

SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome all to the November 2022 issue of The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter. Once again, we have a wide range of reports and programmes from many of our local community organisations, covering a whole range of activities and events.

The December issue will cover both December and January, so if you have any events planned for the early new year please include the details in the next issue. It probably seems strange to be thinking already of Christmas and the New Year while we are still benefiting from the late, warmer than usual weather.

While thinking of the festive season and the difficult economic period we are now in, please remember those less well-off folk in our communities who might well consider the next few months with trepidation and worry. Your assistance – whether it be donating cash, food or other items to local community groups or by giving direct help – no matter how small, can make a real difference.

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DEADLINE

for contributions to the December 22 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER



Community group Planet Purbeck has released two beautifully-made original short films celebrating the coastline and landscape of our glorious area. Both were premiered at the recent Planet Purbeck Festival and drew warm applause from hundreds-strong audiences at Swanage's Mowlem Theatre. They were produced by BBC wildlife filmmaker, Sue Western.

The first (can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI)) focuses on Studland Bay; in particular the efforts being made to move ahead sustainably whilst meeting the needs of both beachgoers and boating enthusiasts – to “play and protect” at the same time.

It includes superb underwater shots of seahorses, cuttlefish and Studland's seagrass meadow. **Neil Garrick-Maidment, of the Seahorse Trust**, describes the scene as “like swimming through a beautiful forest”.



Cuttlefish in Studland Bay

And **Sara Parker, of the Studland Bay Marine Partnership**, demonstrates the eco-moorings that will be offered to boaters so their anchors will not tear up seagrass, which is vital for marine life and carbon absorption.



Sara Parker with shaft of new eco-mooring

The second film, which can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=H8Pnv1sNm_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8Pnv1sNm_8), features four Purbeck farmers who are determined to produce beef and milk commercially, while using greener ways of raising and nurturing their livestock.

Jake Hancock, who tends cattle grazing on Hartland Moor, says: “A lot of ideas are going into the mix now including regenerative agriculture, organic farming and rewilding. In many ways these are exciting times. It's important that we join up the dots in terms of producing food and looking after the landscape.”

Wareham dairy farmer Ian Baggs adds: “There has been a drive towards becoming more efficient and also more environmentally sensitive, and the two things often combine. That's why it's important we shift to techniques that are closer to nature such as using green manures, giving grazing a rest and looking after our pastures better. That's why it's important we shift to techniques that are closer to nature such as using green manures, giving grazing a rest and looking after our pastures better.”



Ian Baggs with his dairy herd

The film, which includes stunning shots of Purbeck's scenery, also features Church Knowle sheep farmer Cath Best and Jack Goldsack, who raises beef cattle in Ailwood, outside Swanage. Both are experimenting with alternative livestock feed such as clover and chicory to combat threats from global warming and drought. And Cath says: “We're going to need to work with nature much more.”

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said: “First and foremost we want people to simply enjoy the films, which we're very proud of. Just seeing Purbeck on screen and learning about exciting and progressive plans for the future will make us all realise how lucky we are to live here. Just seeing Purbeck on screen and learning about exciting and progressive plans for the future will make us all realise how lucky we are to live here.”

“There are numerous threats to face, from the new Government's worrying review of Environmental Land Management Schemes, which have been developed for years to enable farmers to recover nature on their land, to the supertrawlers that plunder huge quantities of fish from our coastline. We would urge anyone inspired by our films to take action against these threats by joining local groups and writing to their MP.”

Chris Hockley

Help Rotary, help make a great Swanage Christmas!

Could you help Rotary with our December events in the run-up to Christmas?



This December, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary will be running our popular programme of Christmas events, raising money for charities:

- Our **Santa Sleigh** will be bringing Christmas cheer to families around the streets of Swanage and surrounding villages from Thursday 1st to Wednesday 14th December (weekdays only)
- Our **Christmas Market** will get the Christmas season off to a great start with music and gift stalls in the town centre on Saturday 3rd December
- Our **Christmas Mail** will deliver your greeting cards to your local friends, relatives and neighbours

Can you help us with any of these events? If you can, please get in touch:



email: secretary@swanagerotary.org



Twitter: @SwanageRotary



website: www.swanagerotary.org



or find us on Facebook



Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



Special Request from Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

The original aims of our project in 2015 were to:

- Organise the instillation of 4 public access defibrillators
- To encourage community fundraising for the purchase and upkeep of devices
- To encourage awareness of their uses in the community
- To register the devices with the local Ambulance trust
- To provide a device and cabinet within 400 meters of the main population of Swanage
- To ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT

In the last 7 years this successful project has exceeded our expectation and imagination thanks to a committed Steering Group, a dedicated team of Defib guardians but

in the main to the wonderful support and interest the project has received from individuals and organisations within the Community.

Our original aim of placing 4 public access defibs has been well and truly met with almost 40 defibs now in the SCDP fleet. (New ones are planned for Ridge and Cauldron Barn Farm Park).

All are (or will be) registered with The Circuit, the National database and they cover Swanage and surrounding villages including Studland, Langton. Worth, Kingston, Corfe, Stoborough and Sandford.

To achieve our last aim of ensuring Sustainability of the project we would welcome help and support from anyone with an interest in Resuscitation / Defibrillators.

Our Steering Group membership has remained the same throughout but 'succession planning' is now an essential element of our project – PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Defibs have been deployed to 132 incidents; with the current Ambulance response times in our area, we need the support this project can bring.

We can be contacted through Corbens, Station Road, Swanage, 01929 422284

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust

Latest News Update



The Trustees were honoured and delighted to receive the Organisation of the year Award 2022 from Deputy Mayor, Cllr Chris Moreton at the presentation evening on 10th October. Formed in 2013, to support the local Community, the Trust continues its drive to extend the range of services and Community facilities available for local people.

This update is the first of a continuing series to keep local people aware of the progress of projects that the Trustees are driving.

Wellbeing Swanage – This is a flagship project which seeks to help local people access activities and services which are beneficial to their wellbeing. By collecting data on the range of activities in and around Swanage and collating them in a directory, held on the Wellbeing Website, people are able to access information to suit their needs. Community Connectors are also being trained up to spread the word around the town and surrounding villages. Whilst collecting data on wellbeing activities and services, the gaps in services are also being identified, which form the basis of plans to introduce/reintroduce them locally. These plans are progressing rapidly, watch this space!

