

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome to the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust's March Newsletter. Please pass this newsletter onto your colleagues, friends and neighbours.

On the inside front page you can see two examples of what makes our Purbeck community the wonderful place it is to live. The first is The Swanage Food Bank which describes their temporary difficult situation amid its successful vital support to the hard-pressed in our community and the second is the dramatic but inspiring report from the Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership. Of course there are other reports from across the Purbeck area, including the very busy Corfe Castle and Langton Matravers communities. If you and your club, society or organisation would like to add your activities reported and or publicised then please let us know in good time for our next issue.

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WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

Although most of Swanage Food Bank (SFB) updates have shown only seasonal changes, I'm sorry to report that this one is very different, and quite a shocking one at first reading. The Salvation Army H.Q. has decided to close the whole building as the church will join with Swanage Methodists; but Swanage Food Bank's lease to use the Lower Hall expires on 31st March 2024 and will have to quit the premises.

This is not a local decision and is based on cutting the costs of heating, lighting, etc. We understand that this is a financial decision and are grateful that we have been allowed to use the facilities with only a small cost to cover overheads. However, the work of SFB is too crucial in our community to come to an end. Fortunately, Churches Together in Swanage are agreed about that and have supported us at this difficult time.

Swanage URC is the only church which is able to accommodate Swanage Food Bank, and the Elders and congregation have generously agreed to our temporary use of a back hall which is rarely occupied. So our next task is for SFB Trustees to form a contract with the URC which will be mutually satisfactory. Obviously, a relocation of this kind involves much clearing of equipment from the URC room in question, and much packing up of our stocks and shelving, etc.

**Swanage
Food Bank**



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We will be very grateful for volunteered 'muscle power' when our date of moving has been ascertained. If we are evicted on 31st March, this coincides with Easter weekend which could add to our difficulty in recruiting helpers. Hopefully, the S.A. will show some leniency and allow us an extra week or two. We can only hope and pray this will be the outcome.

SFB is thankful to all in the community whose financial support has enabled our service and we trust that this will continue. All donations which are gift-aided by tax payers enables charities like ours to recoup a sizeable amount from HMRC. So a double blessing! Thanks, too, to everyone who gives items of food, often using the SFB Food Bins in Swanage Stores. With Easter approaching, our client families are always pleased to receive chocolate eggs and treats.

May you all enjoy a peaceful and joyful Easter.

Pauline Werba - Chair of Swanage Food Bank

**Swanage Community
Defibrillator Partnership**
Keep the heart of Swanage beating




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YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN! – A great team approach

As a founder member of the Swanage Community Defib Partnership (SCDP) which we started almost 10 years ago, I have never had to put the skills and knowledge I have into practice, in a non-hospital setting, until one recent Sunday morning when I attended a local church service.

The team work I witnessed that morning from Church members was exemplary when a member of the congregation collapsed and needed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

A 999 call was made and the near-by Defibrillator accessed. Thankfully the person recovered and was transferred to Poole hospital by Ambulance.

The calm and professional approach by everyone involved during this worrying time was heartwarming and just reminds us that 'you never know when' a similar situation may occur so please do find out where your nearest defib is situated and take up our SCDP offer to attend a defib. familiarisation session – new sessions will be available in March.

Whilst writing I would like to thank one of our local volunteer First Responders, Jonathan Greetham, who is retiring from his position within the Salvation Army and leaving the Swanage area in the near future. Jonathan leaves a great legacy of emergency care for us in Purbeck, has worked closely with us in SCDP and thankfully was present at the above Church service!

Thank you Jonathan and your fellow team members for all you do and have done to support the local area.

Maggie Hardy SCDP



Updates from the National Trust

Busy beavers!

Yes, that's exactly what we've been since we discovered that beavers have arrived in Little Sea, Studland. We only found out about them in January when we saw evidence around the lake of felled and gnawed trees. Our trail cameras have since established that there are at least two – it's been tricky to get any clear footage because beavers are nocturnal.

Since the news broke, Gen Crisford, our Project Officer for wetlands, has led on the investigations, and is looking at what we need to do to ensure their well-being. You might remember that Gen was leading on the project to release beavers into the wild in Purbeck – but we were waiting for a licence for an unenclosed release from Defra.



Beavers. Photo: Terry Bagley



Felled birch. Photos: Gen Crisford

Exciting though it is, we're asking that members of the public don't go looking for the beavers at present due to the risk of disturbing them. Once they are settled, we'll be looking at ways we can safely enable others to experience them, initially via virtual footage.

Fencing along Ferry Road, Studland

You might have noticed that new gates and fencing have been erected along Ferry Road. This is so we can extend the grazing area on the dunes. The irony is that we are using a 'no fence' system, where cattle roam within areas of virtual fencing. GPS collars emit a warning sound if the animal gets near a boundary. But our insurance requires us to have physical fences along the road because of the risk to life if the GPS collars fail.

Cathy Lewis, the National Trust

Although we know this site is highly suitable for beavers, but we didn't introduce them ourselves. They are already colonising waterways across Dorset so they could have got there by natural dispersal, or it could have been an unauthorised release.

So what happens now? Beavers are a native species, so we aren't required to remove them from Little Sea. We're working with partner organisations and stakeholders on the management of the site now that beavers are present. We're also still keen to gain a licence for a 'wild' release, to ensure a viable breeding population of beavers on Little Sea.

Many species benefit from the habitats that beavers create and there is also evidence that they can play a role in helping manage flood risk, help with drought resilience and improve water quality.



Cow with GPS collar. Photo: Rebecca Eddy



6th February meeting

We presented cheques for £777 to each of our chosen charities for 2022-2023. These were Livability – Millie College based at Holton Heath - and The Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery.

We were delighted that both organisations sent representatives to explain about their work so we could fully appreciate how our money will help their service users.

Jon from the Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery explained about their transport service provided by volunteer drivers to take patients to their hospital and GP appointments. There is a small voluntary donation made by those that can afford it and all monies go back to the surgery to support all patients. The last purchase was for a replacement defibrillator made possible by donations from the funerals of two ladies from the village that were both members of Aquarius.

'The friends of Corfe Castle Surgery' would welcome drivers with their own cars to volunteer to drive patients to the doctors or hospital. For more information either ring Kathy Morris on 01929 425890 or visit the website <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/organisations/727/corfe-castle-friends-of-the-surgery>.

John and Annabel from Livability Millie College (and their therapy puppy Hugo) explained how learners with the most complex needs are able to progress through the enterprise-based learning offered. The College is in a SSSI site and has many events during the year when the public can visit and engage in the activities that support the learning of the students or just wander the site to appreciate its environment and tranquility. The enterprise areas are horticulture, conservation, animal care and catering. 20223

'Millie College at Holton Heath' would also welcome volunteers and to find out more about this please contact Millie College <https://www.livabilitymilliecollege.org.uk/contact-us/>

5th March 2024

This will be our Annual General Meeting and we have an exciting Easter Bunny 'Drive' planned and there will be prizes. Easter hats and bunny ears are welcome but not obligatory!

Saturday 20th April – Aquarius Spring Fayre in Corfe Castle Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00.

New Members – we are a friendly lot so come and join us!

Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and we have a fun and sociable afternoon. Visitors welcome at £3 per meeting

We have a good selection of interesting speakers and our satellite groups include walkers, strollers, lunch club, 2 book groups and a textile group.

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102

What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

HXVH Playground

We start with the news that we have opened our new play equipment for younger children. Huge thanks for the support we have received from Perenco and Worth Matravers Parish Council and it's a wonderful addition to the playground.

Booking the Hall

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our new Bookings Guru is Kelly King. There's loads of information available on the 'Make a Booking' section of our website and you can check availability using the online calendar which is always kept up to date. Kelly can be contacted on either 07384 848 419 or email at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk.

Movie Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm, admission just £5

We are saving paper, ink and printing costs by just noting dates of Movie Nights going forward, but reviews and trailers can still be found on the Movie Nights section of our website.

Tuesday 12 March – Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning

Tuesday 9 April – My Sailor, My Love

Coffee Junction – in the small meeting room from 10.30am

Thursday 7 and 21 March

Thursday 4 and 18 April

HXVH Church – 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Sunday 17 March and Sunday 21 April

Alison and the HXVH Committee



HARMANS CROSS
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 12th March 2024
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE DEAD RECKONING



Doors and bar at 7 pm - Film at 7.30pm
Tickets for sale on the door only - £5.00

Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society



The committee have been very busy working on updating our constitution, following advice from the Dorset Museums Advisor, Vicky de Wit, and the Charity Commission. Membership is slowly growing: please consider joining us if you aren't already a member (see website for further details). www.langtonmatravermuseum.org

The last 2 talks for this season are:

29th February 2024: “**Purbeck and the English Civil War in Dorset, 1642 - 1646**” (note enhanced title !), by Anthony Moore. Mr Moore explains: “Purbeck, with its two fortified sites of Wareham and Corfe, was strategically important to both sides in the English Civil War for control of the coast, ports and economic resources of the area. The talk puts local events in Purbeck in the context of what was happening in Dorset and nationally. It will identify local leaders and families on both sides and explain their motivation and roles. It will then go on to describe the key events and outcomes and how they related to the ebb and flow of the war across Dorset and the rest of the kingdom. The English Civil War was a very bloody conflict and killed more people per capita than the Great War (1914 -1918) and inevitably left its scars on every community including Purbeck.”

Thursday 21st March 2024: **Life, Death and Feasting : 7000 years of Occupation at Football Field, Worth Matravers**, by Lilian Ladle.

Both talks are in Langton Village Hall at 7.30 (doors open 7pm.). We look forward to seeing you at these events.

The Museum will re-open on April 1st, featuring in the ‘Local History’ room a display to commemorate the D-Day Anniversary in June. There will be the Radar exhibit, and documents and artefacts which show a little about what life was like for Langton people in WWII, including gas masks and an ARP warden’s tin hat, as worn by Bill Pertwee in ‘Dad’s Army’. We are planning to display some of the extensive collection of blacksmith-made artefacts (locks, farm tools etc) in late June/July, with demonstrations by a local blacksmith outside the Museum, and hope to encourage school parties to attend: see website and posters for details of dates nearer the time. August/September is earmarked for a Textiles exhibition.

We are still looking for temporary dry storage space for some of our collection: if you think that you might be able to help, please get in touch through the website contact form, or speak to Daryle or me.

Daryle Pearson and Mary Sparks, Publicity and Communications, LMLHPS

Purbeck and the English Civil War in Dorset, 1642 -46



THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024
7.30pm
Langton Matravers Village Hall
Speaker: Anthony Moore, BA (Hons) History

SWANAGE PAINTING CLUB



Coffee Morning

Thursday 7th March 2024

Mini Exhibition of Paintings and Cards for Sale



At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage

Entrance is free and all welcome

Our club members will be painting during the morning so anyone interested in joining the club will get an insight into our regular

Thursday morning sessions.

Tea/Coffee and Cakes on sale

OPEN 10.00 to 12.00am

For More Information about joining our club contact our secretary jwilby1111@gmail.com

FEBRUARY FOR LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

20mph: Many years ago the community started lobbying for a 20mph speed limit through the Parish. Four to five years ago the Parish Council became involved and as of 31st January 2023 Dorset Council approved the application and Langton Matravers became the first village in the Dorset Council area to be granted a 20mph speed limit. We have all worked hard to achieve this goal and consistently navigated our way through conditions set out by Dorset Council. This has cost the Parish Council a lot of time and money but we achieved the desired outcome. This Council and the Parish owes a debt of gratitude to all the work, not just by Council members, but by the unflagging support of the volunteers, of the community speed watch team, and letters of support from residents. However, there is one person who's determination, energy, enthusiasm, and constant communication has been the driving force behind our bid. An official vote of thanks to Cllr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle as a token of our appreciation.

