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Editor's note...



Welcome to the August edition of your Purbeck Gazette!

The rain clouds seem to be blowing away as I write and sunny skies look set to shine above the Isle of Purbeck for the next few days at least - let's hope this continues and we have some glorious weather ahead of us for the rest of the summer!

As I write, many local businesses are closed or operating shorter opening hours as a result of a staff member testing positive for Covid-19 and therefore they and others they have come into contact with have had to isolate. This has left many businesses unable to open as they do not (obviously!) have another set of staff lurking in the basement, ready to step in and take over. I ask everyone reading to keep kindness, respect and patience forefront when you find a business closed or struggling to serve you quickly enough as a result. Everyone is trying. Everyone is finding it difficult and everyone is struggling somewhat. People are doing their best in the current situation and we all need to remember that there IS light at the end of the tunnel, we just need a little patience and understanding before we get there.

I'm sure a great summer is ahead if we all move forwards with respect for different points of view, wear masks if asked to by venues and businesses and remember also that some people may not have really interacted with others for an extended period of time. Adjustment and 'getting back to normal' will take time and it really is up to all of us as a community to remember to be caring, to try to understand what others may be going through or what their concerns are and to tread lightly and with ongoing respect. We can do it - together!

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02-Aug	04:30	11:24	16:47				05:36	20:51
03-Aug	05:39	00:04	17:58	12:30		NP	05:38	20:49
04-Aug		01:08	06:45	13:30	19:03		05:39	20:47
05-Aug		02:05	07:41	14:26	19:58		05:41	20:46
06-Aug		02:54	08:28	15:15	20:42		05:42	20:44
07-Aug		03:38	09:07	15:58	21:21		05:44	20:42
08-Aug		04:18	09:43	16:38	21:58	NM	05:45	20:40
09-Aug		04:57	10:18	17:17	22:34		05:47	20:39
10-Aug		05:35	10:54	17:54	23:09	SP	05:48	20:37
11-Aug		06:12	11:29	18:31	23:44		05:50	20:35
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24-Aug		05:32	11:03	17:53	23:28	SP	06:10	20:09
25-Aug		06:11	11:40	18:31			06:11	20:07
26-Aug	00:02	06:47	12:16	19:07			06:13	20:05
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31-Aug	03:34	10:04	15:56	22:55			06:20	19:55

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A Warm Welcome Back!

Dear Readers,

Swanage Disabled Club are Back!

We hope to be able to hold our seafront stalls in August on Tues 3rd, Thurs 12th, Thurs 19th, Fri 27th and Mon 30th - all weather permitting, of course. We have all been busy during the lockdowns making hand-made items to sell and help towards maintenance funding our buses and providing weekly meetings and hopefully some outings.

Our meetings will commence on Monday 6th September at the Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage from 2-4pm for handicrafts/scrabble/dominos/puzzles and so on. Any new members (ladies or gentlemen) will be more than welcome.

If you need transport, please call in advance to either Robert/Sue Payne on 01929 423729 or Daphne Saville on 01929 425241. Then on Monday 13th September our Happy Circle (social afternoon at Queens Mead Hall) will start again, from 2-4pm and transport details as above.

We are more restricted on numbers with this venue, so please check first. Many thanks and hopefully some of you will be able to support your local Disabled Club and we look forward to meeting some new members in September.

Kind regards, Daphne Saville, Hon. Sec. Swanage Disabled Club

New NHS Directive

Dear Gazette,

How lovely to find the July edition of the Purbeck Gazette at our corner shop, together with the lovely tribute to David Holman written by Gerry and Mel. What a true gentleman he was. I first met him when my dog, Josh, was a puppy, over twelve years ago. I then saw David regularly with Debbie from then on. Reading the article and all his accomplishments - what a truly modest and lovely man he was. Anyway - that is not the purpose of my letter to the Gazette!

I am writing about the new directive from NHS Dorset for Swanage MIU appointments, which now have to be booked via the NHS 111 phone line. Time was our MIU was twenty-four hours - that was changed to 8am - 8pm on a sit and wait basis, which we, as a family, have used on odd occasions over the years and have always received superlative, dedicated and efficient service. We have 'blessed our lucky stars' to have access to this wonderful facility in Swanage.

Then Covid struck and we had to phone to make an appointment before attending. Fair enough. However, now we are told that the NHS Trust Dorset has introduced a new system whereby we must telephone NHS 111 to make an appointment and even if we ring the Swanage number, the call will be diverted. Yet another nail in the coffin of our depleted medical services in this town and surely this will put even more additional strain on the ambulance service? Our ambulance car has been reprieved for now ... but for how long?

A & E in Poole will be moved to Bournemouth Hospital and thus the unenviably long journey with someone injured, ill or elderly and frail, more so in the summer months when our roads are clogged with tourist traffic, and at the moment, our Swanage Medical Practice is running on triage and very limited face to face service.

Swanage's static population is increasing at a rapid rate: 190 new houses beside Northbrook Rd/Washpond Lane, the new application for 90 new houses (instead of 50) on the old Grammar School site and lots of infilling throughout the town and surrounding areas.

Finally, my son has just reminded me that the Matron of Swanage Hospital, in her monthly report to the Gazette, used to remind us in Swanage to

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use their facilities - MIU and clinics - as if we didn't use them, we would lose them! Beware the 'men in suits' and 'bean counters'!

Yours sincerely, Alex Gray (Mrs), by email

Ambulance Car Song Launch

Dear Gazette Readers,

We have a great "Save Our Ambulance Car" community video song, which was launched recently on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/T2MrBs07cl>

We are trying to get this to get as many views as possible, then we hope to re-engage media, including the BBC, as this all helps to get our case out there to keep the Paramedic Car, and makes it harder for the powers that be to withdraw it.

It's a matter of getting people to watch and share the video, and sign the petitions to Dorset CCG and Dorset Council. The latter, in particular, have the power to send an unfavourable decision back to the Secretary of State.

If I try to nutshell the case it is as follows:

The Swanage-based Paramedic Car attends almost a thousand call outs a year, just in Swanage. More than half are category 1-3 emergencies, the most serious, including over 400 call outs a year where there is risk to life. There are a further just under 900 call outs a year to the rest of Purbeck.

With the closure of Poole Hospital A&E, Maternity and Specialist Children's Units, Swanage will be approaching 30 miles from emergency hospital care, much of it on congested single lane country roads.

As hospital care moves further away, the need increases for a fast response here to stabilise adults, children and mums-to-be in an emergency. However, instead of the promised increase in ambulance resources at this end of the Purbeck peninsula, Swanage is facing the possible withdrawal of the town's Paramedic Car.

Unlike an ambulance, which is likely to be out of base in use across the county for most of the day, the Swanage-based Purbeck Paramedic Car is described by the Ambulance Trust as a 'tethered' service. It is likely to be in Swanage when we need it because it does not routinely leave Purbeck to take patients to hospital, because it was allocated in perpetuity to provide overnight cover to Swanage and Isle of Purbeck villages when the Cottage Hospital first closed overnight. It is part funded by Purbeck GPs to support home assessments of patients too ill to come into the surgery.

In around 50% of emergency call outs, the Paramedic Car can treat patients at the scene, saving a huge waste of scarce double crewed ambulance resources. The Car is a fast 4x4 that can go off road and get to areas of the countryside that an ambulance cannot reach. Thank you for reading and for any support you can give to help us Save Our Ambulance Car.

Best wishes, Debby Monkhouse, Co-ordinator, Save Swanage Ambulance Car Campaign.

Tests A Waste Of Money?

Dear Gazette

Recently on local radio it was said that we should be urgently testing ourselves twice a week in order to get out of the pandemic. I thought the double vaccine was supposed to do that?! What a waste of money on all these tests when that money could perhaps be spent on saving our paramedic car and keeping our MIU functioning as it used to.

Now we have had the announcement about relaxing many restrictions but, almost in the same breath, dire warnings of huge numbers of infections and more deaths.

I'm sure I'm not alone in the realisation that the main aim of (whoever?) is that we all remain fearful and totally compliant whether vaccinated or not. I don't suppose there's much to be done about it, so I guess it's welcome to Gilead, folks.

Judy Clegg, Swanage, by email



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E-Consult Not Best Way?

Dear Editor,

I write in reply to Mr Ginn's letter in last month's Gazette, in which he expressed his frustration at the difficulty he experienced while trying to make an appointment at Swanage Medical Centre.

Similar difficulties exist at Wareham Health Centre, although Mr Ginn may consider me to be fortunate in only having to make four calls. My first call rang nonstop, so I hung up and tried again. This time I received a long message, mostly about how a decent service cannot be provided because of Covid-19, followed by some menu choices. I made my selection, but the computer decided it knew best and gave me an option I didn't want. The same thing happened on the third attempt. Only after having to sit through all the robotic pronouncements for a third time, did I get through to a receptionist, who was helpful and booked my appointment.

Personally, I'm getting tired of being told the best way of accessing medical help is through the ghastly 'e-consult', because the doctors find it too time consuming to sanitise between patients and put on fresh PPE. I always assumed the former was done as a matter of course, even before Covid-19 reared its ugly head.

I know a lady, in her eighties, and living in Poole, who has tried repeatedly to get a face-to-face appointment with her GP. She needs to be examined for the medical condition which is troubling her, but has only been offered phone calls. This is an unacceptable situation, and it should not be allowed to continue.

Many sectors, retail, logistics and manufacturing for example, have continued to function during the pandemic, and did so long before the vaccinations were developed. Surely it isn't asking too much for this particular part of the medical profession to do the same?

I look forward to seeing what happens if the Government's planned easing of restrictions goes ahead on 19th July, when there will no longer be any reason for anyone to hide behind Covid-19 as an explanation for providing poor service.

Yours faithfully, Mrs J Wellstead, Wareham, by email

Swanage Linking Lives

Dear Gazette,

Throughout the pandemic Swanage Linking Lives has been busy coming up with different ways to keep in contact with lonely and isolated people. We've attended Zoom conferences with our umbrella organisation swapping ideas and experiences from our sister organisations across the United Kingdom.

Times have been challenging for everyone, especially for isolated people. Our visitors have kept in contact by phone and email, but these forms of contact are of limited use to those with little sight and/or hearing, hence we have waved and chatted through windows.

As the restrictions eased in May we were able to hold a birthday party for one of our regular Place of Welcome visitors in a large garden, the smiles and laughter as we all saw each other were truly heart-warming.

The Place of Welcome has reopened in the Methodist Rooms at 103, High Street, Swanage. Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am till 12 noon. Coffee, tea, cake, conversation, laughter, advice, knitting dominoes all available. Donations happily received. All ages welcome.

We had a lovely picnic lunch up at Durlston. The disabled access meant

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wheelchair users were also able to enjoy the beautiful views and wildlife as well as Trisha's lovely Lemon cake. We're planning a trip to Margaret Green when it reopens, if anyone would like to join us.

Swanage Good Neighbours is in the process of 'Linking' with us so watch out for more news on this front.

Our much valued employee, Roger, who helps to 'match' prospective friends, keep records of how everything is going as well as doing all the 'official' stuff is retiring at the end of August, so a six hour a week vacancy will exist for a friendly, caring person, should any reader wish to apply!

Sarah M Bamber, Chair, Swanage Linking Lives, Email: sarahmbamber@gmail.com

Accident Waiting To Happen

Dear Readers,

As a resident of North Swanage with children at St Mary's Primary School, I am increasingly concerned over the safety of the short stretch of Washpond Lane that joins Northbrook Road to Ulwell Road.

The road is narrow with national speed limit, with no pavement or street lighting and is becoming even more dangerous to travel on (by foot, bike or vehicle) and I have witnessed many near misses. I am fearful that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident.

Since the building of the school, Compass Point and the SANG areas in the immediate locality, there is a big increase in the use of these roads by both cars, pedestrians and cyclists as well as young children walking to school.

In addition, the pavement outside the school on Northbrook Road is too narrow and I see children and adults having to step into the road daily, I nearly got hit there myself. There was meant to be a safe route created linking Ulwell Road to Northbrook road when the school was originally built, but for some reason this never happened!

The issue has been raised again and again by local residents without any action from Dorset Council. Swanage Town Council have said they will continue to encourage DC to address concerns over the safety of Washpond Lane but the pressure needs to be put on both DCC and STC by Swanage people to make this area safe.

The fact DC have refused to do anything further on this matter is unacceptable and short sighted, especially as they have been paid £919,000 by Barrett's to create the new housing estate.

The cost of a new pavement linking Northbrook to Washpond Lane was estimated to cost no more than £160,000. Planning applications for the grammar school site have been updated and I would urge all readers to please have a look and lodge your complaints to our local councils (before 29 July 2021).

Let's not wait for someone to be injured or die before we make this area of Swanage safe.

Thank you, Jodi, by email.

A Creeping Monster....

Dear Readers,

Is it me? Am I the only one to notice a creeping monster in our midst? Am I the only resident to be offended by the behaviour of a minority who think they are above the law?

It is so noticeable that a growing minority have decided they do not need to follow the simple rules of society which are in place to allow citizens to live in peace and harmony. Little things I know - dog fouling, parking on yellow lines, dumping litter, children fresh out of play school, screaming around the town riding their little noisy scooters at dangerous speed through the streets, abuse of Disabled Parking Permits, to name just a few.