Community Hub (Herston Village Hall) – An increasing range of activities operate from the Hub, including a Community Café, on Mondays, which has a Community Pantry and monthly Citizens Advice drop-in sessions. On Wednesday mornings the Hub hosts Seahorses Playgroup for local families, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Other projects run from the Community Hub include a monthly Craft Circle and the weekly, Swanage Youth Club. Local groups are encouraged to use the Hall, for their activities, subject to availability.

Swanage Youth Club – The club, managed by qualified youth workers is growing rapidly. By using Herston Village Hall, and the adjoining Herston Playground, a wide range of activities are enjoyed by club members. It's a place where young people can chill with friends, listen to music and take part in sports, cooking and arts and crafts etc. There are 2 sessions on Friday evenings. Year 6 is from 6pm – 7.30pm and Years 7 - 9 is from 7.45 pm to 9.15pm. Expanding the range of activities and opening during half terms and school holidays are the targets of the Trust and the Youth Workers.

The Centre (previously the Youth Centre), Chapel Lane – This is used during the week by Explorers Childcare Group and is available for use by the Community at weekends. Recent successful events operating from the Centre include the Blues Festival, twice a year and the Jazz Festival in July. Proceeds from lettings go towards the funding of the many other projects the Trust is involved with. By using built up reserves, from events, and a grant from Talbot Village Trust the defective floor in the Hall has been replaced and new toilets, including a disabled unit, have been installed in an area previously used as a store.

Days Park Sports and Leisure Centre – In collaboration with Swanage Town Council and Swanage Town and Herston FC a pre-planning application has been submitted, by architects appointed by the Trust, to Dorset Council, for this proposed, community managed project. The scheme was subject to a successful public consultation in 2019. If pre-planning consent is granted it will enable the Trust to commence upon a major fund-raising exercise to carry out the development in the future.

That's it for this month. With progress being made on all fronts we are looking forward to reporting updates in the future.

Bob Foster,
Chair - Swanage and Purbeck
Development Trust



Photos courtesy of Helen Ffitch Swanage News. Deputy Mayor, Chris Moreton presents the 2022 Award to Bob Foster, Chair of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

The funds raised from the summer fete have already been put to very good use at the Hall. Aside from the donation we made to local charity **Will Does**, we now have 68 solar panels on the roof of the hall – 32 soaking up the morning sun facing east and a further 36 on the rear west-facing roof. We have also completed fencing off the children's play area, and we can now start to investigate options for more play equipment for younger children.

The Hall remains very busy with all our regular groups:

Yoga with Cathy on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Pins and Needles on Monday afternoon

A wide variety of **U3A** groups through the week – see our website for more details

Harmony Rocks Choir on Wednesday

Children's Martial Arts on Wednesday evening

Life drawing classes on Thursday



STALLS IN THE HALL – SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER



For anyone wanting to get involved, please go to the What's On page on the website and you will be able to find links to the various groups from there.

A perfect opportunity for some early Christmas shopping with a wide variety of lovely craft and produce stalls in the Hall. Plus cake, conversation and coffee (or tea!) – what a nice way to spend a Saturday morning. Doors open at 9.30pm until 12 noon.

For anyone interested in taking a table (just £5), please contact David Hollister on 07384 848 419



The doors and bar open at 7pm for our Movie Nights, with the film starting at 7.30pm and admission is just £5 on the door

TUESDAY 08 NOVEMBER - ELVIS



There can't be many of us who don't know Elvis and love his music, and the performance of Austin Butler as the man himself is sensational – particularly the on-stage performance scenes. But there's more to the film than that. Tom Hanks plays Colonel Tom Parker, Presley's controlling manager who took 50% of the profits whilst usurping first Elvis's much-mourned mother, Gladys, and then his idolised wife, Priscilla, in the inner circle of trust, casting himself as Presley's closest confidant and making him a star even while strangling his artistic ambition. Have a watch of the trailer on You Tube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBDLRvjHVOY>

That's all for now. All the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee

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

Homes for Ukraine

Purbeck Connect Ukraine



Have you been considering hosting a refugee from Ukraine?

Perhaps you signed up for the government Homes for Ukraine scheme, but have not yet managed to find a guest.

Hosts initially commit to house the refugees for a period of six months. For many, this six-month period is coming to an end, and for various reasons, some hosts are no longer able to continue. This means that there are currently a considerable number of refugees already in the area who are seeking new accommodation.

Please get in touch:

- If you are considering hosting and would like to know more about what it involves
- If you are not sure if your accommodation would be suitable and would like some advice
- If you want to host a refugee but have not been able to make contact with one
- If you are in touch with a refugee and would like help with the visa application process
- If you already have guests and you or your guests would like any support or advice

We look forward to hearing from you!

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<https://www.facebook.com/PurbeckConnectUkraine>



SWANAGE ACTION FOR REFUGEES



SWANAGE & PURBECK DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Purbeck Connect Ukraine is providing regular English lessons for Ukrainian refugees in Purbeck

If you are an English teacher and would like to help, or if you are a native speaker and feel you could provide informal English conversation classes, please contact:

purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com
tel. 07506 837141

Purbeck Connect Ukraine

ENGLISH LESSONS

Ball & Socket Concert raises funds for Ukraine charity

On 8th October the **Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library** presented an evening of entertainment in aid of Ukrainian refugees living in Purbeck. Around eighty people attended an excellent performance by **Ball & Socket**. All who came had a jolly good time, with many opportunities for audience participation! An evening of gently satirical song and whimsicality, including a valiant attempt by all to sing the Ukrainian national anthem.

Our thanks go to Ball and Socket (David Kemp and Gerald Ward) for their performance, Furzebrook Village Hall for waiving the booking fee and all our library volunteers who helped to create the event and ensured it ran so smoothly.