Local Activity Providers: Before the main monthly Parish Council meeting, 4 local activity providers and the National Trust came to explain how the providers run their business in and around Langton Matravers. The activity providers were Brenscombe Outdoor Centre, Cumulus Outdoors, Key School & Land and Wave.

Tom Clarke from the National Trust stated the National Trust feel it is important to ensure the countryside around us is open and accessible to all. All Activity providers that use National Trust land, such as Dancing Ledge are licensed and agree / sign a agreement to work within an expected code of conduct.

After the activity providers had introduced themselves, Councillors and residents had the opportunity to ask questions. The main concerns raised were Highways issues and specifically coaches, and access to the area for residents.

In regards to Highways three of the four activity providers all use the same coach company and all work in the same way: The coach will come into the village to drop off the children. The coach then drives to Swanage to park up. There will be an approximate collection time arranged with the coach company, but this is only used as guidance, the coach WILL NOT turn up at the estimated collection time and sit and wait. When the group are on their way back from the activity, an instructor will call the coach driver directly to let them know they are on route and nearly ready for collection. At this point the coach will leave Swanage and drive to the designated pick up point in Langton Matravers, which is the designated bus stop area. If the children are not at the bus stop when the coach arrives, or vice versa, there is usually only a minute or two wait.

In regards to residents access to the area, it was asked if a timetable showing when the providers would be in the area could be available for residents, so that they can plan their day, if they so choose to visit the area when they know there will be no activity providers using the area. Tom from the National Trust was confident this could happen and would look into it. It was noted no activity provider is licensed to use the Seacombe area.

Highways issues around the parish: The Parish Council have no power to fix Highways issues. We have no greater power with Dorset Council then residents, in fact residents in their numbers have greater power over Dorset Council than the Parish Council. If you spot an issue on the Highways please report it directly to Dorset Council via their portal. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>.

Planning Matters: Application No P/FUL/2023/07409, **Location:** Englishcombe East Drove Langton Matravers BH19 3HF, **Proposal:** Demolish existing bungalow and erect new dwelling, **Comment:** Full support. Impressed with the design and materials. Thanked the applicants for doing the pre ap, plus coming to council to explain.

Application No: P/CLE/2024/00082. **Location:** The Ship Inn Langton Matravers BH19 3EU. **Proposal:** Continued Residential use. **Comment:** Objection on the grounds of the lack of previous planning development plans and time taken for this application. The lack of marketing of the property when first on the open market was discussed, including no sale board was ever placed.

Application No: P/VOC/2023/07522, P/VOC/2023/07502 & P/FUL/2023/07355, **Location:** Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP, **Proposal:** Extraction of Viviparus and Burr Limestones and restoration to deciduous native woodland (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0167 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

Comment: Langton Matravers Parish Council support these applications as LMPC support the historic local trade.

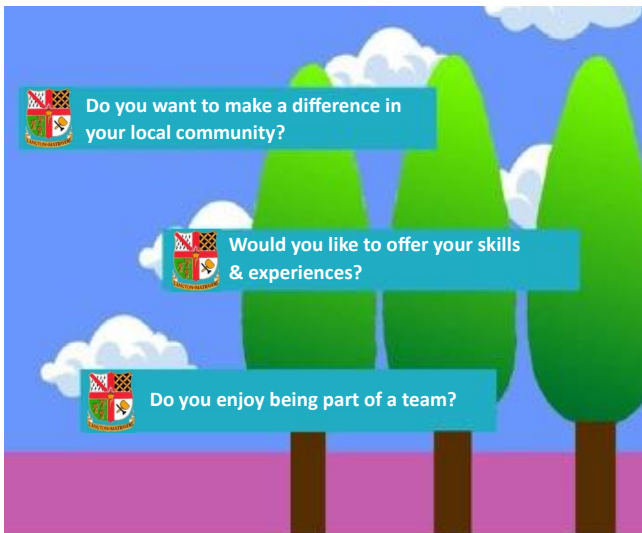
Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

Life as a Councillor: Do you want to know more about "Life as a Councillor"? Langton Matravers Parish Council are holding 2 drop in session, where you can talk freely and openly to an existing Councillor. The Clerk will also be available to guide you through filling in your nomination paper.

The first drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 12th March 2024** from **2pm until 3pm**. The second drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 14th March 2024** from **5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Shortly followed by the monthly Council meeting, so why not stay and see what it is all about.

Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th March 2024 in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. During the meeting there is a public session, so please come and join us to have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors) Clerk: Michelle Harrington, [Email: clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk), Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: www.langtonmatravers-pc.org



Join Langton Matravers Parish Council

By standing for election on Thursday 2nd May 2024

If you care about where you live and are
Passionate about your community,

WE NEED YOU

To find out more contact the Clerk: Michelle Harrington
Email: Clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk
Call: 01929 425100

M.U.S.I.C. CHARITY EVENTS

(Music Unlimited for Swanage Independent Charities)



LIVE MUSIC: SWING EASY TOO
(4-piece band, vocalists) plus Guests

DATE	VENUE	START TIME (usually for 2 hours...)
Fri 05 Jan 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30
Tue 30 Jan 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Fri 02 Feb 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30
Tue 06 Feb 24	Newton Manor Hall, Swanage **	2.00
Tue 13 Feb 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Fri 01 Mar 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30
Tue 05 Mar 24	Newton Manor Hall, Swanage **	2.00
Tue 19 March 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Fri 05 Apr 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30
Tue 09 Apr 24	Newton Manor Hall, Swanage **	2.00
Tue 30 April 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Fri 03 May 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30
Tue 07 May 24	Newton Manor Hall, Swanage **	2.00
Tue 21 May 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Tue 18 June 24	Grand Hotel Swanage	12.15
Fri 21 Jun 24	Orchard Café, Holme Nurseries	12.30

VENUE FOR 4 DATES: **NEWTON MANOR HALL(170 High Street, Swanage)
ENTRANCE ON HIGH ST, OPP. COW LANE. **NOT THE MANOR !!** Tel: 07827-892893



So, Happy Readers, what is Double Act up to this month?

