardy and the final festival concert provided by the vocal trio, Lady Maisery, who will bring their unique approach to harmony singing to both traditional and original compositions.

Over the festival weekend the town will come alive with over fifty colourful dance teams performing traditional dance from England and beyond. The highlight of the dance programme will be the procession by the dance teams through the town on Saturday afternoon.

Once again the heart of the festival will be the craft fair and music marquee on Sandpit Field. The colourful craft fair will provide a wonderful opportunity for some early Christmas shopping with a wide selection of quirky wares, whilst on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon you can just chill on the grass with a pint, good food and listen to our free music performances.

Tickets for the festival concerts are available through the ticket booking form that can be found on the festival website www.swanagefolkfestival.com together with information on all the bands.

The festival is organised each year by a small, dedicated group of volunteers who are always on the look-out for more helpers, either as stewards over the festival weekend or as members of the organising committee.

If you are interested and would like to help please contact the festival organisers on swanagefolkfestival@hotmail.co.uk

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Tom McConville Band

Stick in the Wheel

Threepenny Bit

Ninebarrow

Cardboard Fox

Lady Maisery

Sunjay

Mother Ukers

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10 Steps To Improving Your Photography...



With the Swanage Photographic Society

Step 5. Fill Flash or Reflector

Often we're told to photograph people with your back to the sun but this is not the best way to photograph people as they tend to squint or screw their faces up. It's far better to have your subject with their back to the sun and to use a little fill flash or something to reflect light back onto

them. Photographing people who are in the shade but against a brightly lit background is another bad idea as the background can be overexposed. In this case you can set your camera to expose for the background which will make your subject dark, and then pop some fill flash to lighten your subject. Fill flash is a weak pop of light from your 'on camera' flash or off camera flash sufficient to light your subject. Typically it's not very effective if your subject is more than six to eight feet away.

A reflector can be something as simple as a white plastic bag, a white shirt or a white wall opposite your subject. Basically anything which can reflect light back onto your subject without making them squint. Remember to choose something white because if you use a coloured surface the colours will reflect onto your subject.

Step 6. Shoot Often - 7 Day Challenge

Digital cameras allow you to take as many images as you like and then delete what you don't want, so make use of this by taking images every day.

Day 1 - Get yourself into a shaded area and practice adjusting your camera's aperture to create a correctly exposed image.

Day 2 - Stand in a safe place where you can photograph cars, bicycles,

lorries etc. Adjust your camera's shutter speed from 1/30th up to 1,000th of a second to see how the subject & background are effected.

Day 3 - Choose a landscape location and select your lowest f/stop. Now take images and increase your f/stop until you reach your camera's highest f/stop. This can be done in wet, windy or bright days.

Day 4 - Shoot indoors with and without flash. What happens to the shadows created by the flash? How can you improve this?

Day 5 - Photograph people from all angles. Take images from each side of your subject making sure they stand in the same place. Notice how the light effects your image but more importantly how it lights the facial features.

Day 6 - Take photographs in both landscape and portrait positions. See how a portrait image makes a landscape scene different to a landscape image.

Day 7 - Photograph close up. Flowers, insects, toys, everyday items. They all appear different in close up. How does the light effect the image?

Step 7. Draw the Viewer into Your Image

Find ways to lead the viewer into the image. If you watch TV you'll often see a broad view of perhaps a town in the countryside and the next sequence will be outside of a house and the shot will then move closer into the doorway or into a room where the action begins. And so it is with your photographs; learn to move yourself around the scene until there is a pathway, road, trees or fence line that leads you into the main image, then choose a suitable centre piece to complete the photograph.

I'm sure you've heard of the 'Rule of Thirds' where your image has an imaginary grid of nine squares placed over it. You then design your image so that your main subject is positioned onto one of the sections where the grid lines cross. By doing this you're leaving space for the eye to move around the image and you're making the image more interesting.

Belvedere Singers Update

The Belvedere Singers Summer Concert made quite a splash with their programme of water-themed pieces entitled 'All at Sea'. From the lilting melody of 'The tide rises, the tide falls' to the rousing strains of 'Rule Britannia', the audience enjoyed a trip on the ocean waves. Swanage NSPCC, which raises funds to help vulnerable children, reaped the benefit when a cheque for £300 was presented to local NSPCC co-ordinator and choir member Sally Hutton-Cornish, and NSPCC secretary Pat Wright at a choir workshop on June 28.

The next venture for the choir is a festive feast in collaboration with 'One Voice' from Weymouth. The programme will feature some old Christmas favourites and some unexpected delights! The choir meets every Tuesday from September 6th at St Mark's School Hall, High Street, Swanage. All potential new members will be warmly welcomed and none more so than



new tenors or altos!

For more information see the choir's website; www.belvederesingers.org.uk visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/belvederesingers, or contact Sue Payne on 01929 423729.

Threads At The Grand



8th to 14th September - 10am to 4pm

The sixth exhibition of the Purbeck branch of West Country Embroiderers at the Grand Hotel in Swanage will be showcasing both contemporary and traditional needlecraft.

Come along and see the wide variety of work on display or browse the sales table, which will include items for Christmas. Members of the group will be there throughout the exhibition if you want to find out more about its activities. Enjoy the exhibition in a relaxed setting with a drink and tasty lunch in the hotel's comfy lounge with its magnificent sea views.

Contact: 01929 423353

Thanks For Jazz!



A brilliant Swanage Jazz Festival took place July 8th to 10th, starting with a Jazz Steam train to Harman's Cross and Dance to Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band. Music at the Old Stone Quay, Queen Elizabeth School Jazz Orchestra on Friday night....superb with the sea as a backdrop. Marquee 1 with traditional Jazz and Marquee 2 with modern all weekend. MSG Collective at Prince Albert Gardens and the Dorset Jazz Orchestra. It was great to see so many young people playing Jazz so well.... the Queen Elizabeth School, Mountbatten School Big Band from Romsey, The Alton Jazz and Big Band from Hampshire. Music at several of the pubs.... A great weekend with music playing everywhere and people swinging and dancing to the music! A first class Festival in Swanage in July. Reader, Carol Wadsworth

Swanage Blues Festival!



Crowds enjoying the Blues in the Red Lion garden, Swanage

Swanage Blues will be celebrating the 26th festival from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 October 2016. Well over 1,000 fans are expected to enjoy sixty shows by forty bands in fifteen venues.

The festival presents The Blues in a variety of genres: acoustic, electric, urban and rural. But it's much more than just music, "As if that wasn't enough!" said sole organiser Steve Darrington.

"Twice a year the blues festivals bring alive the Rhythms of Life in this quirky little seaside town we love so much. It's not just for listening and dancing, but drinking, eating, laughing and loving too – and great publicity for Swanage." Be prepared for pop-up buskers too!