The evening (including bar and raffle) raised a remarkable £1122 for the work of Purbeck Connect Ukraine. The money will be used to assist Ukrainian refugees who have found their way to Purbeck, through the activities of Purbeck Connect Ukraine, such as providing:

- food, clothing, furniture and other necessities
- social events for Ukrainian guests and their hosts
- English language lessons

Another £170 (towards the British Red Cross appeal for Ukraine) was raised by Tessa Somerville with her stained glass stars and angels in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

*Alison Allwright (Chair) and Martyn Jessop (Secretary),
Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library*





'Aquarius', the club based in Corfe Castle, held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Village Hall, is a very lively gathering of ladies from across Purbeck but mainly from the village and its surrounds.

For our October meeting Cindy Parish gave a lovely talk about her late husband Joe who was evacuated from London to Studland during the war with his Grandmother. They were given a small thatched Tithe cottage that was empty. Cindy still lives there! The community in Studland were welcoming and no one went hungry according to her husband, although silage sandwich was on the menu but no one is sure if that was the filling! Joe thanked Mr Hitler for sending him to the area, as otherwise he would never have become a fisherman with a passionate love of sailing. He had built his own boat making sails out of Grandma's sheets. The family members are all still keen sailors and live or work at Studland with Joe's Café being named after him. We were then treated to quills and ink for us to try - plus war-time recipes and rationing cards. Thanks to Josie, Cindy's daughter, for helping with historical photos which gave us a real insight into the history of Joe's wartime evacuation to Studland. Cindy reminded us that the devastation in London during World War 2 is now happening in Ukraine ...

On 1st November, Eddie Burrows (a well known local artist) is entertaining us with a demonstration of different forms of art mediums. If you had always thought "I would like to try painting but don't know where to start", then this will hopefully inspire you to pick up some brushes!

Unfortunately, the trip we were due to have this month to Southampton to hear about and walk around the historic walls has had to be cancelled due to insufficient uptake. So we have all completed a questionnaire to ascertain what would be everyone's preferred option by way of trips and other extra activities. The changes in attitude and age ranges since Covid have led to a different perspective being voiced about such adventures!

Our satellite groups of walkers, strollers, book clubs and lunch club have all continued with their monthly meetings and provide an additional source of camaraderie amongst members.

We, of course, always welcome new members, so if you are interested in joining us in the future, please email 2008aquariustladies@gmail.com or contact me on Tel: 01929 480007 .

Christine Kemp

FREE COMMUNITY 'Soup 'n Pud' LUNCH
 We are starting with a BANG but no Fireworks!!
Saturday November 5th 2022
12.30 - 1.45pm
Corfe Castle Village Hall
 Come and join your friends for a simple lunch.
 Families especially welcome.
 A choice of
Sausage and Bean or Leek and Potato Soup
 accompanied with bread rolls
 Followed by
Fruit Crumble or Bread and Fruit Pudding
 Served with custard.
Tea or Coffee.

This is a new venture for everyone; to increase community spirit and help those feeling the pinch, while providing a healthy, filling and sustainable lunch, in a friendly environment.
 It is supported by Corfe Castle Charity. If you wish to make a donation feel free but it is not obligatory.



CAN Dorset Roadshow
 The Centre, Chapel Lane
 Swanage

Saturday 19th November
11.00am - 1.00pm

Are you a voluntary or community sector group in Dorset?

Come along and find out about all the **FREE and invaluable support on offer**

- CAN's free one to one support, webinars & training
- Support available from Dorset Council funded partners
- A funding overview from Dorset Community Foundation
- Networking with support providers and VCS groups



Scan the QR Code to book your FREE place or

visit www.can100.org

call **01202 466130**

email hello@can100.org





What's On in November

Tickets for live shows and movies are bookable from the front page of www.themowlem.com.

Live Shows & Music:

- **An Evening of Entertainment** - Swanage Drama Company is back on stage with this concert featuring songs, comedy sketches, barrels of fun and laughter and all in aid of charity.
 - Saturday 5th November at 7.30pm
- **The Decatonics (with Stacey Lou)** - A powerful 8-piece skaband from Dorset drawing on classic tunes from Ska, Rocksteady, 2Tone, Soul, and Reggae genres supported by Stacey Lou performing 'Amy', a tribute inspired by Amy Winehouse.
 - Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm

Events in The Showbar (*upstairs at The Mowlem*):

- Swanage Seafront Masterplan; this public drop-in event in The Showbar encourages interested community members to join James & Sara from the Dorset Coast Forum team to discuss their views on the seafront. They are also planning a photography exhibition exploring the seafront.
 - Thursday 17th November at 6.00pm

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibitions:

- **The Ties That Bind** - Our second visual arts exhibition will showcase work from Helen Hardy and will open to the public from Friday, 21st October, through Tuesday, 29th November. More information to follow soon.

Movies:

- **Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris (PG)**
 - Monday 31st October through to Thursday 3rd November at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 31st October at 2.30pm
- **Frida Kahlo (15)**
 - Monday 7th November through to Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 7th November at 2.30pm
- **Elvis (12A)**
 - Friday 11th November at 7.30pm
- **Emily (15)**
 - Saturday 12th November to Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 14th November at 2.30pm
- **Amsterdam (15)**
 - Friday 18th November to Thursday 24th November at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 21st November at 2.30pm
- **The Lost King (12)**
 - Friday 25th November to Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm
- *Excluding Saturday, 26th November (see The Decatonics)*
 - Monday Matinée on 28th November at 2.30 pm

Clubs & Societies:

Monthly

- The **Making Memories Dementia Friendly Café** is Tuesday the 1st & 15th of November. There are no movies for November.
- The **Flower Club** meet on Thursday 17th, November at 9am in the Community Room.
- The **Purbeck Society** is holding a talk by local art historian **Robert Field** about 19th-century artist **George William Joy** on Friday, 11th November, at 2.30 pm in the Community Room.

Weekly / Bi-Weekly

- **Health Qui Con Community** meets every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Community Room.
- **Baharah Dance Classes** at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th November in the Community Room.