Rehearsals continue for **'This Secret Isle'** up to the end of March. Although casting is provisionally sorted **any young man keen to get involved with some acting will be very welcome to join us.** We will resume rehearsals after The Shaftesbury Tales has run (or walked?) its course, and continue through the autumn. Performances will be November 21st-23rd in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

In April the next stage of **The Shaftesbury Tales** will swing into action. The writing competition winning entries will provide Double Act with a Tale to develop into a short play which we will rehearse through the Summer Term, ready for performance in St Edward's Church Corfe Castle, and possibly Wareham Church as well, in July.

On March 18th we will hold our **AGM**. All members and friends are encouraged to attend, but anyone else is welcome too, though not in a voting role. Every attempt will be made to keep it as short as possible, because we are following it with a sort of **workshop** aimed at helping actors learn lines. For some (not many!) it is not too challenging, but for many others it is really difficult. We will offer some new ideas and tips, as well as sharing other ideas from members. We aim to make it fun! Come along at 7pm to Corfe Castle Village Hall, and join in!

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007 - or email doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com.

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!



THE SHOUT CONCERT

(celebrating 200 years of the RNLI)

23	February	Swanage	Durleston Castle
01	March	Highcliffe, Christchurch	St Mark's Church Hall
15	March	Poole	Waterfront Suite, RNLI College
22	March	Poundbury, Dorchester	Brownswold Hall
19	April	Weymouth	Holy Trinity Church

For information and tickets, please email: wareham.whalers@gmail.com



Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

The PPG last met on 16 January, when Dr McIntosh joined us. We will next be meeting on 19 March. You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings, on the Practice website at: www.swanagemedical.org.uk.

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact **Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager**, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com.

Medicine Waste Campaign

A new campaign has been launched to reduce the amount of medicines wasted each year in Dorset.

Why is this important?

- Unused medicines expire.
- Stockpiling medicines worsens drug shortages.
- Stockpiles of medicines kept at home can be dangerous for children and pets.
- When you dispose of medicines properly, by handing them in to your pharmacy, you are helping to make sure that waste medicines do not pollute our rivers and seas.

What we can do

Everyone can help tackle medicines waste:

- Only order what you need.
- Open your prescription bag before leaving the pharmacy to make sure you only have what you need - if you return an item before you leave the pharmacy, the medicines can be reused.
- Let your pharmacy team know if you have stopped taking any of your medicines.

Pharmacy First

You can now get prescription-only treatment for the following seven common conditions at your local pharmacy without needing to see a GP.

- Sinusitis (for patients aged 12 years and over only)
- Sore throat (aged 5+)
- Earache (aged 1 year-17)
- Infected insect bite (aged 1 year+)
- Impetigo (aged 18 years+)
- Shingles (aged 18 years+)
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (women aged 16 to 64)

If you are feeling unwell with any of these conditions, you can go to your local Pharmacy and ask for a private consultation with the pharmacist. You may also be referred by the Practice or by NHS111.

Both the Boots and Well pharmacies in Swanage are participating in this new scheme.

Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Dr Margaret Guy)
Chair
Swanage Medical Practice PPG

February 2024

FEBRUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting format: Over the last couple of years attendance to the Annual Parish Meeting has been modest! This either means we are doing a great job(!) or the event is not what you want it to be.

We are thinking this year, we will try something a bit different, possible have an informal session with local organisations / groups invited to have a table, so you can talk to whomever you wish, followed by a short presentation from the Parish Council on future plans.

Volunteer Certificate of Thanks: We are also thinking of introducing an award for volunteers. We appreciate we have so many wonderful people / groups out there who do so much for our parish that we would like to formally recognise and thank them. If you have any suggestions on what / who you would like to see at the Annual Parish Meeting or if you would like to nominate a volunteer or volunteer group, please contact the clerk by 5th April. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available too!

National Trust: The National Trust have given warning of possible Highways disruption from March 4th for three weeks, whilst the roof to the Old Stables on the A351 hill leading up to the Square is replaced.

BBC Springwatch from Corfe Castle! Watch out for live coverage of the two existing peregrine nest sites within the Castle.

Playground: You will have noticed by now there has been a few new ideas within the playground. It was with sadness the old rocking horse had to go, but the Parish Council acknowledges everything has a safe usable life span and unfortunately after approx. 30 years the rocking horse had to go to pastures new! The new equipment seems to be well received by young and old alike, as when I visited just the other day, there was a family on the new 4-seater see-saw and 2 children taking it in turns to bounce on the trampoline.

Armed Forces Covenant: Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to support the Armed Forces Covenant. It is appreciated that although there is not much physically the Parish Council can offer, but what we can offer is our support and acknowledgement to all those brave men and women within our parish who have served to help keep us safe.

No Mow Area: The Parish Council have supported a request from the Environment group to once again this year have a “No Mow Area” running along the Eastern boundary of the playing field. Individual access routes to the rear of the properties bordering the field will be maintained for access.