As I said, not the biggest or worst crimes in the world, but it is a sign that nothing these days appears to be enforceable. Therefore, the people

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in question know they can get away with it. And they are becoming increasingly belligerent and aggressive. It is their right, they say, when confronted. A regular retort being: "What are you going to do about it?", "Who is going to stop me?"

I took a step back after the latest such exchange and thought about it. When was the last time I saw a Police Constable on duty, walking the streets of our town? Answer? Never seen one. So, I asked a couple of neighbours. Same answer. They could not remember the last time they saw one on the beat.

So, I took the trouble to check out the all singing and all dancing Dorset Police web site. Their main interface with the citizens of the county they represent. I merely innocently asked how many Police Constables are based in Swanage and is there a Police Station in Swanage? That's all. No trickery involved or the scoring of political points.

Amazingly, I received a reply not from our own county force, but Devon and Cornwall Police who wrote and I quote: "in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I should expect a response within twenty working days." Really? Therein lies the problem. So symptomatic of so much political correctness and woke culture prevailing which is eroding boundaries between right and wrong.

It is worth noting that I think I am correct in saying the amount of council tax we all pay for policing has gone up by 17% this year? I stand corrected if I am wrong. It begs the question how do the residents of Swanage benefit from such a rise, indeed what value for money do we get in general from our contribution to policing? What are we actually paying for?

Why should people continually get away with parking illegally on double yellow lines when responsible residents park their vehicles legally, sometimes having to walk a lengthy walk to do so? I even pointed out to a Traffic Warden (if that is the correct name for them now) that one offender who has had more tickets issued to him than I care to count, was actually seen taking out a previously unopened penalty ticket from his glove box and placing it on his windscreen.

The warden shrugged his shoulders and replied: "I just issue the tickets." Another example is a lady who turns up at her retail place of work and parks her car on double yellow lines all day. She places a Disabled Parking Permit badge on her dashboard. She promptly gets out and completes a full day at work, serving customers and moving furniture and various items. Again, smugly thinking she has fooled the authorities.

Now of course, she may well have the permit legally for a family member or relation. But these permits are to allow those with genuine disabilities to access services, etc., when required as intended. They are not to use as a cover to dump a car on double yellow lines all day because the driver is too lazy to park legally like the rest of the good folk of Swanage.

How many times have you seen mindless individuals who park illegally in spaces reserved for commercial vehicles to load/unload? The consequence is that the poor delivery driver has to park in the road and as a result, receives abuse from other motorists and pedestrians for causing a dangerous blockage.

Is it time for the law abiding majority to find a voice? How would those individuals who drop litter like it if we all turned up at their house and dumped all our rubbish at their front door? How would all the irresponsible dog owners like it if we all took our dog poo and piled it up at their front door? Then again, would they even notice? Would they care?

All we ask is for a little respect and consideration to be shown. We can all then get along fine, can't we?

Regards, S of Swanage (full name and address supplied and withheld on request), by email

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Swanage Times

Dear Readers,

I would like to raise a subject that keeps coming up when visitors ask for directions. Ever since the four clock faces over the Shore Road seats were changed from black 1-2-3 etc lettering on a square all-white background to gold Roman numerals on a black round face with large blue border, this once-useful public point of reference has lost a lot of its usefulness, both as an easily visible timepiece and as an obvious reference point.

The four white clock faces used to be easy to pick out along the whole seafront and for anyone swimming or boating in the bay. For the past fifteen-odd years this has not been the case. Gold markings on black may look great up close, but are entirely useless in a public setting.

As and when the Council need to refurbish the clocks, I for one would be delighted to make a donation towards the cost of four new easy-to-read, easy-to-see clock faces. The mechanism and even possibly the hands need not be replaced, only repainted in black.

Another subject that has only recently been coming up is of course the new 'seagull friendly' rubbish bins. They are sleeker and smaller than the lift-lid ones but the openings afford our winged- scavengers much easier access to our human leftovers.

However, many signs are put up asking people to 'Please take your rubbish home if this bin is full' these only preach to the converted and are usually ignored by those groups with the most rubbish to throw away. The new bins have definitely given our local litter-pickers an even greater workload.

That's enough moaning from me for now. I absolutely love living in this wonderful town and I love seeing others enjoy visiting it too.

Long may that continue.

N. F. Morgan, by email

Time To Make War

Dear Editor,

There are two important reasons why it is essential for the UK to 'make war on climate change'. The UN summit in Glasgow may be the last opportunity in 2021 to keep global temperature increase from carbon dioxide emissions below 2c.

An exceptionally high annual rate of reduction for the UK, almost double the global annual rate of 8.6%, will be necessary over many years. Two things contribute to this; we use cars instead of bicycles for short journeys and our homes are not well built to keep heat in. Also, we do little to repair or make use of waste.

The second reason is that about 45% of the necessary reduction of emissions is entirely the responsibility of individual daily decisions about the choices we make in what to buy, how to travel and how to keep warm in winter.

So, in order to ensure that everyone uses the best way to reduce emissions, the freedom of choice we enjoy in peacetime must be temporarily withdrawn as in wartime, so that investment can be devoted to the design and development of a zero-carbon alternative system. That will ensure that we shall all be kept busy in well paid jobs for years to come, with plenty of time left to enjoy ourselves in a better world. We shall be rid of the system that is leading to the extinction of all living beings.

The reduction in emissions required, in the freedom of peacetime, would not be possible due to our individual free choices we make each day. Who would choose to buy secondhand clothes or other goods, instead of new ones? Who would choose to cycle instead of going by car on ten mile journeys? Who would choose to use an Air Heat Pump, which is more expensive to install and operate than a central heating gas boiler? Who would choose to go to Spain on holiday with the family by train rather than by air?

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These, and many other personal choices must immediately be made on behalf of everyone by our government in order that climate change is controlled and nature saved from species of plants, animals and humans near extinction.

Once the necessary changes have been completed, we can all have a better and safer life. For the sake of young people and today's children, we must make war on climate change.

John Wootton, by hand

Reintroduction Of Beavers

Dear Gazette,

After attending a meeting of supporters of the Purbeck Beaver Feasibility project, which was well attended, some readers might like to know about it, as well as the benefits their reintroduction would provide.

Firstly, some history. By the end of the 16th century, native beavers were hunted to extinction for their fur for top hats for the gentry, although at Lent they could be eaten as well as they were deemed to be rodents.

The re-introduction scheme is under very careful consideration and has the support of the N.F.U., Wessex Water and the Forestry Commission. Rewilding has often had unforeseen results in the long term - beavers are native animals who were once considered to be the kidneys of the river systems. Beavers could be considered as life-giving, thanks to their interaction.

Locations of reintroduction sites under consideration are Little Sea on the Studland Peninsula, Rempstone Estate and the vast Hartland area, which is predomently a nature reserve. So, why are beavers so amazing? Well, since their removal from our ecosystem, they have quite obviously been in decline. Beavers are a 'keystone' species, one that mercifully missed the industrial revolution when the rivers were seen as the drains of manufacture.

Beavers are remembered for building dams. They also do many things such as making the water cleaner, contributing to flood plains and the permeation of diversity in our wetlands. They also assist in cleaning gravel on spawning grounds for salmon and trout by slowing the water flow which makes for more organic carbon in the nitrate run-off from our farms and reducing the millions spent on flood defence, which in the fossil-fueled future, just doesn't work.

Beavers are not our saviours - that's too much to ask of them. However, they are steps in the right direction. We can't swim like them, but then again - imagine cutting down a tree with your incisors!

Regards, M.J.K. by hand

Mumbo Jumbo Signage Regret

Dear Gazette,

One can but regret the super-abundance of notices and signs of all shapes and sizes - usually of numbing uniformity - jungles and thickets of them.

Two or three notices/signs out of every five can safely be dismissed: 'the safe way into town', 'steep gradients' and even: 'slippery slope' included.

Alas for this bureaucratic 'mumbo jumbo'. The public can do better than look at scarecrows poised against the line of sea. 'Scoop the poop' has long since faded, but fixed fines are with us still.

Confusion wins the day (a state of)...

Thank you, D. Barsley, Swanage, by hand

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Never Mind! It's Only Purbeck!

by David Hollister

On 16th March a meeting was held between Dorset Waste Services and Swanage Council surrounding waste collection arrangements for the summer. The positive discussions centred around measures that could be taken by both parties to deal with the anticipated levels of waste over the season.

Regrettably, in late April 2021, the council were told by DWS that due to "operational reasons" an urgent review of the waste services provided to Swanage has been undertaken which would result in the removal of all the 240 litre black wheelie bins, to be replaced with smaller capacity bins. DWS suggested that this would have the advantage of enabling collection by smaller 3.5 tonne vehicles that could be driven by a wider pool of drivers. Which suggests that they simply haven't got enough qualified drivers or enough money to recruit them. Or indeed enough suitable lorries to do the job properly.

Why doesn't the local waste facility have the correct licences to allow the town's waste bins to be deposited, necessitating lots of small 3.5 tonne lorry trips to Poole? That's the council's idea of environmental responsibility. But never mind, it's only Purbeck.

The town council immediately raised their concerns with DWS; this meant a significant reduction in seafront bin capacity, the proposed location of the new bins didn't take into account areas of very high bin use, and they expressed concerns how seagull-proof the new bins would prove. Which of course they aren't.

It was clear that this was non-negotiable, that DWS would have their way regardless, and it didn't really matter to them whether we ended up getting covered in litter or not. Following installation of the new bins in early June 2021, it became obvious that the concerns raised by the town council were well founded and in order to attempt to mitigate this, "significant additional amounts of staff resource from the town council were being expended". In other words, DWS and Dorset Council passed the buck back to Swanage and obliged Swanage to pay for it.

In June, a meeting was held on Swanage seafront with local councillors and officials from Dorset Council and from DWS; also some of the beach cleaners were 'allowed' to attend parts of the meeting to give first-hand accounts of the operational impact of the revised waste collection regime. There's another committee meeting on 14th July to provide details of any subsequent actions and outcomes but honestly? Another talking shop, more procrastination, and once again, Swanage has got the thin end of the wedge and by the time this is all sorted out, the season will be over, the seagulls will be happy, and we'll be waist deep in rubbish.

Again, Swanage is getting the thin end of another wedge. We're being told, not asked, that the hospital minor injuries unit will only be available through 111. I'm told of a resident who phoned the surgery to make an appointment and was told he couldn't, it had to be done through 111. He spoke to 111 who after taking the same details, told him to phone the surgery to make an appointment. He told them that he had tried that, but 111 said "tell them it has now been authorised by 111".

He phoned the surgery again explaining everything a third time and was told "a doctor would phone him within the hour". But when the doctor's surgery phoned, our correspondent had to explain it all again and was told that when his doctor phoned him at 4:10pm the existing appointment he would "deal with the new matter". He hadn't even been told that he had an appointment, but half an hour later the doctor told him to come to the surgery..... seems that the whole system has gone to pot.

I hope for everyone's sake this gets sorted out sooner rather than later, but I somehow doubt it will. I'd dearly like to hear from the Surgery to clarify exactly what is going on, but I somehow think it's all down to money and local officialdom.

Originally, we were told that if a person had a minor injury or ailment, they should call 111 first for a telephone assessment; this was a result of a national NHS directive to force patients to contact 111 to be assessed and deter anyone from just turning up at an accident and emergency unit or MIU. This will "save time" and ensure people are directed to the 'right service'. If someone has a more serious injury which requires urgent medical attention, they should call 999 as usual. We've now been told

that there's a change of advice for Swanage Hospital MIU visitors; the sign has been altered so if someone turns up and requires immediate support they will be "assessed by its staff". I think I'd prefer to be treated by the staff rather than "assessed". See page 21 for further details with regards to accessing our hospital's MIU, brought to you direct from the wonderful Friends of Swanage Hospital.

Cllr Laura Miller, representing West Purbeck on the Dorset council, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, says: "This move is due to immense pressure in our health and care system". Well, hats off, Laura, but how much of this problem is down to the government and NHS throwing money around like confetti at the start of this pandemic, a failed £37bn Track and Trace system, and jobs and contracts 'for the boys'?? My sympathy for the doctors and nurses at the 'coal face' is only exceeded by my total disgust of the NHS management.

It's time that the younger members of our community got off their backsides, turned off their TV sets, and started a proper protest like we 'oldies' did ten years ago when the hospital was last threatened. The councils can't or won't do anything to help. Time for action before they stop us using our hospital altogether and then try to close it down through 'lack of use'. I should perhaps report on all the old chestnuts which we've been looking at in this column for the last few months, but as expected, precisely nothing is happening, so no report.....

Are we surprised? So now, Brexit is beginning to hit home. We can't get people to pick fruit, to work in our restaurants and care homes, most of which are advertising for staff all the time and some of which are having to close because they can't find them. There aren't enough drivers for delivery lorries, so the supermarket shelves are going to be a bit bare. Because an HGV licence takes over a year, costs over £4000, and at the end of it nobody wants 'newly qualified drivers', they all want drivers with 'experience'. But at least we've got our country back. My only comment there is "be careful what you wish for".

On a positive note, the Swanage Rotary Fete and Harmans Cross Village Fete are both going ahead as planned unless substantial changes are made by the government between now and then. Which of course, is totally possible if Boris can find a way of spoiling our summer enjoyment without causing himself personal embarrassment.