Planning for Change at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage



Mission, Values and Vision: A Landmark Moment for the Trust

The Mowlem Institute Charity have publicised its business plan, for the first time in its history. It aims to see The Mowlem Theatre in Swanage establishing itself as a cultural hub, not just for the residents of Swanage, but of the wider Purbeck area. Through the public release of this business plan, the Board hopes to continue the vision of John Mowlem; to provide the facilities and services for education and recreation for 'all the people of Swanage without exception'

In 2020 the Board commissioned a Community Consultant to help inform and shape a process of change. With over 1,500 responses to the consultation, representing 15% of the Swanage population, it overwhelmingly identified a desire for The Mowlem Theatre to be more open and welcoming, and to develop deeper relationships and links with local schools, music and visual arts partnerships and festivals.

Since 2020 the Board of Trustees has been re-invigorated with new appointments to ensure it has the wide range of skills necessary to deliver the changes identified in the Consultation, and the board has begun work with staff and volunteers, ensuring all share the same vision and deliver upon a programme of events that fulfil these aspirations.

"The Board of Trustees is committed to involving the local community at every step as we position The Mowlem as not just a cultural hub for the people of Swanage but also as contributing to the continued generations of Purbeck. We hope through the public release of this Business Plan; residents and visitors, businesses and other arts organisations, charities and community groups will see our commitment to positive changes as raised during the Community Consultation in 2020," **said Deborah Paige, Co-Chair of The Mowlem Institute Charity.**

"A new, more developed programme of events has begun to emerge as we work closely with partners locally and further afield," **says Andrea Etherington, Chair of the Programming and Marketing Sub-Committee,** "including Artsreach, Purbeck Arts Week (PAW), Purbeck Film Festival, Planet Purbeck and Diverse City to name just a few."

"Our commitment to John Mowlem's vision remains," **says Robin Sutcliffe, Chair of the Development Sub-Committee,** "The Mowlem has the potential to be an inspiring multi-purpose community resource - a place where people can learn, enjoy themselves and gather. This growth and organisational change will be dependent on increased funding, both public and private. We hope that this business plan helps to secure that."

The 2022 Business Plan is being released in its entirety, having already been shared with local Arts organisations, Swanage Town Council and other influential organisations in the area. Tackling subject areas including; the history of the Trust, where it is today, organisational change, governance, funding and re-imagining the building on Shore Road. Those with questions are enthusiastically invited to submit them via info@themowlem.com.



Scam Alert Service

Fake Santander email

Lots of people online have been flagging a fake Santander mobile banking email. The email impersonates Santander's branding and gives you a sense of urgency regarding your access to banking services, to pressure you into giving away data. Over the past week, use of the search term 'Santander email scams' has increased by more than 5000%, showing the spike in people being targeted with this new scam.

[Know what to look out for](#) [Fake Santander email](#)

British Gas email scam offering a fake energy refund

Scammers are impersonating British Gas with fake emails tempting recipients to click a link to get a fake energy refund. Although the email looks legitimate, it addresses you by your email address and not your name. This is a potential giveaway that it's from a fraudster.

[See the scam email impersonating British Gas here](#) [Fake British Gas email](#)

Premium rate number scams

This scam tries to trick people who are searching online for telephone numbers of government advice services. It works by displaying an advert for the phone number of the relevant government advice line.

But the sting is that you'll be charged a premium for using this advertised telephone number – in some cases, as much as £20 or £30 a call. You are put through to the right advice line, but you pay a very high and unnecessary connection fee.

[Find out which phone numbers to look out for](#) [Premium rate number scams](#)

CALLING ALL MEN WHO LIKE TO SING IN HARMONY

Would you like to experience the joy of singing 4-part harmony in a men's chorus?



Music reading skills are not necessary.

The Southern Union Chorus meet
at 7.30pm every Monday
at Ocean Academy,
Constitution Hill Road, Poole BH14 0PZ

Three Swanage members of the chorus (Dave, Steve & Bob) regularly drive to Poole on a Monday and would happily give you a lift there and back, from anywhere in the Isle of Purbeck. If you would like to have a go, get in touch with us by phone or email :-

01929 427790, 07971 053590 or us@barn44.uk



St George's C.E. VA Primary School Langton Matravers

The Governors of St George's CE VA Primary School in Langton Matravers are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mrs Katy Astle as Headteacher, following the last academic year through which she led the school as Acting Headteacher.

Mrs Astle lives in Swanage with her husband, young son and dog and joined St George's in April 2021 as Deputy Headteacher and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo). She quickly assumed the role of Acting Headteacher at the start of the last academic year in the absence of the former Head, and has led the school with great skill, wisdom and calmness since.

Ofsted visited St George's in July this year and noted that "the acting headteacher is having a positive impact". They went on to say that "pupils enjoy attending this small, inclusive school. Everyone knows each other. This helps create a strong family feel and sense of togetherness."

This came as no surprise to Governors, staff, pupils and parents, who are all delighted with Mrs Astle's appointment, and we look forward to supporting her as she leads St Georges School to be the best village primary school in Swanage.

SWANAGE TOWN BAND IN CONCERT

Wednesday 30th November
7.30pm

Swanage Methodist Church

FREE ADMISSION
retiring collection for band funds

follow us on [facebook](#) for details 

The Swanage Town Band will be playing "In Concert" at 7.30pm on 30th November in the Swanage Methodist Church.

The concert will last approximately one hour - no interval - and will feature concert pieces seldom, if ever, heard on the bandstand.

There is no charge for admission but the band will be holding a retiring collection to help towards their running costs.

For more information please call Liz Roberts 01929 481419

With winter approaching and the on-going cost of living crisis, many people are increasingly worried about how they are going to pay bills, heat their home and put food on the table.

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck would like to remind residents to seek help early on and that we are here to offer free advice and support.

Experienced advisers are available to provide support about a wide range of issues including, debt, energy advice, employment, benefits and housing. There is a range of support available particularly to low income households which many residents many not know about.

Advice is provided through multiple channels including telephone, email, video conferencing and face to face from our offices in Wareham and Wimborne and from outreach services including Swanage and Herston. Home visits are also offered to those more vulnerable people who are unable to access these services.

Free Carbon Monoxide Monitor

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck are offering free Carbon Monoxide Monitors. Please speak to an adviser for a chat about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and a free monitor will be ordered for you.