Gods Acre Prohibited items: New rules and regulations for Gods Acre have now been in place for just over a year. They have been displayed both on the website and on the cemetery gates. We stated we would start to enforce the rules once everyone had had a chance to read and adhere to them. From 1st March 2024 to 1st March 2025, prohibited items will be removed. Broken items will be disposed of, and items not broken will be re-located into the shed for safe keeping. Owners can call 01202 670105 to arrange collection. After the 1st March 2025 all items unclaimed or prohibited will be discarded.

20mph Consultation: As project lead, Cllr Blinkhorn has written a separate report explaining the results of the survey and the Parish Council’s decisions.

Becoming a Councillor: Do you know by becoming a Councillor you will have input into your community in so many ways? For example: What play equipment should we have; and should we apply for a 20mph limited? Along with so many other projects across the parish. If you are thinking you could be a Councillor, why not attend the March meeting and see what a difference you could make.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 11th March 2024, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. We will be discussing drones over the Parish and the Sandbanks Ferry Company’s wish to increase charges above agreed levels.

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MARTYN’S LAW - Are you ready?

Martyn’s Law will require premises to fulfil necessary but proportionate steps, according to their capacity, to help keep the public safe. It is named in tribute to Martyn Hett who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. This law will affect our Pubs, our Village Hall and other Community Assets

The Home Office has launched a six-week consultation please read and have your say on what will affect you.

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/>

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VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR

We have so many wonderful voluntary groups within our Parish and the Parish Council would like to thank each and every one of them, so we are launching a new yearly Volunteer of the Year Award. We would like residents to nominate a volunteer or group who you feel has gone above and beyond, gone that extra mile.

If you would like to nominate a volunteer or a group for the Parish Council Volunteer of the Year award, please contact the Clerk stating why you feel the group should be recognised or even win the award. Nominations can be email to the Clerk

clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Recognising those that make a difference in our community is important.



Rewilding Britain's Schools

Lesley Malpas Founder & CEO of [Operation Future Hope](#)
& Author of [The Rewilding Manual for Schools](#)

Tuesday 27th February 7.30pm in Worth Matrovers Village Hall

A key focus of Lesley's talk will be about Rewilding Britain's Schools and empowering young people to reconnect with nature and shape the future. A key focus of her talk will be the importance of engaging children within their school environment - much of the presentation is also relevant to our own gardens / public spaces.

[Planet Purbeck](#) & [The Wild Purbeck partnership](#) will be talking about how Purbeck's society can be re-built around a nature-rich environment in which people and wildlife can thrive. Plus, they'll be unveiling an exciting new initiative; The Nature Pledge - for all Children and Young People in Purbeck.

Plus... Lesley will be selling candles and signed copies of her book: '[The Rewilding Manual for Schools](#) : A guide to restoring nature in your school grounds'

And ... by popular demand there will be another opportunity to enjoy a delicious local venison stew, vegan coconut curry and Worth-made sourdough bread - YUM!

How to book your FREE place?

Please contact Kathy Hollidge on 07493 199665 or Kathy.hollidge@gmail.com.
Pssst... Cash donations welcomed for food and drink.

Event organised by [Sustainable Worth](#), supported by [Planet Purbeck](#)



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. ... Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



This is still a very unsettling time. It is stressful for many people in many new ways. Some people turn to alcohol to help them cope and get through it. This can be more of a danger than a help to some of us. If you think you have a problem with alcohol we can help:

IF DRINK IS COSTING YOU MORE THAN MONEY then we can help you.
Please telephone our free Helpline today: 0800 917 7650

Citizens Advice Here to Help with Winter Worries

Swanage and Purbeck residents are reminded that there is help and support available this winter:

Alternative Fuel Grant

You may be eligible for financial support to help with your energy costs if you

- Have no mains gas and use coal, oil, wood or gas bottles to heat your home
- Live in a park home
- Live in a house with multiple occupation (HMO)
- Are from the traveller community

Visit our website www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk for more information, or call into our outreaches and offices where an adviser can help. You can also visit our Advice Bus at Swanage Market, Friday 10am-12pm. No appointment is necessary.



Energy Advice

Many people are feeling anxious and worried about paying their energy bills. Our energy advisers can help if you are struggling. We can check to see if you are eligible for extra income or benefits and we can also offer energy saving tips and advice. To speak to an energy adviser, call the Energy Line on 01929 775500, leave a message and someone will return your call. Or email: energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Debt & Money Worries

If, like many, you have debts and find you can't afford to reduce these after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. Don't feel you have to manage your situation alone. Our debt advice is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

We also hold free Income Maximisation advice sessions by appointment at locations across Dorset. Specialist advisers are able to advise on a range of money-related topics with the aim of helping people to budget and manage finances more confidently.

For more information about Citizens Advice services visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or to speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline Freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.





PUCCINI
Messa di Gloria
with HANDEL | MOZART | ROSSINI | BIZET

Saturday 23rd March
at 6.30pm
St Mary's Church,
Swanage

conductor: David Fawcett

Tickets: £12 in advance from Corbens or tel. 01929 481419
www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk



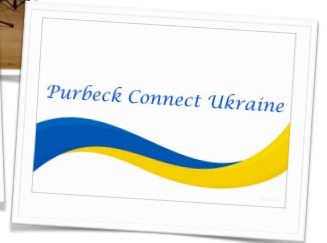
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Fundraising in aid of Purbeck Connect Ukraine



Newton Manor Hall
have kindly offered to donate
the collection from their

Open Mic Night
to
Purbeck Connect
Ukraine



Thursday 29 February 2024

Doors open at 7:15 pm for a 7:30 pm start

Newton Manor Hall, 170 High St, Swanage, BH19 2PF

Come along — Enjoy the music — Soak in the atmosphere —
Support our Ukrainian guests

Update on Hospital Services

February 2024

On 27 November there was a meeting at Swanage Hospital between senior managers of Poole and Bournemouth hospitals, of Swanage and Wareham hospitals, the Integrated Care Board, who fund all Dorset NHS services, Swanage Town and Corfe Parish Councillors, Chairs of Friends of Swanage and Wareham Hospitals and representatives of Defend Dorset NHS residents group.