Blues fans travel from round the world to enjoy what Swanage has to offer, some from as far away as Brazil and Japan, some move here after being introduced to the town through the blues festivals.

If you attend the festival, you are respectfully requested to purchase at least one wristband for £10 to help cover the costs of this amazing weekend.

"It's an honesty thing," explained organiser Steve. "We hope people will voluntarily cough up a tenner to keep things going. If they don't, we'll have to bring in authorised door staff and tickets and that will push the price up to over £30, so it's in everybody's interests to chip in a tenner. Go on, you know it's worth it!"

Further details at www.swanage-blues.org, where you can order wristbands and programmes in advance. You can also buy them at retailers, most venues and the Tourist Information Centre during the festival.

Steve Darrington, sole organiser. www.swanage-blues.org . 01929 422338

Live Music At The RBL, Swanage

At a time when many music venues are doing less, it's good to see the Swanage Legion is bucking the trend and establishing quite a reputation for regular live music with club price drinks, comfy seats, a stage, lights, great PA and a dance floor. Band leader Cherry Dame Dawlish recently wrote: "What an amazing place. Lovely friendly welcome, fabulous food and a venue that looks after their musicians!!!"

Less than twelve months ago, Steve Darrington approached the club with a view to putting on something just one Sunday afternoon a month. "Lots of people had told me they missed my Bar One sessions from a few years ago," said Steve, "and The Legion is a progressive club open to new ideas, so I thought I'd give it a go." Working closely together, they successfully established regular Sunday afternoon sessions, and from September they're adding a monthly Saturday evening session too.

The first one will be at 8.30pm on 3 September with Hugh 'Harmonica' Budden & the Blue Chords playing a mix of Blues, Country, Soul, 50s, 60s and Rock 'n' Roll. Guests include American singer Queenie Creole Moore and Steve Darrington himself on keyboards.

Then at 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon September 18, top singer Amy Mayes returns with her band The Change for some Soul, Blues, Motown, Rock and Pop. Watch out for Amy, she's recording for Jools Holland's radio show shortly and recently appeared at Henley Regatta in a fifteen-piece band that included ex-Rolling Stones guitarist Mick Taylor.

The Legion is at 150 High Street, Swanage BH19 2PA. Restaurant bookings and further information on 01929 422722. Admission to the live music sessions is free to members, £1 non-members. Temporary membership for up to two weeks is £3 single, £5 a couple, with annual membership available for £23.

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PURBECK PIRATE FESTIVAL Goes Off With A BANG!!



Pics by Purbeck Pirate Tim Crabb

Words by Nico Johnson

Swanage Pier staff and volunteers are celebrating the huge success of a new festival for Purbeck hosted by Swanage Pier - the Purbeck Pirate Festival, held for the first time between 29-31 July, in aid of the 'Save The Pier' appeal.

The festival was the brainwave of Swanage Pier CEO, Ben Adeney, who thought up the idea when the internationally-famous frigate Shtandart was moored up at the Pier in 2015 whilst filming for ITV's 'Peter and Wendy'. The Shtandart offered the Pier the only weekend they had free for 2016, and Captain Martus (*pictured below, with Purbeckian Laura Crabb*) agreed to sail back to Swanage to feature as a main attraction for the festival.

Swanage town traders and retailers were absolutely instrumental to the festival's success - our shops did a truly amazing job decorating their windows, and staff worked in pirate costume throughout the weekend, setting the scene for visitors perfectly - a real pirate town was created!

A tiny group of volunteers organised the festival - more a matter of appealing to locals to bring what they could to the party than actual 'organisation', to be honest! And you know what? It worked perfectly - shops and service providers laid-on their own entertainments for visitors, meaning there were a wide range of activities available for everyone.

Frank Roberts of Swanage Army Link hand-made some splendid flagpoles and spent around ten hours erecting flags throughout the town prior to the festival to 'set the scene'. Geoff and Polly of GHPM Print in Swanage were amazingly generous, helping us print 2000 programmes. Julian from Country Foods provided pop-ups and organised the kids' disco, as well as running the pirate bar and BBQ. Mike Dimarco stepped in and ran the PA system, allowing the musicians performing to be heard and enjoyed.

Several appeals on Facebook brought professional pirates to the party from around the UK, complete with working canons and muskets! Re-enactors from Oxford River Rogues, Star Gun Company and Wimborne Militia attended - giving their time for free in aid of the 'Save the Pier' appeal. They were hosted for the weekend by our very own 'Pirate Lord and Lady of the Manor', Ben and Catherine Bowerman of Godlingston, with permission kindly granted by the National Trust. The pirate hoarde camped-out at the Manor house grounds for the weekend. A HUGE thank you to Ben for ferrying the pirates to town on the farm trailer!! Just brilliant!

Senior Pirate Colin Honey was put-up by Mel and Gerry Norris of Swanage - thank you both so much for your wonderful hospitality! Artsreach joined the party with the 'Tap Dancing Mermaid' show, a Beach School was held on Monkey Beach for the kids, Pirate Magician and stilt-walker, Kevin Burke, delighted the whole family and performed all weekend. Local shanty singers, Kelp!, performed several times, both on shore and on the ship, and folk group, 'The Salts', played a blinding gig at the Ampitheatre on Saturday. Other acts added to the programme who performed included the Wareham Whalers, the Folk Orc and Matt Hurley.

Popular band, The Guvnors, turned pirate for the weekend, and rocked the Gardens on Saturday night before the Carnival fireworks - yet another amazing act coming along for free to support the Pier Appeal. The UK's leading Jack Sparrow impersonator, Jax Sparrow, thrilled visitors throughout the weekend, including taking a star turn stealing the rum during several pirate skirmishes held on Monkey Beach!

Swanage Sea Rowing Club took to the high seas, ferrying armed pirates around the bay, bravely leading an armed attack on the frigate Shtandart.

Swanage Library ran a fantastic storytime session, which was really popular. Swanage Pier volunteers worked tirelessly, clearing the pier and tidying up prior to the festival. A small group of local 'Shtandart' volunteers from both the Pier and the town learnt the ship's history and took at least one shift aboard during the weekend, showing the public around, giving the crew valuable time off to step ashore and explore Swanage.

Moonfleet of Swanage, working with outdoor experts, Cumulus, took the guilty out to sea and made them walk the plank in the bay as punishment. Stall holders from the local community offered delicious food and drink, as well as a variety of games and activities. No pitch fees were charged by the organisers, instead a percentage of profit was donated to the Pier - except in the case of Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club and our Coastguard, who donated everything they made over the whole weekend! Amazing support!

Literally the entire community worked together, each taking responsibility for their own events and ideas, and it really, really worked. Most generously gave 20% of their profits to the Pier Appeal. Feedback from visitors has been hugely positive, with many attending the festival stating that they came specifically to Swanage to see the Shtandart and the 'Pirate Town'. Visitor, Mark Richardson, posted online: 'It's fantastic here, well worth the wait, superb attractions and the people are the friendliest and most polite ever! Lovin' it!'

Having volunteered over the weekend myself, both on the Pier and on the Shtandart, I can confirm that the children attending absolutely loved the festival - I can't recall how many times I was asked by a small person if we really were 'a real pirate town', to which the answer was of course, 'yes'!

The Pier 'clicked in' well over 18,000 visitors during the festival, and raised over £15,000 in donations - which are still coming in! A MASSIVE well done and a huge THANK YOU from everyone at Swanage Pier to absolutely ALL concerned - you are ALL amazing pirates and did our town so, so proud!!

The Shtandart had such a brilliant welcome and was so well supported that Captain Martus wants to do it all again next year - with an earlier date of 31st June - 2nd July 2017 most likely (dates to be confirmed!!).

A quick poll on Facebook to festival attendees found the 'Ayes' won outright when asked if we should turn pirate every year from now on - so watch this space! Keep those outfits and your ideas coming for the second Purbeck Pirate Festival in 2017! Arrrrrrhhh!!!

Fantastic photographs (including pictures of the Swanage shopkeepers' window displays!) available on the festival Facebook page: **Purbeck Pirate Festival 2016**.

**Until next year
M'hearties.....!!**



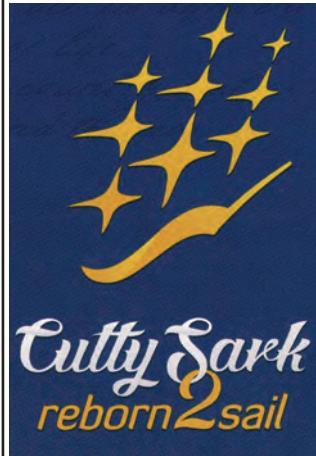






The Cutty Sark - May She Sail Again!

To build an amazing ship..... the project



Captain Vladimir Martus of the Shtandart (frigate pictured, above) is a formidable character, a real-life master of the high seas, living full-time aboard with his international, multi-lingual crew.

Responsible for building the ship better known to many of us as the 'Black Pearl' (of Pirates of the Caribbean fame), Captain Martus sold the Pearl, cleared his debts and set about building the Frigate Shtandart - an exact replica of the 1703 Russian Navy Flagship, originally built by Tsar Peter the Great. A decree to rebuild was given by Catherine the Great in 1727, after the original Shtandart was destroyed whilst being lifted from the water for repairs.

Three men with basic, 18th century tools and a constant influx of young, enthusiastic volunteers saw the replica Shtandart launched on Sept. 4th 1999. During the build, the shipyard was run as an 18th century yard would have been - no radio, no mobile phones and no newspapers were allowed.

Today, the Shtandart sails the seas all year, maintaining a strong programme of education and training, especially amongst the younger generations. Captain Martus is driven to share the knowledge of traditional ship-building skills with the world, ensuring that the required skills are kept alive and relevant in today's modern, technological world.

Captain Martus now has an incredibly exciting new project up his impressive sleeve - to rebuild none other than the world-famous 'Cutty Sark'. Together with trustees Chris Blake (Captain of British Tall Ship 'Pelican'), David Morgan (trustee at Maritime Heritage Trust), John Robinson (Honorary Treasurer & Secretary at the European Maritime Heritage) and Thomas Hoppe (Chef Exec. Officer at Brebook & EHV Academicpress GmbH), a foundation has been created to fundraise and build the Cutty Sark II.

Global warming and industrial pollution are threatening our planet and one of the advantages of sail power is the lack of pollution created when compared to today's marine transport industry. One of the Cutty Sark Foundation's objectives is to reduce pollution by example rather than by protest - imagine the Cutty Sark racing (and easily beating!) today's huge, oil-hungry container tankers across the oceans, with a hold full of cargo.

During construction, the aim is to create a living museum shipyard, where the public can experience at firsthand the traditional methods used in building the original ship. Educational programmes will then be developed, helping to preserve our maritime heritage for future generations.

Once sailing, the ship will offer education and seamanship training, much as the original Cutty Sark did, taking apprentices aboard with her when she sailed.

There is now a fabulous opportunity for anyone who wishes to get involved to do so! £100,000 would get the project off the ground, and once suitable land has been found to create an 18th century shipyard (close to the coast - in the UK if possible (the original Sark was built in the UK)), the build can begin in earnest. Do you know any suitable land and do you want to be involved in making history?! Get in touch via the website!

Watch this space - or see the website for further details or to get involved (below).

Website: www.cutty-sark.org

Facebook: Cutty Sark Replica

Hashtag: #reborntosail

Where there's a will, there's a way!



Wareham Carnival 2016!

Wow much do we LOVE Wareham Carnival? Absolutely loads - and this year lived up to all expectations! A fabulous procession featuring all of our favourite locals, including the ever-beautiful Muddlecombe Men, wooing the crowds (pictured, right).

Following the procession to the Recreation Ground, we found a packed arena full of lots of stalls run by lovely locals; games, charities, Jax Sparrow (boy, he gets around!) and a whole lot more. A real day out for the entire family, hosted by the wonderful folk of Wareham. Who could ask for more! Massive congratulations to the organisers - you really did us proud!

Pictures by Nico Johnson



Swanage Regatta & Carnival 2016!

Swanage Carnival 2016 was, as usual, a massive success, with a record-beating procession, delighted crowds and smiling faces all round!

Huge numbers attended this year's carnival week, and thousands lined the streets to watch the procession - even bigger and better than before! Here we share with you just a tiny proportion of the images we have of this year's main procession - a huge well done to absolutely everyone who took part, and most of all - congratulations to the Carnival Committee, who through tireless hours of planning and organisation, pulled off the biggest party on the south coast once again!

Pictures by Tim Crabb



IN LIGHT OF A TINY HANDFUL OF COMPLAINTS
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Health & Beauty

Anxious? Stressed?

What Is Mindfulness and how can it help?

Anxiety is like quicksand, the harder we struggle to escape it, the deeper we sink.

What is stress and anxiety?

Stress and anxiety are terms often used to describe the same feelings. Stress and anxiety are normal and sometimes helpful responses to a threat, or a perceived threat.

But anxiety can often develop into more overwhelming, distressing and sometimes debilitating conditions which impact on your ability to cope with daily life. Anxiety exists on a continuum from helpful, to completely debilitating.

Most of us will be able to describe times when it has been helpful, such as for a job interview, to times when it has been harder to manage, during periods of acute stress. More debilitating experiences of anxiety may be phobias, OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), and Panic attacks.

What is mindfulness and how can it help?

Mindfulness is a practice traditionally associated with Buddhism, but in recent years has become a well-researched and accepted method for managing many emotional disorders such as stress, anxiety, depression and much more. Drawing on current knowledge and research findings, mindfulness based methods focus on reducing the stress response within specific areas of the brain, which can be achieved through extended periods of practice.

It is not a quick fix, and is not a 'magic pill' for curing all. Neuroscience has however found that the brain has the capacity to change, and with regular practice of mindfulness, the brain has adapted and changed.

You won't be able to get rid of stress or anxiety completely, but you will learn to relate to stressful situations differently by raising your stress and anxiety tolerance levels.

A runner who has trained himself to run five miles per day is no longer challenged by running a mile, which may have been difficult in his first week. Likewise, practicing mindfulness regularly will help push your mental and emotional thresholds to higher limits.

For more information about Mindfulness or to book a place on the next 8-week Mindfulness course starting on Monday the 26th September, you can contact Jane Zoega directly on 07778 515599, or by e-mail on jane@janezoega.co.uk. See my website www.janezoega.co.uk or call the Swanage Therapy Centre on 01929 – 426506.

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Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

Earlier this month, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) announced the proposals for the future of integrated community services throughout Dorset.

The proposals set out went to the CCG Governing body on 20th July and it was agreed that a public consultation will be held in the autumn to gather responses to these proposals.

As an employee of Dorset Healthcare and the Matron for both Swanage and Wareham Hospitals, I look forward to the opportunity to explore and potentially shape the future of healthcare provision in Purbeck.

The CCG held roadshows in areas around Dorset and the proposals were discussed at these; if you were not able to attend these it is possible to access the details at www.dorsetvision.nhs.uk

Obviously the proposals will have an impact on Purbeck as they affect both hospitals with the development of community hubs with and without inpatient beds. Swanage has been identified as a potential hub with beds and Wareham a hub without beds.

The proposed hubs within Purbeck will support the 'Need for change' and will provide care closer to home for our increasingly elderly and frail population. Integrated care will ensure that each individual will receive 'joined up care' as we are often finding that patients, whether being looked after in their own homes, care homes or as inpatient meet a variety of health and social care professionals.

By working together within hubs we can put the patient at the centre of our care.

The public consultation will allow everyone to have their say on the

proposed changes and I will be supporting my teams within each hospital both as employees, residents and users of healthcare within Purbeck to give their input.

Dorset HealthCare is supporting the staff with regular updates and ensuring staff have a medium to share their views, we are also fortunate to have a staff governor on site.

The normal day to day business of providing healthcare at both Swanage and Wareham will continue at their usual high standard and I am extremely proud of how all the teams are continuing with business as usual.

Please use the information available to enable you to shape the future of healthcare provision within our community.

Anyone passing the Everest building may notice a sign regarding the demolition of the building, this has been a long time coming and the safe demolition of this unsafe building will ensure that the continued hazard it presents is removed.

If anyone wishes to speak to me regarding any matters relating to either hospital all staff have my contact details or just grab me when you see me!

Until next time, take care

Matron Donna



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Dorset Aims For A Balanced Attitude To Alcohol And Other Drugs

A landmark strategy to tackle alcohol and drug misuse across Dorset has been launched.

The Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Alcohol and Drugs Strategy seeks to improve people's wellbeing, increase their chances of recovery from substance misuse, and help ensure they are safe.

It brings together agencies involved in dealing with the effects of alcohol and other drugs in Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset to recognise people's use of substances and promote a balanced relationship with alcohol and drugs, while working to improve life for people and communities affected by substance misuse.

All partners have agreed to the following four principles:

Build services around the need of the service user, their families and the wider community

Focus on areas of demographic and geographic need

Work in partnership to make the best use of all resources in our communities

Share appropriate information for the benefit of service design and service user support

The work is led by the Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Alcohol and Drugs Governance Board, which includes partners such as Public Health Dorset, councils, NHS, Dorset Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and treatment services.

Dr David Phillips, director of Public Health Dorset and Chair of the Dorset Drugs and Alcohol Governance Board, said:

"Most people in Dorset drink alcohol safely, don't use illegal substances, and don't suffer significant personal harm as a result. However, for some people, the misuse of alcohol and other drugs can cause considerable harm both to themselves, their families and the wider community across Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset."

"This strategy is about people in the area coming together to agree a coordinated approach to the major issues linked to alcohol and drugs."

"The issues people face today are not those of ten or twenty years ago. There are new substances, new supply routes and new patterns of use with alcohol and drug misuse no longer exclusively associated with certain groups in our society."

"With all agencies represented in the strategy facing significant financial pressures, they will need to work together much smarter. This will mean taking a fresh look at problems and potential solutions, and making difficult decisions about priorities for our spend."

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Dermal fillers are used in many areas of the face, particularly around the mouth, nose and chin area to reduce lines and shadows. They can also be used to contour the face, replace lost volume and lift jowls, as well as for lips and troughs under the eyes.

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Dr Claudia Morley has been a doctor for over sixteen years, and has been practising facial aesthetics for over seven years. Her main philosophy is to keep the face looking natural.

She continues her work as a general practitioner alongside her facial aesthetics work in her main clinic near Blandford, as well as coming to 'The Bay' in Swanage once or twice a month.

For further information or an informal chat please contact Claudia by email on claudia@morleyaesthetics.co.uk, by telephone on 01258-690789 or visit her website www.morleyaesthetics.co.uk

Hello From Swanage Medical Practice



Health and Social Care in Purbeck

At the conclusion of the Review of Purbeck Healthcare Project in 2014, NHS Dorset CCG embarked on its Clinical Services Review.

This is a wide ranging assessment of how the whole health system needs to change in light of a growing population – in particular of people aged 70 and over, increased demand due to more people living with long term conditions and a potential funding gap of around £158m a year by 2020.

The public will be consulted on major changes to the functions of Poole and Bournemouth hospitals whilst Dorset County Hospital would remain largely unchanged; there are also significant changes to our community provision.

Recommendations are for an increase in community beds across Dorset, more than 100,000 outpatient appointments being delivered closer to home and enhanced health and social care teams.

There could also be a change in the way that services in our community will be organised and delivered. General Practices will need to adapt to these changes to deliver the best care for their patients.

There is a real opportunity for the Purbeck Locality to build on development proposals that came out of our review. A new Community Hub in Wareham would allow the co-location of health and social care professionals to work as one team.

The creation of a new hub, incorporating the Wareham Practice, would allow access to a greater range of outpatient and therapy services.

It would mean that all Purbeck residents who wish to receive their care

closer to home will be able to do so, rather than having to travel to the larger hospitals in Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester.

The fifteen beds at Swanage Hospital will continue to deliver excellent care to local people, with the right equipment and services to meet local needs, plus improved facilities for people at the end of their life.

In addition, by ensuring that patients have the right support in place, as soon as they are ready to leave hospital, we will be able to care for more local patients every year, in the existing beds.

Proposals which support people to receive care closer to home in other localities could mean that people who are currently required to travel to Swanage Hospital from areas outside of Purbeck will no longer be required to do so, again increasing availability of services for local people.

As more care is planned to be delivered in the locality our valued staff will all be needed, and there will be opportunities for new and exciting roles. We will continue to support our workforce with training and mentoring in their new roles.

Lastly our review recognised the value of voluntary services and our Wareham hub would embrace this sector to help improve the quality of life for patients who live with chronic illnesses.

Please engage with the consultation and give us your views on our planned changes in Purbeck and wider Dorset.

If we continue to deliver services with the current arrangements we will see our limited resources stretched further and further in the face of growing demand. We must re-organise our health and care services to continue to serve local people in the future.

If you would like to find out more about the Clinical Services Review please visit www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk.

Dr David Haines, GP and Locality Chair - Purbeck

Sport

Pirate Ships To Sunset Trips!



As autumn nears, Swanage Sea Rowing Club looks back on a summer of sun, smiles, silliness – and a little bit of sweat!

Highlights included rowing out for a skirmish with the frigate Shtandart, as part of the Purbeck Pirate Festival. Tensions also ran high during the Swanage Carnival Row, when thirteen crews from local groups and organisations competed in high speed races across the bay. Stealing the men's trophy were the 'Mucky Poles' – a crew made up of burly Purbeck scäftolders. The ladies' race was won by Team Boots – their first win after five years of trying, while the mixed team prize went to Lock Tite, named after the Lock family of Swanage.

More sedate have been the leisure rows both inside and outside the bay. These included breakfast outings to Studland, and stunning sunset rows around Old Harry Rocks.

Meanwhile on the racing side, Swanage crews have competed in regattas at Hayling Island, Bridport and Rame (Cornwall). In early September, you might notice the crews doing some serious training in the bay in readiness for the Great River Race, London's rowing marathon.

Remember that anyone can get a taste of rowing at the open sessions.



Weather permitting, they take place on Tuesday evenings (from 6pm) and Saturday mornings (10.30am to 12.30pm). The cost is £2 and there's no need to book – just come down to the boathouse near the pier.

Find out more on the website www.ssrc.org.uk

Swanage Bowls Club Update

The various rounds of club competitions have now mostly taken place and the club looks forward to a weekend of top-class bowling in the finals, which take place on September 10th and 11th.

The 2-wood competition is the only one which is played on one day as games don't last long. The early rounds are played in the morning with the semi-finals and finals after lunch. This year's competition took place on a delightful, sunny July Saturday.

In a highly exciting Men's Final, John Brudenell pipped Mark Sheppard for the trophy cup but finals do not normally come as close as this one. It was all square after the allotted 21 ends, so they had to play a tense extra end with John just squeezing through. In the Ladies Final, Judy Smooker ran out the winner against Uta Keats.

Club matches are now approaching the last hurdle. It's a very mixed picture for the Men. In the Dorset League, Swanage sits in a respectable 3rd place in Division 1, just 5 points behind 2nd placed Shaftesbury and 10 points behind leaders Blandford.

The narrow 60-57 victory against Gillingham helped to keep Swanage in the top three but they face a daunting run-in with their last four matches all away against West Moors, Branksome Park and the two top clubs, Blandford and Shaftesbury, so it will be a tall order to overtake them.

After such a magnificent start in the B&D League, Swanage have rapidly fallen down the league table and now lie at the bottom, so they need to pull something out of the bag in their remaining games to avoid dropping back into Division 4 after only one season.

Recent results paint a bleak picture with losses against Richmond Park 63-96, Highcliffe 68-80, Milford 69-75 and a catastrophic 63-110 at Electric.

Only skip Mark Sheppard's rink seems to manage to keep a winning consistency.

In triples leagues Swanage has fared much better. In the Men's Percy Baker Triples League, Swanage finished a creditable 2nd in their group behind winners Poole Park, just missing out this year on qualifying for the regional play-offs.

The Ladies in the Edna Paisley Triples League are in top spot but have still to complete their fixtures and are looking over their shoulders at 2nd place Blandford who are only 2 points behind. In the Dorset League, the Ladies lie in 7th place but have two games in hand. The mellow month of September sees outdoor bowling drawing to a close but while the green is still open, it is not too late for anyone who fancies a go at bowls. Just come along on any Friday at 5.30pm.

For any enquiries about bowling in Swanage, please phone Clive on 422337 or Barrie on 421162.

Pictured - 2-wood competition winners John Brudenell and Judy Smooker with President Barrie Tatman



DoE Success!



One year on from its launch, the Swanage Section of the Purbeck Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Open Award Centre is celebrating the achievements of its members, nineteen of whom recently completed the Bronze level of this prestigious award.

The young participants, aged from 14 to 19, have had to demonstrate determination and sustained commitment in volunteering, physical challenge and skill development. The group have had a positive impact in the local community through their volunteering, which has included carrying out practical conservation tasks at Durlston Country Park, assisting sports clubs, helping with brownies, guides, youth and church groups.

Physical challenges undertaken by individuals have included surfing, sea rowing, open water swimming, running, triathlon, aerobics and circuit training. For the skills section many chose to learn and improve lifesaving skills, play musical instruments, perform concerts and one group developed as a rock band and played in the recent Swanage carnival.

Over the course of the year the participants received training in teamwork, navigation, campcraft, health and safety, and first aid. They then planned and completed a two-day expedition. The Swanage Section is based at Swanage Youth Hostel and is grateful for the generous support it has received from Swanage Rotary and the Youth Hostel Association.

Next year the Section will be offering training at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the DofE award which is open to young people age between 14 and 25. On September 6th, it is holding an information and enrolment evening at 6:30pm in the Youth Hostel at Cluny Crescent, Swanage.

For more information contact, e-mail: swanagedoe@yahoo.co.uk

Swanage U9s Do The Double

It has been a fantastic season for youth cricket in Swanage with six teams playing in the local leagues, as well as Kwik Cricket every Saturday morning. All the teams have improved on last year's performances and have finished well up in their respective leagues. The U13s currently sit 3rd in their league, whilst the U10s have finished second in their league.

However, the big success story of the year has been the U9s Softball team, who not only did the double of league and cup, but also remained unbeaten throughout the season. In a crucial weekend they had to play Winton twice, first to secure the league title and then, just two days later, in the cup final.

In the final league match another excellent bowling and fielding performance by Swanage saw Winton end their innings on just 218 - 7 (after starting at 200). The wickets were shared around but Jasmine Nadaf and George Taylor both took 2 wickets each. Regan Norman and Max Pankhurst carried on their great season opening the batting together and after just 4 overs, Swanage were already in the lead on 228.

First Josh Wood with 10, then Dylan Church hitting his best score of the season of 15, including 3 fours, kept Swanage well ahead. Finally, with James Harding scoring 12 runs and George Taylor with 9 runs, finished the innings strongly. Swanage ended on 279 - 6 and ran out winners by 61 runs.

With the league title secured, the action moved to Parley Sports Club. This time Swanage batted first and began with their usual opening pair of Max and Regan who, as in the previous match, gave Swanage a great start, this time with a partnership of 28. Regan scored 16 including 3 fours as part of his Player of the Match winning performance.

Swanage found batting a bit more difficult than in the previous match but for the second match running James batted well at the end scoring 15 runs to leave Swanage at 260 - 6.

George got Swanage off to the perfect start as he took a wicket off his third ball. Regan took the first of his 4 catches. Max followed this up with a second wicket but it was Jasmine's first over that really put Swanage on top as she took 2 wickets, one a brilliant stumping by Regan once again.

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Winton began the slow climb back to 200 before a brilliant catch and bowl by Josh Titley saw them pegged back again.

However well Winton batted, Swanage just kept taking wickets and fielded well throughout the game. They kept their cool, happy to let Winton have the singles to end up winners by 28 runs.

It was a fantastic end to a wonderful season for the U9s, who played ten games and won them all doing the league and cup double. Head of Youth Cricket Tim Ives said 'We are really proud of all our juniors, but the U9s have surpassed all expectations'.

U9s not in the photo but who have also played in the team this year; Seb Wright, Barney Baker, Jack Battrick, Vinnie Thurgood, Riley Churchill, Eric Wadley and Sid Nash. **Mike Nash**

Swanage Football Club



We are entering a transition period at the Club. We are looking to turn Day's Park into a multi-sport function site with facilities for all the different clubs in the town to have full use of with the intention to have conference facilities, a cafe and other rooms to be hired out.

All those of you who are familiar with the Day's Park site will be fully aware that it needs some updating!

This is quite an understatement. The stumbling block we have been up against is the obvious cost involved to upgrade our facilities. We are totally self-sufficient and to run the Club it costs thousands of pounds a year and all the committee members must be applauded in keeping the Club in the black, month after month. Unfortunately, there are rarely funds left over each month to improve the ageing facilities. So we are left with the option of outside funding from the likes of the Football Foundation, National Lottery etc.

To obtain funding, there are a vast number of hoops you have to jump through. The primary and very important first hoop we need to jump through is to obtain the lease of the site from Swanage Town Council. Without going into too much detail, this has been ongoing for some time. I am pleased to say we are now getting to the final stages of obtaining the lease and once we are in possession of this, we can then approach all the different funding organisations.

This doesn't stop there, our committee are currently in the process of putting together a business plan which will go towards the funding process.

We are looking long term as this is not going to be done in the near term, but we are determined to bring this to the town, a multi-function sports centre with the Football Club at the helm. I will keep you updated throughout the process.

Back to the playing side, Tim Brown has strengthened his squad for the forthcoming season with a couple of acquisitions from local rivals Wareham Rangers.

We have our sights on the Dorset Premier league title this season. It won't be easy but with the way the team played last season under Manager Tim Brown and Coach Tony Parrott, this is a realistic possibility.

We have had a number of pre-season friendlies and have performed well. Poole Town came to Day's Park last month and with Poole now playing in the National League South - only two steps away from the national football league, this was to be a very hard game. Especially with the Poole players playing for their places. We eventually lost the game 1:5 but were not disgraced by any means. Cancer Research benefitted to the tune of £525 as a raffle was held and was brilliantly supported by everyone. We hope to welcome Poole Town again next season for another pre-season game.

The Reserves have had just the one friendly and convincingly beat local rivals Wool and Winfrith by seven goals to three, with Charlie Brassington scoring five of the seven goals. Another sign of one of our youth players progressing into the senior ranks.

Some of the youth teams are just entering back to training while others are still enjoying the summer. The youth season will be starting in the middle of September.

Don't forget to follow all things associated with the club on Twitter @swanagefc and on our award-winning website www.swanagefc.com Also find us on Facebook/Swanagefc

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Just Champion!

Playing the first nine holes to par set Lesley Brown on the road to becoming the Dorset Golf and Country Club Ladies Champion for 2016.

Managing to gain the upper hand in the morning round she held her nerve to produce a winning score of gross 170.

As well as winning the gross trophy, Lesley was also overall winner of the handicap trophy, scoring 144 over the 36-hole competition, just beating Honor Brown into second place. Although the handicap trophy went Lesley's way, Honor was rewarded with the first handicap prize following her excellent play in the afternoon round. Margaret Geddes finished second in the gross, with Ann Elliott in third.

Results

1st Gross Lesley Brown 170

2nd Gross Margaret Geddes 180

3rd Gross Ann Elliott 181

1st Handicap Lesley Brown 144

2nd Handicap Honor Brown 149

3rd Handicap Ann Barnes 155

4th Handicap Angie Brudenell 156

Pictured - DGCC Club Championship winners



Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club



At the recent Annual General Meeting of the club, it was reported that the 1st XV had one of their worst seasons for a long time. However having been relegated from SouthWest One back down to Southern Counties, which they won easily only a year ago, and with some players returning and with a few more recruitments, the forecast is looking somewhat more rosy.

President John Burgess emphasised that the committee was getting older and that the club needs to recruit more younger members on to the body, particularly to some of the posts that are currently vacant.

The club is in the process of putting in a new kitchen, and last season they added floodlights to some pitches, so the club is going full steam ahead for the new season.

The main fixtures are:-

Saturday 3rd September-Andover -Away (friendly) 3.00 p.m.

Saturday 10th September – Sherborne (league SCS) -Away 3.00p.m

Saturday 17th September- Frome (league SCS) - Home 3.00 p.m

Saturday 24th September Blandford (cup) - Home 2.45 p.m.

Saturday 1st October Trowbridge (league SCS) Away 3.00 p.m.

Ron Butler (Publicity Secretary)

Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for Oct is noon, 9th Sept

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

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1st
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
19:15 Swanage Trefoil Guild Meet at the Guide HQ, Bell St for a Games Evening - LINKEE. Visitors Welcome. Ffi 01929 556374 or 01929 424321.

Fri 2nd
* Purbeck Chamber Music Festival starts
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
Sat 3rd
* Dorset Countryside Volunteers At Upton Wood. We welcome people interested in helping care for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, emailDCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
09:30 FreeBay Tabletop Sale At The URC, High St, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi: Elizabeth on 01929 422406.
10:00 Purbeck Pledge At Durlston Country Park. Launch day. Various family events, from heath walks to boules, most events are free.
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet outside Mowlem theatre for a gentle 3 mile circular walk around Durlston Country Park. This is a taster walk for the Purbeck Pledge and non regular walkers are welcome. Ffi 01929 422795.
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:00 Rockpool Ramble At the Fine Foundation Marine Centre, Kimmeridge. Join us at the best rockpooling site in Dorset. £3/adult, £1.50/child. Weather dependent. Purbeck Marine Centre, Kimmeridge, Wareham, BH20 5PF. Map Ref: SY 909787 Phone 01929 481044 for more information.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
16:00 Nordic Walking Taster Session At Durlston Country Park. Join Vicki and John from Purbeck Nordic Walking for a free 1-hour taster. Booking essential. At www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk Free
20:30 Hugh Budden & The Blue Chords with guests live acts at The Legion, Swanage.

Sun 4th
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
Mon 5th
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
Tue 6th
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
Wed 7th
* Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers Book Stall On Swanage Seafront, stalls selling books and souvenirs .
10:30 Swanage Walking Group Meet at Symondsbury alongside the church in Shutes Lane for an all day 9 mile walk via Colmers Hill, North Chideock, Golden Cap and Seatown. Ffi 01929 480224.
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier. Isle of Wight - Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard.
12:55 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier. Jurassic Coast to Weymouth.
19:00 Swanage Area Senior Forum At The Emmanuel Church Hall. Speaker: Jan Turnbull, Chair of Friends of Swanage Hospital. Forum AGM - election of committee.

Thu 8th
* Threads at The Grand The Purbeck branch of West Country Embroiderers at The Grand Hotel, Swanage.
11:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.

Fri 9th
* Classic Transport Rally At Harman's Cross.
* Swanage Folk Festival
* Transport Rally At Swanage Railway.
11:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
19:30 Purbeck Railway Circle Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a presentation entitled "A Tale of Two Cities, the Railways of Leeds / Bradford" by David Peel. This presentation covers railway developments in the Leeds/Bradford area from steam days through to the present time. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 554765. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Sat 10th
* Classic Transport Rally At Harman's Cross.
* Swanage Folk Festival
* B-Side Festival On the Isle of Portland. B-side creates conversations between artists, residents and producers, crafting new work that responds

specifically to the island's unique and endlessly evolving history, geology and character. You can expect art, film & sound installations, underground goings on, a pop up cinema, fanatical tours, performance, artists talks, workshops and a intriguing bending of truths at The Other Tourist Information Centre plus much more. Prices: Most events and exhibitions are free. See the full artist line up on the website. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/bsidefest> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/bsidefest> Website: <http://www.b-side.org.uk>

* Civil War - Besieged & Betrayed At Corfe Castle.
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet on lay by on road to Child Okeford near its junction with A350 for 5 mile circular walk around Hod Hill and Hambleton Hill. Ffi 01929 422554.
10:30 Meet a Moth! At Durlston Country Park. Discover these creatures of the night, as we empty last night's trap. Donations welcome.
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
19:30 Young Musician's Showcase Concert At Swanage High Street Methodist Church. Free Admission, refreshments available. Retiring collection in aid of Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme & Church maintainence fund. Ffi: 01929 425865
20:00 Stargazing At Durlston Country Park. Join the Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and the chance to use telescopes to view the Moon, Saturn, galaxies, star clusters, Autumn Constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 424443 on the day to confirm. £3 at the LC

Sun 11th
* Swanage Folk Festival
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.

Mon 12th
10:00 Wareham Area Senior's Forum At Wareham Parish Hall. Ann Saunders - Mayflower Care Home, New Care Home coming soon to Sandford in 2017.
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
13:00 Nordic Walking Taster Session At Durlston Country Park. Join Vicki and John from Purbeck Nordic Walking for a free 1-hour taster. Booking essential. At www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk Free
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
19:00 Friends of Wareham Hospital AGM At The Hospital, Streche Road, Wareham.

Tue 13th
10:30 Swanage Walking Group Meet on Swanage Pier for sailing on the Waverley to Yarmouth IOW for bus ride and walk, returning on Waverley. Ffi 01929 427015.
11:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:00 Purbeck Parkinson's Group At the All Saints Church Hall, Swanage. Ffi: T. Lander 01929 425970 or D Peters 01929 551962
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
Wed 14th
12:00 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
19:30 Studland WI At Studland Village Hall. Harvest Supper. Competition: Small Hedgerow arrangement.

Thu 15th
12:55 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
14:30 Purbeck Assoc of the National Trust At Carey Hall, Wm. Talk 'A Tale of French Resistance'. Beryl Sparshot talks about the the adventures of a young lad in France in WWII. Till 4pm. All welcome. £3 incl refreshments. Ffi 01929 427300.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

Fri 16th
12:55 Waverly Sailings From Swanage Pier.
14:30 Castle Tour Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome
19:30 Swanage Photographic Society Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill for competitions : 3 Linked images - 'Open' Judge: Members and Outing images - 'Open' Judge: Bob Hollister. Visitors welcome, ffi: 01929 423841

Sat 17th
* Swanage & Purbeck Walking Festival Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
10:00 Books, Coffee Cake and Home Made Produce At Moreton Village Hall DT2 8RE. FREE Entry. All books 25p. Maeve 01929 463221 www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk
10:15 Swanage Walking Group Meet at "The Fox" pub, Lower Ansty for 6 mile

walk around Bingham Melcombe and Milton Abbas. Ffi 01929 422554.

12:00 **Arty Bazaar** Outside the Boilerhouse Gallery, Sandy Hill Lane, Corfe. Stalls with a wide range of artists, vintage, excellent coffee and food, and live music.

12:55 **Waverly Sailings** From Swanage Pier.

19:00 'The Lady in the Van' At the All Saints Church. Doors open at 7.00 with the film starting at 7.30. Tickets are £5.00 and there will also be wine, beer and soft drinks available. In aid of Swanage Action for Refugees to help refugees being resettled in our town. Everyone is welcome.

19:30 **Dorset Police Male Voice Choir & Brass Ensemble** in Concert. At Swanage High Street Methodist Church. Free Admission, refreshments available. Retiring collection in aid of RNLI and Make a Splash (a clean water access appeal). Ffi: 01929 423346

Sun 18th

* The Purbeck Marathon Swanage, Dorset. Ffi: www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk

12:55 **Waverly Sailings** From Swanage Pier. Jurassic Coast to Weymouth.

13:00 **Worbarrow Bay** At (SY 865 803). Free event. Help with our coastal spring clean. All equipment provided but bring your own gloves if you have them.

15:30 **Amy Mayes & The Gang** Live acts at The Legion, Swanage.

Tue 20th

11:00 **Waverly Sailings** From Swanage Pier. 'Round the Island'.

14:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

19:00 **Friends of Swanage Hospital AGM** At The Emmanuel Church Centre, 160 Victoria Ave, Swanage.

19:15 **Rotary Club of Wareham** We are looking for new members and are having a talk by Chris Keenan, HK Solicitors, will be giving a talk on Lasting Power of Attorney and Wills at 7.15 p.m. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk

Wed 21st

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Greenlands Farm entrance on Ferry Road for 5 mile circular walk via Ower Quay. Ffi 01929 450443.

12:00 **Waverly Sailings** From Swanage Pier. Isle of Wight - Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard.

13:00 **Nordic Walking Taster Session** At Durlston Country Park. Join Vicki and John from Purbeck Nordic Walking for a free 1-hour taster. Booking essential. At www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk Free

14:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall, Swanage. Chris Evans explains the light and dark of Bournemouth.

Thu 22nd

13:45 **Waverly Sailings** From Swanage Pier.

Fri 23rd

10:30 **Weird and Wonderful Creatures** At Durlston Country Park. Paintings and sculpture by Greta Berlin and Zennor Box. An exhibition of sculpture and paintings by mother and daughter, Greta Berlin and Zennor Box. Greta's sculptures are of animals in stone and steel, triggered by scrap metal found at an old municipal dump.... Free exhibition in the FFG

14:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

Sat 24th

* **Swanage & Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com

* **Dorset Countryside Volunteers** At Warren Wood, Studland, Purbeck. We welcome people interested in helping care for our countryside. For details see www.dcv.org.uk, emailDCVpublicity@gmail.com, or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.

10:00 **Corfe Barrows** Guided Walk Meet at Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground, Badbury Road. Join Nicky Hoar from Dorset Wildlife Trust to explore the woods, meadows & heath of Corfe Barrows Nature Park, part of The Great Heath Living Landscape. Stout footwear recommended. Suggested donation £3. For more information, ring 01202 692033 or email nhoar@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.

10:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in small car park at end of Mulberry Avenue, Castletown for all day 8 mile circular walk on Portland, via Portland Bill. Ffi 01929 550399.

10:30 **Young Rangers** At Durlston Country Park Learning Centre. Get up and have fun outdoors! A monthly club for children aged 6-9 about wildlife, with craft activities and games! £3 for one child, £5 for two children, £7 for three. Booking essential.

16:00 **Nordic Walking Taster Session** At Durlston Country Park. Join Vicki and John from Purbeck Nordic Walking for a free 1-hour taster. Booking essential. At www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk Free

Sun 25th

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* **Country Fayre** At Margaret Green, Church Knowle.

10:00 **Purbeck Antiques & Collectors' Fairs** At Furzebrook Hall, Furzebrook, Wareham. £1 entry. www.purbeckantiquesfairs.co.uk

14:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

14:30 **Beachcombing** - The Story of Flotsam and Jetsam At Durlston Country Park. A talk by the authors of the Essential Guide to Beachcombing and

the Strandline, illustrating the treasures found on beaches. From mermaid's purses to tropical marine animals. Beachcombing finds will be on display and bring your own finds for identification. Booking essential £3 at the LC.

Tue 27th

14:30 **Castle Tour** Free half hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

19:15 **Rotary Club of Wareham** We are looking for new members and are having a talk by Club Speaker - Peter Johnson at 7.15 p.m. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk

Wed 28th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at NT car park near Bankes Arms, Studland for 4 mile circular walk via Old Harry Rocks and Ballard Down. This is a taster walk for the Purbeck Pledge and non regular walkers are welcome. Ffi 01929 422795.

Thu 29th

14:30 **An Afternoon Fungus & Lichen Foray** at Studland Led by Joy Fildes (01929 450449). Meet at 2.30pm outside the National Trust Information Centre at Knoll Beach (SZ 033836). Parking free for National Trust members.

Fri 30th

10:30 **Weird and Wonderful Creatures** At Durlston Country Park. Paintings and sculpture by Greta Berlin and Zennor Box. An exhibition of sculpture and paintings by mother and daughter, Greta Berlin and Zennor Box. Greta's sculptures are of animals in stone and steel, triggered by scrap metal found at an old municipal dump.... Free exhibition in the FFG

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

09.00 U3A Table Tennis Group meet at Harmans Cross VH.

09.30 Under 2.5 years old group. Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.

09.45 Toddler Club URC, Sw. Till 11.15

10.00 Table Tennis Club Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093

10.30 **Flowers with Liz** at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com

13.00 Play and Learn at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm

13.00 Under 1s and Tums at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm

14.00 Pins and Needles at Harmans Cross VH.

14.00 Swanage Disabled Club meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.

16.45 Soccer Skills Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175

18.00 Sw Tennis Club Snr Club Session. 426312

19.00 Wareham Choral Society meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460

19.00 Swanage Youth Club. School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm

19.00 Whist. Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733

19.00 Swanage Scouts meet during term time at the URC Church Hall, Sw. Open to boys & girls aged 10-14 years. Ffi: 01929 423135

19.00 Purbeck Chess Club. Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Brian Beard 425988

19.30 Purbeck Quire rehearse at Wm Methodist Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. Ffi: 423505 or 480737.

19.30 Wareham Art Club Workshop at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.

19.30 Badminton & Table Tennis Club, Adults, Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Small friendly club. All levels welcome. Till 10pm. 07917 473390

19.30 Wm Folk Dance Club Stoborø VH. All welcome. 552763/551029

19.30 Swanage Badminton Club at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07966 136641.

19.30 Swanage Air Cadets meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.

20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.

20.00 Herston Hall Management C'tee Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY

09.00 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@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 Walking Football at Swanage FC. Till 11.30am. Ffi: Nick on 07745 907509

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

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 sylvia@swanagETHODIST.org.uk

11.00 Guided Tour of Bere Regis famous Mediaeval Church. Tour lasts around 3/4 hour, no fixed charge, donations very welcome towards vital work on the Church's fabric. Families and larger groups welcome at other times, by arrangement. Contact Richard on 01929 471889 or email berehealth@btinternet.com or John England on 01929 471469 or email st_george@stanbarrow.f9.co.uk. Light refreshments can be made available for booked tours.

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.

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

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 till 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346

17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s Training till 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

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

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

10.30 Woodworking with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com

11.00 Sensory Play for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.

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. Anti-natal 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 Harmans 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.

15.00 Guided Tour of Bere Regis famous Mediaeval Church. Tour lasts around 3/4 hour, no fixed charge, donations very welcome towards vital work on the Church's fabric. Families and larger groups welcome at other times, by arrangement. Contact Richard on 01929 471889 or email berehealth@btinternet.com or John England on 01929 471469 or email st_george@stanbarrow.f9.co.uk. Light refreshments can be made available for booked tours.

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

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

19.00 Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 9.30pm.

19.30 Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.

20.00 Sw Youth Centre Live Bands (as advertised) Till 10pm.

22.00 Sw Youth Centre Late Session (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)

EVERY SATURDAY

08.00 Purbeck Runners meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.

09.00 Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice till 10.30

09.30 Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30

10.00 Tea, coffee and home-made cakes in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Till 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.

20.00 Herston OAP Committee Bingo at Herston Hall, Sw

EVERY SUNDAY

09.00 Purbeck Runners meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.

09.45 Skyscrapers Children's Group at Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Including a cooked breakfast, games and fun bible stories, ages 0-11. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours, or tom@swanagETHODIST.org.uk

10.00 Arts and Crafts Market at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.

10.30 Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.

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