Drop-in Locations

Local residents can call into one of the drop-in sessions at the following locations. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary:

- Swanage Town Hall - Wednesday 10am-2pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage - First Monday of each month 10am-12noon

- Wareham Citizens Advice - Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday & Wednesday 10am-12noon
- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:

Swanage Library, Bovington Hive, Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council, Upton Library & Verwood Library.

For details of all of our outreach and drop-in locations visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person

For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline freephone 0800 144 8848** (Textphone: 0800 144 8884), 10am-4pm weekdays or visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Volunteer Taster Session

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is looking to recruit volunteers for their friendly team. A virtual taster session is being held via zoom on **Wednesday 2nd November, 2pm-3pm**. You can find out who we are and our values, what we do in the community and what volunteer roles are available. If you're interested, you can register by visiting our website www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or email katrina.ford@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk.

Who Are We?

We are a group of local people in our local Communities who experience depression or anxiety. We are not experts, but we know how it feels. For many people, this is still a very stressful time. And for many of us, we feel we still cannot safely meet face-to-face at the moment, but that may change ...

We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

To get in touch please contact Nick at nickviney@hotmail.com or phone **01929 439121**, or Mary at mary.ann.bevis955@gmail.com or phone her on **01929 426896**

REMEMBER: THERE'S LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group

a sure refuge

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of
Ralph Vaughan Williams
and a new Cantata by David Fawcett

Saturday 26th November 2022 at 6.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Swanage



Tickets: £10 in
advance from Corbens
or tel. 01929 481419



www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk



A SURE REFUGE PURBECK ARTS CHOIR

**6.30pm Saturday 26TH November,
St Mary's Church, Swanage**

The Purbeck Arts Choir's November concert will be celebrating both the 150th anniversary of Ralph Vaughan Williams and the opportunity to present David Fawcett's cantata 'A sure refuge' to a local audience.

With over 60 choir members, soloists, orchestra and organ, plus the Purbeck Youth Choir and St Mary's Junior Choir, this is going to be a very special occasion. Refreshments will be available during the interval (for a small charge) and there will be a retiring collection for the Refugee Council.

Tickets are only £10 for adults – U18s free and are available in advance from Corbens or Liz Roberts 01929 481419.

www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Thurs 8th-Sat 10th Dec. 10am -6pm
Free entry & parking. Cafe open.

Lights of love Remembrance Service
Sun 11th Dec 4pm

160 Victoria Avenue, BH19 1AZ
emmanuelbc.org.uk
01929 427706



Supporting
The Swanage
Lifeboat and
Swanage
Foodbank



The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival is held at Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage for three days from Thursday 8th December to Saturday 10th December between 10am and 6pm. On Sunday 11th there is a special remembrance service at 4pm called 'Lights of Love'.

We invite you to sponsor a tree and decorate it to highlight your organisation/ business in the area. We source the trees locally for you to sponsor at £20 for a 4'6" or £25 for a 6' Norway Spruce. We ask you to come and set up your tree between 9am and 5pm on Wednesday 7th December when you will need to bring with you a stand to put your tree in, decorations on the theme and a sign or emblem to advertise your sponsorship. LED lights will be provided so please do not bring your own. This year's theme is **Christmas Songs**. After the festival the tree is yours to take away either after 6pm on Saturday 10th or Monday 12th between 9am and 2pm. This is a non-profit making event and any donations received will go to two nominated charities which this year are the Swanage Lifeboat and Swanage Food Bank.

If you would like to sponsor a tree, please complete the form below then cut it off and return it to **Emmanuel Baptist Church** either by post to Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1AZ or pop it through the church letter box or email it to administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk. You can send a cheque made out to 'Emmanuel Baptist Church' or cash or we will email you an invoice and details of how to pay through bank transfer.

Early booking is essential for this popular event. The deadline for tree bookings is Monday 14th November.

Janet and Team

I wish to sponsor a tree in Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 2022

Name of Organisation:

Contact details: Name

Address

.....Postcode.....

Tel No.Mobile No.....

Email.

Tree size

I will collect my tree - Saturday / Monday / Neither (*please delete as appropriate*)

Signed

Name in block capitals

We hope that some trees will remain in the church for the 'Lights of Love' Service on Sunday 11th December and taken home Monday 12th December.

All enquiries to Janet at: administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

<https://www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk/>

Many thanks to all who attended the Friends of Swanage Hospital AGM where they heard David Haines (retired GP and now Clinical Lead for the new Purbeck Primary Care Network) describe the challenges currently facing both the local GPs, Community Health services and Swanage Hospital. On a more positive note I was pleased to explain how Dorset Healthcare University Trust (who "own" and are responsible for the Community Hospitals) are working with the Friends of Swanage Hospital committee to develop new services for our local community as we move into a "new era" of the Community Hospitals becoming the Centre of Health care delivery for the local community.

Many who had attended the meeting were aware of the recent "rumour" suggesting the services within the Hospital were being reduced with the intention of closing the Hospital but were reassured by the recent statement issued last week by Dawn Dawson, Acting CEO Dorset Healthcare

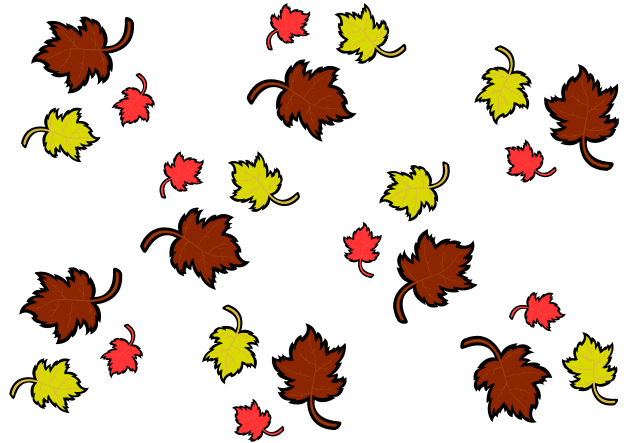
"We have absolutely no plans to close Swanage Hospital. The building is a fabulous asset to the community, offering healthcare to the local



Photo courtesy of Helen Ffitch, Swanage.News. Deputy Mayor, Chris Moreton and former Chair of Friends of Swanage Hospital Committee, Jan Turnbull, with her Community Champion Award for her dedicated service to the promotion and development of Swanage Hospital for over 20 years.