The meeting followed Swanage Town Council's letter, which raised a wide range of concerns, that were handed to representatives of the acute and community hospitals at the NHS Dorset event at the Mowlem in June 2023. NHS Dorset responded to this letter in September however a number of areas need further clarification,

The meeting opened with Siobhan Harrington, the Chief Executive of University Hospitals Dorset (Poole and Bournemouth) saying this meeting was the start of a dialogue that they were committed to maintain.

It was clarified that for a year after the new emergency and maternity departments open in Bournemouth there will remain an A&E consultant on site at Poole in an assessment and supporting/training staff role. However all emergencies, including any Poole planned operations patients that get into serious difficulties, will need to be moved to Bournemouth Hospital. The ambulance staff will decide where to take emergency patients in ambulances. The expectation is that all patients self-presenting or being brought to hospital by friends and family will use 111 to help them decide whether to go to Swanage Cottage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit, Poole Urgent Treatment Centre or Bournemouth or Dorchester A&E.

Having reviewed with the Chair of Friends of Swanage Hospital the broad list of conditions Poole Urgent Care Centre will

treat, almost without exception these could be treated at Swanage Minor Injuries Unit, providing suitably qualified staff are on duty and are supported by remote Dr input. There remains concern that both patients phoning 111 and patients booking outpatient appointments through University Hospitals Dorset are not being offered care at Swanage Hospital when they could be treated there.

So two of the requests to University Hospitals Dorset are for Swanage Minor Injuries Unit to continue to have fast access to remote Dr input and for staff booking appointments centrally to offer the available appointments at Swanage Hospital. Local people needing both minor injury care and outpatient appointments can help by asking to be seen at Swanage.

We asked about the closure of the outpatient chemotherapy clinic at Wareham and rheumatology clinic at Swanage. In both cases it was known in good time that the senior nurses running these clinics were retiring but there was no succession planning to enable the clinics to continue nor any notice of the closures given to the local hospitals. University Hospitals Dorset provide the staff for these clinics and have said they will come back to us.

The Integrated Care Board offered to set up a Swanage group to work with local representatives, similar to a group that has been set up in Portland. This was welcomed.

I reported in outline on the meeting at Swanage Town Council on 11 December and the Town Council will be responding formally to NHS Dorset.

On emergency care Defend Dorset NHS has been asking for a number of years for clinical evidence that supports the centralisation of emergency services in rural areas with long journey times to access care. This was requested again.

Clr Debby Monkhouse



The Friends of Wareham Hospital Update

I am very pleased to say that we are making good progress with our Garden project.

Our gardening team has increased in size and we have had a very helpful meeting with Simon Goldsack from Holme Nursery who is advising us on how best we can plan the garden to support minimal maintenance but also ensure that the lovely garden space is attractive and welcoming to those using the hospital.

We are hoping that the new family Eating Disorder Service which was recently launched at the hospital will find the garden peaceful and useful .

This new service is located in a suite of rooms on the first floor called *River Lodge* and makes great use of hospital space. *(For those of us who have known the hospital for many years the current hospital building was originally called River House)*

As a Friends group we continue to support the hospital and Purbeck Community Services as best we can and will always welcome new members , financial support and anyone with gardening skills !

Please do contact us through the hospital (01929 557550) or by email at friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

And ... "thank you" to all those who already help us .

Maggie Hardy, Friends Chair





Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

Lots of highlights from the past month where I was proud to be present and so proud of our town.

We had a very enjoyable Local Awards event on Friday 19th February and I, my esteemed deputy and the Rector were privileged to hand the prestigious glass trophies to those who have gone over and above in their work to keep our community going. I should like to thank them again but also to put out a plea for anyone who has even a small amount of time to think about becoming a volunteer for one or more of the many groups who make Swanage such a special town. Being a volunteer is important to the running of these organisations but also of benefit to the volunteers themselves. Look at the people who do volunteer and see what happy nice people they are.

On the first of February, I and a group of people, staff from the Information Centre and some of the Carnival Committee went to Weymouth for the Dorset Tourism awards ceremony. Both groups were up for an award, either gold, silver or bronze, so we dressed up in our best frocks and bib and tucker (what is that?) to celebrate our nominees in a glitzy room with 200 others to collect our awards. I am very proud to confirm that the Information Centre won gold and the Carnival won bronze.

On the theme of tourism we were proud to unveil the new website for Swanage on the Visit Dorset website.

My lovely consort and I also went along to the Mowlem and presented the Purbeck Business awards, together with the Mayor of Wareham, Carol Turner, to well-deserved winners from Wareham and Swanage.


Still plenty of plans and consultations ongoing including Coastal change, property maintenance, parking, traffic management and safety, especially at Station approach.

So lots going on as usual and we hope that the town will appreciate and support the Town Council in our endeavours to improve services and spend your money wisely. We aim to be judged on what we do and not on what we say.

Cllr Tina Foster

Singing for Pleasure
Every Thursday
2pm until 3.30pm



Swanage Dementia Friendly
£2 per session which includes 
a drink and biscuit

All Welcome



Making Memories

Dementia Friendly Café

meeting at the *Show Bar*

Mowlem Theatre, Swanage



from 10 am to 12 noon

on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.

