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## Editor's note...



Welcome to the December edition of your Gazette.

The magazine is slightly haphazard this month, due to taking eleven days off from our usual frantic routine to assist in the desperate search for missing Swanage teenager, Gaia Pope.

Gaia's body was found three days ago (at the time of writing), during Saturday when the organised mass voluntary search involving both our amazing community search teams, and the professional search and rescue teams, took place.

There are no literally words. We know that Gaia's family is so very, very grateful to each and every one of you for the extreme efforts our community went to in their search for Gaia over eleven days. You literally held hope in your hands as the days passed, like a candle in the darkness of despair. So thank you - to every single person who helped in any way whatsoever, thank you. Words cannot express the very real difference your actions made.

It is difficult at this point to talk about the joys of Christmas and all the festivities that go with it, although all are aware that life does indeed go on - the wheel continues to turn, whatever befalls us along the way. Please do take care of each other, every day, in every way. Please spend time with those you love.

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06-Dec		04:55	10:14	17:20	22:41		07:53	16:03
07-Dec		05:42	11:05	18:09	23:33		07:54	16:03
08-Dec		06:33	12:00	19:01			07:56	16:03
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## Blast From The Past

Dear Editor,

I came across the following article in The Western Gazette of Friday May 12, 1911, which might be of interest to readers:

Angling - A sturgeon in the Frome

Capt. C.E. Radclyffe, of The Hyde, Wareham, writing to 'The Field' says: "Whilst I was fishing for salmon in the Frome on May 2nd with a companion rod, my friend noticed a fish of remarkable size cruising around on the surface of a pool at Holme Bridge, which is situated some ten miles or more above the river mouth in Poole Harbour.

"When first seen, at a distance of nearly 200 yards, we pronounced the fish to be a porpoise; but on approaching it more closely, and keeping it under observation for several hours, during which time the fish was on several occasions within 8ft. or 10ft. of us, upon the surface of the water, we were enabled to see distinctly that it was an enormous sturgeon.

"My friend and I have seen many sturgeon before today, and there can be no possible doubt of the species of the fish. But although I have seen many sturgeon in the great rivers of SE Europe, I have never seen such a large specimen as this one. We computed its weight to be at least 150lb., and in length it far exceeded the largest tarpon I have ever seen. I am not aware of the record weights of any sturgeon taken in European waters, but having fished for all kinds of fish in the rivers of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, I have no hesitation in saying that this was the largest fish I have ever seen in fresh water.

"Its actions closely resembled those of a porpoise, and in appearance, when its large fin and tail showed on the surface of the water, it closely resembled the black fish which is so often seen in the arctic waters of N.W. America and Alaska.

"Its movements were watched for some time by a small gathering of local spectators, and it is needless to remark that although they were accustomed to see salmon in the river running up to 40lb. weight, they pronounced this fish to be the record salmon of the world. I have heard instances of sturgeon being taken in tidal waters in England, but cannot recall any case of these fish being seen so far up from the tidal waters as this fish was."

Kind regards, Simon Kidner, by email

## Stop Knocking The Elderly

Dear Editor,

**Subject: "Death By Numbers"**

I refer to a poem of sorts from Mr. Martin Hobdell which appeared in your letters section in the October edition

I found the letter contained a very cruel jibe against Brexit voters and in particular the elderly, in a classic moan about a vote taken by the majority of the British people to leave the European Union. There was a time when the elderly were respected and looked up to in the belief that they became wise through life experiences, have taken knocks and setbacks which they have learned to surmount and support the young, because not least, they want them to avoid the numerous mistakes all us elderly folk have been foolish enough to make in our lives. The letter also states that the elderly are controlling the remainder, plus wrecking the economy.

Let's look at the last point first. Since the Brexit vote the growth of the economy has been revised up, with the Office for National Statistics and even "The Guardian" (23/12/16) suggesting that the Treasury's dire predictions were wrong. Unemployment is the lowest it has been since

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July 2005 and the NHS is to increase the number of training places for British workers following a drop in applications from trained nurses in the EU. British companies are also having to train more British workers. So, it seems the elderly were actually thinking about their children and grandchildren.

Let me turn to the comment not being EU, but Brit! I voted (with a heavy heart) to leave a treaty with a number of European nations dominated by France and Germany, I did not vote to leave Europe - a physical impossibility.

I have worked in EU and UN missions both in the Balkans and Middle East. I liked many of the Europeans I worked with, but some put self before service and national interest before European interest. I know what it is like within this machine and have written about it in my book "Investigating Organised Crime and War Crimes" published by Pen and Sword Books Ltd. Sadly, I found the notion of us all being one European nation to be a fantasy.

The road ahead will be difficult, there will be failures and setbacks. But we must continue to look outward to the world, to be the captain of our own ship and the masters of our own destiny - this is called freedom.

Yours faithfully, Anthony Nott, Wareham

## Balanced Response

Dear Editor

I have just received my November edition, and I notice that you have included "Death by Numbers" by Martin Hobdell. Perhaps in the interests of balance you may choose to print my response.

I'm so sorry....

Martin Hobdell takes the time to castigate, in deathless rhyme,

The stupidity of those of us who chose to leave the EU bus.

But, Mr H, it's not just me who ruined our economy.

I took my cue from Tony Benn, who pointed out, way back when,

The serious political implication of further EU integration.

Like him, I thought democracy meant Parliamentary sovereignty.

Alas, in shame I hang my head. My sole excuse? - I was misled.

I realise, Martin, I was barmy to fear a European Army.

Democracy is but a jest - Jean Claude Juncker does know best!

I know now I'm a daft old goat who shouldn't be allowed to vote.

But keep on writing crappy verse - you feel better, I feel worse -

And if we all persist in grieving we may discover we're not leaving.

We'll need a President - someone new. Tell you what, I'll vote for you!

Oh, damn, I can't - I'm so dejected! The man's appointed, not elected.

Yours, Mike Etherington, Swanage. By email.

## Guy's Legacy, 40 Years On

Dear Editor,

May I congratulate Wareham and Purbeck Cancer Charity Shop on forty years of supporting research into cancer and latterly, cancer care. The shop on St John's Hill, Wareham, was the brainchild of the late Mr Guy Williams and his widow Yvonne, who, with the support of Mr Harry Bromley of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, set it up after Guy's successful treatment for cancer.

The opening ceremony was performed on 1st December 1977 by Mr Gordon McLeod from I.C.R.F. He was presented with £800, which had already been raised.





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The premises were leased to the group by Mr Frank Tatchell, the late uncle of Nigel, Richard and Mary Spiller, who are the present landlords. They have been a great support over the forty years. The shop is run entirely by volunteers. To date, £405,427 has been raised. ICRF gave us invaluable advice and help, which continued when they merged with the Cancer Research Campaign in 2002 to become Cancer Research UK.

CRUK's new policy called for all their shops to have a paid manager. As we were the very first shop to be opened in aid of cancer research, it was with a great deal of sadness, that we parted company.

Being committed to the fight against cancer, it was decided that with the aid of our willing volunteers and under the leadership of the present chairman, Mrs Jean Burrow, all future monies would be given to local cancer relief.

Chosen charities have been Cancare, the Cancer Ward at Poole Hospital and the Chemotherapy Clinic at Wareham Hospital. The total given in the last three years is £26,000. Past and present volunteers are to be congratulated on their achievement, made possible by donated goods, which are gratefully received. Thanks to our customers, who have loyally supported the shop over the years.

Yours sincerely, Beatrice Smith, Volunteer from 1978

## Ridge Flood Threat

Dear Editor,

Can I draw your attention to a proposal that threatens to flood my village, Ridge?

The proposal, championed by a powerful triumvirate comprising the RSPB, Environment Agency and Natural England, will flood an area of 150 hectares referred to as The Moors on the Arne peninsula, by breaching the current sea wall.

This will create a habitat for wading birds, replacing an equivalent habitat by Poole Harbour (which will be lost when improved flood defences are built to protect properties in Poole against rising sea levels.) Although a new sea wall is to be built behind the Moors, sea water will come significantly closer to houses in Ridge, increasing the flood risk.

Currently the Moors functions as part of the natural flood plain of the River Frome and is critical for surface water drainage from the surrounding area.

Ridge is very low lying and has an extremely delicate balance of ditches and drains to disperse water. Its water table is already very high with numerous springs and there are major concerns that the proposals will upset the natural balance and increase the risk of flooding properties in Ridge.

The proposals will mean that the Moors can no longer provide the essential role of assisting surface water dispersal; the area of the Moors to be flooded is currently a RAMSAR and SSSI and will be destroyed; the creeping commercialisation of the Arne peninsula by RSPB will continue to destroy what was a beautiful and peaceful area as more visitors arrive.

Although a 'consultation' process is underway, many residents are very worried that their concerns will be ignored, the proposals will be steamrollered through and Ridge residents will simply have to cope with the consequences. There are also concerns regarding increased traffic to the area. There have been several media features from the agencies, but I feel that the residents of Ridge should also be able to voice their concerns.

It cannot be right that my habitat and that of my neighbours is threatened for the sake of sea water birds which, unlike us, can readily fly to alternative accommodation.

Yours sincerely, Peter Sibthorp, Ridge

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## Who Killed Cock Robin?

Dear Editor,

Since 1977 the UK's wild bird population has fallen by 13.7 percent. Dramatic changes have occurred to eradicate our eco-system over the past 40 years, led by human activity and hostile farming methods. This on-going transition has resulted in some bird species declining to the point of near extinction. Unquestionably, the more humans we have on the planet, the fewer other species can exist.

Some may recall the nursery rhyme; Who killed Cock Robin? "I", said the Sparrow, "With my bow and arrow. I killed Cock Robin".

That rhyme is over two hundred years old whereby most birds were regarded as fair game for a hungry population, yet despite all the hunting and their eventual protection, most species survived because their natural habitats remained almost untouched by today's short term, no holds barred businesses, whereby most regard wildlife habitats as a non-profit making hindrance.

In 2015 the Robin was voted as Britain's favourite bird with the Barn Owl and Black bird coming second and third concurrently.

The UK's Willow tits have decreased by 60 percent over the last fifteen years, the population of house sparrows has declined by 20 million since 1966 but remain fairly common. We need to lobby MPs and local authorities who are allowing wildlife habitats to be destroyed at an unsustainable level for houses, taken by people who already have a home in most circumstances.

If we wait for others to protect our wildlife havens, we will surely lose what is left for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. The last verse of Cock Robin sums it up nicely.

All the birds of the air, fell a-sighing and a-sobbing, when they heard the bells toll, for poor Cock Robin.

Yours Sincerely, Mike Fry, Upton, by email.

## Turning Back On Legion

Dear Editor,

When the Swanage to Wareham Railway was axed, there was quite a large group who worked very hard to rent Corfe Castle Station and set up the Royal British Legion.

This was achieved by the many ex-servicemen along with their wives and the membership crew. Very soon the Waiting room in the Station was far too small to cope with the membership.

New premises were needed, and the ideal place was in The Old School House in East Street, where since that time The Legion has run and gone from strength to strength.

The members have now requested to seek de-affiliation, and become The Corfe Castle Club Ltd. The club advertises that they support Corfe Castle British Legion. I fail to understand how they claim this support when they have turned their backs on the Legion, and cost them a great deal of membership.

I have been asked by friends from Swanage Legion and Wool how the Corfe Castle Club can make this claim?

Could someone through this medium explain this, and put all the members of the Royal British Legion in the picture.

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## Communicare Appeal

Dear Editor,

Communicare's idea in response to NHS Consultation update by Dr. David Haines, Readers' Letters, November 2017.

Just to point out that Swanage Communicare will be used a lot more (at a guess) to take people to the new Hub in Wareham, for their minor ailments - not to mention the other three hospitals as usual.

Communicare are already doing 1000 jobs a year and have been working voluntarily in Swanage for the last thirty-three years!

We now put in a plea to ask for more car drivers to go to Dorchester, Poole and Bournemouth Hospitals and now people who would like shorter journeys to Wareham. Gents and Ladies would be most welcome and will receive from the client 40p a mile to help towards the cost of running your car.

Our Blue Cards are completely up-to-date now and can be picked up from the Health Centre, local hospital, Browns the Optician (Swanage), Corbens the Estate Agent (Swanage) and the local churches. The telephone numbers go to the Links, who in turn, will ring one of our many helpers. Be patient as they do this all voluntarily too.

Should you wish to volunteer for driving once a week/fortnight/month or on an ad-hoc basis, please ring the Director, Jenny Lazenbury, on (01929) 426644 or leave a message with any of the six Link numbers.

Many thanks and may I wish you the 'Greetings of the Season' and suggest you make a New Year's resolution to help Communicare!

Kind regards, Jenny Lazenbury (01929-426644)

## Paint That Box!

Dear Readers,

I would like to know if the parish council who have adopted the phone box in Harmans Cross are intending to paint it.

Many local people must have noticed what a grand job was done on the Corfe Castle box and it shows these historic icons in all their glory.

As the boxes that have been retained are now all painted in Swanage, it would be great if the box at Harmans Cross could be done as well.

I am willing to offer my services if no one else is prepared to do it or indeed help in any way.

Many thanks, Rob Nunn, by email

## Defend Our NHS Dorset

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a meeting of the Dorset County Council Health Scrutiny Committee in Dorchester where - to the amazement of all - there was unanimous support for the proposition that Purbeck residents will be severely disadvantaged by the CCG's (Clinical Commission Group) plans for health reorganisation in Dorset - and that the plans should therefore be rejected, and that the rejection should be forwarded to the Secretary of state, Jeremy Hunt.

This will now happen.

In brief, the Committee agreed that 1) Longer travel times to Bournemouth will lead to a much greater risk to the lives of sick and injured Swanage and Purbeck residents 2) The Ambulance service's recent record gives councillors no confidence whatsoever that Purbeck residents can arrive at Hospital within safe limits 3) The proposed elimination of two thirds of beds at Poole will make the provision of medical services to Purbeck residents substantially worse.

The committee's minds were changed by arguments and statistics put forward by a number of Swanage residents, (who have long supported the retention of the Poole Hospital A and E and Maternity services), and in this they were backed eloquently by DCC Councillor, Bill Trite, (Con) and by Roz Keyes, (Lib Dem), from Lyme Regis showing there is cross party support for the view that 8000 Purbeck residents supported in the recent petition.

David Holman

## CCG Ignored Public Opinion

Dear Editor,

Dr Haines extols (Gazette Nov) the Dorset CCG changes for our NHS. However, there is no question that the proposals to downgrade Poole A&E and close Poole Maternity will increase Purbeck residents journey times beyond safe guidelines in medical, trauma and maternity emergency, leading to more Purbeck fatalities and more Purbeck lives lived in disability.

We are still outraged that the CCG ignored public opinion - 37,000 people signed petitions to Save Poole A&E and Maternity, and local organisations petitioned for Wareham Community Hospital to retain beds - yet the CCG voted unanimously and without a note of caution for these changes.

The proposals are unproven and will FAIL - to the cost of all of us.

We have studied the detailed CCG proposals and discover:

1- A 33% cut in beds across the three main Dorset hospitals is planned against forecast need. Rather than increasing beds to meet rising demand, Dorset County Hospital will actually lose 245 of the acute NHS Hospital beds we have now.

2- No viable plan exists to ensure patients don't need to go to hospital. Until these plans are in place and are workable there should be no reduction in beds.

3- The much loved Wareham Hospital is to lose its beds, despite public opposition, and the elderly are to be placed ten miles away in a large hospital.

4- Poole Hospital A&E will be downgraded, Poole Consultant led Maternity and Special Care Baby Unit will close, and Poole will have a 62% cut in planned beds (from 654 beds to 247). The cut to Poole Hospital's budget will be so severe that its long-term future is at risk.

5- The expanded Bournemouth A and E will not have any more staff than the current number in A and E at both hospitals, nor will there be Consultants on site 24/7, as the public were led to believe in the Consultation documents.

An emergency only hospital is more expensive to run, reducing any savings.

6- The proposed "urgent care" service at Poole will not be a satisfactory replacement for the current A and E. Everyday experience is that seriously unwell patients are always taken to A and E and that will be Bournemouth.

7- The A and E at Bournemouth will be seriously overloaded as people will go there first (once they have got through the traffic ... )

8- In Northumbria where the first emergency only hospital has opened the promised urgent care centres at other hospitals were downgraded quickly.

When all the detailed plans are done it will be "discovered" that big savings can't be made. However, in the meantime Poole Hospital will be blighted and staff will leave. These are dark days for Purbeck residents.

Steve Clarke

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## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

### For The Goose - It Doesn't Matter!

by David Hollister

**S**ad to see that the volunteer Royal Signals White Helmets display team, founded in 1927, has finally disbanded. We will no longer see them parading with their 750cc Triumph Tiger bikes. Their leader explained that the main reason for disbanding is that "it's a long time since motorcycles were used for communication around the battlefield"; In my eyes, this is a valuable part of Dorset's history and it's just as relevant today as any other wartime museum or display. I do hope it was nothing to do with funding .....

Glad to hear that the Swanage Jazz Festival crowd-funding campaign has been a success and that the Festival will definitely take place in Swanage again in 2018. I am sure that closer to the event, the organisers will let you know who's on and where, through the pages of the Purbeck Gazette.

Good also to see that Dorset Highways has taken the bull by the horns and spent a good few days with their JCBs, clearing roadside ditches and creating huge run-offs for surface water. Do they know something that we don't about the winter to come? Anyway, it will be good to travel Purbeck's roads without our safety being endangered with huge puddles. As indeed it has been in previous years. Well done, Dorset Highways, and thanks also for cutting the long grass on the verges.

Thanks too to the seemingly tireless efforts of Litter-Free Purbeck, a volunteer-led group that campaigns and takes action to reduce litter in Purbeck, coastal, urban and rural areas alike. This has really made a difference and I'm sure that they'd welcome you as a volunteer; they can be reached on 07771 851892 or look at <https://www.facebook.com/LitterfrPurbeck>

Their efforts are being reinforced by recent government legislation increasing the maximum fine for dropping litter from £80 to £150 from April next year. The minimum fine will increase to £65, whilst the default fine will increase to £100. Councils will only need to prove that litter has been thrown from a vehicle to fine the owner.....

In the **five years** up to January 2017 in the whole of Dorset, two fixed penalty notices were issued for littering from vehicles. One was paid and the other remained unpaid. Number of notices issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 – Nil. Number of Public Space Protection Orders or Fixed Penalty Notices issued under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Nil.

I'd like to think that this is because no litter was left, but somehow I doubt it. All these Acts and Orders are just so much placatory hogwash issued by Government Officers who'd actually contribute more to keeping our district clean by going out with gloves and plastic bags than sitting at their computers dreaming up legislation which can't be enforced because there's nobody to enforce it. So until there is – thanks to Litter Free Purbeck, and if you agree with me, go and join them!

In October, the casing to the Public Access defibrillator on Wareham Quay was damaged to the point where the device has had to be removed and

is now no longer accessible to the public, potentially putting lives at risk. I know that campaigners are already working on fund-raising to replace it, but what's in the minds of these scumbags? Not fit to breathe the same air as the rest of us.

Also in October, the antique and beautiful lion door knocker was stolen from the front door of St James Church, Kingston. Clearly nothing these days is sacred. Anyone with information and a good deal of time to spare is invited to dial 101. Anyone with intimate knowledge of this particular knocker should look at Ebay. There are dozens on there as I write.....

It's only a personal opinion but I fail to see how industrial action now being taken by staff on South Western Railway and directly affecting trains through Wareham is going to help anyone. SWR's Managing Director has confirmed that they plan to keep two safety-trained employees on each train, to deliver assistance or offer advice during journeys. And presumably to make sure the doors are closed properly before the train leaves the station. Putting the livelihoods of many thousands of people at risk – as they have done on Southern Railway, only serves to drive people back on to the roads and also to re-create strong anti-union feelings by the general public as indeed happened in the 1970s. What a shame.

Secretary of State Sajid Javid is "minded to support" the plans to scrap nine Dorset Councils and create two unitary authorities. Six local authorities voted in favour; three – including Purbeck – voted against. Well, they would, wouldn't they? Turkeys don't vote for Christmas! PDC leader Gary Suttle said that they remained opposed to the plan, would consider the implications to their residents and may make further representations during the "consultation period". Consultation. Just like they did with Poole A&E. And so many other major issues that affect us ordinary people.

May as well go and stand on Peveril Point, Gary, and shout into the wind! But keep warm, my friend, because I quite like you and I know you'll do a good job right up to the end.

But is all else fails..... how many 'affordable flats' could they get into Westport House?

Christmas is coming, the season of goodwill when church doors are left unlocked so that the cold and homeless can take shelter from the rain and have a roof over their heads for a few days. They are, aren't they?

As the year draws to a close, I must thank Westover for support and sponsorship for most of it, and welcome our new sponsors Poole Joinery. Hope you'll be with us for a long time!

Thank you also to everyone who's read this column over the past twelve months; I know that it's like Marmite – you either love it or you hate it – but to you all, whether friend or foe, at this time, Merry Christmas! I do hope that Nico will let me back next year!

Christmas is coming, and the goose is getting fatter

And New Year's coming too .... But for the goose it doesn't matter!



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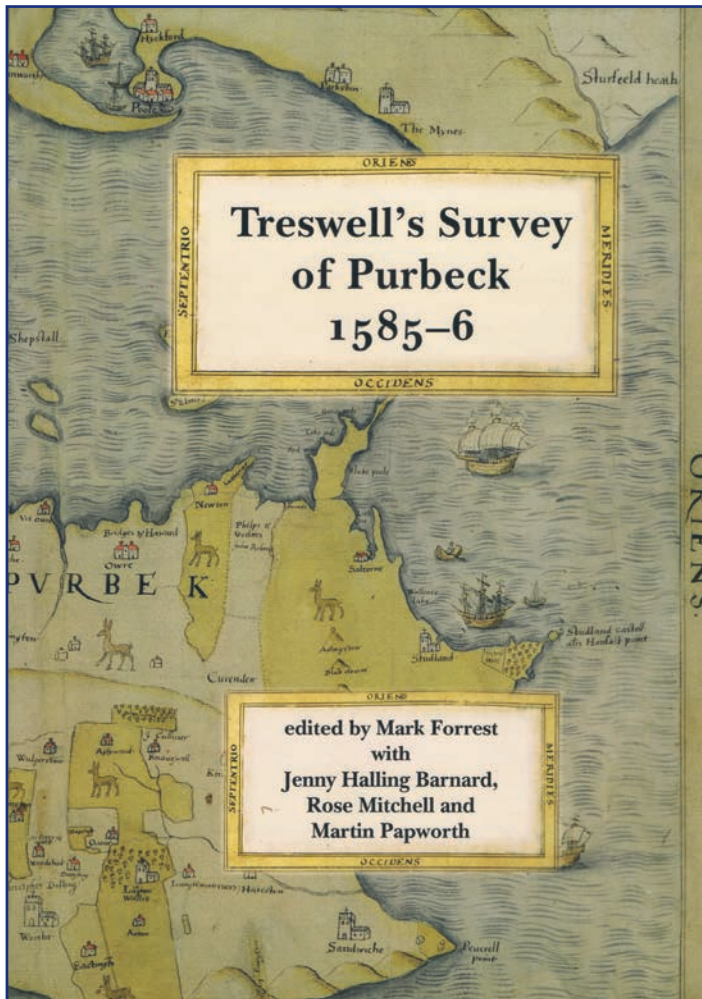
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# New Book Reveals Amazing Portrait Of Elizabethan Purbeck



Attached is a picture of the four editors with the book taken recently in Corfe village, left to right Rose Mitchell, Martin Papworth, Jenny Barnard and Mark Forrest.

two shillings called "guttur sylver" presumably to maintain the castle's drainage, and there are regulations as to when merchants could sell fish in Corfe Town and how prisoners should be transported to the castle from Wareham.

The importance of hunting and rabbit farming is also clear from the numerous depictions of deer, rabbits and warreners on the maps.

Martin Papworth, National Trust regional archaeologist, Rose Mitchell, map curator at the National Archives, Jenny Halling Barnard, conservator, and Mark Forrest, archivist, both of the Dorset History Centre, introduce the text in four essays exploring the themes of early map making, land use, manuscript conservation and estate management.

Treswell's Survey of Purbeck, 1585-6 is a beautifully illustrated book that would make an ideal Christmas gift.

It is very reasonably priced at £19.95 and is available from local booksellers, including Swanage New & Secondhand Books in Station Road.

**T**he Dorset Record Society's latest publication reproduces a beautiful set of maps of the Isle of Purbeck in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

When Elizabeth's courtier Sir Christopher Hatton acquired lands in Purbeck in the 1570s and 80s he commissioned Ralph Treswell to produce a survey of his estate. Treswell used the most advanced and revolutionary mapping techniques to create a document that still conveys the character of the late Tudor landscape.

Hatton owned what was later to become the Bankes estate, which passed to the National Trust in 1982. Therefore, as well as a beautiful representation of the entire Isle of Purbeck, the volume includes detailed maps of Corfe Castle, Studland and parts of Langton Matravers, including Acton and Wilkeswood, together with Middlebere and Goathorn.

There is also an exquisite plan of Corfe Castle itself, giving an insight into the building's features only sixty years before its destruction in the Civil War.

This facsimile edition not only reproduces all of his maps, but also the accompanying written survey together with a transcription in modern English. The text provides fascinating details of the customs and regulations that governed life in the sixteenth century.

For example, the inhabitants of Godlingston paid an annual rent of



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## 109th Birthday Celebrations!



The Carnival princesses and Swanage Mayor, Mike Bonfield, joined Lilian Priest for her 109th birthday in November.

For our Carnival Court 2017, one of their final duties has been visiting Lilian Priest on her 109th birthday.

In recent years the Carnival Court have visited residents at York House and this year Carnival princesses Bryanie Bennett and Olivia Bowen were delighted to meet Lilian on her birthday.

Karen Foster, a member of the Carnival Committee who escorts the girls to the various events and occasions they attend through the year said "it was a wonderful experience to meet Lilian with the girls, she was very pleased to meet us all and is a real inspiration. Her sister is 105, so Lilian comes from a family of centenarians!"

## Sunshine Thank You

A big thank you to all involved! The Sunshine Day Care Centre. Quiz Night in Studland, held on 11th November.

We raised the magnificent sum of £2,000. All will go directly to benefit the children of the Sunshine Day Care Centre, in Kanji, Southern India, which provides a warm and caring environment for children with physical and learning disabilities. The charity is entirely run by volunteers. Particular thanks to the quizmaster, and all those who helped by providing and cooking food and working so hard on the night. Raffle prizes were given by Isle of Purbeck Golf Course, Swanage Railway, Purbeck Holistic Centre, Chococo and several individuals. Marks and Spencer, Poole donated peas to accompany the cottage pie. Studland Stores kindly sold the tickets.

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# Remembrance Day In Purbeck



Images from the Remembrance Day Parade and service in Swanage 2017. *Images thanks to Tim Crabb*











## National Coastwatch

*Eyes along the coast*

### And Here is the Shipping Forecast

These iconic words have been said four times a day for many years, bringing fear and trepidation or reassurance and calm to mariners but always trust in their accuracy. For many years there was a weather transmitting station on the Iberian Peninsula at the Monsanto Monastery.

It was renowned for forecasts of "azure skies" and "gentle zephyrs", when mariners were bouncing through off-shore storms. Apparently, the monks were "not wanting to worry the mariners", so the forecasts were known by all as "gentle breezes from gentle Jesus", with very little credence given. I must add that the station today is government-run and is as good as most.

The Meteorological Office was originated in 1867 by Admiral Robert FitzRoy after the "Royal Charter Storm" of October 1859, when the "Royal Charter" sank off Anglesey saving only twenty-nine of five hundred souls. The shipping forecast has been dedicated to improving safety at sea ever since.

Observations were sent in to the Met Office by telegraph from around the UK, the data was manually processed, and forecasts generated. After Marconi initiated radio transmissions, data from both permanently stationed weather ships and selected merchant vessels allowed actual observations from all over the North Atlantic to be utilised. The increase

in accuracy was remarkable. Nowadays the use of satellite technology has superseded most other sources of observations, although climatic data is generated from hands on observations.

The Shipping forecast is still manually formulated as the word count must fit into the allotted time slots on the radio and the entire forecast should run between 350/375 words.

The main forecast is for seas more than twelve miles off-shore and today the inshore forecast is produced for the areas less than twelve miles – arguably as good a forecast for people living near the coast as that seen on the telly.

As a mariner who has sailed on many observing ships, there was the feeling that little credence was given to these often tiresome and repetitious reports. It was July 1969 in the western Pacific and I dutifully coded the observations and gave them to the Radio Officer to send. Shortly after, he came back asking me, at the receiving stations request, to check the Barometric pressure. We did this together and resent.

The next weather forecast came out with an impending typhoon (a hurricane in the western Pacific) generating in the position of our observations. This was the start of large super typhoon "Viola", who went on to hit the Philippines with 150mph winds and then bounced through the Balintang Channel before regenerating and killing more than 1,000 people in Guangdong Province – I now believed, we were the only ship around!

Stay safe on whichever side of the tide line your life or leisure takes you.

Contact the Swanage NCI at the Lookout on 01929 422596, at nci.org.uk, on VHF 65 or the address below. We look forward to hearing your comments and/or questions.

Bob Clark, swanagenci@btinternet.com,

# Wareham Town Council Update

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



### News from Wareham Town Council October

Dr David Evans, Vice-Chair of Wareham Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) Steering Group, reported on progress of the Plan which had benefited from the services of consultants and a £9,000 grant from the Community Rights Programme. We can look forward to reading the results of the consultants' studies in the draft WNP which will be published next year.

The Plan may include the suggestion of building houses west of Westminster Road and possibly on part of the industrial estate instead of west of Wareham and north of Northmoor. Businesses could relocate or expand on an extension to the Sandford Lane Industrial Estate. The decision to provide a Hub on the Middle School site or at Wareham Hospital will be made by other authorities but will lead to different consequences for the Neighbourhood Plan. One objective of WNP is to preserve Wareham's distinctive character and a Community Land Trust (CLT) could help.

A group of local people can set up a CLT, a not-for-profit body which can hold land and other assets, for example land which has been earmarked for housing. The CLT would then have a say in the design, allocation and management of the homes. The Council agreed that the WNP Steering Group investigate a CLT.

County Councillor Ezzard reported that the Living and Learning Hub

scheme had brought together representatives of Dorset County Council (DCC), Purbeck District Council (PDC), the Clinical Commissioning Group, GP's, Social Workers, and Children's Services to discuss a shared facility for providing services to the Wareham community. South Western Railway has a timetable consultation on their website for completion by 22nd December.

Consultation on the revised Purbeck Local Plan will begin in January. Planning applications for the former Cottees' site and the ramped pedestrian railway bridge are expected soon. Business net rate increases will be restricted by PDC to no more than 7.5%.

In the Britain in Bloom competition, Wareham was awarded a Silver Gilt and a Gold for Community Participation. The Council will write in support of building a Hub on the Middle School site and will work towards being recognized as a Dementia Friendly Council. The Mayor's Bazaar will be on 9th December, the Father Christmas parade on 10th December and the Volunteer of the Year presentation on 15th December.

The public are invited to the next meetings of the Town Council on Monday 11th December and Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm in the Town Hall.

For further information, call 01929 553006 or visit the website at [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk).

## Wareham Volunteer Of The Year

Annually for some ten years or so, Wareham has searched for that extra special volunteer among all that wonderful band of people prepared to give up their time for the good and benefit of others.

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Wareham Town Council wish to show recognition of this unpaid work by presenting this year's overall winner proof of their efforts at a special presentation evening in the Town Hall at the VoY Christmas Reception. Their name will be added to the Roll of Honour board for all to see for ever and a day.

A simple form can be obtained on line or from the Office Manager, Mrs Tara Bailey, on 01929 553006 / [tara@wareham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tara@wareham-tc.gov.uk) or the website. The closing date for entry form return is 17 November 2017, so please react soonest.

Kind Regards, Cllr Malcolm Russell, Wareham Town Mayor, Wareham Town Hall. BH20 4NS. 01929 553648. [mal.russell@talktalk.net](mailto:mal.russell@talktalk.net)

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## New Chairperson For Swanage Carnival



Following our AGM in November we welcome a new Chairperson, Maria Foot, and Vice Chairperson, Darren Strong.

Swanage Carnival Chairperson, Maria Foot said "it is an exciting challenge to take on the role of chairperson. I am looking forward to working with the committee to put on another fantastic week of fun and entertainment!"

2017 was a great success despite the weather and the Carnival Committee gave away more than £25,000 to their 25 chosen charities and good causes. This money goes directly towards helping members of our community and the presentation evening gave those receiving funds from Swanage Carnival a chance to explain how the donation would be used.

Planning for 2018 is already well underway and new Chairperson Maria is working with the Committee to come up with some new ideas and introduce some new events. If you are interested in getting involved with Swanage Carnival 2018 please contact Maria on [chairman@swanagecarnival.com](mailto:chairman@swanagecarnival.com).



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## Out Of The Blue



**D**ecember is upon us and as usual, we have been busy listening and acting upon what you have had to say.

**SWANAGE.** You Said: Youths are causing problems running through gardens, banging on doors and being generally abusive in the area of Queens Road, Atlantic

Avenue and Russell Avenue in Swanage

**We Did:** Increased patrols in the area and using covert tactics, identified and caught the youths involved. Stern words of wisdom were given and parents visited. Parents also received letters describing the distress caused by their children.

**You said:** Shoplifting in Swanage town centre is an issue.

**We did:** Increased patrols in the town centre. We have also been working with our local shop keepers providing crime prevention advice to ensure that when they are a victim of crime, they can provide the police with the best evidence possible to ensure we have the highest possible chance of a conviction. Your local police team have also arrested a number of key individuals responsible for a series of shoplifting offences in Swanage, resulting in a 77.8% reduction in shoplifting since April 2017. Please ensure you remain vigilant when shopping and report any suspicious incidents to the shop and police

**WAREHAM NORTH AND UPTON.** You said: ASB Lytchett Matravers was an issue.

**We did:** Additional high visibility patrols and positive action have curtailed the behaviour of those responsible and the situation has now calmed somewhat.

**You said:** Dangerous Parking outside the primary school was an issue  
**We did:** The no excuse team have visited and reports of such parking have reduced.

**WAREHAM TOWN AND WAREHAM WEST.** You said: Theft from vehicles was an issue. Earlier this year; we received several reports of damage being committed to vehicles and items being stolen from inside of unattended vehicles. This has largely been reported in rural areas, such as Moreton, Affpuddle, Culpepper's Dish and East Lulworth.  
**We did:** We have been busy conducting crime prevention engagement events across the area to make the public aware of the need to secure their vehicles and not to leave valuables inside. You will have seen the marked police vehicle around the area with the crime prevention message on to raise awareness. Our team have been using this vehicle to patrol all our rural car parks every day to reassure the public, disrupt the criminals and ensure that our rural car parks are a safe place for visitors. We will continue to monitor these areas to ensure we maintain focus on reducing vehicle crime in Purbeck. As a direct result of our increased vigilance there has been a 33% reduction in thefts from motor vehicles since April 17. For your Christmas presents, I thank you, one and all.

For the big ones many thanks, and fewer for the small.

William Church

Yes, it's that time of the year again and this is a reminder to be vigilant over the festive period. You don't want the wrong people saying 'I thank you for your presents'; a few simple precautions can make your Christmas a merry one.

Some top tips for online shopping this Christmas:

It's advisable to use a credit card when shopping online. If you fall victim to some sort of fraud most credit card companies offer protection for your purchases

Try to avoid paying by money transfers – they aren't secure

When shopping online, don't send confidential personal or financial information by email. A reputable online shop or seller wouldn't ask for this information to be emailed and it could be used for identity fraud

If you have family members, friends or neighbours that are unfamiliar with online shopping but want to give it a go, give them a short tutorial and help and advice so they don't fall victim to online shopping fraud

If you feel you are the victim of an online scam, you should report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Some top tips when leaving your car this Christmas:

Don't leave presents in full view on the back seat when out shopping. These can be tempting to thieves. Lock them away out of sight in the boot.

Always lock your car and make sure windows are closed, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a few minutes.

Never leave your keys in the ignition whilst your vehicle is unattended, even for a few minutes. Opportunistic thieves will often steal cars that have been left with the engine running to defrost the windows.

Don't leave any valuables in the glove compartment. Take bank cards, mobile phones and satellite navigation systems with you. These items are on a car thieves' shopping list.

Make sure you park in a well-lit area or in an attended car park.

Some top tips for securing your home this Christmas:

Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even when you are in the house.

Keep presents out of sight. Large piles of gift wrapped goodies under the tree that are visible through a door or window are tempting to thieves.

Don't leave empty boxes on display outside. Discarded packaging advertises all the new goods you have indoors.

Don't leave car keys and handbags lying around on display.

Make it look like someone is at home when you're going out for the evening. Leave lights on and close the curtains. If you have a burglar alarm, set it.

If you're going on holiday over the festive period, ask a friend, relative or neighbour to keep an eye on your house.

On a lighter note - Dorset Police wish you all a merry and safe Christmas!

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Please come along to our meet the team events at Swanage, Wareham and Upton. Dates can be found on the website, we'd love to see you there.

**Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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# Successful Fete!



**H**armans Cross Village Hall's successful summer Fete included a well-supported Grand Raffle, after which it was possible to present a cheque for £500 to the Dementia Friendly Community.

Our picture shows raffle organiser Catherine Morris presenting the cheque to Jean Gibb at a recent Village Hall event.

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But you would be mistaken. Apart from campaigning for a second Admiral Nurse to help cover the extensive work load that our nurse, Rachel, has, we also have more aims towards helping those in our area who have to cope with all kinds of dementia.

One way is we will be continuing awareness and information sessions which are offered to everyone, especially those who work with the public. By attending one of our 45-minute talks you will be able to understand a bit more about how dementia can affect families and how a small action by yourself can make all the difference. We can do the sessions in the work place or you can join one of our open sessions. Just call Mo on 01929 427491 to book a place.

We also want to set up some more activities for those with dementia and their carers can attend. We already have a very successful singing group, which takes place twice a month at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, and we hope to have an art group, buddie support and reminiscing.

If you would like to try the singing group, please contact Jean on 01929 425521.

The singing group will be performing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 3pm – do come along and join in the fun.

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## Swanage Firestation Update



Hi and welcome to this month's look at what has been happening at Swanage Fire station.

Operationally it's been quiet, and we have only responded to nine fire calls and fifteen medical calls this month. This I hope this means that you have been using my safety bulletins to keep yourselves safe at home. By the time you read this, our thoughts will be of the upcoming Christmas period. I would just like to remind you all that in this time of celebration there are many things that we need to safe guard against.

In recent years, excessive alcohol consumption has been a major contributor to not only fires, but fire-related casualties. With the likelihood of increased alcohol consumption and cooking across the festive period our social media output should reflect this.

Christmas is a time for friends and family, enjoying nibbles and a tippie, pulling crackers, twinkling decorations and opening presents! Remember to be fire safe in the midst of all the festivities. <http://bit.ly/1oQouvB>

- Don't cook if you have been drinking and never leave cooking unattended.
- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that could catch alight.

- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters
- Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are potentially at greater risk from fire.
- If you have friends and family staying over Christmas, make sure everyone knows how to get out in case of a fire or emergency.
- Make sure you test your smoke alarm every week – and why not spread a little festive goodwill by checking on any elderly relatives, friends or neighbours and check their smoke alarms too!

From all the crew at Swanage Fire station I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very safe new year. Once again, please don't forget to test your smoke alarms regularly.

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## Wow! What A Year!

### Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust Strides Ahead

Exciting progress was reported at the 2017 AGM of the Development Trust. Swanage Town Mayor, Cllr Mike Bonfield thanked the Trust on behalf of the residents of Swanage for all that is being done in the Community.

#### Reports were presented on:

- The Centre, is now close to full utilisation with various community lettings. Up to 100 young people, per week, already use the space and that is before the new Youth Club opens, which is very soon.
- 20 defibrillators now installed in Swanage and surrounding areas by Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership.
- A specialist Admiral nurse recruited by Swanage and Purbeck Dementia Friendly Communities.
- 17 people living in isolation befriended through Link Visiting
- 25 people regularly attend Art Workshop sessions.
- A Kurd Syrian family welcomed to Swanage, via the Government refugee scheme, by Swanage Action for Refugees.

#### Projects in the pipeline include:

- Supporting the Swanage and Herston Football Club in redeveloping its old buildings to provide a Community Sports and Social Centre; and
- Assisting the Swanage Museum in its plans to relocate into much bigger premises, to improve public access, and provide greater community and educational facilities;

Watch this space for more news about these and other community projects to come.



Swanage & Purbeck  
Development Trust

### COME AND JOIN US

The Development Trust and its umbrella charities have been making great strides on behalf of the Community during 2017. Our Projects:

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership;  
Swanage and Purbeck Dementia Friendly Communities;  
Link Visiting; Art Workshop; Swanage Action for Refugees;  
The Centre; Fresh Prospects; Swanage Volunteer Bureau.

This success has been achieved with the support of hard working local volunteers and donations from the generous people of Swanage. THANK YOU. We now need more volunteers in a range of exciting roles. Fund raising also continues to be essential for achievement of our aims.

To find out more about us and how you can help, go to: [www.sandpdt.org.uk](http://www.sandpdt.org.uk), where you can also donate; email us at [swanagepdt@gmail.com](mailto:swanagepdt@gmail.com); or visit the Swanage Volunteer Bureau, in Swanage Library, between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm on Fridays.

**JANUARY EDITION DEADLINE:**  
**12 noon on 7th December**  
**FEATURE: 'Banish Those Winter Blues'**



# Great Improvements In Council's Homelessness Service

Improvements in the homelessness service provided by Purbeck District Council have been recognised in a recent review.

The service scored 71% in the review putting it in the top 28 councils in the country for homelessness services.

The assessment in September 2017 follows a review in 2015 when the Council received a score of 59% for its homelessness service. The assessors recognised the improvements made since that time. These included reception and interview facilities, staff and management, customer interviews, file reviews, visits and quality of housing options.

The review, carried out by the National Practitioner Support Service (NPSS) and housing managers from neighbouring councils with extensive homelessness experience, checked the quality of advice and support provided.

Councillor Laura Miller Housing Portfolio Holder for Purbeck District Council, said: "The high score of 71% reflects the improvements we have made to our housing and homelessness support service in the last two years. Lack of affordable housing is one of the district's biggest problems, so I am really pleased that the team's efforts to improve the service they offer to people in need has been recognised."

As well as reviewing internal processes, the team gathered feedback from organisations which have contact with the Council's housing service, including Citizens Advice and mental health and learning disability organisations. The assessors also visited some of the temporary accommodation provided by the Council.

**JAN EDITION DEADLINE  
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# Unclaimed £90,000 To Benefit Community

The money, found at an abandoned care complex in Strete Mount, Christchurch, will be invested into services that help keep Dorset residents safe. An 18-month long investigation was conducted, but after officers were unable to identify an owner, the Court formally awarded the money to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), under the Police Property Act.

Police Property Act funding is co-managed by the Force and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and reinvests money that is recovered by police into initiatives that benefit community safety. As the money was discovered during a training exercise by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue (DWFRS) officers, PCC Martyn Underhill chose to allocate half of the awarded amount to DWFRS for fire-related community projects.

£6,000 will support the implementation of a Firewise Community Co-ordinator, matching funding provided by the Urban Heath Partnership and DWFRS. The Firewise Community initiative is an international scheme that encourages communities to work together to reduce the risk of damage to homes from wildfire. The Co-ordinator will develop a programme to teach communities about the risks and how they can build resilience.

The PCC has also approved the proposal from DWFRS for the remaining £39,000 to support the Dorset charity, SafeWise. The charity provides realistic and immersive learning experiences to equip visitors of all ages with the skills, knowledge and confidence to live active, fulfilling and safer lives in stronger communities. As part of a strategic review to grow its impact, the charity identified the need for increased volunteer numbers in order to allow its programmes to reach out to more members of the community.

Rob Hattersley, CEO of SafeWise, said: "The money from the PCC is fantastic timing. Funding a volunteer co-ordinator will kick start our new strategy, making an exciting new range of programmes accessible for many more visitors. Without our dedicated and valued team of volunteers, SafeWise wouldn't be able to have such a positive impact and reach so many members of the community."

DWFRS Area Manager, Craig Baker, added: "I'm really pleased the PCC has recognised the great work of SafeWise and the Firewise Community Initiative and approved our funding proposals. Both projects offer education



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and support to actively involve residents in the safety of their communities." The remaining £45,000 will be invested into the PCC's Safer Dorset Fund Community Grant Scheme.

This provides financial support to voluntary and community sector organisations that deliver projects meeting one or more of the Police & Crime Plan priorities: protecting people at risk of harm, working with our communities, supporting victims, witnesses and reducing reoffending and transforming for the future.

"Grants of between £100 and £3,000 are available and applications are now welcomed. PCC Martyn Underhill said: "Since I introduced it in 2015, the Community Grant has provided support to a large variety of projects in the county, all of which meet a community need and contribute to keeping the people of Dorset safe."

"I am pleased that this money will contribute to the fund, as it puts the decision-making power into the hands of Dorset residents, who understand their communities best."



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# SWANAGE CARE NEWS

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## A busy time at Gainsborough Care Home...

Welcome to Gainsborough Care Home and, in this month's edition, we will be looking into what the residents have been getting up to, and what they have planned for the coming months. It's certainly going to be a busy one...

Although the seasons have changed and its feeling much cooler, our residents have still been taking advantage of the autumn sun and enjoying trips out and about in Dorset, making good use of our residents' mini bus. Trips this month have included a stop at a local beauty spot to admire the views across to Arne and beyond. Unfortunately it was just a little too cold this time for ice cream.

An in-house activity for Halloween included scooping out pumpkins and carving spooky faces; this was a very enjoyable activity and both residents and staff held a competition for the best pumpkin...of course nothing went to waste and our Cook made a delicious pumpkin soup for the evening.

We also made S'mores Pops, which is a classic American campfire treat made up of roasted marshmallow. Our residents were covered in chocolate, but thoroughly enjoyed the activity. Certainly something we will be doing more often...For those of you who don't know what they are, basically they are marshmallows on lolly sticks dipped in melted chocolate and crushed digestive biscuit. S'mores Pops are a delicious treat on a stick - and certainly DO try them at home!

Our firework night party was a great success and included an afternoon story of Guy Fawkes and his plot followed by the annual Gainsborough Care Home firework display with jacket potatoes, hot dogs, sausages and baked beans, as well as musical entertainment; a very popular evening at the home and was very enjoyable.

Christmas at Gainsborough Care Home is set to be the biggest and best yet! We have a Christmas fair on Wednesday 13th Dec at 2pm where a raffle will be held, along with various stalls selling delicious cakes and mulled wine. We will also



be supporting the Alzheimer's Society with "Elf Day" where all staff will come to work in Elf attire - were certainly looking forward to this day which should be full of laughs.

Our pantomime this year will be Mother Goose which is coming to Gainsborough on 18th December, everybody welcome....the more the merrier.

On Christmas morning we are fortunate enough to have a local and very enthusiastic entertainer joining us to sing and dance and ensure that all are in the festive spirit!!

### Recruitment

We are still looking for care staff to join the team at Gainsborough Care Hom. We have just reviewed our rates and are pleased to be offering up to £10.80 p/h. Please contact the home for more details.

As always, we welcome all enquiries and visitors to our home and still have a few newly refurbished rooms available for residential care. If you are interested in viewing the Care Home, please call Rosie Hanmer Registered Manager on 01929 422500 or go to [www.agincare-homes.co.uk](http://www.agincare-homes.co.uk)





# GAIA POPE



**A**t the time of going to press with this edition, we have spent the past eleven days working with the huge community volunteer task force who were working constantly, twenty-four hours per day, to try and find missing Swanage teenager, Gaia Pope (19).

The last eleven days have been, to be completely honest, shattering beyond belief. The only light in the horrendous darkness for any of those involved in the search was you - our community. The tide of love, support and overwhelming dedication by so, so many in our local community, as well as those from further away, has been truly, heart-warmingly astonishing.

All of our thoughts are with Gaia's family and friends, who, as I write, are having to now come to terms with the devastating loss of Gaia. Throughout the past eleven days since Gaia went missing, they have not stopped for a single second in their search for her. Their utter bravery and courage in times of such darkness have been an inspiration to all.

As is our policy here at Gazette Towers, the family have been offered space in the Gazette to communicate with you at a time of their choosing - should they wish to write at all. I know from working with the family throughout this crisis that they were overwhelmed with your support, searching, flyering and simple acts of kindness. You gave them hope, and that was so important, right up until the moment Gaia was found.

All we will print at this stage are some short words from various family members, as they have been provided to us.

**From twin sister, Maya:** "Can't find any words right now. Gaia is my everything and I am heartbroken. I thank everyone who was involved in searching for my beautiful twin. Going to make her so proud."

**From big sister, Clara:** "She is - I'm not going to say was and never will - the absolute light of my life. So beautiful, so emotionally wise and intelligent and so passionate and artistic and creative and understanding."

**From cousin Marienna:** "Gaia was a star that shone fiercely. She brought such joy to us all and braved the hard times with dignity, strength and humour. I am still searching for answers about what happened to our dear heart, who had so much still to give the world. But what I know is that love is stronger than death and her courage will guide me all the days of my life."

**From Auntie Talia:** "Gaia was a person born to bring light and healing to others. She remains the most sensitive and compassionate soul I have ever known and her unique love and particular light will not only be remembered, it will be forever a precious source of nourishment from which we can all draw. Gaia you remain forever our gift."

**From best friend, Dom:** "She spent her life in colour, we will keep her rainbow in our hearts for ever and everything we do will be in her name."

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If you are a seller and have numerous offers, consult your agent. They should be able to inform you of each potential buyers' circumstances. For example, a first-time buyer will be chain free. If you are a buyer, look for chain free properties. E.g. second homes, new builds, probate properties.

Make yourself chain free. If you can, sell your home when you have the chance. This may mean a move into interim accommodation but you will become a chain free buyer and at an advantage.

### Do your homework

Speak to family and friends to discuss the possibility of staying with them. Look into storage options. Research the costs of interim accommodation. If you sell your property then you will not be paying mortgage instalments, however, if you wish to port your mortgage you will need to consider timescales. The interim options may actually prove cost effective.

### Personal experience

We made the decision to become chain free buyers. We wanted to be in the strongest position possible when buying our new home. When we had an acceptable offer on our property we took it, meaning we could have the money in the bank, ready. We moved into interim accommodation until our new home was found and completed on. Not ideal, but well worth it in the long run.

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### The Dividend Allowance and the Base Rate

This month, I am briefly commenting on two diverse matters.

At present, the tax-free Dividend Allowance stands at £5,000. Under the Financial Bill 2017 this was due to fall to £2,000 from 6th April 2018, but in the run-up to the General Election in June 2017, this change was dropped. However, it has now become part of the Finance (No 2) Bill 2017 which was published in early September 2017 which now means that this proposal will go ahead in April 2018.

This was primarily aimed at business owners paying themselves dividends, but it will also impact on investors who receive dividends on their investments. There are steps which can be considered to lessen its effect if your dividend income is above £2,000 such as using an ISA (where dividend income remains tax-free) or looking at the division of your assets and if you have a professional advisor, they should be able to help you with your individual situation circumstances.

Bank of England base rates rose by 0.25% to 0.5% in early November in an attempt to cool down the economy as inflation was racing ahead and was some way above the 2% target. Base rates had been cut to 0.25% in August 2016 and previously to that had been held at 0.5% for about 7 years and this was, therefore, the first rise in nearly a decade.

Rates do, however, remain historically very low. Average rates between 1971 and 2017 were 7.67% and they peaked at 17% in November 1979. The change is not likely to make a huge difference to savers, but it will have an impact on those with mortgages tied to the base rate, many of whom will never have seen a rate rise. If, for example, the interest rate on a mortgage increased from 2.25% to 2.5% it would mean a difference of about £300 a year for a £200,000 repayment mortgage. This is not massive in itself, but the impact could be felt if base rates continued to rise.

In addition, householders are currently being squeezed by high inflation rates impacting on the cost of day to day goods and services and low (or even no) wage inflation, although it is intended that the rise in interest rates will help to calm inflation. Whether or not any more base rate rises are imminent seems open to debate.

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### Using the IHT Gift Exemptions

As Benjamin Franklin observed in 1789 'In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.' More than two centuries on, this statement still rings true! These days however, inheritance tax is often referred to as a voluntary tax, because there are various ways to minimise liability to it, or even avoid it all together.

#### PETS

Any assets (cash or otherwise) that a person gives away during their lifetime, that do not fall under the exempt transfer rules, such as transfers between spouses and civil partners and gifts to charities, may escape inheritance tax as a potentially exempt transfer (PET).

There is no limit on the amount of PETs that can be made during a lifetime.

Broadly, for a PET to escape inheritance tax completely the donor needs to survive for seven years after making the gift. If he or she dies within the seven-year period, the PET is partially chargeable depending on the number of years that have elapsed since they made the gift.

The reduction is given in the form of taper relief, a sliding scale used to determine tax liabilities on gifts between three and seven years before death.

Current rates of taper relief and the resulting IHT rate are as follows:

#### Period before death in which gift made:

- 0 to 3 years - reduction 0%; tax rate is 40%
- 3 to 4 years - reduction 20%; tax rate 32%
- 4 to 5 years - reduction 40%; tax rate 24%
- 5 to 6 years - reduction 60%; tax rate 16%
- 6 to 7 years - reduction 80%; tax rate 8%
- More than 7 years - reduction 100%; tax rate 0%

If the donor dies within seven years of making a PET the value of that PET will be added in to the value of his or her estate to determine how much, if any, inheritance tax is due.

The PET will therefore use up some or all of the available nil-rate band, potentially increasing or even creating an inheritance tax liability for the estate. In addition, if the value of the PET exceeds the level of the nil-rate band in force for the year in which the donor dies, then additional inheritance tax will be payable by the recipient of the gift.

Taper relief may reduce the amount of tax payable. However, taper relief can only reduce an inheritance tax liability resulting from a PET becoming chargeable on death. The relief does not reduce the value of the gift itself.

Taper relief is particularly beneficial for those with large estates. Giving away £1 million and living for seven years takes the money right out of the inheritance tax net. But even if the donor lives for only six years, the £1 million less the nil-rate band is charged at just 8% under taper relief, instead of the full 40% inheritance tax rate.

#### Lifetime exemptions

The annual exemption enables a person to give away up to £3,000 per annum free of IHT. In addition, any unused exemptions from the previous year, may be carried forward, although any unused exemptions earlier than a year will be lost. This means that if no gifts have been made in the previous tax year, a person could make an IHT-free gift in the current tax year of £6,000. If the amount exceeded the annual exemption available, it could still remain exempt from IHT, if the person making the gift survives seven years.

In addition to the annual exemption, small gifts of up to £250 per year may be made free from IHT.

The gift must be an outright gift to any one person each tax year.

Gifts on marriage can also be free of IHT provided that the gift does not exceed set limits. The limits depend on the relationship to the married couple/ civil partners and are as follows:

- Parents - £5,000
- Grandparents, great-grandparents - £2,500
- Bride to groom/ groom to bride/ bride to bride/ groom to groom - £2,500
- Anyone else - £1,000

These exemptions may be combined in certain circumstances to reduce a potentially exempt transfer (PET).

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## FIVE QUESTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS THIS CHRISTMAS



As Christmas approaches, along with the bad weather, boozy workplace parties and staff absences, what should employers do to ensure a joyful festive season?

Dawn Gallie, Head of Employment at Dorset and Somerset law firm Battens Solicitors, answers employers' five top questions.

1. Where employees are unable to get to

work, what can employers do due to bad weather or travel disruption?

A. Generally, employees have no automatic right to pay if they are unable to get to work, subject always to their contracts. Employers could take a view and at their discretion continue to pay or, alternatively, pay for part and allocate the rest as annual leave.

2. What about the situation where adverse weather closes schools? Aren't parents automatically allowed to stay at home to look after their children?

A. Parents are entitled to reasonable, unpaid time off to enable them to look after their children and to make alternative arrangements for their care. They are not entitled to prolonged time off and, if the closures are likely to be long term, employees need to make other arrangements for the care of their children.

3. I'm worried about the potential for unruly behaviour at Christmas parties. What can I do?

A. Tread carefully. Employers are liable for the actions of their employees during the course of employment, and this liability extends to Christmas parties. Informing a boss what they can do with their job is likely to be a dismissible offence but if there's free booze and encouragement from the company then dismissal for unruly and drunken behaviour could be unfair.

4. What about people who might not turn up for work the following day, saying their absence is because of the party?

A. If you've organised a mid-week party and expect people at work the following day, make sure this is clear and that disciplinary action may follow for those who call in 'sick'. You might want to consider an incentive in the form of a bacon butty or perhaps allow a slightly later start time the following day.

5. Can I shut our workplace over Christmas and insist staff take the time as part of their annual holiday?

A. You can potentially require employees to take holiday at certain times of the year and by giving the required notice. Again, check what it says in employees' contracts about the amount and allocation of holidays. If in doubt it is always best to check with your HR advisers.

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goods. But you do not get the initial thirty days to reject faulty digital content alone, and get a refund, unless the digital content is supplied as an inherent part of physical goods, such as computer systems, smartphones and washing machines.

For pre-shopping advice, advice about a consumer problem, or to report something to trading standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or visit [citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer)

## Dorset Business Partners Standing Together



Dorset's businesses are standing together and speaking with a united voice for the good of commerce in the county.

That was the main message from Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Business Partner Lunch.

Chamber Chief Executive Ian Girling said: "We are really proud of our well-respected Business Partner programme, which is a strong portfolio deliberately formed of both large and smaller successful businesses.

"Dorset is such a dynamic and aspirational place in which to do business and the fact we are able to stand together and speak with a united voice as a Chamber is testament to everyone involved."

The partnership programme has two premium partners and 27 platinum partners, plus three new businesses now also signed up – HSBC Bank, Purple HR and Travel Counsellors for Business.

The unique programme supports business growth through the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience.

He also highlighted the chamber's ninth affiliation with a town business federation – this time Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce – as a key factor in striving to sustain economic prosperity.

Mr Girling has also joined the board of strategic support group Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership and will use his role to "ensure the voice of business is heard".

Guests at the Haven Hotel, Sandbanks, lunch also heard about the launch of the chamber's fresher, more modern and innovative new look website designed to greatly improve the user experience.

Event keynote speaker was the Chamber's 2017 President Vincent Boni, Managing Director of multi-media publishing company's Newsquest's Dorset, Hampshire, Salisbury and Cornwall divisions.

He spoke on the changing face of print media, suggesting that although the digital world was growing exponentially, print wasn't dead just yet – demonstrated by Newsquest investing millions in refurbishing its print works in Weymouth and Southampton.

DCCI premium partner AFC Bournemouth's Commercial Director Rob Mitchell presented Mr Girling with an AFCB shirt signed by the Premier League club's players as a way of cementing the two organisations' ongoing relationship.



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## So Easy To Drive A Bargain

by David Hollister

Last month's trip to Bourne End on the train – which was pleasant and relaxing – cost a total of £96.30. This month we went up in the new Hyundai i10, by courtesy of Westover. I have to say that after recent bad experiences on the A31, M27 and M3, I was dreading this Friday journey, especially when Tina kept muttering about 'it's the first/last day of 'half term' which seems to be her constant justification for badly maintained and overcrowded roads. Perhaps I wondered how I'd cope with a 'city car' with a maximum speed of 96 mph from a 3-cylinder 1.0 litre engine!

The answer was – I needn't have worried! I wouldn't have realised that it was a 3-cylinder engine until I read the manual; 96 mph just isn't attainable on today's roads, and it simply doesn't feel like a 'city car' as it's bold, roomy, fun to drive and impressively equipped. In the words of the brochure – not big, but great! The version I drove was the 5-speed 1.0 SE model coming in at a tad under £10,000 and in my book, worth every penny; you get an awful lot for your ten grand!

Every i10 comes with five doors, five-year unlimited mileage warranty, five-year roadside assistance, and even five annual free vehicle health checks! Along with five wheels; the 'squirty kit' in the base model has been replaced in the 1.0 SE by a proper space-saver wheel. Perhaps the manufacturers are at last taking on board the public's objection to DIY tyre repairs!

The upgraded front-end features LED daytime running lights; the sculptured design really catches the eye. I liked the high positioning of the gearshift which made operation particularly easy. Unusually for a car in this class, there were driver-operated electric windows all round. The £275 optional driver-assist pack includes Front Collision warning system and lane departure warning system, but the SE model actually has most every other 'optional extra' as standard. For example, cruise control, remote central locking, electrically-operated and heated mirrors, vehicle stability management, ABS and brake-assist. An excellent aircon system.

The brakes – and maybe it's because it was a brand-new car with twenty-four miles on the clock – were phenomenal. The car stopped on the proverbial 2.5 pence. Sharper and more efficient than anything I've driven so far and actually took a bit of getting used to (sorry, Tina!).

So, the journey up – three hours – was perhaps governed by the awful traffic, and the journey back – two and a half hours – similarly delayed in places although the A31 was running freely (first time for everything). Night fell, and the lights were fine for the speed I was driving. But I didn't climb out totally exhausted or frazzled; it's a ten-grand car, for heaven's sake!

Impressed with the DAB-FM radio, complete with iPod and easy blue-tooth connectivity, steering-wheel audio controls, as good as most that I've driven. No, it wasn't a full Bose system; it's a ten-grand car, for heaven's sake! The top model in the range – the £12,200 Premium SE – features 'levels of connectivity that exceed expectations' and yes, it has a sat-nav. But it's over £2,200 more! It might be what you want – but is it what you need?

There's room for five grown-ups to sit in comfort, and the boot is one of the largest in its class. Lots of little storage places, too.

Although the i10 is up against the Toyota Aygo, the Volkswagen Up! and Kia Picanto, it actually feels as spacious as a Fiesta, a Yaris, or indeed my Mazda 2. No, this model didn't come with a built-in sat-nav so I had to take my Tom-Tom.

No, it didn't have six gears. No, it didn't have alloy wheels; actually I can see no reason other than vanity why a budget city car should have alloys. It didn't have half a dozen other useful little features that my Mazda has, but at seven grand cheaper than mine, I couldn't expect it to have. That's an awful lot less money for an only slightly less well-equipped car. As I think I've said before – it's a ten grand car, for heaven's sake!

Cost a total of £25.31 in petrol. That's an achieved 48.7 mpg as against the published 70.6 combined; that's 68% – but that's not really fair considering the amount of time spent in traffic jams, and also the number of miles I did in 4th gear because I'd forgotten to change up..... That's how quiet it is! Not a huge amount of engine noise, wind noise, or indeed road noise. A pleasant environment.

Mother used to keep her clocks five minutes fast ..... maybe for the same reason that all new cars these days seem to have their speedometers calculated five miles per hour faster than a GPS sat-nav actually confirms you're going. It's just a case of adding 5mph to the indicated speed before you set the cruise control. For those of you who clearly feel that cars should be electronically limited to the prevailing speed limits – the i10 can do that, too.

The words 'more than adequate' come to mind; it might not have everything you want, but it certainly has everything you need. You're buying a small car to get from A to B safely, economically, reliably, and comfortably. Look no further.

If you want whoomph, get a Nissan GTR. If you want to pull up trees, get a Land Rover. If you want 'flash' or you're into badges, get a BMW or an Audi. When you leave the showroom, count your change. With Hyundai, there will be a lot of it. After all – it's a ten-grand car, for heaven's sake – which actually feels like it should have cost a good deal more.

I suggest you go and buy one before Hyundai realise that they're selling it too cheap! Speak to Jon Mack at Westover Hyundai, Wallisdown Road, Bournemouth. Phone 01202 635025. He'll happily arrange a test drive for you. It won't matter if it's Friday, Sunday, or even half-term – I'm sure you'll enjoy it.





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# From The Kitchen Garden...



## Rosehip Mincemeat

By Regula  
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The festive season is upon us, the nights are long, nature is having a rest and we humans hopefully have time for cosy get-togethers.

I personally feel the need for less activity, having more time for friends and family. This time of year, I'm in a reflective mood, thinking back over a ten month growing period, remembering what has worked and trying to stick to my own advice for the coming growing season. Of course, there are decisions to be made on which new crops to try out, edibles and ornamentals.....

This time of year is also good to clear up areas that have got out of hand; I appreciate the temporary sense of 'strimmed and trimmed' tidiness, no flopping about, safe in the knowledge it won't last. By early March, the blackthorn blossom will once again perfume the spring air and the nettles will be romping away, fresh and oh, so green!

But for now, I welcome the smoky bonfire drifts and leaf litter earthiness; however I'm less appreciative of endless soggy, mud everywhere and gusty days. So, indoors I go and stock up on company, chat and on calories. A truly convivial way to do this is the chopping up of ingredients and preparing mincemeat for the Christmas period.

Now, this is a recipe for the ultimate digital detox; all you need are friends sitting around a table, knives at the ready and a big pan.

### For this Rosehip Mincemeat you'll also need:

400 ml medium cider (plus a bit to share)  
500g soft dark brown sugar  
2 kg cooking apples, peeled, cored, chopped  
1 tsp ground mixed spice  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 pinch ground cloves  
250g halved, deseeded rosehips (fiddly, but worth it!)  
250g prunes, de-stoned, chopped  
500g raisins  
100g glace cherries, chopped  
100g almonds, slivered or chopped  
1 unwaxed lemon zest and juice  
125ml brandy or rum or whisky

Put the cider and sugar into a large pan and heat gently until the sugar has completely dissolved. Stir in the rest of the ingredients, except for 125ml of spirit.

Slowly bring to the boil, stirring gently all the time. Lower the heat, partially cover the pan and simmer for thirty minutes.

Remove from the heat and leave to become completely cold.

Now stir in the spirit and spoon into cold, cleaned and sterilized jars.

Pack the mincemeat gently down with a spoon, making sure there are no air bubbles. Cover with waxed discs and tight-fitting lids and leave to mature for a little while.... if you can resist it that is.

This mincemeat has no suet in it on purpose and lends itself to be used in many different ways- not just pies...it's fruity, not too sweet, slightly boozy and light and actually quite good for you (thanks to the rosehips).

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# Purbeck Producers Last Markets



**P**urbeck Products is very sorry to announce that the monthly markets will no longer continue after the one on Saturday 23rd December where customers will be able to pick up their meat, bread and cake orders.

Purbeck Products started in 2001 round a kitchen table in a farmhouse and set-up a company in 2002, but due to foot and mouth, it did not continue.

It was revived in 2006 by Adrian Hall, with a farm open day recruiting new members. This was then followed the next year with an open day at Mr and Mrs Whites at Compact farm.

Though these open days more people joined, and we started our monthly markets at Putlake Adventure Farm,

courtesy of Mr and Mrs Alfie O'Connell. These were very successful, with nine to ten producers selling at each market.

We then transferred to Swanage Middle School due to circumstances out of every one's control. Finally, we moved to our present location in Commercial Road, Swanage. Over the years, producers have used the market to further their businesses, moving on to bigger and better things.

## PURBECK PRODUCE FARMERS' MARKET



**We are CLOSING at the end of December.**

**Come and see us on December 9th at the Rotary Christmas Market in Swanage. We will also be in Commercial Rd, Swanage, on Saturday 23rd December for collection of your Christmas orders.**

**Thank you to everyone who has supported us!**



The remaining members will continue trading and can be contacted via telephone: Kath Best 01929 480151, Phil Samways 01929 439263.

Corfe Castle Bakery Shop, Corfe Castle, Swanage Bay Fish, Tilly Mead, Swanage will also obviously continue trading from their own business locations.

You can pick-up meat orders at Country Foods, Station Rd, Swanage, by kind permission of Julian Wood.

Orders for Christmas can be taken at the Rotary Christmas Market in Swanage on the 9th December or on the numbers above. Turkeys, chicken, ham joints, lamb, pork, cake and fish, plus sheep skins are all available.

We would all like to give a very big thank you to all the businesses in Commercial Road, particularly Claire at Chococo for sharing our market on Twitter and for the lovely cups of coffee over the years!

We would also like to thank all our wonderful loyal customers. Please don't desert our wonderful producers – we would all welcome any new customers

Lastly and by no means least, a very big thank you to Nick Viney, who has worked tirelessly supporting the group.

Happy Christmas to all!

**Kath Best**

## DID YOU KNOW....?

As one of the tiny percentage of UK papers still in individual, local ownership, we receive NO funding whatsoever to print letters, community news and local service updates. Our ONLY revenue is from advertisers each month. It is our choice to use the revenue we get to publish community news, and it costs us just over £300 PER PAGE to print.

**LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE PURBECK GAZETTE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES!**  
We'd like to request your support in the future, and ask you to consider leaving a legacy to the Gazette to help us keep publishing community news and local service columns - help your community, long into the future!



# THE PURBECK

## CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

*Can YOU purchase everything you  
need for Christmas right here in Purbeck?*

That's our challenge to you this festive season, we want you to make a real effort to shop locally for everything from food and drink, to gifts for friends, workmates and loved ones.....

The following pages contain advertising booked specifically to try and tempt you into local businesses this Christmas.

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Come and have lunch at a church during Advent and help raise funds for Christian Aid.

Our suggested minimum donation is £5. A Traidcraft Fairtrade Stall will also be available.

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Many of the shop owners in Wareham have decided to open for late night shopping in Wareham this year to encourage you all to take up the Purbeck Christmas Challenge and shop locally as much as possible.

Any shop that is participating will have a poster in their window and will be open until 8pm on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th December.

Flyers advertising the event can be picked up from Tourist Information and most of the shops participating. It promises to be a festive evening with many of the shops putting on Christmas nibbles and dressing appropriately festively!!

## Wareham Scout Mail

**W**areham Scouts and Guides will be operating a delivery service for Christmas cards in the Wareham, Northmoor, Stoborough and Ridge areas.

Stamps and special postboxes can be found in Horsey's, Farwells, the TIC Carey and the Scout and Guide HQ.

Last day of posting will be Saturday 16th December. Cards will be delivered during the week before Christmas. Please support the youth of your town and use our postage service for your local Christmas cards!

## Canzonetta At Christmas

**S**unday 17 December, 3pm. Come and enjoy Christmas with Canzonetta! Our Christmas concert is at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Tolpuddle, DT2 7EW

Free admission, retiring collection for church restoration.

Contact: [www.canzonettadorset.com](http://www.canzonettadorset.com)



## XMAS FAYRE

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**H**elp a rescue pet this Christmas by donating a Shoe Box filled with goodies.

At this time of year we see an increase in animals coming into our care and less people looking to give a rescued pet a forever home. Margaret Green Animal Rescue are asking for kind members of the public to help a rescue pet this year by filling a shoe box or small container with treat, toys and other goodies for the pets that are with us over the festive period. Each pet that is with us on Christmas Day will receive their own present and have fun opening them.

Please drop off your shoe boxes at our Church Knowle Centre (BH20 5NQ) or check our website for more drop off points.

If you own or run a local business and would be prepared to take in shoeboxes for our animals, please let us know by emailing [jazmin.house@mgar.org.uk](mailto:jazmin.house@mgar.org.uk)

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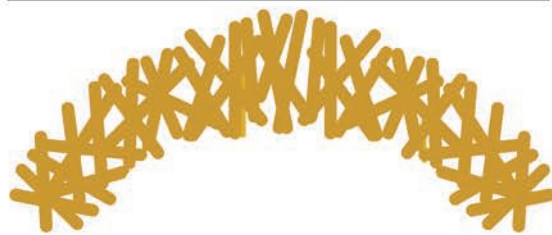
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## Keep it local this Christmas...



With Christmas just around the corner, why not visit your local shops, stores, pubs, restaurants and services, before jumping into your car to travel to the shopping centres of the larger towns?

You'll be surprised at what you will find for those special presents and festive fayre in your local shops, not only will you get quality gifts and produce, you will get the quality of service.

You can do your shopping locally with your family and friends with ease, comfort and enjoyment. Your local shops and businesses also contribute to many local good causes and charities which makes a huge difference to everybody's quality of life.

Shopping in Wareham has never been easier, Purbeck District Council and Wareham Town Council have generously agreed to

**FREE PARKING in selected Wareham town car parks 2, 10, 22 & 23 December**

(Bonnets Lane East & West, Connegar Lane, Rempstone Centre, Streche Road & Howards Lane)

Don't forget that **Sunday 10th December** is when **SANTA comes to town!** Following the festivities (which start around 3.30pm), and of course, the wonderful Christmas parade at 4pm.

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Santa Specials run Saturday and Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th and then daily 16th to 24th December. Children will receive a wrapped age appropriate present from Father Christmas whilst everyone will receive refreshments from Santa's helpers. Advance booking is essential and seats are selling fast.

The ever popular Christmas Luncheon Dining Trains have sold out! After Christmas steam trains run daily 26th December to 1st January 2018.

On Thursday 28th December make your Great Escape from the television and enjoy a day of steam and diesel locos at our Winter Warm Up. A day of intensive operation with both passenger and demonstration freight trains.

Full details of all our Christmas Festivities can be found at [www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events)

Purbeck Railway Circle

The Purbeck Railway Circle wishes its members, supporters and friends "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year".

The 2018 Programme will commence on the 12th of January 2018 with a presentation entitled "50 Years of the Swanage Railway" by Andrew P.M. Wright Press Officer and Official Photographer of Swanage Railway.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tea/coffee/biscuits and railway orientated raffle as usual.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. For other information please contact the PRC General Secretary, e-mail: [gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk](mailto:gensec@purbeckrailwaycircle.org.uk)



## WINTER WARM UP

### THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER

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# Young Marz at The Rex Cinema

**Stay in purbeck to experience world class theatre live at the Rex!**

The Rex Cinema advocates the Gazette's Christmas challenge to buy all you need for Christmas right here in Purbeck. Now you can also enjoy your Christmas West End Show without the hassle and expense of going to London. National Theatre Live is broadcasting "Young Marz" from The Bridge Theatre to all participating cinemas across the country and you can see this production 'as live' on Sunday 10th December at 2.15pm at the beautifully restored Art Deco Rex Cinema in Wareham.

"Young Marz" reunites the creative team behind Broadway and West End hit comedy "One Man, Two Guvnors". Set in 1850, Europe's most feared terrorist is hiding in Dean Street, Soho. Broke, restless and horny, the thirty-two-year-old revolutionary is a frothing combination of intellectual brilliance, invective, satiric wit, and child-like emotional illiteracy. Creditors, spies, rival revolutionary factions and prospective seducers of his beautiful wife all circle like vultures. His writing blocked, his marriage dying, his friend Engels in despair at his wasted genius, his only hope is a job on the railway. But there's still no one in the capital who can show

you a better night on the town than Karl Heinrich Marx.

"The newly refurbished auditorium at The Rex offers the perfect ambience to watch a live show streamed direct from the London Stage" commented David Evans, Chair of the Purbeck Film Charitable Trust which runs The Rex Cinema, "A trip to The Rex is not like any other cinema experience in Dorset. With excellent acoustics, a great sound system and our charming art deco auditorium, it is almost as good as watching the real thing. You can even buy refreshments and drinks from the bar downstairs and enjoy them in the auditorium whilst you watch the performance."

There will be one event a month with "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Julius Caesar" coming early 2018. For the full line up of events, please visit our website [www.therex.co.uk](http://www.therex.co.uk).



## WINTER LIGHTS!

Sat 9, Fri 15, Sat 16, Mon 18, Tue 19, Wed 20, Fri 22 and Wed 27- Sat 30 Dec, 4-7pm

Christmas is a magical time at Corfe Castle. Take in the festive atmosphere with our contemporary lanterns, beacons and lighting as you explore the castle grounds.

### Tudor Christmas Storytelling

Sun 10 - Thur 14, Sun 17, Thur 21, Sat 23 and Sun 31 Dec, 10-4pm

Sat 9, Fri 15, Sat 16, Mon 18, Tue 19, Wed 20, Fri 22 and Wed 27- Sat 30 Dec, 10-7pm

Join our lord of misrule and walk through the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about the rich history of Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a play or a game or two.

### Winter Solstice

Thu 21 Dec, 7.15-9.15am

Experience the rare opportunity to watch the sun rise on the shortest day of the year from the castle ruins. Includes hot drink and breakfast bap. Booking essential Tel: 0344 249 1895

£10 breakfast and castle admission.

### A taste of Tudor time

Join us on Sat 9, Fri 15, Sat 16, Fri 22 and Sat 23 Dec for a Tudor Christmas feast beside the roaring log fire in our tea-rooms, featuring authentic period recipes accompanied by mulled wine and mead. Booking essential Tel: 0344 249 1895. £35 per head.



See the past in a magical light this Christmas at Corfe Castle

#### Winter lights

Sat 9, Fri 15, Sat 16, Mon 18 - Wed 20, Fri 22, Sat 23 and Wed 27 - Sat 30 December, dusk until 7pm

#### Tudor storytelling

Sun 10 - Thurs 14, Sun 17 and Sun 31 December

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# CHRISTMAS CHARITY MAIL

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**Monday 4th December.**

Victoria Avenue, Prospect Crescent, Rabling Road,  
Waldron Road and if time Gannetts Park.

**Tuesday 5th December**

Cauldron Barn Road, Cauldron Crescent, Durberville  
Drive, Anglebury Avenue, and Wessex Way.

**Wednesday 6th December**

Ulwell Road, Whitecliffe Road, Moor Road, Parsons Close,  
Hill Road, Redcliffe Road, Ballard Way, Bay Crescent  
and if time Ballard Road and Stretch Road.

**Thursday 7th December**

Redcliffe Road, Ulwell Road (All Saints Roundabout),  
Seaward Road, Vivian Park, Bonfields Avenue, Battlemead,  
Cauldron Avenue, Beach Gardens and De Moulem Road.

**Friday 8th December**

High Street, Days Road, Holmes Road, Sydenham Road,  
Higher Days Road, Benlease Way and Closes off.

**Saturday 9th December**

Swanage Christmas Market, Station Rd, 10am to 4pm

**Monday 11th December**

Argyle Road, Hanbury Road, Court Hill, Princess Road,  
Kings Road West, Linden Road, Cecil Road, Morrison Road,  
Hendrie Close, Findlay Place, and if time Victoria Avenue.



**Tuesday 12th December**

High Street (from Benlease), Jubilee Road, Bell Street,  
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**Wednesday 13th December**

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**Thursday 14th December**

Townsend Road, Richmond Road, Manwell Road, Manwell Drive,  
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**Friday 15th December**

High Street (Methodist Church) Priests Road, Holburne Road and Park,  
Hillview Road, Panorama Road, South Road, Hillsea Road, Gordon Road.

**Saturday 16th December**

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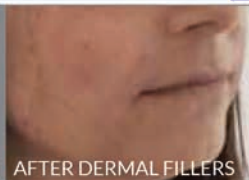
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- \* Pork and Apple Pate with Toasted Brioche.

#### Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey - served with all the Trimmings.
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**CLAVELL'S**

### Christmas Evening Menu

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- Winter spiced Butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup.
- Duck Spring Rolls - with a hoisin sauce and dressed mixed leaves.
- Pork and Apple Pate - with toasted brioche and an apple and cider chutney.

#### Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey - served with all the Trimmings.
- Fillet of Seabass - on a fleurion served with a roasted red pepper sauce.
- Pork Tenderloin - with an apricot and brandy stuffing and a creamy wholegrain mustard sauce.
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- Homemade Christmas Pudding and Brandy Butter.
- Strawberry Pavlova.
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The church will be open from 9am until 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, with refreshments being served from 10am. Admission is free, and all proceeds raised from the event will go to support the Swanage Admiral Nurse and Mosaic.

Our festival ends with an Advent celebration at St James, Kingston on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. This will be an evening of bible readings, poems and songs performed so beautifully by the Purbeck Hills Occasional singers, the evening will end with mince pies and mulled wine.

Our regular Hosanna children's service will still take place at 9.30 am on the Sunday in Langton and the main Sunday service for the Benefice will be the St Nicholas' patronal held at Worth Matravers church.

## Carol Service At St John's, East Holme

St John's the Evangelist Church in East Holme will be holding their carol service on Christmas Eve, starting at 3pm.

The service will consist of traditional carols, the story of the birth of Jesus, Christingles and then join us for mulled wine and mince pies after the service. Part of the service will be held in candle light and all are welcome.

The collection from the service will go to Julia's House and we also have a tradition of small gifts under the tree, which are also given to Julia's House. If you are able to bring a present, please say whether it is for a boy or a girl and what age it is suitable for.



## Festival Of Angels

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

Organiser, Julian Wood of Country Foods Catering, is already beginning preparations with his team of volunteers for this year's event, and is selecting the deserving local charities and causes who will be happy recipients of this year's fundraising.

Some of the funds collected this year will go towards putting on the 2018 Purbeck Pirate Festival, which is being run by Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club in 2018, and all money raised will go to small, local charities. Members representing the chosen groups will be there on the day, helping Julian and his wonderful team out and shaking a bucket or two!

Very small, local charities and good causes are chosen as the impact of the funds can be immediately seen - and tracked by those who donated - which is what local fundraising should be all about. Making a real, identifiable difference on the ground.

All that's asked if you are chosen as a recipient of funds, is that you attend on the morning, get involved and at least give a hand to the volunteers who man the tea/coffee table and dish-up the bacon butties - if you're not taking the plunge yourself! So, get your fancy dress/bikini/mankinis out of the closet and brush them off in readiness for this year's mad, cold dash into freezing waters - you'll be in good company!

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





**P**urbeck Mummers will be out about in Purbeck again during late November and December. Who are we? Mummers' plays are seasonal folk plays with the identity of the performers concealed (kept mum).

They had regional characteristics and were passed on by word of mouth, the play is from the 18th Century. Ours is a 'Southern English Combat Play'. Traditionally the play ends with a character asking the audience for a reward and the singing of a seasonal song. Please give generously to our charities. This year we are collecting for Steps for Stan.

**Look out for us, if you dare, cheer us on!**

28th November, Drax Arms, Bere Regis

3rd December, Brewhouse and Poole Arms Poole

8th December, The Globe, Anchor and Black Swan Swanage

10th December, Horse and Groom, Conservative Club, Duke of Wellington, Kings Arms and Quay Inn, Wareham

15th December, Kimmeridge ceilidh

17th December, Rose and Crown and Chequers, Lytchett Matravers

21st December, Black Bear and Ship Inn Wool. Anglebury Hotel, Wareham

26th December The Square, Bankes Arms, Castle Inn, Corfe Castle and the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.

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## Natural Matters

# Darkness On The Edge Of Town

*by John Garner*

It's got darker. Not much of a shock to any of you who have glanced out of the window past 5 o'clock I imagine. Or those that have begun closing the curtains just a few short hours after you opened them.

Short days and long, dark nights have never been able to compete in my affections with the long, light days and brief periods of darkness. I'm not sure I could survive in the extreme north of the British Isles for this reason only, let alone the extremes of Europe.

I did meet a Swedish fellow in the summer who was descended from the Sami tribe of Laplanders. He was rightly proud of his ancestry, but noted that most of his family now lived in and around Stockholm and that the lack of winter light was the primary reason for them heading south and not the colder temperatures up there.

It's a problem. However, what you can't change you need to embrace, I reckon. No amount of whinging about the dark nights is going to tilt the world on its axis and bring us nearer to the sun. We have brilliant things like lights now and I intend to make the most of them. People are running, hiking and cycling with the use of powerful and portable illumination these days. Some are even kayaking through the dark rivers and seas.

The strength of these lights is unimaginable to someone who grew up with dynamos and barely functioning, heavy, clumpy bike lights. Lights are now measured in lumens. In truth, I suspect, they always were, it's just that you often used to see the wattage output of a bulb and the lumen bit was hidden in the small-print. Strange really as you want to know just how bright your light is and the brightness is measured in lumens. LED bike lights tend to offer a focused beam of light so can seem more intense than an equivalent domestic light bulb. This is good for riding, running or hiking as it enables you to pick out a channel of light that is directly in front of you. You don't want to be wasting light on the bits you don't need to see now do you?

About ten years ago I bought a 280 lumen front light for my mountain bike and thought I had discovered another sun. It cast a beam of extraordinary light out in front of me and lasted on full charge for about 3 hours. I was the envy of my cycling peers. It only cost £200!

People used to stop and point as this beam of extraordinary light would hove into view. As I came closer they would cover their eyes, fall to

their knees and begin praying to a God they previously had never known existed. Honestly. They did.

Today you can buy a light with some 5000 lumens. Such retina burning equipment knocks out way more light than you either need or want. That said, I'm sure there are brighter lights out there, either ready to be thrust on the market with a flurry of accompanying advertising wisdom attached, or are already on the market.

You could light up the dark side of the moon with a 5000 lumen light. From Church Knowle. I've currently got an 800 lumen light and it will allow me to explore on the bike in the darkest conditions without drilling a hole in the eyes of the oncoming car drivers or permanently blinding any of the wildlife I encounter on the rides.

Why bother? Well, heading out at night adds a whole new dimension to your explorations. You are no longer constrained by the rising and setting of the sun. Paths and trails you have ridden or walked or run during the day, are somehow different in the dark. Sounds are different. You become more attuned to the slightest change in your surroundings.

You may well have put up lights in and around your house for Christmas. Lights have gone up in Wareham, Corfe and along other high streets in the area. They lift the mood during the dark months of December and January.

You can do the same with your own portable light source. As soon as I've written this column I'll be heading out into the dark with just enough lumens to see, but not too many to make it seem like its daytime. What would be the point? Not seeing everything is part of the appeal.

So get some lights. You don't have to spend a lot and you certainly don't need them to be too bright. But they could become an essential part of your outdoor winter kit and open up a whole new dimension to your explorations.

Don't think of winter as a time to put away your running shoes, or your bike or your hiking boots. Quite the opposite. Head out and you will almost definitely have the trails to yourself.

Just make sure you've charged your lights up and don't over lumen. A little can go a long way.





The Dorset National Park Team wishes our valued supporters and all in Purbeck and Dorset a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



## Merry Christmas Purbeck

2018 is going to be an important year for the Dorset National Park proposal. Natural England will carry out a further assessment of the proposal in the autumn. We look forward to their findings and to a successful future with a National Park helping to keep Purbeck special and helping Dorset's communities, economy and environment to thrive.

For more information or to get involved, find us on Facebook or visit [www.dorsetnationalpark.com](http://www.dorsetnationalpark.com)



## Dorset National Park Partnership With Future Councils

**T**he Government has said it is minded to support a move to two unitary local authorities in place of the present nine Dorset councils. How would the proposed Dorset National Park work with a possible new unitary system?

The National Park would be an asset and a valued partner for any future councils, under existing or possible new arrangements, helping to deliver a shared agenda for a successful, thriving and healthy Dorset, and benefitting our communities, economy and environment. As Purbeck District Council noted this summer, a Dorset National Park can help to keep Purbeck special. Within any new unitary system, a National Park would increase the representation, voice and influence of rural Dorset and its communities.

As National Parks are funded by core grants from central government, the Dorset National Park would bring genuinely additional funding to Dorset. It would free up council funds for investment in local priorities such as affordable homes and local transport. It would not be a charge on local people or businesses.

Our close comparator the South Downs National Park Authority has received some £50m in DEFRA core grants and secured some £40m in additional project funding in its first 5 years, invested in the local economy.

A National Park is a specialised local authority and would be the planning authority for its area. The AONB would disappear. The South Downs National Park delegates a high proportion of planning applications to partner local authorities and pays them to handle these. It provides a "First Stop Shop" on all planning matters, coordinating and streamlining the provision of advice, and with locally-based staff available for consultation.

As three quarters of the National Park Authority members would be local councillors and one third of these would be from Parish and Town Councils, a National Park would increase the influence and voice of local communities - giving them an important say in planning matters.

Natural England plans to undertake a further assessment of the Dorset National Park proposal in 2018.

Let's encourage them to do this as soon as resources are available, and ensure a prosperous, thriving future for Purbeck and rural Dorset!

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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack

### Berried Treasure

**H**olly, Ivy and Mistletoe are much in evidence at Christmas but their origins go way back beyond Christianity to our pagan forbears. Add to this list yew and you have 4 evergreen plants native to northern Europe that defied winter and remained resolutely green in an otherwise drab and featureless countryside. No wonder those that inhabited these landscapes used them at the winter solstice as symbols to ward off evil spirits and celebrate new life.

These traditions are ancient and persist to the present day. However, it was only in the last few hundred years that the range of evergreen and berrying plants available to gardeners radically increased. The colour of both foliage and berry make the plants attractive to us and to wildlife these plants also provide shelter from cold wind and a much needed food source. Nowadays there are hundreds of cultivars of evergreens and berrying plants. Here are 5 of my favourites

**Holly - Ilex 'Golden King' (below)**



is a lovely female form with brightly coloured foliage to cheer up even the darkest of corners of a garden.

The bright red berries appear reliably when there is a male holly nearby. There are many other excellent forms of holly as well.

**Cotoneasters** can be prostrate shrubs up to small trees and all sizes in between.

The pretty white flowers are particularly attractive to insects and the fruit is a good source of bird food in late winter.

**Cotoneaster cornubia** is a small to medium tree (left).



**Nandina 'Firepower'** (above) in summer it is green but in winter 'Wow' what stunning red foliage. Its relation *N. domestica* is a more upright grower with white flowers and red berries that last through the winter, through the spring and into the following summer.

**Sorbus Pink Pagoda** (below) This small tree has gorgeous pink fruit but I could have picked many other forms of rowan all equally good with white flowers in June, various coloured fruit persisting into winter and many with excellent autumn leaf colour.



**Hedera helix Variegata** The wildlife benefit of Ivy cannot be overstated. In late summer the flowers attract a multitude of insects including butterflies. In winter the dense foliage is a refuge for many a hibernating insect and in late winter the berries are feasted upon by pigeons.

These are just a few of the plants to brighten your garden in winter and help wildlife. Pop into Holme for a massive selection of winter interest plants and whilst you're at it take look at the newly planted heather and winter interest beds in the garden.







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During December, Seventhwave is offering a pre-booked Christmas menu with a choice of two or three courses, however, walk-in dinners can still order from the winter and seven-mile menus as usual. On colder days, our wood burning stoves (burning Durlston firewood), can warm and welcome you.

In the castle shop we have bags of ready to burn Durlston firewood so, for only a £4 donation, you can create a warming and welcoming fire or a feature at home. We also have a superb selection of second hand books which are so very reasonably priced that you need not feel guilty for treating yourself to a bargain when you perhaps intended to focus upon Christmas preparations!

Whilst the Durlston shop can be an ideal place to purchase a Christmas gift or indeed spend your Christmas monies, there is also the opportunity to create a more personal gift for someone special. Under the guidance of Robert Page, of the Guild of Glass Engravers, you can create a unique glass engraved Christmas card during a workshop on either Saturday 2nd or 16th December for only ten pounds!

Alternatively, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, you could "Draw in Pencil, Pen or Ink" under the guidance of Madelaine Devenay (whom has received prizes through the Daily Mail's 'Paint your pet competition' and the Grovelands Centenary 'Art Competition') and either treat yourself to this experience or gift the end result to another!

Our main December Exhibition is "Durlston and the Sea", revealing some of that which lies beneath the waves off shore. Of course, our cliff top trails are superb all year round, given that you can walk under the

shelter of the Victorian woodland or feel the full force nature upon the exposed cliff tops. If you're lucky, perhaps you might see the blow hole in action at the gully mouth! Do not be surprised if you see Guillemots upon the sea cliffs whom are perhaps testing their sense of direction and checking out future breeding grounds. These sea birds may be seen in a mixture of plumages from dark browned faced "breeders" to white faced bachelors! Further out at sea, Gannets, Kittiwakes, Scoter, Brent Geese and divers may pass in good numbers, especially during Easterly winds.

From mid-December the Durlston Christmas trail will be available to encourage youngster to walk and explore Durlston seeking seasonal clues and answering questions to receive a prize! For the more hardy, we have the Christmas Durlston Dash on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Registered participating youngsters can take on the challenge of a 2.5km fun run through the park.

Don't forget the opportunity to observe the Night Sky with Wessex Astronomy on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, weather permitting of course!

As you know we are most grateful for the valuable support of our tremendous volunteers whom assist us in so many ways. Perhaps you could consider volunteering at Durlston as a New Year's resolution for yourself (or another!). Volunteer opportunities include: Stargazing event helpers; Castle Visitor Assistance; Wednesday Morning Practical Work Party; Thursday Morning Dry Stone Wallers; Roaming or Independent Volunteers / Surveyors and Dolphin Watchers. Of course, for £5, you could set up an annual Durlston Dolphin Text Alert subscription as a gift and inspiration for someone else to get involved!

All the Durlston Team including volunteers, apprentices and staff wish you all the best for the season and 2018! For further Durlston information, visit [www.durlston.co.uk](http://www.durlston.co.uk)



# Arts & Entertainment

## A Merry Christmas With The Belvedere Singers and their friends

In the words of the old song, 'tis the season to be jolly and the Belvedere Singers' Christmas Concert is just the place to start the festivities, bringing a feast of seasonal music from not only the Belvederes, but also the Castle Voices from Corfe and soloists Miro Vosper and Rachel Murray. They will be joined by organist Phil Blake, Guitarist Rupert Spicer-Short and drummer David George. Many favourite carols like Away in a Manager and Silent Night are included as well as the cheerful Sleigh Ride and the haunting Walking in the Air.

However, this year the celebration is tinged with sadness for the Belvedere Singers as their popular and talented Music Director, Rebecca Bunney, is leaving them. As her swansong, she intends this to be a spectacular concert, including a specially written Purbeck version of the Twelve Days of Christmas. As always, the audience will be urged to join in some favourite carols.

The charity the Belvedere Singers and Friends are supporting with this concert will be the LewisManning Hospice for whom there will be a retiring collection. The hospice is sited at Evening Hill by Poole Harbour and is working towards providing more respite and end-of-life beds. Purbeck residents are able to use this excellent facility for palliative care, and may

### A Merry Little Christmas with the Belvedere Singers and Friends

**Saturday 9 December 7.30pm  
at St Mary's Church, Swanage**

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The concert is at St. Mary's Church in Swanage at 7:30pm on Saturday, 9th December. Tickets, available in advance from Albury & Hall, or choir members, £10; at the door £12; under 18 £5; under 12 free.

Interval refreshments will be available.

## Singing For Swanage Bandstand

Karen G organised another enjoyable evening at Harman's Cross Village Hall on 21st October, where all tickets sold in advance and more were needed. This time the money is to go towards the town bandstand, raising over £550. The event was attended by Mike Bonfield, Swanage's Town Mayor, and Alan Houghton, aka 'Mr Bandstand'.

The evening kicked off with Harmony Rocks Choir singing African acapella and popular songs, followed by Mind The Gap, a Barbershop-style foursome with talented harmonies, cheeky expressions and a rich balance of voices concluding with "I like coffee, I like tea."

Karen's sister Yvonne delighted the audience with two of Pam Ayres's poems. Then Karen entertained with several exquisite Karen Carpenter pieces, so fitting to her musical abilities, plus Adele and a delightful rendition of "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend", with feather boa and diamonds to complete the mood!

Carl Latimer, a very talented young man, played keyboard and sung a wide variety of songs, from Frank Sinatra to Bruno Mars, thus ending the joyous evening.



## Celebrate The Joy Of Christmas With Swanage Town Band!



The Swanage Town Band is looking forward to spreading some Christmas joy with their annual performance at the Swanage High Street Methodist Church on Wednesday the 13th of December at 7.30pm.

This free event has become a very popular fixture in Swanage's Christmas calendar, with the band playing a selection of well-known tunes and seasonal music interspersed with plenty of carols, where the audience participation is positively encouraged.

This year's proceeds from a retiring collection will be shared between the Church's Building Repair Fund and "Robbies Rally", a youth cancer

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## Bursary Awards For Local Children

**At the Isle of Purbeck Arts Club Bursary Evening at Swanage Primary School**

The evening opened with musical entertainment from pupils Amelia Seaman and Emma Brown playing violin solos, all accompanied by Jay Buckle. Natalie Standard sang a solo and Nick Aiko Dando played the trumpet.

The Corfe drum group conducted by Sarah Painter provided an enthusiastic finale.

Jay Buckle and Sarah presented awards from the Douglas Strickland Fund for aids to "Education in the Arts" to teachers from Swanage, Corfe, and St. Georges Primary Schools.

Douglas Addison, Arts Club Chairman, presented bursary awards from the Emmie and Rex Neate Fund and Pat Tunnell fund to Amelia Seaman who plays violin in the National Childrens' Orchestra, James Woodford, who is starting an art foundation course, Ben Cockwell, who is studying at the Royal Ballet School, Verity Marlow, who is studying at the Hammond School Chester, Lois Fletcher, who is studying Acting at the Dorset Drama Academy, and to Becky Stockwell, who is studying musical theatre at the Trinity Laben Conservatoire.



Afterwards, young and old tucked into the light refreshments provided by Budgens, who supported the Bursary evening.



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# The Best Got Got Better As Purbeck Valley Folk Festival Returns For 2018!



**W**ith award nominations and glowing reviews, this year's Purbeck Valley Folk Festival has been hailed the most successful yet. It's no surprise then that tickets have already been selling fast for the return of the popular four-day event at Purbeck Valley Farm - a weekend earlier next year, 16-19 August 2018

This year saw a bumper weekend that was bursting at the seams with headline acts and family fun in the hillside surroundings near Corfe Castle. The festival saw performances from Badly Drawn Boy, Turin Brakes, Ben Ottewill from Gomez and Michele Stodart from The Magic Numbers.

This Is The Kit, Martha Tilston, Kathryn Williams and The Ben Waters Band also performed.

Organiser Catherine Burke says: "I love this festival because of the amazing atmosphere made by the people who come. There's loads of brilliant music, we're music-lovers so we make sure it's always really great music. We love having the support of so many local people in the Purbecks and we're lucky to have a fabulous venue at Purbeck Valley Farm. Best of all, there's a wonderful feeling among people who are here to enjoy the music - so much so, that quite a few of our headliners decided to stay for the whole weekend. We had such a brilliant festival this year and it was probably our best yet!"

Catherine added: "We had a lot of comments telling us to not grow any bigger. Don't worry, we have no plans to!"

The first wave of headliners has yet to be announced for the summer of 2018 family friendly festival, but you can rest assured they'll be the very finest from the flourishing UK and international folk scene. Surrounded by spectacular views of Corfe Castle, Purbeck's rolling hills and with craft workshops and some truly delicious food, Purbeck Valley Folk Festival is just as much a feast for the eyes as it is for the ears.

Revellers will be treated to a host of other favourite attractions including kid's entertainers, storytellers, craft workshops, music workshops, theatre workshops, song sessions, poetry, Purbeck Rising and open mics.

**Weekend tickets (Thurs-Sun) with or without camping are on sale now from £96 (youth £46, children age 4-11 £21).**

**For more information please see [purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk](http://purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk)**









# Health & Beauty

## Swanage Therapy Centre The Benefits Of Massage

**M**assage can help and alleviate a number of health problems; it can be a powerful ally in your healthcare regime. Some of the problems helped by massage are:

- Alleviate low-back pain and improve range of movement.
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- Increase joint flexibility.
- Lessen depression and anxiety.
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- Reduce spasms and cramping
- Relax and soften injured, tired and overused muscles
- Relieve migraine pain

Experts estimate that upwards of ninety percent of disease is stress related. Eliminating stress from our lives in this fast-paced world may be idealistic but massage can, without a doubt, help manage stress. This can help to decrease anxiety, enhance sleep quality, improve concentration, circulation and reduce fatigue.

Here at Swanage Therapy Centre we have 4 therapists offering a number of different massages to suit your needs;

**Sports /Deep Tissue Massage** – Sports massage is most definitely not just for athletes. It is for everyone who suffers the stresses and strains of modern life. Muscle tension, painful shoulders, stiff necks, headaches, migraines, back ache and general aches and pains can all be improved by deep tissue massage.

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**Reflexology** - Reflexology is a relaxing holistic therapy which promotes a state of balance within the whole body. Reflexology can benefit a wide range of complaints including: Migraines, Depression/anxiety, IBS/Digestive problems, Insomnia, Hormonal imbalances, Fertility problems and all Stress related complaints.

We have a new massage therapist that has joined the therapy centre - Vicky Weatherill, who offers treatments in sports massage and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome her to the team.

**If you would like to book an appointment for one of our many massages we have on offer, please call Swanage Therapy Centre on 01929 426506 to make an appointment.**

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# Hello From Swanage Medical Practice

The Doctors & Staff at Swanage Medical Practice would like to wish you all a very

## Happy Christmas & a Healthy 2018!

As the season of festivities and indulgence looms and 2017 draws to a close, we would like to thank you all for your patience and support. It has been another difficult year with increasing demand on our services and the ongoing deepening financial & recruitment crisis within the NHS. Despite these challenges, our Practice team is committed to providing our patients with the best possible care and health outcomes.

### A Warm Welcome to Dr Law

Dr Baker is planning to retire in May 2018. In order for the Practice to ensure continuity, we are very pleased to have appointed Dr Law who started in August. Dr Law will be working here all day on Tuesday and Friday. He graduated from King's College London in 2010 and has been working as a GP in Dorchester. We very much welcome Dr Law to our team.

### Flu Campaign Update

Influenza (flu) is a common infection that is seen all the year round but peaks during the winter months.

Flu is not the same as the "common cold". Flu symptoms include a high fever (38c or above), tiredness and weakness, general aches and pains, a headache and a dry chesty cough. Common cold symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat and sneezing can be caused by flu but tend to be less severe than the flu like symptoms.

Flu is normally a self-limiting illness but can be serious and every year there are a number of deaths that are caused by flu. In 1918 there was a flu pandemic, the "Spanish flu" that year killed over 50 million people worldwide and over 220,000 people in the UK.

More people died in 1918 of flu than were killed in the whole of World War I. Pandemic flu occurs every few years and in the last 100 years includes Asia flu (1957/8), Hong Kong flu (1968/9) and the last pandemic occurred in 2009 but fortunately was a mild strain and its impact was less than predicted yet still killed close to 300,000 people worldwide.

### Why is all this important to our patients?

Australia is just coming out of its winter and has seen a significant



increase in the number of patients with flu – over 200,000 cases and more than 100 deaths. The impact of flu on Australia is an accurate indicator of what we might expect during our winter.

It is therefore predicted that the UK will see a significant increase in the number of cases of flu this winter and this will come on top of a health service that is already under considerable strain. The impact is not just felt by hospitals but is seen by the GPs in your practice.

### What can you do to protect yourself?

Letters have been sent to those eligible for the vaccination and flu clinics are underway. There are still appointments available for flu vaccinations. This is an important initiative that relies on patient uptake to keep the whole community clear of the flu virus.

Flu is an acute & highly infectious viral infection of the respiratory tract which spreads rapidly in small communities like ours. So don't delay, please call the surgery today (01929) 475104 to book your appointment.

### Still don't want the jab?

If you don't want to have the jab, please advise us by kindly responding to the letter we sent you.

We have an obligation to contact you up to three times which is time consuming and a burden on our stretched resources.

**Thank you for your support.**



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## Are You Looking To Move Forward In Life?

If you are not working, aged over 25 and looking to move forward in life, a new project in Purbeck could help you.

Free access to short or long-term support to help you develop your skills and confidence is on offer through the UCan Project, run by the wellbeing charity Livability, which has a base at Holton Lee.

You can design your own plan to fulfil health, wellbeing and employment goals, gain qualifications and training opportunities, as well as search and apply for jobs when you are ready.

Improving emotional, mental and physical health and realising your potential is the aim of the voluntary project, supported by the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund.

**To find out more about what we can do for you or someone you know, please call us for a chat on: 01202 804619 or email [UCan@livability.org.uk](mailto:UCan@livability.org.uk)**



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

**H**ello readers, by the time you read this we will have participated in the "Stop the Pressure" campaign and although the week of the campaign is over we have an ongoing commitment to preventing pressure ulcers within our inpatient wards.

Avoidable pressure ulcers are a key indicator of the quality and experience of patient care. Despite progress since 2012 in the management of pressure ulcers, they remain a significant healthcare problem and 700,000 people are affected by pressure ulcers each year. Treating pressure ulcers costs the NHS more than £3.8 million every day.

We know that many pressure ulcers are preventable, so when they do occur they can have a profound impact on the overall wellbeing of patients and can be both painful and debilitating.

The first year of the campaign saw providers in the Midlands and East of England achieving a 50% reduction in pressure ulcers. The campaign is now being rolled out nationally to coordinate and support a sustained reduction in pressure ulcer prevalence over a period of two years. This will be an ambitious target that with the support of front line staff, patients and other colleagues is achievable.

Therefore, our commitment to our patients is that we will endeavour

to prevent this harm occurring by assessing every patient that we admit as to their risk of developing a pressure ulcer, ensure that patients have their position changed regularly, have their skin monitored regularly and are well nourished and hydrated.

All of our teams within Swanage and Wareham Hospitals receive regular training and each ward has their own pressure ulcer champion to ensure that everyone is aware of latest developments within pressure area care.

Although the campaign only highlighted this issue for one week the healthcare professionals in Purbeck will work every day to remove this risk to our patients.

Until next time stay well,

Matron Donna



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# Sport

## Swanage Bowlers On Tour

Calpe is a coastal town located 67km south of Alicante with a population of 30,000 many of whom are ex-pats. It is a popular destination for tourists with its sandy beaches, interesting Roman baths and the flooded salt flats, home for migratory birds. It also boasts a fine Gothic Catholic Church, the 18th century tower of La Peca and the huge dominating Penon de Ifach rock. Among the amenities on offer are a number of bowls clubs and recently a party of Swanage bowlers went out to undertake some fixtures there.

The party flew from Gatwick to Alicante before going on to their base, the Hotel Diamante Beach at Calpe, and then enjoyed four days of bowling interspersed with four days of relaxation and sightseeing. Some took an excursion to Valencia.

All the matches against the Calpe clubs were played on artificial greens which put the Swanage bowlers at a disadvantage but they soon adapted and gave the opposition a good run for their money in three of the four matches played. In the first game Swanage managed to get the better of Benitachell Bowls Club on 2 rinks but lost overall. Rink honours were shared in the game against El Cid but Swanage missed out on shot difference.

The high spot from a bowling point of view was victory over Finca Guila, albeit by the narrow margin of two shots. In the final match Swanage lost on all 6 rinks to Benalpa Bowls Club with some blaming the heat getting to the players and others blaming a mild excess of alcohol.

There are various tales circulating around town about dubious social



Calpe capers involving certain Swanage bowlers but clearly all those who participated had a great trip, well organised by "Personal Touch" under the guidance of Marilyn the resort manager and thanks are due to the Calpe clubs for their wonderful hospitality.

## Swanage & Wareham Rugby



Swans had to travel to Walcot, whose ground is close to the Bath racecourse, so it was an early start for the boys. Early in the game Swans lost Charlie Parish to an ankle injury, and after ten minutes, the hosts scored the first try. Swans were under pressure and Walcot made it 12pts - nil after twenty minutes.

Swans attacked for five minutes, but a couple of penalties to Walcot put Swans on the defensive and after a collapsed scrum the referee awarded a penalty try (19pts - 0pts) at half time.

However, Swans came back with an early try in the second half as Jesse Scott powered over the line which Stephen Woolley converted. Chris Tomes added a second try as Swans pulled the game back to 19pts - 12pts. The home team responded with another try and a penalty goal taking the score to 27 points, before with four minutes to go Swans winger Lee Hardy scored in the corner leaving the score 27pts - 17pts at the end.

On 21st October, Swans hosted a game against Wiltshire side Corsham, and it did not take long before Swans were in trouble as Corsham scored two tries in the first ten minutes. Swans did reply after twenty minutes as flank forward Matt Roberts found a way over the try line (7pts - 10pts).

In the second half the visitors piled on the pressure, scoring a converted try and a penalty goal to extend their lead to 7pts - 22pts. However, in the last ten minutes Swans recovered scoring tries by hooker Robert Elford, and no.8 Joe Desmond, both of which were converted by Stephen Woolley, but Cosham held out as Swans picked up a losing bonus point as they went down 21pts - 22pts.

The next week Swans travelled to Yeovil where the home side went into an early lead with a converted try but after 20 minutes Joe Desmond replied with a try (7pts - 5pts). It was an even game, but with three minutes to the interval Yeovil managed a converted try (14pts - 5pts) at the break. Early in the second half, Swans had a clearance kick charged down and Yeovil scored their third try. On the hour mark Matt Roberts replied for Swans taking the score to 19pts - 10pts, and five minutes later Robert Elford narrowed the gap, and from the restart Swans went into the lead as Matt Roberts added his second try of the day. (19pts - 22pts). Unfortunately, with five minutes to go, Yeovil added another try which gave them a win by 26pts - 22pts. At least Swans picked up two bonus points.

On the 4th November Swans welcomed Blandford to Bestwall and for most part of the game Swans dominated. Stephen Woolley started with a penalty goal, and half way through the half a catch/drive move had hooker Jack Daniels going over in the corner (8pts - nil).

Just before the break Matt Roberts went over for his fifth try of the season. Woolley added the extras (15pts - nil) at half time. Blandford scored early in the second half, but a break by Swans had full back Adam Smith going in for a converted try (22pts - 5pts). Swans bonus point try came as Joe Desmond scored close to the posts (29pts - 5pts). There was still time for second row Kirk Jones to complete the scoring for Swans first victory of the season by 34pts - 5pts.

### Main games in December

2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve week - No games for any teams

Swanage & Wareham 2nd XV v. Bournemouth 3 D/W/I Away 2.30 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup> Swanage & Wareham 1st XV v North Dorset SCS Home 2.30 p.m.

Swanage & Wareham 2nd XV v. North Dorset 2 D/W/I Home 2.30 p.m.

Ron Butler (Publicity Secretary).



# Swanage Football Club



Leading nicely on from last month's article we have now finished putting the new lights up. A very generous donation from Life Vice President Derek Marsh enabled us to purchase these lights and also went a long way to the cost of hiring a cherry picker which we hired for a couple of weeks. We would also like to thank Steve Duncan from A.R Harris for doing all the electrical work in his own time. Other committee members Barry Audley, Andy Dunster, Graham Biles, Tim Brown, Paul Best and myself all had a hand in helping get these lights up onto the poles. Back on the playing side, we travelled to Bodmin for the FA Vase game after the first game was unfortunately called off.

Bodmin took the lead through their Centre forward in the first half, however Swans captain Paul Best had a great shot saved by the home keeper. Swans Keeper James Langdon had to be at his best tipping a great shot on to the post. H.T. 1-0.

Swans produced a magnificent second half performance and created great chances for Atkinson, Paul Best and Mullins. The deserved equaliser came from Paul Best with a deflected shot, however the cornish outfit had the last say when Olly Brokenshire poked home following a scramble. Bodmin Town will now travel to play Plymouth Parkway in the 2nd round.

Following the exit from the Vase we had another difficult Cup tie with home game against Wessex Premier League outfit Shaftesbury Town in the Dorset Senior Cup. We are the lowest ranked team in the competition, but we always enjoy competing with the bigger Clubs in Dorset.

We had a bright, first fifteen minutes with Graeme Rose missing a penalty and creating a few decent chances, however Shaftesbury then took control of proceedings, scoring 2 quick goals and adding the third just before half time. H.T. 0-3.

The Rockies dominated the second half and added three more goals to stamp their authority on the cup tie. We had to play the last fifteen minutes with ten men after substitute Matt Beard was carried off with a hamstring injury.

Matt was looked after by our sports therapist Alison Milmer. Alison has recently joined the first team on match days to look after the players. She is trained in the assessment and diagnosis of injuries and pain affecting the musculoskeletal system. The skills of a sports therapist are comparable to the hands-on treatment you would receive from a physiotherapist. Many of the top premier league clubs now employ Sports therapists as opposed to physiotherapists

Many of our players suffer with tight hamstrings this is due to sudden sprints with sudden stops and starts that playing football involves. Stretching is very important for any athlete and increasing flexibility is key to staying injury free. Alison is trying to instil in our players to do their stretches

whilst brushing their teeth for example, therefore building it into their daily routine.

We are extremely grateful to Alison for her time spent on the sidelines for our games and in taking the time out from running her business the Purbeck Sports Injury Clinic.

The Reserves have yet to get into any rhythm yet this season. It's still very early days and while they currently sit bottom of Dorset League 1 we at the Club are all

convinced its only a matter of time until we see them make a steady climb up the table. There was some good news for the Reserves as they defeated Bournemouth Division 1 side Alderholt Res. 5-1 with a hat-trick from Carl White (see photo).

Swans U15 girls currently sit 3rd in their league after defeating 4th placed Broadstone 2-1 at the weekend. This was a very close game and after going down 1-0 in the first half the girls kept their heads and dominated for long periods of the game they got there just rewards with two late goals from Tyler Gauntlet.

The crowds at Day's Park have been a little disappointing over the last few weeks. Its something we are trying to address as we are progressing to improve our facilities over the coming months in the hope this will bring a new crop of supporters. I can't list our fixtures on here because the Dorset Prem League only release them on a month by month basis and this article has to be in before the fixtures are released.

So to find out our fixtures, check out our website [swanagefc.com](http://swanagefc.com) Twitter @swanagefc and our Facebook page, these are all kept up to date. For those of you with no interest in computers new have Monthly fixture posters around the Town main one being on the wall outside JJ Moore (thanks Martin) in our poster frame.

**COME ON YOU SWANS** John Peacock





# 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 DEC is noon, 7th NOV**

**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.

## DECEMBER

Fri 1st	Alpine Fondue Night At The Scott Arms, Kingston. £20 per person, booking essential.	17:00	Late night opening in Wareham! Brand Wareham are encouraging shops in the town to open for some late night shopping. Participating shops will display a poster in their window and will stay open until 8pm.
10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.	Fri 8th	
19:30	Swanage Photographic Society Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: The Harris Cup – Prints 'Open' competition, and the Bichard Trophy – digital images – 'Open' competition. Judge : Penny Piddock. Visitors welcome, ffi: 01929 423841.	*	Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival At the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage.
19:30	Buffet and Live music with Lou Taylor Enjoy a buffet and live music from Lou Taylor at the Grand opening of the Function Room at the Swanage Conservative Club. Telephone 01929 422310/423600	10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.
Sat 2nd		11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.
09:30	Litter-free Purbeck: Wool Community Litterpick Meet for tea/coffee at D'Urberville Hall, Colliers Lane, Wool, BH20 6DL, then litterpick for 1-2 hours. Kit provided but please wear stout footwear and bring gardening gloves. More details from Wool Parish Clerk, woolparishcouncil@gmail.com or litterfreepurbeck@gmail.com or see Litter-free Purbeck's Facebook page.	20:00	Live Music - Pronghorn Live Music at the Square and Compass with Pronghorn
10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.	Sat 9th	
10:00	Artisans on the Beach Local, unique hand-crafted items presented for sale by the crafters themselves from the Swanage Beach Huts. Opening times may be weather dependent!	*	Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival At the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage.
11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.	*	Santa Special Train At Swanage Railway.
13:00	Bottled Beer Festival at the Square and Compass, with live music from the Way Down Wanderers and Tori Reed.		Christmas Luncheon Trains At Swanage Railway.
13:30	Funday Sundays Swanage Area Forum presents-Breakfast at Tiffanys at The Swanage Day Centre- £3.50 admission includes refreshments and nibbles.	10:00	See Father Christmas at the Swanage Christmas Market on Station Road between 10am and 4pm.
18:00	Live music - Andy Kennett Live music at the Swanage Conservative Club from Andy Kennett. Telephone 01929 422310/423600	10:00	Christmas Fair Swanage Rotary Club & Commercial Rd Traders Christmas market. Ffi: 07971764823.
Sun 3rd		10:00	A taste of Tudor times. Join us for a Tudor Christmas feast beside a roaring log fire in the tea-rooms, featuring authentic period recipes with mulled wine and mead. £35 per head. Booking essential 0344 249 1895.
*	Christmas Luncheon Trains At Swanage Railway.	10:00	Stone engraving skills. Learn the basic skills of engraving in Purbeck stone at Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Langton Matravers. Swanage BH19 3BE. Drawing skills are unnecessary £60 per adult. Please call 01929 439405 to reserve your space
*	Santa Special Train At Swanage Railway.	16:00	Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.	18:00	Live music-Rebecca Searle Live music at the Swanage Conservative Club from Rebecca Searle. Tel. 01929 422310/423600
11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.	19:30	Belvedere Singers at St Mary's Church The Belvedere Singers along will be helping everyone to feel festive with an evening of seasonal music, along with the Castle Voices from Corfe Castle. Tickets in advance from Albury and Hall £10 or Choir members or £12 on the door, under 18s £5 and under 12s free. Interval refreshments available. St Mary's Church, Swanage. Retiring collection in aid of the Lewis-Manning Hospice.
13:00	Bottled Beer Festival at the Square and Compass, with live music from the Way Down Wanderers and Tori Reed	20:00	Live Music - Lost Revellers Live Music at the Square and Compass with the Lost Revellers
Mon 4th		Sun 10th	
11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.	*	Santa Special Train At Swanage Railway.
Tue 5th		*	Christmas Luncheon Trains At Swanage Railway.
11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.	14:00	Live music - Angie Hardy Live Music at the Square and Compass with Angie Hardy
Wed 6th		15:00	Join the Mayday Singers At 3pm, St George's Church, Langton for a celebration of music and song. Tea and cake! A free concert with retiring collection for St Georges Organ Fund. Contact Jane Atkinson 01929 422208.
10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.	15:30	Santa comes to Wareham! Santa arrives in Wareham! Festivities start from 3.30pm with Santa and the Parade from 4pm
10:30	Swanage Probus At the Purbeck House Hotel at 10.30.am, our Christmas meeting will welcome back Kathy McNally, who joined us last December to talk about James Bond and Ian Fleming. This time her subject is Espionage, Sabotage, & Illusion. In wartime, creative and artistic talents must be put aside. Prepare to be surprised at the wartime roles of famous artists from the world of stage, screen, and literature. Contact Brian Darnton 424211 or Andrew Yeandle 421945 or 01380 730451.	18:00	Charity Fun Quiz Have some fun at the Swanage Conservative Club and join them for a quiz! Call 01929 422310/423600 for further details.
11:00	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, arts, cakes, jellies, jams & chutneys, flowers, cream teas and ice cream.	Mon 11th	
12:30	Christian Aid lunch Enjoy lunch and help raise funds for Christian Aid at LSM Parish Hall, The Quay, Wareham. A Traidcraft Fairtrade stall will also be available. A suggested minimum donation is £5.	*	Mystery Entertainment Break With Crossways Travel. A fabulous secret five day festive break, just £329. Ffi: 01305 851697.
Thu 7th		Tue 12th	
*	Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival At the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage.	14:00	Purbeck Parkinson's meetings Second Tuesday of every month between September and June. Held at All Saints Church, Ullwell between 2pm and 4pm. Contact details T. Lander 01929 425970 or D. Peters 01929 551962.
10:00	Tudor Christmas Storytelling Come and enjoy a walk around the romantic ruins of Corfe Castle, find out about Tudor traditions and maybe participate in a game or two.	Wed 13th	
		12:30	Christian Aid lunch Enjoy a lunch at the United Reformed Church, Church Street, Wareham, and raise money for Christian Aid. A Traidcraft Fairtrade stall will also be available. A suggested minimum donation is £5.
		19:30	Swanage Town Band Celebrate Christmas with the at Swanage High Street, Methodist Church. Admission is free but donations gratefully received for 'Robbies Rally' and the Church building repair fund. Tel. 01929 422421
		19:30	Studland WI At Studland Village Hall. Karl Lattimer, Carols & Christmas music, followed by refreshments. Competition: A Christmas Cracker.
		Thu 14th	
		12:00	Probus 2 of Purbeck Meet at Pines Hotel, Swanage. No Speaker - Christmas lunch.
		17:00	Late night shopping in Wareham - Brand Wareham are encouraging shops in



- the town to stay open for some late night shopping. The shops participating will display a poster in their windows and stay open until 8pm.
- 18:00 Christmas Fun with the 'Con Men' Christmas fun at the Swanage Conservative Club with the 'Con Men'. Tel. 01929 422310/423600
- Fri 15th
- 10:00 A taste of Tudor times Join us for a Tudor Christmas feast beside a roaring log fire in the tea-rooms, featuring authentic period recipes with mulled wine and mead. £35 per head. Booking essential 0344 249 1895.
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle. Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- 19:30 Swanage Photographic Society Meets in the Rectory Classroom Church Hill for: the Anders Rd 2 competition 'Open' and the Browne Rd 2 competition 'Pebble/s'. Judge : Paul Thakeray LRPS. Visitors welcome, ffi: 01929 423841.
- 20:00 Live Music-Ear Trumpet Music Live Music at the Square and Compass with Ear Trumpet Music
- Sat 16th
- \* Dorset Countryside Volunteers Will be at Clouds Hill, Purbeck. We we will be cutting small pine trees to maintain this heathland and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see [www.dcv.org.uk](http://www.dcv.org.uk), email [DCVpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:DCVpublicity@gmail.com), or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- 09:00 Come and meet Father Christmas in the car park at the Co-operative Supermarket, Swanage
- 10:00 A taste of Tudor times. Join us for a Tudor Christmas feast beside a roaring log fire in the tea-rooms, featuring authentic period recipes with mulled wine and mead. £35 per head. Booking essential 0344 249 1895.
- 10:30 Christmas Fayre Friends of Swanage Pier Christmas Fayre at the Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle. Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- 18:00 Live music - Paul Williams Live music at the Swanage Conservative Club from Paul Williams. Tel. 01929 422310/423600
- 20:00 Live Music - Ear Trumpet Music Live Music at the Square and Compass with Ear Trumpet Music
- Sun 17th
- \* Dorset Countryside Volunteers Will be at Clouds Hill, Purbeck. We we will be cutting small pine trees to maintain this heathland and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see [www.dcv.org.uk](http://www.dcv.org.uk), email [DCVpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:DCVpublicity@gmail.com), or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- 12:00 Grand Christmas Draw The Swanage Conservative Club, . Tel. 01929 422310/423600 for more details.
- 15:00 Canzonetta The Church of St John the Evangelist in Tolpuddle, (DT2 7EW), invites you to join them for a Christmas Concert. There is a retiring collection for church restoration. [www.canzonettadorset.com](http://www.canzonettadorset.com)
- Tue 19th
- 15:00 Tea with Santa At Holme for Gardens. Please book in advance on 01929 554716.
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- Thu 21st
- 07:15 Winter Solstice at Corfe Castle. Experience the rare opportunity to watch the sun rise on the shortest day of the year from the castle ruins. Includes a hot drink and breakfast bap. Booking essential 0344 249 1895. £10 and castle admission
- 15:00 Tea with Santa At Holme for Gardens. Please book in advance on 01929 554716.
- Fri 22nd
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- Sat 23rd
- 18:00 Live music - Two's a Crowd Live music at the Swanage Conservative Club from Two's a Crowd. Tel. 01929 422310/423600 for more details
- Sun 24th
- 15:00 Carol Service At St John's The Evangelist Church East Holme. The service will consist of traditional carols, the story of the birth of Jesus, christingle's and join us for mulled wine and mince pies after the service. Part of the service will be held in candle light and all are welcome.
- 18:00 Live music - Martin Boucher Live music at the Swanage Conservative Club from Martin Boucher. Tel. 01929 422310/423600
- Tue 26th
- 09:00 Steam Trains at Swanage Railway Steam Trains running daily, check the Swanage Railway website for times and further details.
- 11:00 Boxing Day Swim Why not enjoy a refreshing dip in the sea and raise some money for the 2018 Purbeck Pirate Festival. Meet at the Blue Shelter - Mowlem end of Shore Road, on Swanage seafront at 11am- bring your towel! Raise sponsorship yourself or pay an entry fee on the day.
- 11:00 Boxing Day Swim Hugely popular event at the Mowlem end of Shore road, Swanage seafront. Raise sponsorship for yourself or pay an entry fee on the day!
- Wed 27th
- 00:00 Christmas with Friends With Crossways Travel. 4 day tour staying in the 4 star

- Coppice in Babbacombe, £349. Ffi: 01305 851697.
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- 18:00 Christmas Fun Quiz Join the fun at the Swanage Conservative Club with a fun Charity Quiz. Tel. 01929 422310/423600 for more details
- Thu 28th
- 09:00 Winter Warm Up with Swanage Railway. Swanage Railway invites you to join them for a Winter Warm Up. Check the Swanage Railway website for times and to book tickets.
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- 20:00 Live Music - The Val Doonicans Live Music at the Square and Compass with The Val Doonicans
- Fri 29th
- 16:00 Winter Lights at Corfe Castle Come and see the illuminations at Corfe Castle, with contemporary lanterns, beacons and magical lighting.
- 20:00 Live Music - Mother Ukers Live Music at the Square and Compass with Mother Ukers
- Sat 30th
- 18:00 Disco fun! The Swanage Conservative Club invites you to the King of Clubs Disco. Tel. 01929 422310/423600 for further information.
- Sun 31st
- \* Dorset Countryside Volunteers Sunday 31st December: will be at Great Ovens, Wareham, Purbeck. We we will be cutting small pine trees to maintain this heathland and welcome new people interested in caring for our countryside. For details see [www.dcv.org.uk](http://www.dcv.org.uk), email [DCVpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:DCVpublicity@gmail.com), or text or message 07923-498760 for us to contact you.
- 18:00 Live music - John De Barra Say Good-bye to 2017 and Welcome in 2018 at the Swanage Conservative Club with live music from John De Barra. Tel. 01929 422310/423600 for more details
- 19:00 The Italian Kitchen. Celebrate New Years Eve at on Wareham Quay with Champagne and fireworks at midnight. Booking advisable 01929 550990
- 20:00 New Years Eve Party at the Square and Compass, Live Music at the Square and Compass with African Ngwamsa Worth Matravers. Join us to see in the New Year in the best pub in Purbeck!

## 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](http://www.purbeckworkshop.org) 07757 776907. Email: [richris95@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- 14.30 Get Online FREE at Swanage Library. one-to-one half hour I.T. sessions, bookable in the Library in advance. Until 4pm.
- 16.45 Soccer Skills Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175
- 18.00 Sw Tennis Club Snr Club Session. 426312
- 18.00 Lesbian and Gay Friendship Group meets every Monday evening for social events and shared interests, such as meals, walking and outings. Ffi: contact Karen via email: [outinpurbeck@gmail.com](mailto:outinpurbeck@gmail.com)
- 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 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 Wm Folk Dance Club Stoboro' 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](mailto:oc.2185@aircadets.mod).
- 20.00 DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 20.00 Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo
- EVERY TUESDAY
- 09.00 First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi:



- Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or 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 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.00 **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
- 10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.
- 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@swanagemethodist.org.uk
- 10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.
- 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: cc.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
- 19.00 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 423350.
- 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.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class,** now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s Training** til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s Training** til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club Training** Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552257
- 19.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club** Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.15 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Crows Nest, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 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 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.30 **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.
- 13.30 **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)
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at the Youth Hostel classroom, Cluny Crescent, Swanage, till 9pm.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **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 St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage. Sept-May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club Youth Action** (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30am. 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 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.
- 11.00 **Swanage Library Rhyme Time,** ages 0-4, until 11.30am.
- 11.00 **Toddler Time** For Under 5s And Carers. Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.30 **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. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 11.00 **Fantastic Family Fun** at Swanage Library, ages 3-8. Free story and craft session until 11.30am.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- 09.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.





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