Swanage Hospital Autumn Fayre

Saturday 19 November
10.00 am to 12.00 noon
At The Catholic Church Hall,
Rempstone Road



Produce Cakes Raffle Tombola
Teas Crafts Bric-a-brac Books

population as well as the many visitors to Purbeck in the summer, and we are committed to working with the League of Friends to maintain a vibrant hospital in the future.

"We are also currently working in partnership with primary care providers and voluntary/community organisations to bring new services and roles to the area, both at the hospital and within the wider Purbeck community."

Thanks were also given to Jan Turnbull (who stepped down as Chair of the Friends of Swanage Hospital) for her dedication to maintaining and developing services in the hospital over the past 20 years) and congratulations on her recent Swanage Town Council "Community Champion Award."

Looking ahead, we recognise that some services will not return to our hospital but are confident that new services that will support our local community will take their place and your Friends Committee look forward, confident that the Hospital will again be the vibrant centre of Community Health services for our local community.

Deirdre Selwyn
Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital

Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council - The Council were invited to a presentation of a revised approach to the earlier planning application for the Knoll House Hotel. Members of the public were invited to see the revised proposals. It appears that the size of the development has been reduced. A green area is planned between the rear of the hotel and the new build units. A two level car park is planned to be west of the existing swimming pool with one storey for underground parking. Green roofs will feature for the car park and most of the new build areas. The hotel management emphasised the environmental features of the green areas.



Councillors noted these proposals and are waiting for the expected planning application in the next few months. Parking, the members club, and staff transport were all noted as matters of interest.

The hotel is located like all of Studland in the Dorset AONB, an area given the highest level of protection under planning legislation. Sites of environmental protection surround the hotel. Councillors are bound by a code of conduct that requires them to declare any financial interest in planning applications.

One of the most interesting contextual issues concerns the concept of a “resort”. It is understood that the hotel owners not only want to update the hotel, but also to create new leased units for regular guests for a high market resort with exceptional facilities in respect of dining, swimming and health care (a la Chewton Glen). Over time, the leased units will be likely to benefit from a property uplift. The “resort” aims to be far more than an upgraded hotel. The scale of this property development is without precedent in the area. Whether it becomes “Soho House Farm by the sea” attractive to those from London and wealthy areas remains to be seen. No such “resort” exists in Dorset. Its suitability for this small, popular and undeveloped village remains to be seen.

The closure of the Corfe Castle Road later in 2022 at a time when the ferry is having its refit, is a cause of concern. Longer journeys and potential delays in public emergency services for an area where there is an aged population, has led the Council to object to both Wessex Water and Dorset Council. A short video clip was produced by ITV Meridian News showing the concerns of councillors and residents

The National Trust has started the process of creating a masterplan for the area. The threat of future coastal erosion is expected to feature strongly in the masterplan.

The Purbeck Society - The next talk, by local art historian **Robert Field**, is about the artist, **George William Joy**. The talk will be held on Friday 11th November in the community room of the Mowlem Institute at 2.30pm. Please tell your friends - these talks are for members and the public. They aim to supply insights into both the history and contemporary Purbeck.

Some of the committee members are in liaison with Dorset Council and Swanage Town Council following the successful review of non-listed heritage assets outside of the two Conservation Areas in Swanage. The initial discussions will concentrate on the possibility of a new Conservation Area in Swanage.

The Purbeck Society has offered the bandstand committee assistance should it wish to record the bandstand as a listed building. Expect to hear more about the Conservation Area and the bandstand in the near future.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England, the countryside charity, (CPRE) has set up a National Assembly. This body contains representatives from county branches including Dorset. The Assembly has agreed on two campaigns: energy and planning. Later in the year there will be a report on energy. This has been delayed, in part, due to placing an emphasis on objections to fracking. CPRE, is opposed to fracking and any departures from rules-based planning processes that may well harm the environment.

In addition, the Assembly has established four working groups from county branches. These groups will report on water, land classification, transport and democratic engagement. The intention of these groups is to conduct research and gather evidence for national CPRE, the countryside charity. Officers may well use any findings in their discussions with government officials and ministers, and Dorset CPRE is likely to contribute to work in respect of land classification and democratic engagement. The creation of the unitary local authority, Dorset Council in 2019, has not increased community and resident inputs into the work of the Dorset Council. In view of the nature of rural Dorset and its market towns, restoration of pre-pandemic planning practices may well feature in local CPRE activity. Parish and Town Councils are pressing for the return of yellow planning notices, paper copies of planning applications and in many cases 20mph speed limits.

Finally can you help? Dorset CPRE is looking for volunteers and ambassadors for its new educational award scheme. This scheme aims to reach young people and to enable them to demonstrate their interests in the countryside of Dorset. We need helpers to promote the scheme and to assist in its delivery. Please contact Dorset CPRE at info@dorset-cpre.org.uk

Peter Bowyer



Message from the Deputy Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Chris Moreton

There is a certain lady, who over the past 20 days has not been able to spend time in our lovely Town, and I am sure that people are missing seeing her cheery smile and genuine interest in all that's going on in the Town she loves.

I am, of course referring to our Mayor, Councillor Tina Foster. Unfortunately she is, (in her own words) *"flat on my back with an unidentified injury, but hopefully I will be back on my feet soon"*. I am sure that you join me in wishing her a full and speedy recovery, and that she and Les will be able to resume Mayoral duties.

As deputy to Tina, it was my privilege to attend a reception at the Mowlem's Show Bar and present the awards to the winners of the Swanage Community Awards 2022. What an evening it was and thanks for all those who attended and made it such an enjoyable celebration of service to others. Those who received the awards are of course, representatives of a vast number of individuals and organisations who give tirelessly in providing the 'heartbeat' that makes Swanage the unique community it is. THANK YOU for the contribution you make.

In relation to the Awards evening, it was also an opportunity for the Town Council to invite and personally thank representatives of our local emergency services for the commitment, professionalism and caring nature in which they serve our community. Let's do our bit by taking care of ourselves and not having to call on their services!

Finally, Have Your Say! You should be receiving in the next few days a copy of the **Swanage Town Council Draft Corporate plan 2022-2025**.