Meeting friends socially over a cup of tea or coffee and
homemade cake with occasional entertainment
a stimulating way to share memories and
experiences with other people and their carers

Dates for your Diary

January 2nd & 16th

February 6th & 20th

March 5th & 19th

April 2nd & 16th



COME AND JOIN US

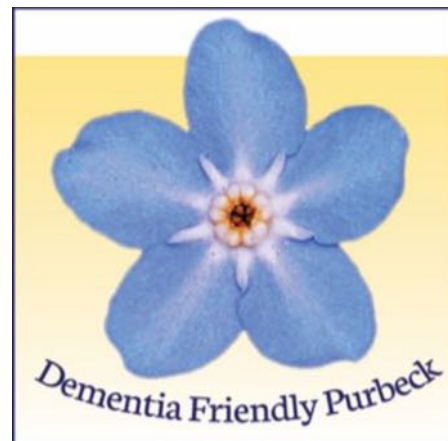
The Swanage and Wareham Dementia groups, after many months of sorting a way forward held its merger evening on 23rd March 2023, forming the Dementia Friendly Purbeck group. The aim is to try and support the larger area of Purbeck which used to be administered by the Purbeck Council.

Can you help? We are looking for members, volunteers and supporters living throughout the whole of Purbeck to enable us to support those living with dementia and their families. You'll see from the wide range of things we do there is scope to accommodate a wide range of skills and interests.

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

At the year end it's always worth reflecting on what we've (both Dementia Friendly Communities since inauguration) done to date and the list is pretty impressive even if I say so myself:

- raised funds for a community Admiral Nurse in Purbeck
- established Memory Cafe in Swanage that meets at the Mowlem
- assisted with establishment of a drop in centre at Wareham Rugby Club
- supported community singing group at Emmanuel Church Swanage
- entered floats in Wareham and Swanage carnivals to promote awareness
- raised money to support people living with dementia and their families
- funded the hire of a 'Magic table' an interactive projector with games, activities and mindfulness displays
- maintain a sensory Dementia Friendly allotment at Bestwall, Wareham
- stalls to promote awareness at events such as Wareham carnival, The Purbeck rally, Rotary event in Swanage
- regular stall at weekly market and at Swanage Christmas Fair to raise awareness and fundraise
- entered stall at Wareham Mayor's Christmas Fair to raise awareness and fund raise
- publish and distribute a regular newsletter to provide useful information and raise awareness.
- maintain a presence on social media (Facebook) and a web page to provide useful information and to raise awareness.
- support our Admiral Nurse eg raising funds for water bottles
- support dementia services eg providing hospital transport



OUR FUTURE AIMS

It's also time to plan what we will do going forward and we have come up with an ambitious list:

- continue to provide support for people living with dementia, their families and carers
- raise money for another Admiral Nurse
- look for opportunities to open more drop in centres in and around Purbeck
- promote public awareness
- maintain presence at community events such as carnivals, fairs and rallies
- promote community singing groups

WATCH THIS SPACE

We will shortly be launching a big fund raising initiative to achieve these aims. As part of this, Rachel Murray, our Admiral Nurse, will be cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats in May and has agreed that we can use this as a fundraiser. Get ready to sign up to sponsor her hard work!

Upcoming Events on Swanage Pier



Hop along to Swanage Pier this Easter and enjoy all that spring has to offer.

Take part in our amazing Easter Trail from Friday 24th March, where the Easter bunny has hidden some eggs on the Pier. You will need to find the items hidden in the eggs and solve the Easter saying to earn your reward.

Come and join us on Easter Monday 1st and Wednesday 10th April for a fun-filled day of Easter activities with crafts and games for all the family to enjoy.

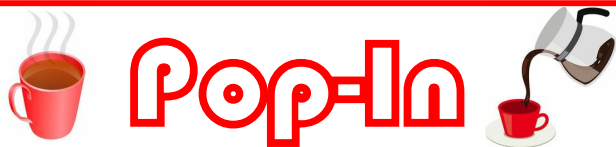
No need to book, just turn up and have fun. There will be no 'eggs-cuse' not to get involved.

Other Events happening –

- Park to Pier Walk – Sunday 7th April
- Swanage Pier History Walk – Saturday 16th March and Wednesday 17th April

All income generated from our events go towards the ongoing maintenance of the Pier. You can also show your support by sponsoring a plaque, making a donation and becoming a Friend or volunteer.

For full information visit - www.swanagepiertrust.com



Every Monday at Emmanuel

10.30am until 1.00pm

Especially for people who
live on their own

including

hot drinks, games, jigsaws, crafty
colouring, chat, donations only

and finishing
with a light lunch



Swanage Warm Welcomes

Monday Pop-In Café Emmanuel Baptist Church

10.30am - 1pm hot drinks, games and light lunch

Citizens' Advice Community Café, Herston Hall

10am-12pm coffee, cakes, advice, fair share pantry

Swanage Library Cuppa and Company 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday The Link Methodist Church 10am - 12noon

Wednesday T-Pot Rectory Classroom

St Mary's Church 10am - 12.30pm tea and tasty cakes

The Loft 17a Commercial Rd Community space

12.30pm - 3.00pm chat and vegetarian meal

Thursday Coffee Pot All Saints Church Ulwell

10am - 3.00pm coffee and cake light lunch at 12.30pm

The Link Methodist Church 10am - 12noon 103 High Street

Friday Coffee112 Swanage URC High Street

9.30am - 12noon bacon butties, tea and cakes



Come and join us very soon!



New year new us!

As part of a move to embrace new functionality available to Swanage & Purbeck Rotary, we are in the process of migrating to a new website. All our future news updates will therefore be posted on our new website and you can access them by going to <https://www.swanagerotary.org/> and clicking on the new website link.

We have also had a busy programme of meetings and social events to kick off the New Year. These include:

- An inspiring talk from Becky Mateau of St Mary's Primary School in Swanage. Becky covered the school's sustainability agenda and the help and support provided to a school in Uganda.
- Joining the Burns' night celebration at The New Inn, Church Knowle
- A special Valentines Day meal at Swanage Sailing Club

Lifetime Achievement for One of our Own

One of our hardest working Rotarians has been honoured with a lifetime achievement award. Sue Whitton, a Rotarian since August 2006, was presented with the award at the recent Swanage Community Awards, held on the evening of Friday 19th January at The Centre in Chapel Lane.

Many will know Sue from her catering for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party in 2022, but she has also catered for the Summer Community Fête, the Rotary Pop-Up Christmas shop and Silver Saturday amongst many other fundraising events. A richly deserved accolade!

Chris Le Fevre

President, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO



Sue (right) with Swanage & Purbeck Rotary President Elect Maggie Hardy at the Rotary Summer Fête 2023

Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council The Parish Council will be discussing the matter of ferry charges. The ferry needs to operate in a viable manner and to be accessible to local residents and tourists. The footpath from the Middle beach down the zig zag path requires further work and additional erosion is affecting access. The Parish Council are progressing two roadside mannequins and two roadside gates similar to the one at Ulwell. It is not clear what benefits there will be from both proposals. Studland Speed watch is supported by the Parish Council and seems to be adding to village safety. The 20 is Plenty campaign is relevant to the village. It would help if Swanage and Dorset councillors gave support to this initiative as it can contribute to road safety both locally and throughout the county. The winter weather has seen an increase in flooding. There is a need for a Dorset County flooding policy. Dorset Council have swept Heath Green Road yet not Ferry Road, School Lane and Watery Lane.



The Purbeck Society.. The successful programme of talks is continuing. Additional members have joined the committee. The committee continue to comment on planning applications and the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. There has been an expression of concern that the planning process appears to be taking place behind closed doors.

Dorset CPRE (the Countryside Charity) The Dorset administrator has resigned and will cease her work on 31.05.24. The vacancy for this post will be advertised. Dorset CPRE will still comment on planning applications. Dorset CPRE is pressing for more low cost housing for Dorset residents.

CPRE National has a new CEO, Roger Mortlock. CPRE National supports low cost rural housing and solar panels on roof tops.

Peter Bowyer, Chair, The Purbeck Society

THE MOWLEM

Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

What's On in March 2024

www.themowlem.com

We at The Mowlem have an exciting programme of films, theatre, shows and other events coming up in March and beyond. We are also running a fundraising week as part of **The Big Give from 19th to 26th March** where we are aiming to raise £5,000 which will be match-funded to pay for key stage 1 primary children from the local area to experience the magic of a live show. At The Mowlem. We will be running fundraising events during the week as well as shouting about it on social media, so any support would be fantastic!

Listed below are details of what's coming up, but you can get full details from our website.

Live on Stage

Artsreach presents: Miracle Theatre - 'Hell's Bells'

Wednesday 6th March at 7:30pm

Swanage School presents: 'The Sad Club'

Thursday 7th March at 7pm

NT Live - 'Vanya' (Encore Screening)

Thursday 14th ~March at 7pm)

'Anything Goes': Swanage Musical Theatre Co. present Cole Porter's Musical

Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd March at 2pm

NT Live - 'The Motive and the Cue'

Thursday 28th March at 7pm

Allsort'd presents: 'Midsummer Madness'

Wednesday 10th April at 7pm

Movies

The Holdovers (15)

26th - 29th February

'Poor Things' (18)

4th and 5th March

'The Boys in the Boat' (12A)

9th March - 13th March

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (12A)

15th and 18th March at 7.30pm

Bob Marley: One Love (12A)

25th - 27th March

The Colour Purple (12A)

29th March - 4th April

Events in The Showbar

Swanage Blues Festival - Live at the Showbar

Wristbands from The Showbar- £15 gets you a w/e wristband into all venues.

Friday 1st March - Sunday 3rd March

Oscar's Quiz Night

£1 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won! Wednesday 20th March at 8pm

The Showbar is open Monday - Saturday 5.30pm – 9.30pm and later for events.

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibition: until 2nd August

Josh Hollingshead (Swanage based, self-taught artist)

Don't forget to follow us on social media and check our website www.themowlem.com for the latest update on what we have going on, timings and bookings.



Corfe Community Kitchen

Soup 'n Pud **A choice of Soups and a Roll** **Followed by Puds with Custard**



12.30 – 1.45pm

Saturday March 2nd 2024

Corfe Castle Village Hall



Come and join local friends for a simple, healthy, filling and sustainable
Free Lunch

This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents to increase community spirit.

If you wish to make a donation, either financial or of surplus food, feel free, but it is not obligatory.

The February Lunch was so well attended that it was the first time we could not offer seconds of pudding! We don't actually cater for seconds but we usually find we have provided more than is necessary, but not this time! Still it is a good sign that more folk find it very beneficial to attend.

The following comments are from a couple of our diners and volunteers indicating how much they enjoy coming and how good it is for them and the local community. **"A lovely lunch with company, instead of on my own, lots of friends."** and **"It is a very friendly event with a real feeling of community. Everyone who comes seems to really enjoy both the food and the company. It's nice to work with the other volunteers and be part of such a worthwhile event."**

We have some ideas for extending our meals to involve younger members of our village community. This should also give the Village Hall more support to pursue grant applications towards improving the kitchen facilities for all users. More details to appear over the coming months!

The next Soup 'n Pud will be on Sat. March 2nd at 12.30pm and as always we welcome any extra in-date fruit, vegetables and tins and will use them wherever possible to avoid waste but regret that we can't accept any pre-frozen food as we are unsure of the relevant dates.

There will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat and we will have our happy band of volunteers helping with serving etc, without whom we would be unable to manage. If you would like to join them we would be very happy to see you. Remember that you get a lunch as well!



WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?



DEADLINE

for contributions to the April 2024 issue
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FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

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