The Grammar School site in Swanage is finally going to be demolished and houses put on the site. I have to ask - why locate the entrance to both developments (150+ homes) so close to the entrance to a primary school and not at the other end of the site? Has safety even been considered? Why, on a level north-to-south orientated new building site, are there no solar panels specified? Can the town's medical infrastructure cope with all these new residents when they can't even cope with what we already have?

I had to laugh at Dorset Council who had the new loading bays in Swanage painted up, but had actually forgotten to pass the legislation to allow parking enforcement officers to issue penalty charges to drivers parking in the loading bays. I know it was probably anti-social, but hats off to the man in the red Mustang who realised this and had about six weeks free parking!

Dorset Council is letting us down in so many ways that I wonder whether the council amalgamation was properly thought out; yet another instance of 'be careful what you wish for'. Like Brexit, we are stuck with it indefinitely. Glad I'm not young anymore.

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A Cheery Visitor Indeed!



On the morning of Friday 16th July, Gazette Towers welcomed a special visitor. We welcome a few interesting individuals each year - holidaymakers who have chosen to spend their time in Swanage, enjoying all that the town has to offer. Alan Lonsdale of Chelmsford is one such special individual - he came to stay and upon finding out that Swanage's annual carnival was cancelled for this year, Alan brought a selection of colourful and cheerful flowers and adorned himself with them in an attempt to engage with people he bumped into and spread a little cheer.

Alan popped into the office to introduce himself and show us his outfit. He was a little saddened that he hadn't quite got the response he'd hoped for from locals and other holidaymakers in previous days as he'd expected his cheerful demeanour would help initiate conversation and encourage a smile or two. We shared his picture on Facebook and hoped that Alan's last day in Purbeck would be a more engaging day, with more kindness, openness and welcoming attitude shown - it turns out, it was. Here at Gazette Towers we love our more flamboyant visitors and encourage all readers to actively be a little more open and kind with their dealings with our more colourful visitors! All are welcome here - especially those adorned with flowers who are going all out to bring a simple smile to others!

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Scarecrows Of Wareham!



A few pictures from the Wareham Scarecrow Competition 2021 - there were thirty-three entries in total this year with a wide variety of imaginative scarecrows in evidence! At the time of writing, judging was yet to occur, so watch this space in next month's edition for news of the winner!

Sadly - breaking news just issued.....'Lawrence of Arabia' (pictured, left) was stolen, (approx midday on Sat 10th July) by a suspected 'drive-by'.

His maker is very upset . Have you seen Lawrence?! It would be great to see him pop up somewhere in or around Wareham, able to be returned to his owner and creator....

A huge well done to all the creators this year - a most splendid effort indeed!



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Worth Matravers Demonstrates Commitment To MyTime



So often young carers miss out due to their significant responsibilities. Local charity, MyTime, exists to level out the playing field and support young carers and adults aged 5-25, by providing them with the opportunities and friendship that every child and young person needs.

The people of Worth Matravers continued to show their loyalty to this meaningful cause with another May Bank Holiday fundraising event at the Village Hall. Contributions by local friends and residents created an awesome display of plants and bric a brac. There were more plants stocked than ever before and handmade crafts including bird boxes, wooden bunting and bundles of basket weaving willow were also available to buy. Jack Ross rallied enthusiastic villagers and commented "Whilst the village fete could not proceed again for obvious reasons, many were involved in creating this successful fundraiser which brought our community together after what seemed like a very long winter."

Funds raised for MyTime exceeded all expectations generating an incredible £2,045. CEO Krista Sharp said "We are completely overwhelmed by the support we have received from Jack, Yvonne and the village committee."



"They dedicated a huge amount of time to organise this wonderful event and have raised a significant sum of money. Their hard work will enable us to send 80 young carers on a fun filled day out this summer, allowing them to take a break from their caring responsibilities. Thank you so much for everything, we are incredibly grateful." More information about MyTime <https://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org>

In addition to the late Bank Holiday event, £150 was raised by Yvonne Spencer through selling herb posies during the Captain Tom 100 Challenge earlier in the month. Herbs were gathered in local gardens and sold through an honesty box in the bus shelter.

News and updates about future Worth events are announced on the website <https://www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org>

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Our volunteers have been meeting regularly to consider options. However, uncertainty around requirements for organising events that are open to the public has made it difficult to plan anything. The RNLI is also very aware of the concerns many volunteers have about running events that will generate large crowds.

As many of you are aware, the RNLI have changed the way they operate since the pandemic to protect their volunteers, whilst still maintaining full lifesaving cover around the coast. This has been challenging and has meant

the closure of our stations to the public and to our volunteers except for rescue callouts and for scheduled training. Our fundraisers haven't been able to run all their events, our boathouse attendants and education team haven't been able to show visitors around the station, and our lifeboat shops have not been open all the time.

However, we have weathered the storm as best we can, and our lifeboats have already launched 22 times this year, including to one rescue that has been recorded as a life saved, which is only registered for rescues where a casualty would have died without our assistance.

We know that our supporters will be disappointed that our full lifeboat week is not going ahead this year, but we will be working hard to keep you informed about your local station. Please look at our social media and website for details (@swanagelifeboat).

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Update On All Things Planning....

The Covid pandemic has had a number of unexpected consequences and one of these is that the construction and DIY industry is booming. Dorset Council's planning services have seen a large rise in the number of applications they have received.

The council has received 9,022 planning applications between January 2019 and December 2020. This is an average of 376 applications per month.

This year from January to end of April they have received 1,971 applications. This is an extra 383 application compared to the same period in 2020. Decisions are continuing to be made. In March this year 482 applications were decided upon, which is higher than any month in the last two years.

To manage this increase in business and to create efficiencies in the process the council are doing a number of things:

The Planning Convergence and Transformation Project - The Planning Convergence and Transformation Project aims to deliver a more effective, efficient, and customer-focussed planning service. The project is halfway through the introduction of a new single planning software system for Dorset Council, which is a key part of the wider planning transformation project.

All areas are now using the same type of platform which has already seen efficiencies in processes. The next areas planning information to be transferred is the former Purbeck District Council's. This is planned for the end of the month. The Former East Dorset District Council information will follow in July.

Recruitment - Dorset Council is currently recruiting to a range of roles across the services in areas such as validation, enforcement, conservation and development management to fill vacancies and help with the increased workload.

Validation backlog - There is currently an eight-week backlog to validate new applications. To help reduce the workload on officers they are trying to reduce the number of emails they are receiving so that they can concentrate on validating applications.

The preferred option for digital responses to planning applications is via the online register. Consultees such as town and parish councils will receive a direct link to the online register for each planning application, as part of the consultee notification email. There are also changes to the way the teams are carrying out the work to become quicker at processing applications:

Neighbour notification letters - From 1 July the council will no longer be sending neighbour notification letters for planning applications unless these are specifically required by legislation. This is in line with their agreed Statement of Community Involvement.

Details of all applications will still be published online, and they will continue to consult statutory organisations and town and parish councils.

Planning site notices - To make sure that site notices are displayed in good time agents and applicants are being asked to help by putting them up. When your planning application is registered, a copy of the notice will be sent to you. You are asked to print this and erect it as soon as possible. A photograph of the site notice in situ and confirmation of the date it was erected will be required for the records.

Planning site visits - The approach has changed for site visits for planning applications. If an officer needs to visit a site to assess the planning issues, then they will do so. However, if the assessment can be made using a desk-based approach, then this is preferred as it is a speedier process.

Amended plans and pre-application advice - The processes are being streamlined so that only one set of amended plans will generally be allowed, particularly for minor and householder applications.

In time these changes will lead to more efficiency. All applicants are encouraged to use the pre-application advice service, so that when an application comes in, it is more likely to be supported.

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Vanessa Ricketts, Wareham Town Clerk, And The Tumbling Tiles...

Julie, our Gazette correspondent, chats to Wareham's Town Clerk



Pictured, left: Vanessa Ricketts

What was your career path towards being Wareham Town Clerk?

I started working for Christchurch Borough Council straight from university at 21 years old. I have over 25 years' experience in Local Government and was the Democratic and Electoral Services Manager at Purbeck District Council before moving into Town Council work. I have 13 years' experience of being a Clerk and was at Ferndown prior to joining WTC in September 2019. I am a qualified Clerk holding the

Certificate in Local Council Administration and have been awarded a Fellowship of my professional society.

What are the regular parts of your job, i.e. what do you have to do every day / every week?

Every day is different in this job, it's why I love it. But there are routine tasks such as management and health and safety responsibilities. We have a regular Council/Committee meeting cycle and have statutory requirements around the production of agendas, reports and minutes. The main function of my work is to ensure that the Council is run lawfully and within the legislation that governs us. This has been extremely demanding during the pandemic as there have been nearly 70 different changes to legislation in the past 18 months that affects us directly and we have to keep on top of all of that. I also have to ensure that we work within our yearly budget, and I am legally responsible for the accounts and have to comply with audit and accounting regulations.

During the lockdowns have you been working with the committee chairpersons more closely or in a different way?

Lockdown has been challenging. At first, we were unable to meet and had to agree decisions under a delegation. Fortunately, the Government then passed legislation to permit the Council to meet virtually (via Zoom) and this proved very successful and encouraged public to watch our meetings. Sadly, this legislation ended in May so we have had to return to delegated decision making but, as lockdown is lifted, the Council will

return to meeting in the Chamber. I believe it's vital to have a good working relationship with the Mayor and Chairmen of the Committees and we chat every week, normally by Zoom. I'm very fortunate to work with some extremely knowledgeable and experienced Councillors.

Do you learn to use new technology easily?

Yes, it's a necessity of this job to be up to date with IT skills to ensure we meet legislation around GDPR and transparency requirements. Since I have been in post I have introduced a new website, new financial software and a new computer system, including setting up all our Councillors onto Office 365.

As Town Clerk how much do you deal with the public?

We have officers who handle general customer enquiries, but if the officer is unable to answer the query then I will get involved in order to ensure that our residents receive the service they need. I also work closely with volunteers on projects and enjoy bringing in residents to assist on working groups. We are so fortunate in Wareham to have so many volunteers and residents willing to contribute to the welfare of the town.

What is the most unexpected task which you have had to carry out as Wareham Town Clerk?

Protecting the public from falling slates off the Town Hall Roof in the storms a few weeks back. I had a call to say someone had narrowly dodged a falling tile from the roof, so I rushed out to see what was happening. In the gale force winds slates were falling in North Street and East Street, and I had to get people to cross the road to avoid them; I took a glancing blow from a tile in the process. I realised it was a dangerous situation and had called the police and highways to assist. In the meantime, I had to put up temporary barriers using chairs until the emergency services arrived. In all I spent about 3 hours taping off the road and assisting with highways barriers as the wind kept knocking them over – never a dull day in the life of a Clerk, and definitely not in the job description!

What will be the accomplishment as Wareham Town Clerk of which you are most proud?

Oh, it's definitely something in the planning stage at present and it's very exciting. Because of Covid I've had to spend my first 18 months dealing with ever changing legislation, policies, health and safety and financial regulations. As we are now coming out of lockdown we can now concentrate on delivering some amazing projects in the town that the Council has just put into a Corporate Plan. Watch this space!

Out Of The Blue



Well, here we are, August already! As it's a popular month for holidays, let's keep our fingers crossed for sunny days and clear nights. Especially as the Perseids, a prolific meteor shower associated with the comet Swift-Tuttle, can be seen from 17 July – 24 August, with its peak on August 12th. As ever, we value your

comments and therefore encourage more of you to get in touch, so if you can spare five minutes, please use this link and have your say. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PurbeckEmail> Listening and acting upon what you have had to say enables us to target both our resources and patrol.

So, what have we been up to? Well, during the period June 10 2021 – July 08 2021, we dealt with a total of 584 occurrences in Purbeck, of which 200 were recorded crimes and resulted in 50 arrests. There were also 93 occurrences of road traffic collisions.

Continuing the road theme, our No Excuse team have been operating in Purbeck this July. Their actions resulted in several stops which included drug swipes and vehicles impounded.

We have also seen an increase in poaching of late, we ask that if you see suspicious vehicles or people/torch light in fields/areas where they shouldn't be, call the police and report it at the time, rather than waiting for the next day, we are then able to send officers to the area at the key time. We take incidents and reports of poaching/rural crime very seriously, but we need the public to tell us where they are happening so that we can build up a picture of where the incidents are occurring and plan accordingly.

There have also been a number of Romanian nationals begging



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in Swanage and Wareham, whilst we commend the compassion and generosity of the residents of Purbeck these individuals are believed to be part of an organised gang. We therefore urge you not to approach them but contact police in the first instance. We can then deal with them appropriately, sign posting them to suitable agencies for help and support. And finally, if you need to contact Dorset Police, please call our Police Enquiry Centre by calling 101 or email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk. Always call 999 in an EMERGENCY when there is a risk of HARM or a CRIME in progress. Alternatively, call the free CRIMESTOPPERS line on 0800 555 111.

You can also use our website to report a number of issues, from full crime reports to lost property; just use the following link <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

Don't forget to visit us on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/Purbeck-police](https://www.facebook.com/Purbeck-police) and Twitter - @PurbeckPolice – we really value your support and comments. You can also see our latest priorities and up and coming events at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/purbeck/>

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Help Is Still Available!

As Covid restrictions ease and government financial support reduces, Dorset residents are reminded to reach out for support if they are facing difficulty.

Paying bills and debt - Specialist advisers from Dorset Citizens Advice are waiting at the end of the phone to talk through, confidentially, all the options available with people who are unable to pay their bills or who need help with debt. They can be contacted on Freephone 0800 144 8848. The advisers can help with budgeting, repayment plans, and prioritising which bills must be paid first.

Daniel Cadisch, Chief Officer, Citizens Advice Central Dorset said: "With Government interventions coming to an end, many people may find themselves struggling financially. If you are unable to pay bills, rent or mortgage repayments, we urge you to seek help as early intervention is key."

Housing - Residents struggling to pay their rent are urged to seek advice and support now. Dorset Council's housing team can provide assistance at an early stage to help resolve the situation. Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Housing said: "The council has a duty to prevent homelessness. We will work with you to understand your current situation and identify what steps we, and you, can do to help you stay in your current home. If your landlord has asked you to leave your rented property or given you a notice to quit and you are struggling to find somewhere else to live, contact us for advice and support."

Call Dorset Council on 01305 221000 or visit dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing
Dorset Citizens Advice can also look at all the options available to prevent eviction. Call them on Freephone 0800 144 8848.

Employment and redundancy support - As of 1 July, the government is paying 70% of the salaries of employees on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) and employers are paying 10%. In August and September, the government will pay 60% and employers will pay 20%. If you are having difficulty getting your furlough pay, or your employer is trying to change your contract while you are furloughed, you should seek advice immediately. Dorset Citizens Advice specialist advisers can talk through all the options available to you.

Cllr Laura Miller, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health said: "If you are struggling financially or finding things tough, please reach out for support. It's been a difficult time for many people, but help is available and solutions can be found.

"Our colleagues at Dorset Citizens Advice are ready and waiting at the end of the phone to help you. All conversations are confidential, and they will work with you to find a way out of any immediate problems you are facing and help you plan for the longer term."

Call Dorset Citizens Advice on Freephone 0800 144 8848 or see the range of support available at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/reaching-out

Health and wellbeing - Although many people welcome easing in lockdown restrictions, it can also cause feelings of anxiety or stress. This may apply to people more vulnerable to the virus, and others take time to adjust to the change. If you are struggling, support is available to get

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you through it. Go to the health and wellbeing tab at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/reaching-out to see what support is available.

Accessing food - If you are struggling to afford nutritious and well-balanced food, there are schemes around Dorset that can help.

These include foodbanks, social supermarkets, community fridges and a mobile larder that are run by the community and supported by Dorset Council and Public Health Dorset. Visit dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/reaching-out and go to the 'Access to food' section for full details.

Free school meals - Dorset Council is working with schools to make sure families who need it (including those who receive free school meals) can receive food vouchers if they are unable to attend school.

The council will be providing a voucher for the summer holidays for eligible children and each school will be provide details of the scheme to families who qualify. Contact your child's school to find out more.

Training and jobs - Despite the disruption caused by COVID-19, there are job and training opportunities throughout Dorset.

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Public Announcement

It is with a heavy heart that we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel this years Purbeck Rally.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation surrounding covid 19 even with the vaccine programme in place we feel it would be irresponsible and unsafe for us to continue. The safety of everyone that attends is of the upmost importance to us.

We hope the show will return August 5th - 7th 2022.

Thank you all as always for your continued support.
 Please stay safe.

www.purbeckrally.com



The 'Jab It Forward' Campaign



Local Swanage resident, Mo Andrews (pictured, left), and her youngest nephew, Ben (pictured, below right), wanted to raise money to support the worldwide vaccination effort to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic, after feeling very privileged to have benefitted from the NHS's extraordinary vaccination programme.

Mo and Ben teamed up with the Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club to set up the 'Jab It Forward' Campaign. Friends, family and charitable locals raised money for UNICEF UK's VaccinAid programme, which is focused on supporting communities in low-income countries without a sufficient supply of vaccines.

Ben said: "I'm delighted with the generous and enthusiastic support we have received from the residents of Swanage and Purbeck, whether it's from selling jams, opening gardens, selling greeting cards and car boot sales ..., it's been brilliant to see a community come together to raise money for such a great cause".

Mo was also delighted with the support from her fellow residents "a special thanks to Sue, David, Dave, Rachel & Becca and all at Rotary".

At the time of writing the total raised is £4500. If you would like to support the campaign, please help the duo reach their target, by either donating and/or sharing the following link with friends and family:

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Domestic Abuse Dorset Campaign Banners

Look out for the domestic abuse campaign banners on council vehicles

A visual campaign has launched signposting people to support if they are experiencing domestic abuse. Dorset Council's vehicle banners advise anyone experiencing difficulty in their relationship that confidential advice and help is always available.

They can either telephone the You First domestic abuse helpline on 0800 032 5204*, 24 hours a day, search online for 'DVA help Dorset' or visit the website for contact details.

*calls are free but the number may show up on some itemised phone bills.

The banners are displayed on the council's vehicles, including waste and recycling trucks and minibuses. They aim to remind people that:

- Controlling behaviour is domestic abuse
- It's not okay for your partner to threaten or hurt you, and
- You should be treated with respect

You First are the council's domestic abuse support partners. They work with men, women and children to reduce harm and increase safety. Their specialist team offers community and accommodation-based services and give expert advice, information, and emotional support to ensure safety and build the confidence to move on.

Tonia Redvers, Operations Director at You First said "These banners are wonderful. They help get information out into the heart of our communities, where people can take a discreet picture of the number, use it for themselves or pass on to a family member or friend, where safe to do so. Please know that even though you may feel alone, we are there to help and support, please phone when you can".

The campaign coincides with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 which became law in April 2021. The Act aims to promote awareness, protect and support people experiencing domestic abuse, transform the justice response and improve performance. As part of the new Act, the council is set to receive an additional £650,000 from the government to fund a new duty providing support for victims and their children, including safe accommodation.

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National Coastwatch

Eyes along the coast



View from the Lookouts – August 2021

One of the big disappointments of 2020 was that neither of our stations were able to celebrate the twenty fifth anniversaries of their openings. We were amongst the first NCI Stations to open, and can both trace our histories back to the nineteenth centuries as early coastguard stations (or the preventive stations as they were known then!).

It was a huge pleasure and surprise to find out in early May that, partly to celebrate this achievement, we were to receive a visit from our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, the Princess Royal. Security meant that watchkeepers were asked to keep the event under wraps and this led to some interesting discussions with family and partners. I think we all envied those watchkeepers who also had partners within the two stations!

The morning of 21st June was anything but summer-like. The low cloud and constant drizzle, particularly at St Alban's, threatened the visit right up until the last minute. For the two station managers, and the other officials organising the visit, it really must have felt like the longest day!

Luckily, the conditions improved enough and a gentle thrumming in the background indicated the imminent arrival of a helicopter of the Queen's Flight, G-XXEB. The Princess Royal was met by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Angus Campbell, and escorted to the station where she was welcomed by Station Manager, Ann Seedall, Lord and Lady O'Neill (the patrons at NCI St Alban's Head) and the NCI National, Chairman Clive Pouncey.

Once the official welcome had taken place, Her Royal Highness spent time chatting to the watchkeepers on duty, finding out more about the station, its history, and the role watchkeepers play in helping to keep the diverse range of coastal users safe.

Having signed the visitor's book, our patron moved outside to unveil a plaque commemorating her visit and the station's twenty-five years of operation. She also met some of the other watchkeepers present and spent time to speak to all of them with a diverse selection of relevant questions. They ranged from where they lived, how far they had to travel to St Alban's Head (also did they walk the track or drive!), their years of service at the NCI, previous occupation/marine experience through to what was the appeal of volunteering at St Alban's Head.

After an all too short a time, our royal visitor left St Alban's Head in a clatter of rota blades and headed to Swanage to visit our station at Peveril Point. Being met by Station Manager, Ian Weston, she was first introduced to the team who look after the garden surrounding the Lookout. She was particularly interested in how an area had been set aside for native coastal plants along with the small display board with all their names.

Moving into the Lookout she was introduced to the watchkeepers on duty and spent some time talking to them. With a brisk north easterly breeze and a choppy sea, only one solitary yacht was seen passing to the south. Her Royal Highness looked at it through the binoculars and, with the voice of an experienced yachtswoman, commented that she

was glad she wasn't at sea. The final part of the visit was held at the Fine Foundation Gallery, at Durlston Castle. Here she met representatives from the local community along with the majority of the watchkeepers who had not been on duty. Once again, she spent some considerable time talking to each individual, showing a genuine interest in what we do. One of the highlights of this part of the visit was the presentation of long service awards to ten watchkeepers; Dave Hipkiss, Ian White and Les Wilkins from NCI St Alban's Head and Stuart MacMillan Pratt, Robert William Cripps, Peter Booth, David Cornes, Alan Jones, John Mead and Stephen Woods from NCI Swanage.

Invited to say a few words by NCI National Chairman, Clive Pouncey, the Princess Royal thanked everyone involved in organising her visit. She emphasised that she was immensely proud to be the NCI's Royal Patron, appreciative of the charity's important role in the emergency services sector and would continue to offer her wholehearted support. At the end of a long and difficult year, the visit certainly boosted our morale. Without exception all watchkeepers felt that our royal visitor showed a real interest in not only our work, but also the volunteers who carry out the role. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking patron.

With restrictions being slowly eased, there seems to be an element of normality creeping back into our lives. Watches are getting busier and it's a real pleasure to get back to two watchkeepers being on duty together. We're pleased to announce that the popular tea and cakes at Peveril Point will be taking place every Sunday in August from 10:30 am and, also over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Refreshments will also be on offer on the Bank Holiday at NCI St Alban's Head – no doubt particularly welcome for those people who've braved the flight of steps from Chapman's Pool!

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

Photos: Top left: Her Royal Highness leaves Swanage NCI Station (photo shows Her Royal Highness followed by past chair, Lesley Suddes, and Swanage Station manager, Ian Weston. They are watched by the garden team, from L-R: Ros Copestake, John Thraves, John Copestake and Swanage Town Council Ops manager, Gail. Picture below: Her Royal Highness unveiling a commemorative plaque at St Alban's Head



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Relief for concerned Swanage residents and holidaymakers as the message for people attending our Minor Injuries Unit has been clearly revised by Dorset HealthCare who manage our community hospitals. Anyone turning up at the MIU with an urgent need for medical attention will now be seen and assessed by the hospital staff, without having to first phone 111.
 (Please see the current Swanage Hospital MIU message board, reproduced, below left)

In December 2020, a national NHS directive was put in place, to ensure patients needing urgent medical attention telephone 111 to be assessed and could not just arrive at an MIU for treatment; this regulation was put into effect across the eight Dorset MIUs, many of which had been closed because of the pandemic. Swanage Hospital MIU was added on 21 June 2021 and we immediately raised our concerns. The new updated message now over-rides this ruling. *Jan Turnball, Chair.*

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Dorset Young People Win The Diana Award



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Eight young people from Dorset have been awarded The Diana Award in recognition of their work in getting the voices of young people heard.

Working with the support of Participation People, a youth participation company, the young people are all members of Dorset Youth Council with two representing young people in Dorset as Members of the UK Youth Parliament. Each young person awarded has made significant contributions to local projects and initiatives on behalf of young people in Dorset, including Dorset Youth Proof Charter and Dorset Youth Council Climate Pack. Some have also been involved in #YouthVoice projects in other parts of the UK.

Cllr Andrew Parry, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Early Help, said: "A huge congratulations to the eight young people who have won this most prestigious award. Thank you for all that you do to champion Dorset's Youth Voice. Your help to deliver change for young people in Dorset is invaluable."

The Diana Award was established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales. It is the most prestigious accolade a young person aged 9-25 years can receive for their social action or humanitarian work. Young people do not work towards the award, rather they demonstrate their suitability through their actions, without any expectation of reward.



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Every region has a season which registers above all others as an annual joy. In Rajasthan it comes in July when the blanket of cloud thickens to the point where dry heat gives way to that handful of downpours which constitutes the Monsoon. A dusty brown summer which, in Churu, often peaks at over 50 degrees suddenly breaks into cooler humidity and the earth becomes green. Just as the Monsoon's glory depends on the heat that precedes it, English Spring relies on winter months of cold greyness and long darknesses.

Rooks gather to caw in the tall, leafless trees of established rookeries. The song thrush begins to repeat itself. The white bells of snow-drops chime, then give way to a mass of pale yellow primroses. And with each step the day extends and the rising sun falls warmer on the earth. Generally, these changes are well advanced by the time I fly back from a month or two in India. This year the plague has kept me in Purbeck all winter, so I have earned a proper spring.

The bare winter with its frosts and a different set of birds driven south from colder climes has its own charms. The long darkness is not one of them. Towards the end of December there is an awareness that, imperceptibly, the days are starting to lengthen. Each year is different. Although we have a clear vision of what each month should be like it rarely fulfils its promise. March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb: it didn't. April is punctuated by showers: it wasn't. 2021 brought a cold spring, but dry.

Even as far south as Purbeck many April mornings started with the grass dusted in frost and yet it is the light rather than the heat which moves the season forward. The cliff-nesting Guillemots and Razorbills visit their ledges before the old year dies and probably started laying eggs as usual around 23rd April, St George's Day. There is a rather inaccessible viewpoint to watching these birds on the cliff. It gives an optimistic story. In 1957 there was one ledge occupied by some dozen pairs of Guillemots. One year they failed to breed when one bird, entangled in fishing line, hung dead from the ledge. Nearby, a single pair of Razorbills were successful. All were back the following year.

Gradually, the numbers have increased. Now the Guillemots breed on an extension of that first ledge and on two others. A fourth site, visited for several years, may be used this year. The birds are there but will they breed? Pairs of Razorbills have settled another seven sites. The increase follows the decrease of oil pollution, which killed so many sea birds. There is still the lethal but lesser danger of palm oil waste and some birds are drowned in fishing nets.

Of the other spring migrants, if I didn't see an early swallow, others did. The Wheatear, flitter along fences flashing its bright, white rump, completely passed me by. The first Puffin, which, as the number decreases to single figures, every year gets closer to the Last Purbeck Puffin, arrived on time, as did the onomatopoeic Chiffchaff and Cuckoo. I've met three Cuckoos this year, two flying, one calling, but none last year - they become scarcer each year. That same Cuckoo is familiar in the Himalayan foothills.

Once, while descending the Aravalli Hills, an unusual bird flew ahead. Rabu's brother, interested in birds, asked me what it was. 'I don't know. In England I would say it was a Cuckoo.' At which point it landed on a small bush and shouted 'Cuckoo! Cuckoo!' The only time I ever saw or heard one in Rajasthan. Quite a number of birds are common to both

countries. Recently, Rabu sent me a photo he'd taken of a Redstart in Churu, virtually identical to a bird in my Purbeck garden.

My garden birds live dangerously. Daily a Sparrowhawk streaks across the garden, ready to smash and grab some small bird. Carrion Crows, Jays and Magpies sneak in looking for eggs and nestlings to gulp down. There are grey squirrels, too, seeing what they can kill. This morning I thought the traffic of Blue Tits to the nest box had stopped. Murder? But it was just a brief hiatus.

In April the sharply-spined gorse bushes are at the fullest flowering. There is a traditional saying: 'When gorse is in flower, kissing's in season!' which arises from the fact that there are always some gorse bushes in flower. I have made the annual 45 litres of gorse-flower wine, which always involves a week recovering from pricked fingers. It will be ready to drink by winter. As May advances that explosion of bright gold fades and bushes are white with flowering blackthorn and hawthorn. Some woods are carpeted in bluebells and alongside them white wild garlic flowers with their characteristic smell. They go well in salads whilst the heads of stinging nettles, in a season short of green vegetables, make good spinach.

As the season advances the bare trees become covered with fresh light green leaves. There are traditional sayings for them, too: 'If the oak comes out before the ash, there'll be a splash. If the ash comes out before the oak, there'll be a soak.' The ash is usually the latest tree to burst into leaf. The foliage on great one that overshadows my caravan is only now, at the very close of May, starting to open.

Meanwhile the early morning is full of song: the repeating Thrush continues, almost drowned out by the loudest, tiniest bird, the Wren. The Chiffchaff's mechanical rather than musical call, a Blackcap, loud and lovely in its singing as is the Blackbird, the Chaffinch uncertainly descends the scale, the pretty Goldfinch twitters while the beautiful but boring Bullfinch gives a brief pipe. Wood pigeons are the first bird I hear each morning, cooing five notes in the weak dawn. Then there is the Robin - but that will continue to sing long after everyone else has passed into silence.

Most of the birds have young now. The Blue Tits who were happily taking over one of my nest boxes in blog 46 renounced it soon afterwards and settled into another one visible from my bed. Now, both parents are both flying to and fro with food for their young; it is exhausting just to watch how frequently they arrive. The visits are brief - enough to shove some insects down the throat of the nearest hungry mouth before leaving to find more. Despite visitors earlier in the season, the other two boxes seemed empty but now a Great Tit is feeding young in one, the roughest, that I made!

But spring is about to give way to summer.

Pictures: Top left (by Rabu): Some Churu birds are almost identical to Purbeck ones. Rabu took this Redstart's picture in Churu. I have had them in my garden.

Below: Three Herring Gull chicks high above the sea and the egg shell of one left behind.



Motoring

Road Safety Message Issued By Dorset Police

Dorset Police is reminding motorists to be mindful of all road users this summer in an effort to reduce the number of people seriously injured or killed on the county's roads.

Dorset Police and partner agencies are working together to remind all road users of the importance of taking that extra bit of time to look for vulnerable road users like motorcyclists, especially at junctions.

A campaign was launched in April 2021, which identified key known locations where motorcyclists have been injured in road traffic collisions. Unique road signs were placed in these areas to remind all road users to take that extra time and THINK BIKE!

Inspector Craig Tatton, from the traffic unit, said: "Motorcyclists and cyclists don't have a roll cage, seat belts or airbags, so when they are involved in a collision they are sadly often seriously injured or killed.

"Everyone can play a part in reducing the risk and the number of incidents on the roads. Queues and delays can be stressful and frustrating, which can cause road users to take risks and make mistakes.

"We want everyone to respect each other whilst using our roads and urge all road users to do the same by taking that extra time to look for vulnerable road users and make sure they have been seen."

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick said: "The next few weeks are likely to remain extremely busy on our roads as residents and tourists alike take advantage of the good weather. I'd like to ask everyone who will be out and about to please take care, slow down and look out for other road users."

A guide has been produced to provide advice to all road users about how they can be safe on the roads.

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Economic Update

The UK Covid-19 vaccination programme has continued to be rolled out at a fast pace over the last few months, with a large proportion of the adult population now having had both doses and all over 18 year olds being offered at least a first dose by 19th July.

The vaccines seem to have kept hospital admissions and deaths lower, but rates of infection have increased due to the gradual reopening of the economy and the spread of the more easily transmissible Delta variant.

July 19th is the date that is supposed to signal that things are starting to get back to normal, with most restrictions removed and remaining businesses such as nightclubs able to open, although we are being urged to proceed with caution.

However, it remains to be seen whether this will result in an unacceptable rise in cases, hospital admissions and deaths, and also whether the public have the appetite to return to pre-pandemic life while the data is going in the direction it is.

According to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the UK economy is expected to return to its pre-Covid levels by the end of 2021, a year earlier than had previously been expected with the economy growing by 8.2% in 2021 and 6.1% in 2022. The peak in unemployment is also set to be lower than originally forecast.

The rapid rollout of the vaccines and the unleashing of pent-up demand were both cited as reasons for these improvements to the original forecasts. However, business investment seems to be 5% below normal pre-pandemic levels and this, plus stagnant productivity, could still be a drag on the economy.

Over the last three months, the UK stock market has shown a gradual improvement to 30th June. Base rates remain unchanged at 0.1% and the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 2.1% in the 12 months to May 2021, up from 1.5% to April.

UK house prices have continued to rise, with annual house price growth above 13% in June according to the Nationwide House Price Index. Activity has, however, started to cool down, coinciding with the phasing out of the Stamp Duty holiday.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

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Landlords who do not avail of the opportunity and are targeted by HMRC can face penalties of up to 100% of the tax for UK gains and 200% for offshore liabilities together with possible criminal investigation.

Taxpayers that come forward will benefit from better terms and lower penalties for making a disclosure. Landlords that make an accurate voluntary disclosure and have taken 'reasonable care' are likely to face the lowest penalties. There are higher penalties where you did not take reasonable care if you deliberately misled HMRC regarding offshore liabilities.

There are three main stages to taking part in the campaign, notifying HMRC that you wish to take part, preparing an actual disclosure and making a formal offer together with payment. The campaign is open to all individual landlords renting out residential property. That includes landlords with multiple properties and single rentals as well as specialist landlords with student or workforce rentals.

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Taxi! Ellis Jones Solicitors Hail Black Cab Fundraisers



Ellis Jones Solicitors made a £1,000 donation when Kevin Gunpath from the BC Club took the wheel of a black cab decked out with logos and flowers. Members of the fundraising group – formed by business people in Hampshire and Dorset – are taking it in turns to drive the taxi everywhere they go in aid of the Variety Wessex charity.

Nigel Smith, Managing Partner at Ellis Jones, said: “We support many good causes at Ellis Jones although the BC Club must be the first to be going on a fundraising drive of this kind, quite literally.

“It was great to be able to help them raise money in such a fun way for a very deserving charity.”

The BC Club has donated more than £350,000 to charity since being founded by a group of friends and business people in 2011.

Its Taxi Challenge has so far raised £12,000 for Variety Wessex, a charity that provides mobility aids, Sunshine Coaches and fun events and days out for children and young people.

Picture: ‘Fare Deal’: Driver Kevin Gunpath, centre, stops for Ellis Jones managing partner Nigel Smith, left, and partner and head of banking and finance litigation William Fox Bregman, right

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Pan Fried Courgette Patties

By Regula
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Garden

Although I'm in the Kitchen Garden every day, I'm always taken aback how the planted spaces, as well as the surrounding trees and hedgerows, shape shift in such a short amount of time. Well into early summer this year leave buds were reluctant to open, flower spikes took forever to emerge and planted out seedlings just sat there, not growing.

The soil stayed cold...and wet...and nothing moved forward. Now looking at the lush, fresh greens of the trees; elderflowers, haw and blackthorn blossom, come and gone, everything around me bursting with sappy growth I wonder - when did that change happen?

Of course, it's not just all the veg that's putting on growth at quite some speed now - the weeds and the grasses are doing just the same and quite successfully too. Now is the time I could spend all day just hoeing to keep on top of it all. However, my shoulders would not like it at all, and I still need to transplant small plants and direct sow new batches, tie up climbing plants and tomatoes, cover brassicas and salad leaves with netting and pick and dig the tasty results.

So, I try and portion out the different tasks so not to hold the same position for too long, but often I get waylaid hand weeding between growing plants - so satisfying, yet so time consuming! The tricky question is what to do first: weed and give the already growing plants more light, space, nutrition etc., or transplant the seedlings needed for growing on or sowing some more for continuity?

The days just fly by and there's more often than not a job I didn't get round to do...there's always tomorrow. Keeping the grass short is important too, as then there are fewer hiding places for the slugs.

The ducks and geese are losing the tatty worn-out plumage and are growing lovely new feathers ready for autumn. Sadly, Mr. Fox got into the hen run and the houses one early morning and left me with only one pair. It's unusually quiet, I miss the clucking and cockadoodling but will re-stock once I have made everything safe once more.

Most of the cows had their calves now and have moved with Arnie to their summer grazing ground. After a long winter and quite cold spring with not much grass growing, it's lovely to watch them tucking into lush and nearly shoulder height fresh, new grazing. Their coats are looking shiny and healthy and the calves are doing well on their mother's milk. So, all in all I would be ready for a holiday now...

Time off has to be postponed until the autumn as the picking of the summer veg bonanza has started and one of those crops reliably producing good and plentiful results are the courgettes.

PAN FRIED COURGETTE PATTIES

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- 500g courgettes, grated
- 1 handfull chopped fresh herbs (spring onions, fennel, parsley, chives and a few chillies)
- 1 tbl sp. Pumpkin seeds
- 3 eggs
- 180 gr oats
- 100 gr grated hard cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- oil for frying

Method:

- 1 - mix all the ingredients together and form patties- not to thick.
 - 2 - heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the patties on both sides until golden brown.
 - 3 - serve with a side salad or stick into pitta bread with your favourite sauce or some coleslaw, or use as a side to your meat dish.
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They had thought of making chocolate many times before (along with many other options including clotted cream), but with the dramatic drop in sales resulting from restrictions during the Covid lockdowns in 2020, this prompted them to get on and give it a go.

As much as we all love ice cream and eat it year round, it isn't as busy in the winter, and making chocolate is a great way to keep their team together and busy in the quieter months – hence Purbeck Chocolate was born.

Why did they choose the name Purbeck Chocolate? – they have a fabulous and dedicated team all based on the farm, making award winning Purbeck Ice Cream alongside Purbeck Cider too, so it was natural that they keep the family name calling their latest release Purbeck Chocolate.

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Natural Matters

Embrace The Weather

By John Garner



It is, to coin a phrase, hooning down here again. The roads are rampant with floodwater, small rivers forming on the downhill roads and inches of static water on the roads and valleys. You expect this of course in the winter months when days upon days of rain result in masses of water with nowhere to go, nothing growing to soak it up and all the drainage systems full to the brim.

We live by the sea and so it seems fairly clear that most of this water will find its way into the sea. Not always a good thing. But let's for a minute forget about the run off and the sewage and the other unsavoury things that end up in the sea when it rains and concentrate on all the things you can do outside when it inevitably is raining through the summer months.

As I've stated before, when Jack O'Neill began experimenting with materials that allowed people to stay in cold water for longer, he was just trying to help himself and his mates prolong a surf session in the cool(ish) water of California in the winter months. He probably didn't realise what he was setting in motion. Every parent in the colder northern climes owes him and his contemporaries a debt of gratitude.

You can spend as long as you want at the beach in a wetsuit. They have become so ubiquitous you can even get one in the supermarket, although I can't vouch for the quality. So, if you want to carry on as normal, this should be your first purchase. As Billy Connolly once said: 'There's no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothes.'

Even if you don't plan on going out too much in the rain, get a wetsuit anyway. Whilst the toughest can brave our waters without one, even on a warm day it will ease the transition into the water. Once you've got one all sorts of activities open up. Swimming in the rain is one of the great pleasures of outdoor life. You might want to take pains to make sure you don't swallow too much water, but then that applies generally when swimming in the sea I find.

Paddle boarding has become the most common form of activity on the sea and once you've got your wetsuit (and paddle board, clearly) you are away. A friend who works for the RNLI went into a flat depression when he heard the supermarkets were selling inflatable paddle boards for under £200. To be honest, you don't need a great deal of skill to get up and running and that might be part of the problem. They are very easy to paddle and very easy to get into trouble on.

Wear a life jacket, despite them being 'uncool'. If your paddle board deflates, you're in trouble. If you're waving frantically towards shore, whilst suffering increasing levels of hyperthermia and then have to be rescued and wrapped in a silver blanket and you still feel 'cool', you need to have a good hard look at yourself. Once you stop shivering. Get the basics right and you should be okay.

The right clothes thing applies to other activities. Wimping out of a walk a few years ago, when the horizontal rain was rattling the sides of the van that was my temporary abode in Snowdon, I was shamed by the groups of people heading up to the summit, seemingly oblivious to the elements. A couple of hundred quid's worth of waterproof gear might seem excessive, but those people were pretty happy out there battling the elements, whilst I was pretty miserable huddled in the van.

Footwear. Take your pick. Wetsuit boots allow you to pick your way through the rocks and other stuff on your way into the water. I try not to wear them, but I seem to be in a minority. They'll give you some protection against the dreaded weaver fish which can be pretty painful if you stand on one. I know, I've done it twice and the first time was a shock, I can tell you. If you do stand on one and get a shot from its spines, hot water in a bucket will draw out the poison and usually works pretty quickly. Don't ask me how. Some say add vinegar as well.

Out of the water get yourself a decent pair of Gore-Tex walking shoes and you should have everything covered. Some people swear by leather boots well treated, but modern fabrics are pretty amazing.

Finally, if you are going to get wet, try to go with kit that dries quickly. I've come round to the technical fabrics. You don't have to be caught in the rain in a cotton t-shirt and jeans too many times to realise they act pretty much like a sponge and will ruin the rest of your outing. As with everything else you get what you pay for, and a little judicious investment will go a long way.

It's still raining out there. The only choice I have is about which activity to go for. For me it is nearly always the wetsuit option as I love being on or in the sea. The choice for you will depend on your preferences and of course the kit you have.

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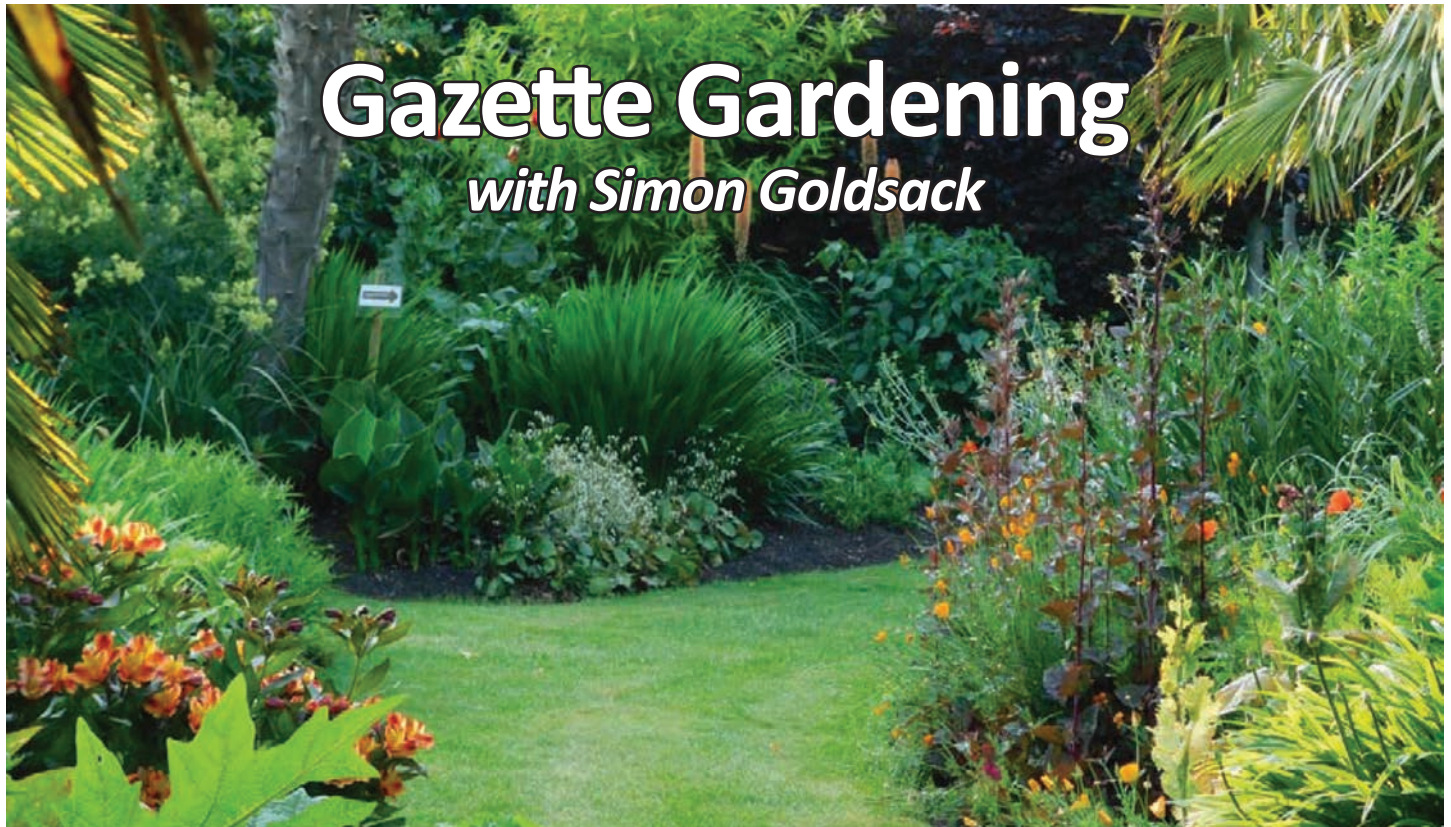
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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack



Off with their heads!

Dead heading (the removal of spent flower heads) takes away unsightly dying flowers, extends the flowering period by encouraging new flowers or gets the plant to focus on growing new shoots rather than seed production.

There will be times when you want to leave the seed heads on.

For instance, when you are wanting to gather seed from the plant, the plant has attractive seed heads, or you are leaving the seeds for the birds to feed off in winter. In which case, simply

gently brushing or rubbing the spent flower on a dry day is enough to cause the spent parts to fall away but retain the seedpod to ripen

On Echinacea the spent flower head is still attractive and then in winter the birds feed off the seed, so little or no intervention is required.

Sometimes a plant 'cleanses' naturally and the spent flower parts fall away with little or no intervention and my sister Kate always says 'self-cleansing is the mark of a good garden plant'. Often double flowered forms often do not cleanse, whilst their single flowered relations do.

When to Dead Head

Dead head, at any time of year when spent flowers are blighting the look of the plant. So, this may start as early as January with Camellia, carry on

through summer with perennial border plants and into autumn to extend the display of late flowering plants like Salvia and Dahlia.

Regular removal of individual spent flowers will often suffice. However, some plants such as herbaceous cranesbills and oriental poppies are better cut to the ground once the flowers fade and the foliage flops to encourage a crop of fresh-looking erect foliage and maybe some more flowers. On other plants such as Camellia and rambling roses, where flowers are too numerous or the plant too tall, we use a broom to shake the plant, so the petals fall off.

Whatever, method you employ regular dead heading will extend the display and improve the look of your borders. So, make a cup of tea or get a glass of something stronger and get into your borders and snip off those unsightly spent blooms.

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Minister Matt Warman toasts the start of the 5G Connected Coastline

Lulworth Cove, Dorset

JET Engineering System Solutions celebrated the official launch of its first 5G-enabled buoy today, joined by Matt Warman MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Thought to be the first self-powered, floating 5G buoy of its kind in the world, it provides sea-state safety monitoring as part of 5G RuralDorset's innovative DCMS-funded 5G research project. The buoys will be part of a system designed to provide real-time information on sea conditions, which will be able to be accessed by the Coastguard and the RNLI as well as informing digital signage, with the aim of not only preventing accidents but also informing rescue operations.

JET's CEO and founder James Thomas accompanied Matt Warman MP out to sea to inspect the JET 5G Surf Condition Monitoring System (SCMS) buoy and discuss how this - the first of many JET 5G connected buoys - will provide high-data connectivity along the coastline of the UK, enabling step-change improvements in many areas of the growing blue economy, including:

- Smarter management of aquaculture farming (JET is launching its first sustainably-built Aquaculture Management System (AMS) buoy next month, also part of 5G RuralDorset initiative)
- Autonomous and un-crewed marine platform operations to support offshore renewable fixed and floating sites
- Improved above-and-below-water defence and security monitoring of assets and borders

Digital Infrastructure Minister Matt Warman said: "5G-powered buoys could play a critical role in keeping people safe while out at sea, and are yet another example of how government-backed trials led by the country's most talented innovators are carving out novel solutions to age-old problems using the latest mobile technology."



"I am immensely proud of the JET team that I am able to be here today providing a first-of-kind and key component in the vital development path of 5G technologies," said James Thomas, "Our concept of the 5G enabled mesh network to provide vital data transmission in challenging environments started in August last year, in the height of Covid-driven challenges, and here we are with our first buoy in the water, having created regional employment along the way, helping to position the UK as a global market leader in this space."

"None of this would have been possible without the backing and momentum of Matt Warman and DCMS, or the support of our partners Accelerate, 5G RuralDorset and technology accelerator BetaDen".

JET is also providing the UK's first 5G N28 Proven routers and modems to enable 5G connectivity across the larger RuralDorset project 5G testbed, connecting first responder vehicles and digital signs to improve safety outcomes. The network went live on 20 June 2021, with the first buoy being installed for testing on Thursday 1 July.

Pictured: Top right: James Thomas (left) and Matt Warman (right)

Jet Skis - S.L.O.W. Down Campaign



Jet skis and motorised boats asked to S.L.O.W. down

Large inter-agency group works together on measures to improve water safety at Studland Bay and Swanage Bay.

Over many years there has been a growing number of incidents around water safety relating

to jet skis and small motorised boats at both Studland Bay and Swanage Bay. Last year, the problem was exacerbated as there was an increase in 'staycation' visitor numbers, with more people bringing or hiring jet skis and boats.

Like many parts of the Dorset coast, there has also been a growing number of people who are taking part in open water swimming throughout the year. Simply put, there are now more people using the sea, which can lead to safety concerns.

The issue around jet skis and motorboats is ongoing and resolving it sits across a range of different organisations/partners including Dorset Council, National Trust, HM Coastguard, Dorset Marine Policing Team, Swanage Town Council, Dorset Coast Forum, Studland Parish Council, RNLI, Personal Watercraft Partnership, Poole Harbour Commissioners, as well as representatives from both the wider jet ski and sea swimming communities.

In August 2020 this group, coordinated by Dorset Council, started to work collaboratively to deliver a programme of measures that they hope will reduce the number of incidents in these areas and make the water safer for all. They include:

Dorset Council investing in more 5 knot Speed marker Buoys to clearly mark areas where jet ski and motorised boats need to reduce their speed in line with the current Pleasure boat byelaw. There are also regular patrols from April to September, provided by two local water sport companies to actively engage with people on water safety.

Personal Watercraft Partnership have funded two marine police on Jet Ski

safety which will help with education, enforcement and with running some police operation days over the summer months.

Swanage Town Council have closed the Parish Slipway at Swanage to motorised vehicles therefore stopping any launching of jet skis in this very crowded area.

New signage, along with a leaflet and website has been developed and will be used to promote key information on water safety. Dorset Marine Policing Team running Operation Seagoing #opseagoing over the summer months.

Ian Brown, from the Coastguard said: "It's vital we work together with partners to reduce the risks of incidents between water users in Swanage and Studland."

Dave Brown from the Dorset Marine Police went on to say: "We hope our SLOW - See, Look, Observe, Watch - campaign message is really clear to everyone. We don't want to spoil people's enjoyment, but we do need to have fun safely."

If you ride a jet ski or drive a motorised boat, then please follow a few simple things:

- See who else is in the water. The water is a shared space, but swimmers are hard to spot.
- Look out for wildlife. Don't harass or cause disturbance. We have some fabulous wildlife in the sea that can be harmed by noise, speed, and aggressive behaviour.
- Observe the sea conditions. They constantly change and can be unpredictable. The tide comes in and goes out two times a day at different times, with the water moving in towards the beach or moving out away from the beach. Make sure you know what direction the water is moving in throughout the day. Check tide times, weather forecast and sea conditions before you leave home.
- Watch your speed. From the shore to the yellow speed marker buoys the speed limit is 5 Knots (assume 5MPH) - they are there for a reason. Where possible, for your safety and others, we would suggest you remain on the seaward side of the buoys.

DURLSTON



COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

We have lots of amazing events and activities if you are looking for things to do at Durlston this summer! From exhibitions, kids' events, Park Yoga, stargazing, wildlife walks and Forest Bathing, there really is something for pretty much everyone!

'Breathe' is an exhibition by award-winning landscape photographer Andy Farrer, featuring stunning photographs of landscapes in Dorset and around the world and is open daily until the 15th August.

From the 18th August, the Gallery will feature Cathy Veale's paintings in her 'Aquamarine' exhibition. Cathy's artwork is inspired by light, water, and our unique Jurassic coastline. You will be able to purchase her prints from the Gallery.

On the first Sunday of August, you could join a Ranger for 'Bright Wings of Summer' guided walk to hunt for everything that flutters, hops, and hovers around Durlston's stunning grassland!

Families can join in with 'Dolphins and the Deep Blue Sea' with games and activities to discover the lives of the Durlston Dolphins. On the 4th August, a free Wild Play Day includes loads of fun including Fossil Digs, Den-building orienteering and more! Other events include 'Bottle Rockets', 'Let's Go Fly a Kite!' or a 'Mini-beast Safari'. Do look at our events guide or website for times and dates of these and especially the various 'Woodland Clan Workshops', which need to be booked.

On Thursday 26th at 8:30pm Wessex Astronomical Society plan to

run, depending upon the weather, this year's first Stargazing event. They hope for views of Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and the Summer Constellations. This month's self-guided trail is 'Ranger Paul's Lost Tools'. Help Paul find these tools and learn what they are used for!

Durlston Wildlife to look out for this month includes the mesmerising Hummingbird Hawkmoth which can be found about Buddleia. August can be a time for spotting Redstarts but be quick before they disappear into scrub or Old Man's Beard cover.

Warm, still, summer evening can be good for seeking out Glow-worms. The safest nocturnal route to seek out these beetles is the road down to Anvil Point Lighthouse.

Swifts feed upon Durlston's insects in preparation for their long journey south. On the wing, butterflies such as Gatekeeper, Marbled White and Wall Brown. Flower blooms still provide nectar for these butterflies and include Common Toadflax, Hemp Agrimony, Restharrow, Wild Thyme as well as Common and Greater Knapweed. A sign that autumn is coming is that of Spindle showing its four segmented fruits. Holm Oak also hold 'petit-pois' sized acorns, whilst seeds are held in the dangling masts of Ash and Sycamore.

Visit the Events page on our website or pick up a leaflet for more details of these and more events.

Visit the Durlston website: <https://www.durlston.co.uk/>

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This summer at the Purbeck Sports Centre in Wareham we have a whole host of activities for children of all ages to enjoy.

Activities include Shelter building and fire lighting, Tennis Camp, Football fun day, Dance Classes, Acrobatics, Intensive swimming lessons and lots, lots more!

We are also delighted to be able to offer a Monday to Thursday Active Youth Club working in collaboration with the Summer in Dorset Program Holiday activities and food program which means some of the places are fully-funded for those children entitled to benefits related free school meals.

Our 'Summer in Dorset Active Youth Club' will run Monday to Thursday

from 9am to 2pm and will include a healthy lunch catered by the brilliant All Stars Café on-site. The club is suitable for children ages 8 to 12 years and is £20 a day for those not entitled to funding.

Summer in Dorset Active Youth club runs from the 2nd to 23rd August and will include daily swimming and sports activities. Examples of which may include, Basketball, Bench ball, Mini Cricket and Rounders

To get your funding eligibility code please visit the Dorset Council website, you will need to quote your code at time of booking, please call us on 01929 500 000. Payment for paid places is required at time of booking.

Some more fun to highlight is the return of our incredible swimming pool inflatable with daily sessions throughout the summer. Plus Wipeout World are returning with an amazing outdoors extravaganza. Book tickets directly through their website.

Let's make this a summer to remember!

Swanage Bowling Club Update

Our season is in full swing with both Club and League Competitions. We have been able to play in both the Dorset and Bournemouth & District Leagues with mixed results so far. The ladies' team are so far unbeaten, whilst our Edna Paisley Dorset League team are struggling to find their form. In the mixed teams Bournemouth & District Competitions our Division 1 side are currently top of their league whilst our new team is mid table in Division 6.

Our men's triples team have won most of their matches, but the men's Dorset league did not start until late June due to Coronavirus restrictions. Full match reports are available on our website, and you can also hear more about the Club's activities on Purbeck Coast radio during the Sports

+ programme on Thursdays at 6pm. We have a Facebook page; Swanage Bowls Club, where you can also find more information.

In other news, an Open Day in June welcomed new members to our Club. We have many long-standing members and this year two of them, Mary Vye and Jean Broadbent have been awarded Honorary Life Membership in grateful recognition of their contributions to the Club over many years. Our two Captains, Linda Wallis and Brian Beeston, held a Charity Day, raising £400 for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Please contact Barrie Tatman on 01929 421162 if you are interested in joining our friendly Club, or visit our website www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk

Arts & Entertainment

Folk Fun, Music, Arts, Dancing And Smiles - At Last!



We're nearly there! It's been a long two years since the last Purbeck Valley Folk Festival, and we're all chomping at the bit to get back to Purbeck Valley Farm for some brilliant music and good times.

Festival Director Catherine Burke says: "We're so happy that we can go ahead with the festival. Last year was so quiet and lacking in music. It will be so nice to hear music, dance, and see people with huge Purbeck smiles on their faces. This will by no means be a normal festival, but it will be as normal as we can make it. We'll be following guidelines laid out by the government and Public Health England to make sure that everything is as safe as it possibly can be."

Catherine continues: "I'm so excited about this year's line-up. A few bands

from outside of the country have had to be put off until next year, but we've managed to replace them with some really exciting new bands - and we still get to look forward to the others next year!"

Purbeck Valley Folk Festival always has a brilliant selection of folk, acoustic and roots music. The line-up has had to a bit of chopping and changing as quarantining restrictions have become more clear.

Unfortunately, American bluegrass band Watkins Family Hour are now unable to come, but instead, they've convinced the Carrivick Sisters to join forces with some of their friends, bandmates from various other bands, and their spouses to for one-off bluegrass extravaganza: Carrivick Family Hour! This is going to be brilliant - never seen before, virtuosic bluegrass fun.

Other new additions to the line-up include: Grace Petrie, Buffo's Wake, Dana Immanuel & the Stolen Band, Old Baby Mackerel, Got Roper Rodeo Band and more.

The children's area is set to be absolutely amazing this year with more fun than ever - and we're not just talking about bouncy castles. PVFF have a brilliant arts and crafts tent for kids, truly fascinating and engaging storytellers, puppet shows with hurdy-gurdies (if you don't know this instrument, look it up!), a whole area of circus skills, rhyme time for babies and toddlers, a treasure hunt, Mad4Animals and loads more.

For older kids, Circus of Science bring some hands on science stuff to Purbeck. Be amazed as Frankenstein and Einstein battle in an epic duel using science as their weapons. Expect hair-raising results as they make things smoke, spark and blow things up!

Tickets will sell out this year. They are selling fast - get in quick!

Full weekend tickets are available now Adults £135, Youth £70, Children £30. Locals can use the promo code BH19 or BH20 to get a 20% discount on all tickets. For tickets and more info: www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk

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 Tickets - E6 (booking fees apply)
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 7:00pm - 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 27th & 28th August.
 3:00pm - 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th & 26th August.
 Tickets - E18 Adult, E8 Child, E28 Small Family (1 Adult & 2 Children), E44 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
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The Princess and the Pauper Drama Workshop
 11:00am - 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th & 26th August.
 Tickets - E14 - Buy tickets for workshop with your show tickets (booking fees apply)

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WHAT'S ON | JULY - AUGUST

The Cabinet Of Living Cinema - #100YearsTour



On the evening of Saturday 19th June, stoic attendees gathered in the pouring rain at the magical Avery Glade at Durlston Country Park in Swanage for an outdoor performance by the Cabinet of Living Cinema. Waterproofs, large umbrellas and bin bags were the order of the evening and after a year of few performances and a significant lack of entertainment, the rain certainly did not stop play!

The Cabinet of Living Cinema is nationally renowned for performing live scores; bringing stories to life and creating a magical atmosphere for those attending their performances. The audience gathered in the glade were eagerly awaiting the Cabinet's ten year anniversary celebration dedicated to one hundred years of European cinematic heritage.

A collection of fascinating and unusual films were shown on a projector in the gathering dusk whilst Cabinet members created a live score to accompany each film utilising musical instruments, voices and foley - the creation of sound effects utilising a wide variety of every-day objects (think the clip-clopping of horses' feet using coconut shells and you've got it!).

The selection of films chosen was mesmerising, each offering something different, with the live scores adding that extra layer to the experience. It was delightful and fascinating to see a well thought-out selection of cinema spanning an entire century brought to life when so expertly accompanied by sensitively created live scores.

The rain eventually ceased, the owls swooped and called above in the darkening skies and even the gulls seemed to join in with the scores as they settled for the night with a final screech or two. The audience was swept up in the experience in the darkening glade and although an earlier planned guided walk through the park, accompanied by live readings, did not occur due to the downpour, I think it's fair to say that the evening was enjoyed by all.

The Cabinet of Living Cinema visits Durlston once again on 30th July, so you may just have time to grab yourself the chance to see their 100 Years tour for yourself if any tickets remain!

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The first concert will be at the Swanage Bandstand on Tuesday 17th August between 10am and 6pm approx. The music will be a mix of styles – rock 'n' roll, easy listening, jazz and swing, with several bands and individual performers during the day.

Further dates will be announced shortly.

Everyone will be welcome to turn up and enjoy the music – all the musicians will be local and giving their time and skill for both the love of the music and to raise funds for charity.

All money raised will go to charity – the main charity for this first concert will be The Friends of Swanage Hospital. See our advert for details, above!

Best wishes, Andrew Cannon, Swanage

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Health & Beauty

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



This month I would like to update you on the changes that have been made to the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) service at Swanage Hospital and across all our MIUs.

The Minor Injury Units no longer offer a drop-in service. If you have a minor injury, please call us on 111. Your details will be taken and you will receive a call from one of our specialist nurses / paramedics who will give you telephone advice.

This enables the 111 service to assess your needs and point you to the right healthcare service i.e.

pharmacy, MIU, urgent treatment centres or emergency departments. If you then need to be seen face to face they will make an appointment for you, or re-direct to an appropriate service.

Swanage MIU remains open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week by appointment only (last appointment at 7.30pm).



If your condition is life threatening e.g. chest pain, severe shortness of breath, heavy blood loss or loss of consciousness then dial 999 for an ambulance.

This is part of a national directive to ensure people are seen at the right place at the right time.

One of the common complaints we encounter in the MIU during the summer is regarding tick bites (tick, pictured, left).

The best course of action is

prevention, so we advise wearing long trousers / sleeves when walking in long grass / woodland areas, and using insect repellents. After walking in these areas, regularly check for ticks, and if found remove them.

The best way to remove them is with a tick remover (available from pet shops / vets / some pharmacies and hardware shops), or tie a loop of thread under the tick and pull upwards. "Old-fashioned" remedies such as Vaseline or burning them off must be avoided.

Antibiotics are not required for tick bites, unless there are signs of Lyme Disease such as a bull's-eye rash or 'flu-like symptoms - this would generally be from day 3 to 32 post tick bite (normally occurs at about two weeks).

A good information leaflet is available here: <https://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/LDA002-9-web.pdf>

Until next time, take care, Matron Donna.



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‘Our Cancer, Our Way’

Wessex Cancer Alliance, working alongside Wessex Voices and Healthwatch Dorset have launched a new project called ‘Our Cancer Our Way’. The aim is to creatively engage with children, teenagers, young people, and their parents and carers, to understand what cancer services in our area, feel like to them and where improvements could be made. The project will be a fully co-designed effort, with involvement from a patient and carer advisory group.


“I have been working with the team to help choose the name of the project – we all voted for it actually and I like that we have been helping to create the logo and flyers too because it really makes it feel like something we belong to”, says Jasmine, one of the project’s expert advisors. Project manager, Sue Bickler from Wessex Voices adds: “Our Cancer Our Way, is all about us listening to the young people who are going or have been through the cancer journey themselves – or a parent or carer whose child has cancer, and that could be a young child, a teenager or a young adult.” She continues: “We want to know what was good, what was bad and what they would change if they could – because that is what we want to do - change the services to better meet the needs of those who use it.”

The project is looking for patients to get involved. Have you been treated for cancer in the last two years and were you aged 24 or under at the time? Parents and carers or children, teenagers and young adults from the local hospitals are welcome to get in touch to talk about their cancer experience. There are many ways you can share that experience.


Lucy Cribb from Healthwatch Dorset, is Engagement manager for the project gives a few examples: “We are not limiting the options available to you! Tell us your experience in any way you wish and that can be creative or simply by sending us an email. If you want to share a blog, vlog or diary about your cancer journey; write a story, a poem, draw a picture, sing a song or take a photo. It is your cancer experience, so tell us in your way.”

There will also be focus groups for parents to join and share their experiences, but everyone is welcome to get in touch and have a one-to-one discussion too, if they prefer. The project will then look at what people said so it can start to plan for where changes, improvements or adaptations could be made.


For more information or to get in touch and express your interest, please visit wessexcanceralliance.nhs.uk/our-cancer-our-way or email sue.bickler@helpandcare.org.uk.



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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

A decade ago we were looking forward to the stunning 'Red Orb' sculpture exhibition, Wareham Music Festival and continuing the debate with regards to off-shore wind farms..... seems like a long time ago now!

Interestingly, as Swanage Hospital has once again become a focus of public attention after the NHS directive recently put into place with regards to having to call 111 prior to going to the MIU, in our August 2011 edition we published a letter from Cherry Bartlett. Cherry had written in response to a letter in the previous edition penned by a Mr Jim Kerr, entitled 'A Secret Service?'

Mr Kerr had written in to ask what services are actually provided by the hospital as services offered seemed to be 'a secret', in his opinion. He'd called the hospital to ask them directly, but after being asked to provide his details, he refused as he was under the impression that the hospital should have given out the information he was requesting without the need for personal information. Mr Kerr stated that he had attended a public meeting with regards to the hospital on 25th May 2011 and only then had discovered that the hospital offered a Minor Injuries Unit for fourteen hours a day, six days a week (sic).

Mr Kerr reminded residents that two years previously (2009), Swanage Hospital MIU had been threatened with closure as it was not used enough..... He suggested that they increase their communication with the public, with perhaps a regular column in the local paper each month. This we now sponsor, following the wishes of our dearly departed Purbeckian friend, Roger Brown. This is not a funded column - the cost of publishing it monthly falls on the Gazette office alone. Let's hope we can continue this into the future.....

Cherry's response to Jim's letter stated the hospital's services were not a secret and the local support the hospital receives is 'second to none'. Cherry reminded readers that when the MIU was threatened with closure in 2009, the residents of the town had begun (and continued) a dedicated campaign to ensure the service was retained. Cherry's final word on the subject was to remind readers to 'use it or lose it'. Pertinent words - which still hold true today.

In our August 2011 edition, we followed-up with local couple, John and Jacqui, who had bought a clapped-out old motorhome and set off on a grand adventure. The couple wrote that they had bought a guidebook to Antwerp and had considered lying to the readers and providing all sorts of fabulous details about Antwerp. They did, however, come clean and admitted that they had not yet left Purbeck! They had decided that the MOT certificate was not lengthy enough for their intended journey, so had put her (the van!) in for an MOT, only to find she failed. A huge amount of work followed, only for her to fail once again. The couple utilised their unexpected extra time in Purbeck by spending it with family and friends before the beloved van finally passed her MOT and new horizons beckoned..... did John and Jacqui ever leave Purbeck on their grand adventure?! They did!

Our August 2011 front cover also carried an image of an offshore wind turbine. Why? Because Eneco were proposing to build an offshore wind farm off the coast of Purbeck on Crown Estate land, next to a World Heritage Site. Local engineer, Andrew Langley, took a look at the plans for us and reported back with his findings. The proposed wind farm would have taken up more space than the entire Isle of Purbeck and would have been six times the size of the world's largest operating offshore wind farm. The proposal was to erect between 150-240 turbines, each being taller than Salisbury Cathedral. The visual impact would have seen the closest turbines appearing to be 2.5 times the size of the Needles cliff on the Isle of Wight. The unobstructed horizon from between Durlston and St



Aldhelm's Head, Peveril and Swanage, would have offered substantial views of turbines, should the site have gone ahead as planned.

Andrew (not actually being against the idea of wind farms), proposed a slight alteration to the planned area to be 'farmed' which would have had less of a visual impact from this important heritage coastline. The map on the left shows the proposed farm area (shaded grey). Andrew's proposed small alteration to the specific site can be seen in the dashed area, which would have significantly changed the visual impact of the farm.

At the time of publishing his comments in August 2011, Andrew remarked that Eneco had already apparently completed a public consultation - one which most of the public seemed to be completely unaware of. They announced broad support for the planned farm. Residents were encouraged to continue to write in with their comments, although the wind farm was expected to go ahead as planned.

Folk in Wareham town reported they were getting ready for an exciting new event - Wareham's own music festival! This was due to be the third incarnation of the festival and was held over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The festival offered a range of live music performances around Wareham, with sponsors helping to put the festival on.

None of the venues charged an admittance fee, therefore making the festival accessible to everyone. The two major venues were the Town Hall (Corn Exchange) and Wareham Quay. Every public house also joined in, making it a real town-wide event. The organisers asked our readers: 'What's better than live music?' Answer: 'More live music!'. Great that the team from Wareham Wednesdays in more recent years have somewhat picked up the mantle and have arranged for some really fabulous musical events live on the Quay, free for all to attend - we can't wait until the WW team are able to get back on track and hopefully, once we are more able to live with Covid-19, we'll all be meeting up once again on Wareham Quay to sing, dance and have a fabulous time together!

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 SEPT is noon, 9th AUG

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.

AUGUST 2021

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
 09.30 **Under 2.5 years old group.** Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.
 09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15
 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
 10.30 **Flowers with Liz** at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
 13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm
 13.00 **Under 1s and Tums** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm
 14.00 **Pins and Needles** at Harmans Cross VH.
 14.00 **Swanage Digital Champions.** Support people in the community to use the internet and gain basic online skills. Booking essential on 01929 423485.
 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
 14.00 **Swanage Disabled Club** meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.
 16.00 **Colour Me Happy.** Adult colouring session at Swanage Library. Drop in.
 16.45 **Soccer Skills** Sw FC First Sch childn £1 Till 5.45. 425175
 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
 19.00 **Wareham Choral Society** meet URC Meeting House, Church St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome.
 19.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm
 19.00 **Whist.** Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733
 19.00 **Purbeck Chess Club.** Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Steve Peirson on 01929 552504.
 19.30 **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 Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
 20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.
 20.00 **Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo**

EVERY TUESDAY

- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
 09.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.
 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.
 09.30 **Kiddies Corner Mother & Toddler Group** (term time only) No fee - donations welcome. Purbeck Gateway Church. 551415
 09.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.
 09.30 **First Steps Parent & Toddlers' Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.30am during term time. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours.
 10.00 **Men & Women's Mixed Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 11.30am. Call Nick on: 07745 907509
 10.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11.30am.
 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
 10.00 **Sandford Toddlers** at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.
 10.00 **Short Tennis** at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175
 10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 103 High St. Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances. Until 12 noon.
 10.30 **Adult Line Dance Class.** FREE taster session at D'Urberville Centre, Wool. Till 11.30am with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadibelius@gogglemail.com
 10.30 **Employment Hub at Swanage Library.** Until 12.30pm. Book via Skills dn Learning on 01202 262300.
 10.30 **Swanage Walking for Health Group** starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafont. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 481000
 10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.

- 11.30 **New Adult Latin American & Ballroom Dance Class** for beginners. FREE taster session at D'Urberville Centre, Wool. Till 12.30pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadibelius@gogglemail.com
 12.00 **Nature Tots (0-4yrs)** at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm.
 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
 14.00 **Swanage Walking for Health Group.** Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.
 14.00 **Swanage Town Walk.** Local historian takes walks lasting 90 minutes. Meet outside the Museum in the 'Square'. No charge but voluntary contributions welcome.
 14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5
 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night (Yr 8+)** Till 10
 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 8.30pm
 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
 19.00 **Wareham Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
 19.00 **New Adult Line Dance Class.** FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 8pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadibelius@gogglemail.com
 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 **Women's Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 9pm. Call Nick on: 07745 907509
 19.30 **Sw & Langton Folk Dance Club** Langton VH. Ffi: 421913
 19.00 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 425074.
 19.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until 9pm. Over 18s only. Call John C. on: 07970 500357 Ffi.
 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 **Adult Dance Classes.** Modern Line dance. Until 11.30am. At St Edward's Church hall, Swanage. Ffi: 01202 243803 or see: www.purbeckdancestudio.co.uk
 10.30 **Play and Learn** at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
 10.30 **Books and More** - at Swanage Library. Reading & discussion group.
 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston til, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class,** now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s Training** til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s Training** til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
 18.00 **Table Tennis** at Harmans Cross Village Hall. All ages & abilities welcome. Coaching given. Till 8pm or later. Ffi: 424591
 18.30 **Sw & Wm Hockey Club Junior (6-14yrs)** Training, Wm Sports Centre. Until 7.30pm. Email: swanagewarehamhockey@outlook.com
 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552046
 19.00 **Swanage Depression Support group.** We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at the Lower Hall, Salvation Army, Kings Rd East, Sw. BH19 1ES, until 9pm. Ffi: Nick on: 07766352062 or email: nickviney@hotmail.com or call Mary on: 01929426896.
 19.00 **Wareham Depression Support group.** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at Not Just Sundaes, South Street, Wareham. BH20, until 9pm. Ffi: John: 01929556315 or 07871 727278 or email: johnoneil905@yahoo.co.uk
 19.00 **Swanage Town Band** meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.

- 19.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until 9pm. Under 16s-18s only. Call John P. on: 07725 567541 Ffi.
- 19.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at Beach Gardens Pavillion, Sw.
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 19.30 **Sw & Wm Hockey Club (13+ years)** Training, Wm Sports Centre. Till 9pm. Email: swanagewarehamhockey@outlook.com
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+)** Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Carey Crafters** meet every Thursday at Carey Hall, Mistover Road, until 12.30pm (come anytime between). No age or gender restriction. All crafts welcome we have a wide variety!. Come along and share your craft or learn a new one! Contact Donna on 07870 993311 or Helen on 07368 352737 ffi.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 09.30 **Adult Dance Classes.** Latin American & Ballroom dance. Until 10.30am. At the Wareham Scout & Guide Hut, N. Bestwall Rd, Wareham. BH20 4HX. Ffi: 01202 243803 or see: www.purbeckdancesstudio.co.uk
- 10.00 **Wyvern Savings & Loan Credit Union** opens until 12 noon at Not Just Sundaes, South Street, Wareham, opposite the Library. A secure place to save and loans available at fair rates. Call in for a cuppa and a chat, or call 01305 268444.
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 103 High St. Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances. Until 12 noon.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urville 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 our about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Trait, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. 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.
- 11.30 **New Adult Line Dance Class.** FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 12.30pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadibelius@googlemail.com
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.00 **Wareham Area Men's Shed** meets at Purbeck Connect, Sandford Lane, Wm. Ffi: call Chris on 554758, Harold on 792591 or Mike on 288045
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 13.00 **New Adult Latin American & Ballroom Dance Class for beginners.** FREE taster session at Corfe Castle VH. Till 2pm with fully qualified instructor. All Covid-19 safety measures in place. Call Donna: 01202 243803 or email: donnadibelius@googlemail.com
- 14.00 **Swanage Town Walk.** Local historian takes walks lasting 90 minutes. Meet outside the Museum in the 'Square'. No charge but voluntary contributions welcome.
- 14.00 **Wareham Happy Cafe.** Friendly conversation, talks, activities and some fun to put a spring in your step! Everyone welcome. Held at the Not Just Sundaes Cafe in South Street, Wareham. BH20 4LU. From 5th March 2020 onwards. FREE. Until 3.30pm.
- 14.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at Purbeck New Wave Gallery, 25 Commercial Rd, Sw. BH19 1DF. till 9pm.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club** Circuit Training at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **Over 40s Men's Walking Football Club** at Swanage Football Club. Come and try! All levels welcome, even if you've never played before. Come and join in or just come along to watch a very friendly group of people playing football. Until 8.30pm. Call Nick on: 07745 907509
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
- 19.15 **Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind** players welcome. 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 David Fawcett, at St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage. Sept-May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club Youth Action** (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 08.45 **Coffee @ 112 - Drop In For Coffee!** Catch up with friends at 112 High Street (United Reformed Church) in Sw. Cake and bacon butties. Fair trade stall. Donations for 'Besom in Purbeck' and church funds.
- 09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30am. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 **Wareham Area Men's Shed** meets at Purbeck Connect, Sandford Lane, Wm. Ffi: call Chris on 554758, Harold on 792591 or Mike on 288045
- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club Sw FC** All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 10.30 **Do you want to volunteer in Swanage?** Meet the team at the Volunteer Bureau in Swanage Library! Until 12.30pm.
- 11.00 **Swanage Library Rhyme Time,** ages 0-4, until 11.30am.
- 11.00 **Toddler Time For Under 5s And Carers.** Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Meet at Furzebrook Village Hall. New members welcome to come along and meet us!
- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9)** Till 8
- 18.00 **Purbeck Youth Choir** at the United Reformed Church Hall, Sw. 8-18 years old. Till 7pm. Ffi: Jay Buckle on: 07947 866945
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 9.30pm.
- 19.30 **Informal Lesbian Social Group** meets each Friday for fun, laughter and to make new friends. Ffi, contact Karen by email at: outinpurbeck@gmail.com
- 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 **Lego and Megablok Mayhem** at Swanage Library, until 12 noon.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- 09.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 8+ mile run.
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.00 **Give Rugby A Try! FREE!** at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Rd, Wm. We're looking for new players, so come and have a go! Until noon. Under 6s-16s only. Call Claire on: 07799 842225 Ffi.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.
- 13.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 2.30pm
- 14.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 4.30pm.
- 19.00 **Quiz Night with cash prizes** at the Red Lion, High Street, Swanage. All welcome - come along and see if you can win the prize pot!
- 19.00 **Alcoholics Anonymous Wareham.** Until 8.15pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. Call 07855 536039 or email: warehamsunday@gmail.com for details of meeting location and so on.

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