The Council wants to hear your views on its future plans. The consultation asks residents and businesses to comment on a list of actions linked to five key priorities for the Council, as follows:

- Delivering Good Governance
- Promoting Sustainable Tourism and Supporting the Local Economy
- Providing Opportunities to Improve Health and Wellbeing
- Planning for the Future and Preserving our Heritage
- Protecting the Natural Environment and Addressing the Climate Crisis

Deadline to complete the Survey: **30th November 2022**.

Take care of yourselves,

Cllr Chris Moreton, Deputy Town Mayor

Remembrance Sunday, 13 November 2022

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them**





Latest News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

Cost of Living Crisis – For free, independent, and **CONFIDENTIAL** advice on cost-of-living help available to you, contact citizens advice either by calling 0800 144 8848 or by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk. You could also try the Dorset Council page <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help> which will sign-post you to webpages with advice and tips.

Free School Meals - There's a lot to think about now the children are back at school, so families on qualifying benefits are reminded to check if their child or children could receive a free school meal. This could save families up to £450 per year per child and their school could get extra government funding, known as the Pupil Premium, to boost their education. It is easy to find out if your children qualify for free school meals. Complete the confidential checker at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals or telephone 01305 221090.

Verge Cutting - Dorset Council's policy of not cutting some roadside verges for ecological reasons will not change. A quote recently issued by a spokesperson said "In order to maintain the highways for users and improve biodiversity in verges, all roadside verges are cut at least once a year – this cut is scheduled for late summer and is currently happening across the Dorset Council area. "In some places, where tall verges are dangerous for road users, we cut more regularly, and safety remains our top priority.

Purbeck Local Plan - The Purbeck Local Plan examination continues. A further hearing session was held in July after which the Inspector recently wrote to Dorset council requesting some more information on nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour and on the timetable for the Dorset Council Local Plan. Dorset Council has responded to the Inspector and further details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Road Closure West Street – Please see last month's CVN for full details.

Dorset Council plan to close West Street Corfe Castle on the 1st November 2022. The road will be closed between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00. The area to be resurfaced is from The Square to Hollands Close

October Council meeting- We had over 20 members of the public participate in the public half hour at the last Council meeting. Most were particularly interested in the Swanworth Quarry proposal but comments were made about parking enforcement and traffic speed in West Street. We also dealt with several issues you have contacted us about, including a campaign about dog mess was agreed and our first poster appears on the next page.

Feasibility Study Kingston Hill – The Parish Council were asked to carry out a feasibility study regarding a new foot path being created to run along Kingston Hill. After investigation the Parish Council concluded that a new foot path would be too dangerous. However, we have identified 2 potential foot paths serving the requirement. The first foot path identified runs between Corfe Common, and West Street Kingston via West Lynch. It was noted there is a stile on this foot path, which is not dog friendly, in fact you have to lift your dog over the stile! The Parish Council have requested Dorset Council who look after public rights of way and stiles along such routes, to consider changing the stile to a dog friendly stile. Foot path 2 is an old foot path which used to run between Lynch Farm and the back of St James Church, however this foot path fell into disuse many years ago.

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations – After an extended public consultation period Council considered feedback received and voted to endorse the proposed new rules and regulations for the Cemetery. The Clerk, Caretaker and Gods Acre Working Group will now work to ensure the new rules are followed.

Planning Application & Treework Application update: The following applications has been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

6/2020/0321_1 – Swanworth Quarry. Corfe Castle Parish Council have submitted a comment of No objection provided there is substantial mitigation for the Parish.

P/ADV/2022/04493 – The Castle Inn, East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EE. Recommendation: No objection to the new signs, but object to the change of colour of the front of the building and check whether this needs Listed building consent

P/HOU/2022/04977 – Greensands Little, Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5JE.
Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/04838– 91 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EE.
Recommendation: No objection but check the removal of three trees is necessary.

P/LBC/2022/04701 – 92 East Street, Corfe Castle. BH20 5EQ.
Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/05655– Far End Higher Filbank Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EX
Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/03027– 121 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EG
Recommendation: No objection.

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

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You can make a Difference: Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. Council's need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve. In May 2024 Dorset will be holding the next local elections where your Parish Councillors will be elected. If you want to make a difference to your community, why not think about standing? You will need to start becoming aware of issues in your local area; what your local council is doing about these issues; come to a couple of our meetings, watch what it is all about, and if you feel you could make a difference think about standing.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 14th November 2022 at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

Clerk – Michelle Harrington, email clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, Telephone 01202 670105, Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC> Website - <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Author: Michelle Harrington, Clerk



Latest news from Friends of Wareham Hospital

We were delighted to welcome 33 people to our recent AGM including Acting CEO of Dorset Healthcare, Prof Dawn Dawson, Dr Alastair Ward, Wareham Surgery, Cllr. Malcolm Russell, Mayor of Wareham and Rafael Mata from the Purbeck Vaccination Centre.

Whilst Dawn Dawson did not provide us with a clear reason why the plans for the promised Purbeck community Hub were scrapped, she did accept several questions from the floor agreeing to facilitate answers which she has done within the week. She did however give a clear message that Dorset Healthcare is working very collaboratively with the NHS, the Local Authority, GPs and Voluntary groups to provide high quality care and value for money.

She confirmed that Wareham Hospital would be used as a Vacc. Centre for 3-5 years and that there were new staff and new community services being introduced into the Purbeck area to run alongside the 30 + out-patient clinics currently provided at the hospital. The hospital building would be adapted to accommodate some of the staff from the Bonnets Lane site, as well as converting other rooms into office space, hot desks and 1-1 interview rooms.

As an ex-District Nurse, Dawn was pleased and passionate to tell us that Purbeck has been chosen as a project site for 'End of Life care' The successful model,

already in place with Community Support Workers, will be developed in Dorset and hopefully rolled out countrywide.

When asked, from the floor, why the hospital site is now considered to be 'fit for purpose' having been told in 2018 that it was not, Dawn confirmed in her response, post meeting, that the hospital site is compliant with all Statutory regulations and best practice property management standards. Quotes to convert patient rooms into office space have been approved and work will begin shortly.

It is evident that there has recently been some other investment in Wareham Hospital, for which we are grateful, with much needed garden maintenance and tree care so we are trusting that the promise of further investment will be fulfilled.

We will, however, maintain our quest for better working conditions for health staff currently based in Bonnets Lane - something that would have been provided in a new Integrated hub.

Dr Ward was able to confirm that plans are progressing for a new Surgery building at the Middle school site, but there are still a lot of "ifs, buts and maybes" to work through.

The meeting provided a good opportunity to thank the many volunteers who support the Vaccination Centre, their commitment and dedication making such a difference to this successful community service.

Wareham Hospital provides many important services for us all in Purbeck and as a Friends 'group our commitment to the support of Wareham Hospital and Purbeck services remains very strong and we would welcome support. We can be contacted through the hospital or by email:

friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy, Chair, Wareham Hospital Friends



Christmas on Swanage Pier

This year we are in full festive swing. We have live music, Christmas donkeys, Christmas characters and a chance to visit the big man himself, there is something for everyone!

'Lighting up Lives' is also back. In 2021 the stunning display of Lights on the iconic Swanage Pier made it possible for hundreds of people to fondly remember loved ones and celebrate those around us. This year there will be a special lighting up ceremony and a display that promises to be bigger and brighter than ever.

For more information visit www.swanagepiertrust.com/events



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VENUE FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITY EVENTS:
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 (free tea/coffee and cookies, in return for a donation to Charity!)

DATE	TIME	CHARITY FOR THE DAY
TUE 08 NOV	1 - 5 pm	Dorset Air Ambulance
TUE 08 DEC	1 - 5 pm	Forest Holme Hospice

** ENTRANCE ON HIGH STREET, OPP. COW LANE. ~~NOT THE MANOR !!~~

ALL WELCOME! COME ALONG, LISTEN, ENJOY!

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SWANAGE MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

The Square, Swanage, BH19 2LJ - www.swanagemuseum.org.uk

OPEN WEEKEND

5th & 6th of November 2022 - 10.00am - 4.00pm

THE SWANAGE HISTORY CENTRE

Units 14 & 15, The Sidings, Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, BH19 1AU

The Swanage History Centre is the research arm of Swanage Museum. It houses the artefacts that aren't on display at the Museum and the research material relating to local families, the local schools and Swanage & the Isle of Purbeck in general.

It consists of printed, written and photographic material. It also houses the Museum's art collection. The acquisition of the two adjacent units earlier in the year has enabled us to display a lot of the art collection. This Open Weekend is chance to come and see the scope of this material and to view the art collection.

Members of the Research Team will be on hand to answer your queries.

Refreshments will be available.

We regret that there is no disabled access at the moment and that parking is extremely limited.



Pop in to

Emmanuel Baptist Church

every Monday between

10 am and 12 noon



join in a game, do a jigsaw

or have a drink, a cake and a chat



No charge



SWANAGE SAMBA

We are currently hosting some free for all taster sessions on
Saturday 26th November 2022 and
Saturday 7th January 2023
at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160
Victoria Ave, Swanage BH19 1AZ. Please
get in touch to sign up and find out times

Please contact us through:
Facebook (through messenger):
@Swanage samba

Instagram (through direct messaging) :
@swanage_samba

Email: swanagesamba@gmail.com

Swanage Samba is a brand new band looking to recruit anyone and everyone from the local community with a desire to have some fun and create music all can enjoy.

With the help from Samba Panashe, an experienced group from Bournemouth, we hope to create a professional yet exciting environment to perform the vibrant sounds of Samba.

Samba is originated from Brazil and is best known to be used within extravagant carnivals. The sound will surely get your hips moving and your feet tapping.

All ages, all experience levels, and all motivations welcomed. If you would like to get involved you can contact us through our social media or through the email address. In following these links you can directly message a member of the group who shall give you details for our sessions and shall sign you up to join us.

We look forward to hearing from you all.



Swanage Food Bank



Swanage Foodbank Update for November

Even more Harvest Festival gifts have been delivered to us, and an abundance of apples for which we are very grateful. The eating apples and pears have probably found their way into many school lunch boxes by now, and if apple bobbing is still in vogue for Hallowe'en and Nov. 5th then they'll be further used. Thank you.

It seems rather early to be thinking of Christmas, but, as usual, SFB will be treating our clients to a bag of Christmas food and we hope to repeat last year's successful experiment to provide Budgen vouchers to families who have needed our help this year.

So this is an update and an appeal. If anyone would like to donate Christmas products, could you please consider the following:

- Christmas puddings and cakes (shop-bought)
- boxed mincepies
- alternative microwavable sponge puds
- variety boxes of biscuits (sweet and for cheese)
- tins and cartons of chocolates/sweets
- bottles of sparkling fruit drinks
- UHT juice
- chocolate treats for children

We all appreciate that Christmas this year may be more austere than usual because of the cost of living crisis, but as our community shares its bounty with its poorest members, it will still be a season of 'comfort and joy'.

Pauline Werba, Chair, SFB



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



Purbeck Coast FM has had a busy summer, attending events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Prince Albert Gardens, the Swanage Carnival, and Swanage Lifeboat Festival, as well as our monthly Monday morning slot at Herston Village Hall. It has been great meeting with our listeners face to face, taking requests and getting their feedback.

The Flying G's All Day Breakfast Show also featured a special report from the Dorset Blind Association's Motor Show, which was held at Lulworth Castle in early September. Over 200 fantastic cars filled the showground, raising money for the Dorset Blind Association.

The whole ethos of our radio station is to engage everyone from across the area, both as listeners and as volunteers, enthusing them about Swanage Pier and the area they live in. The purpose is to act as a community hub, raising awareness of local services, publicising events, and providing the perfect platform to give everyone a voice. We are here to connect our listeners to everything that is going on in their local community, to reduce social isolation, act as a companion and to provide an engaging link without having to step out of the front door.

If you have an interesting story to share or would like some help publicising your event, please get in touch email hello@purbeckcoast.com or facebook.com/PurbeckCoast

If you live in the Purbeck area you can tune in your radio to 101.2 FM to start listening, or you can listen to Purbeck Coast using our online radio player <https://purbeckcoast.com/listen/>

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for contributions to the December 22 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER