

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Welcome to the October 2023 issue of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter.

For our next issue (November), because of various private commitments, we won't be able to produce the newsletter in its usual form. Instead we will produce a Bulletin of important information and dates for November. We would appreciate your co-operation with both the timescale and method of supplying us with your organisation's material for just this particular edition.

Please either send PDFs or JPEGs that can simply be pasted in as they are. Otherwise, just provide us with a title, with organiser, date, time, place, and maybe a sentence or two or a URL. We can then use this information to enter your details into an events and news listings format. **Could you provide us with your contribution by 16th October please for the November issue?** The December/January edition will revert back to the previous procedures and format of news stories as well as forthcoming events.

We thank you for your anticipated co-operation and all the support you have given to this community newsletter and look forward to hearing from you and your organisation soon.

Mel Norris

Trustee Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Chair of The Swanage Area Forum

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DEADLINE

for contributions to the November 2023
issue of the Newsletter

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023



Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust

Swanage Pier Trust Update



We have been very busy this summer with lots of great events on the Pier. Including hosting a children's crabbing and science lab, weekly yoga classes, history walks, park to Pier walks, three fish and chip cruises and our big summer raffle. Thank you to everyone that came along and took part.

Half Term Halloween Fun

This October half term on the Pier is set to be fun packed with some exciting activities, from finding spooky creatures on the Pier as part of our Halloween Trail to our spooky craft day, led by our wonderful volunteers. It is going to be a fun week on the Pier, so come along and join in.

Swanage Pier at Christmas

Lighting up lives returns this Christmas with a whole host of festive activities, including visiting Father Christmas, live music and much more. Watch this space for more information soon.

All our events coming up....

Park to Pier Walk - Saturday 23rd September

Park to Pier Walk - Sunday 15th October

Halloween trail - Saturday 21st – Sunday 29th October Half Term

Halloween Crafts - date TBC

Park to Pier Walk - Sunday 19th November

Swanage Town Christmas Market - Saturday 2nd December

Lighting up Lives - Light Switch on Friday 8th December

Swanage Pier at Christmas - Various dates from 9th – 23rd December

For more information visit - www.swanagepiertrust.com/events



Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

Summer went out with a bang with blazing sunshine and sweltering temperatures. The beaches and car parks were crowded and many enjoyed the, probably, last heatwave of the year. A shame the children were back at school.

The Folk Festival was a huge success with hundreds of dancers and musicians celebrating in the town. I was privileged to lead the parade on the Saturday afternoon with the Town Criers from Swanage and Wareham. It was a real experience and is allegedly the largest parade of Morris and folk dancers in the UK.

Other highlights have been the raising of the Green Flag in Beach gardens and the official opening of the Police Office in the Town Hall Annex. It may only be for 2 days a week initially but with the support of the town it should be more. Please pop in and say hello and fill in the questionnaire on the desk to show your support.

We spent some time at the Friday market recently where we posed for a few pictures with some of the stall holders. Please come along to the market regularly, not just to spend your money but also to meet and chat with others. It is an opportunity to socialise, meet old friends and make some new ones.

Meetings go on at the Town Hall with the Neighbourhood plan coming together and budget setting for next year looming large. The most important plan is released for public consultation on 19th September and that is the Seafront MasterPlan. We urgently need your feedback on the plan which has a serious and wide-reaching impact on our town.

There has been much in the media lately with Swanage featuring on various television programmes. It makes me very proud of Swanage and its residents who work hard to promote the town and its surroundings. Not just a splendid place but with a beautiful heart.

Cllr Tina Foster



LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

On **19th October 2023** our **ARTSREACH** event is GERTRUDE LAWRENCE starring actor and singer Lucy Stevens and pianist Elizabeth Marcus. Doors open from 7.00. Refreshments will be available. Show starts at 7.30. For further information please see Poster.

Watch this space for future **ARTSREACH** performances.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY EVENINGS - 7 - 9 p.m. TABLE TENNIS all welcome. For more information contact Collette on 01929 422832

TUESDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 - 9.45. COUNTRY DANCING . Contact Mike on 01929 421913 email. mhwalshaw@talktalk.net

FRIDAY EVENINGS- 7 - 9 p.m. SHORT MAT BOWLS . Please contact Beryl on 01929 425226 or Peter on 01929 427328

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9 - 12 a.m. LARK PILATES. Contact Johanna 07920 421783. email johanna@larkpilates.com

2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY MORNING. 10.00 - 12.00 a.m. COMMUNITY LIBRARY in the Memorial Room - we have a good selection of books, DVDs and Puzzles to borrow and there is always a welcome cuppa and biscuits waiting for you. All welcome.

NEW - THURSDAY MORNINGS . 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Baby Massage classes. Please contact Eliza on 07845 685721 or elizacrabb42@gmail.com

PURBECK FOLK CLUB . Dates for this year 21st September and 2nd November from 7.00 pm. Please access our website for more details.

Our beautiful Village hall is available for hire as well as two smaller rooms, the Events Room and the Memorial Room. We have a brand new kitchen complete with fridge, dishwasher, large cooker, a warming cabinet & a good supply of crockery, glasses and cutlery. For more details please contact either Daryle - 07786 433442 or Collette 01929 422832 - or visit the website www.langtonvillagehall.co.uk



LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 19 October, 7:30pm

£12. £5 (u18s), £30 (family) in advance from Keith: 01929 423834

Collette: 01929 422832 or Trev's Deli, The Kings Arms

or online at artsreach.co.uk

Local Ales & Wines, Tea/Coffee & Cakes Available

Artsreach



Dorset Climate Action Network • Sustainable Dorset • Zero Carbon Dorset

For those of you who managed to make the **Dorset COP (Conference of the Parties)** on 9th Sept at the Corn Exchange – Thankyou!

But don't worry if you missed it, we will be producing lots of information and recordings of the day - so please follow the links below to our pages so you can keep up to date on the event and outcomes.

Thank you to everyone who came and who, despite the heat, contributed so much by asking questions, listening intently, participating in workshops and generally making new and stronger connections.

More than 250 people, including representatives from more than 100 Dorset based organisations, came together at this the UK's first ever community-led **Conference of the Parties (COP)**.

As you will be aware, while this event did not have the decision-making power of the global events, speakers, workshop facilitators and attendees explored where and how Dorset's citizens can take action, including how we can demand action from our leaders on the climate and ecological emergency.

If you did attend we would really appreciate it if you could complete [this feedback form](#) especially the final question about your transport arrangements which we need to calculate the emissions for the event ahead of offsetting these by tree planting in North Dorset courtesy of Jenny Morisetti.

Also please remember, while there was some debate about the wording of the Declaration (which we are considering how to take forwards), it is [available for you to sign in](#) its current form, as is the opportunity to submit your pledge.

To keep up to date with news about the event (video releases, pledge updates etc.) please follow Dorset COPs Facebook page and ensure you are signed up for news from at least one of the organisers [Dorset CAN](#), [Sustainable Dorset](#) or [Zero Carbon Dorset](#).

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to hearing your feedback and hope to see you again soon.



St George's Primary
Langton Matravers


OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 11th October,
4:30pm - 6:30pm

SCHOOL TOURS
Contact us to arrange
E: office@stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk
P: 01929 422973

Ofsted Proud to be a 'Good' school, 2023

The Kanji QUIZ Project

WHERE Studland Village Hall
WHEN Saturday 25th November 2023
HOW Tickets £15 from Studland Stores
WHAT Teams of 8 per table or just turn up & join an ad hoc team -
Supper Included
Wonderful home cooked local feast
- Licensed Bar
- Top London Quizmaster
They aren't so clever!



WHY The Kanji Project is a small UK charity run entirely by volunteers. We raise funds to give poor children in Tamil Nadu, India, the chance of a good education and a safe place to live. All the proceeds of the quiz go directly to the centre.

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festivals


This Christmas two local Christmas Tree Festivals are being planned.

From 2nd – 4th December there is the St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival held at **St George's Church** in Langton Matravers, there will be plenty of entertainment and refreshments available from 10am till 5pm. This year's event will be raising money for Mosaic and East Dorset & New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association. Sponsor forms and further information contact Colin Garner 01929 424431 colin@gizimodo.co.uk or from <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

Then on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December it is the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival at **Emmanuel Baptist Church**, Swanage. There is also a Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on Sunday 10th December.

There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. There is no entrance fee, and any donations go to local charities The National Coastwatch Institution and Communicare.

If you want to book a tree to decorate the closing date for Swanage is Monday 13th November apply for a sponsor form to Janet Norley at administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk or leave a message with your details on the church answerphone 01929 427706.



Hope to see you there.

Jazz at the Grand Hotel

Burlington Road, Swanage BH19 1LU 01929 423353
Lunch is served between 12 - 2.00 pm (booking essential on Sundays)

CHARITY FUND-RAISING CONCERTS FREE ENTRY
Local charities including the Friends of Swanage Hospital



SWANAGE JAZZ MACHINE

Sun 10 September 2.00 pm
Sun 01 October 2.00 pm
Sun 05 November 2.00 pm
Sun 03 December 2.00 pm

SWING EASY TOO

Wed 20 September 12.15pm
Tue 24 October 12.15pm
Tue 28 November 12.15pm
Tue 19 December 12.15pm

JAZZ MUSICIANS COLLECTING FOR CHARITY
Donations gratefully received, thank you!
Contact the musicians: 01929 421401



News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

Pass Wide & Slow, Ride During the Public Participation section of the Parish Council's monthly meeting, a Member of Public wished to bring the Parish Council's attention to an event, which by the time you read this will have taken place. It was noted this event is part of a larger National event happening throughout the Country over the course of the month. Although the national aim is a road safety campaign the local aim is to get landowners including the National Trust and its tenants to open more permissive paths across Purbeck. This would then join up existing paths across the area, and enable horse riders, cyclists, and walkers alike to be able to travel safely from Studland to Swanage off the highways.

The National Trust and Dorset Council has already been in contact regarding these matters, and the National Trust have stated for one of the suggested routes, gates are required to be installed on Corfe

Common, and this work will not be possible until the Commons Committee is back up and running.

Corfe Castle Parish Council support the idea of joining up routes across Purbeck so users do not have to use the A351 and other busy roads and will contact Dorset Council requesting a meeting with the appropriate organisation representative to put a plan in place which would enable, riders, walkers and cyclists alike safe passage across Purbeck.

Dorset Council update: During the September Parish Council meeting, Cllr Cherry Brooks gave a verbal update on Corfe Castle Parish issues. It was stated Dorset Council is still working on a safe route from Norden to Corfe Castle. Dorset Council is also talking to bus companies about making Purbeck Park a Bus hub and are considering trying it again as a park and ride facility. Cllr Brooks was requested to investigate the possibility of an electronic sign before the Purbeck Park roundabout, which would indicate if the National Trust Car Park, and or West Street car park was full, and then directing visitors to use Purbeck Park. It was stated the PC had previously asked that Dorset Council have a plan in place for summer 2024 including a bus shuttle so that cars parked outside the village.

Planning: Over the last couple of months Councillors have noticed various building works which have taken place, although planning permission has not been sought. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed that the latest two incidents should both be reported to Dorset Council, with a request Dorset Council insist that retrospective planning permission be applied for.

Corfe Castle Youth Club: Corfe Castle Parish Council have again this year agreed to help support the running of the Corfe Castle Youth Club for 2023/24. All children in the Parish are welcome to join.

Gods Acre - Scattering of Ashes and Garden of Reflection: Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to investigate the possibility of creating an area within Gods Acre for the scattering of ashes within a Garden of Reflection, and setting aside an area where plaques commemorating loved ones who are no longer with us can be added to a long stone bench in their memory.

Coach Parking: The month of August saw several coaches, attempting to drive down West Street, and then turn around! Or park up on East Street (as they "have nowhere else to go"! This as you can imagine has caused mayhem on our roads and is a safety concern. Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed the following: anytime a coach is spotted trying to drive down West Street or park up on East Street, if Members of Public can contact the Clerk with the coach operators details and where possible a picture, the Clerk will write to the operator and advise they park in Purbeck Park, or ideally book in with the National Trust in advance, so that a parking space can be reserved for them within the National Trust car park.

Male Incontinence: This is not a subject many people find comfortable speaking about but a condition which does affect a large percentage of men of all ages. Corfe Castle Parish Council is leading the way in ensuring men who suffer with this condition can still visit our area, by agreeing to install a male incontinence bin within the Gents and Disabled section of the West Street toilets.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return - Notice of conclusion of audit:

Corfe Castle Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2023

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

1. The audit of accounts for Corfe Castle Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been completed and the accounts have been published.
2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Corfe Castle Parish Council on application to:
Michelle Harrington - Clerk - 34 Egmont Road, Poole, Dorset BH16 5BZ
During the Hours of Monday to Friday 10am - 1pm
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £3.00 for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Announcement made by: M Harrington

Date of announcement: 21st August 2023

Next Council Meeting – Monday 9th October 2023, 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.

Parish Council contact details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)

Clerk: Michelle Harrington,

Telephone: 01202 670105,

Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ,

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Durlston's Great Globe Gets a Make-over!

This September saw the completion of one of the last remaining parts of the lottery-funded Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project, which has enhanced and restored Durlston's unique Victorian heritage over the last few years. Stonemasons of Dorset have carried out a clean of the Grade II listed Great Globe and Sea Chart, which was last cleaned near the beginning of the Castle Project.

Following consultation and advice from stone conservation experts, the team used a low-temperature steam clean to remove accumulated salt, dirt and lichen. While any cleaning technique has an impact (so we try to clean as infrequently as possible), this technique minimises erosion of the delicate stonework and it's protective crust of mineral salts).

Following cleaning, the team also carried out some repointing (in lime mortar) to ensure the Globe, installed back in 1887 will inspire and amaze for many more years to come!

Alistair Tuckey, Countryside Ranger (Durlston)



Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



We were delighted to see so many at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 13th September, held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, when as a Team we highlighted the work of the Defibrillator Partnership over the last year and gave a Defib familiarisation session to all present. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to thank all Defib Guardians for their commitment and involvement ensuring that the kit is monitored, maintained and ready for use.

We were joined by Dave Sale from the Ambulance Trust and Jonathan Greetham one of the local Community First Responders who were able to report on two recent local situations when defibrillators had been used successfully and the patients had made a good recovery all thanks to swift CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

In total, SCDP defibs have been taken to 180 incidents since the project started in 2015; they have not always been used but the 41 devices now across the local area and looked after by the Partnership give good cover in the event of an emergency.

Cllr. Mike Bonfield, representing Swanage Town Council, acknowledged the work of SCDP over the Purbeck area and thanked everyone, steering group members, defib guardians and all who supported the community project for the "fantastic service" available to us all locally.

We were very pleased and grateful to display our new vibrant pop up banner at the meeting kindly donated by Purbeck Media.

Sustainability of this project remains a key objective for SCDP and we would welcome support and financial help to ensure that our fleet of defibs and equipment is kept up to date and enable us to gradually introduce 'bleeding kits' to some of the defib cabinets.

We can be contacted through Corbens in Station Road Swanage or by email info@swanage_defib.co.uk or on Facebook

Thanking everyone for the support SCDP receives.

Maggie Hardy, SCDP





Greengage Community Garden

Another busy Summer month has seen our Autumn bedding thriving. Sweet William, Wallflowers and Pansies are being readied for Autumn planting to ensure Spring colour.

We are renovating our raised beds and that means dismantling and clearing the old ones and we should have cleared them soon.

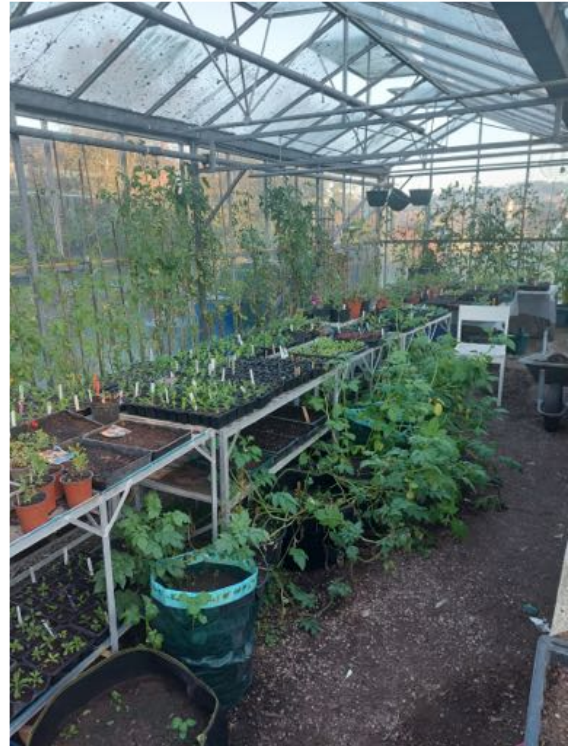
We are laying 2 paved patio areas for people to sit and chat and enjoy the garden and our gazebo is in continuous use and is a real haven for people to sit and chat and have that well deserved cup of tea.

The herb bed is looking magnificent and our cut flower area is still providing blooms for our visitors.

We have had a good crop of potatoes and the beans keep coming after a slow start. Onion sets, garlic, shallots and broad beans have been ordered for Autumn planting and daffodils for planting at Greengage and hyacinths for Christmas pots have been ordered. The greenhouse is also full of tomatoes, chillies, peppers and much, much more!!

Do hope that those of you who managed to come to our Planet Purbeck Week Open Day on 22 September had a good time, because whatever your age, there was lots of learning and laughter for all of us and the young people seemed to really enjoy themselves too. Please come and see what we do - every Friday from 10am. You will always receive a warm welcome.

Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden



Dorset Wildlife Trust

This October, get ready to embark on a wild adventure with the Big Wild Walk, The Wildlife Trusts' much anticipated annual self-led fundraising challenge. This is your chance to set your own goal and make a real difference for wildlife.

Whether you choose to stride through a woodland, sprint along a coastal path, dive into the waves or even kayak in wild waters, the choice is yours! This year, the challenge is more flexible than ever before, allowing you to complete it in your own unique way.

Here's what you need to know:

What: The Big Wild Walk is a fun and challenging self-led event that aims to raise vital funds for The Wildlife Trusts' conservation efforts.

When: Registration is now open, with the self-led challenge taking place 16 - 30 October 2023, giving you plenty of time to explore Dorset's breathtaking landscapes at your pace.

How: It's simple! [Register](#) on The Wildlife Trusts' website, and you will be provided with all the resources you need to get started. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a weekend stroller, there's a way for everyone to enjoy exploring nature.

Why: By participating in the Big Wild Walk, you and your sponsors will directly support our mission to restore and protect at least 30% of land and sea by 2030, to help tackle the climate emergency.

The Hedgehog Walk

This challenge isn't just for adults! The Wildlife Trusts have teamed up with Aardman Animations to co-create Timmy Time inspired materials for our families with young children.

The specially created Hedgehog Walk is designed for pre-school and Key Stage 1 children, who can choose their own Timmy Time themed character fundraising pack, including Apricot the hedgehog and Stripey the badger, to complete the challenge with. The challenge is to walk 3km in a week, the same distance a hedgehog travels each night. [Register](#) today to get your fundraising pack!

Thank you for your continued support. Let's leave a lasting impact on our natural world, together. Feel free to contact us at fundraising@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk with any questions or for additional information.

Laura Mclellan, Head of Individual Giving



October is a busy month at the Hall, with plenty of films coming up as well as a live music event with the Swanage Jazz Club.

Saturday 28 October – Swanage Jazz Club present the Amy Roberts Quintet

Swanage favourite Amy leads an all-star band playing the popular jazz dance music of the 1930s and 1940s. Expect to hear the best-known tunes by Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other top bands of the swing era. The line-up is Amy on clarinet, saxophone and flute, Richard Exall on saxophones, Craig Milverton on piano, Nick Millward on drums and Ashley John Long on bass.

Tickets are £14 and are available from the Swanage Jazz Club. Please call Mel on 01929 426127 for details. Doors and bar open at 7pm and Amy and her band are on stage at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 October – Movie Night – Emily

'Emily' imagines Emily Brontë's own Gothic story that inspired her seminal novel, Wuthering Heights. Haunted by her mother's death, Emily struggles within the confines of her family life and yearns for artistic and personal freedom, and so begins a journey to channel her creative potential into one of the greatest novels of all time. It's still just £5 on the door for an HXVH Movie Night and doors and bar open at 7.00pm



Purbeck Film Festival

HXVH is a venue for two films shown by the PFF team. On Sunday 29 October, we are showing 'The Banshees of Innisherin' and on Thursday 2 November, we are showing 'Allelujah'. Doors and bar open at 7pm as usual with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets for PFF films at £7.00 (or £5.50 for students and under 25s) and are available to book online at the PFF website or on the door.

Future dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 14 November – Movie Night – The Wolf and the Lion
- Tuesday 12 December – Movie Night – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
- Friday 15 December – Live Music – The Churchfitters Christmas Show

Information on all of the above is on our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk

Alison and the HXVH Committee

 <p>IS PROUD TO PRESENT</p> <p>AMY ROBERTS' QUINTET</p>  <p>SAT 28 OCT – 7.30PM TICKETS £14* - BAR</p> <p>cheques to Swanage Jazz Associates at 22 Streche Rd, Swanage BH19 1NF or BACS details are available for easy payment.</p> <p>Full Ticket booking details: Tel 01929 426127</p>	<p>AT HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL*</p> <p>SAT 28 OCTOBER-7.30pm</p> <p>Licenced Bar opens at 7pm</p> <p>Music starts at 7.30pm</p> <p>AMY ROBERTS is a winning saxophonist, clarinetist and flautist. Over the past 10 years she has featured regularly in the British Jazz Awards, winning Rising Star category in 2009 and many other awards. A charismatic performer renowned in the UK and Europe, she has toured with some of the world's best musicians.</p> <p>Amy grew up in Cornwall, appearing many times at Bude Jazz Festival before going to the Royal Northern College of Music, when in her final year Chris Barber head-hunted her to star as the first female musician to play with his band and for 4 years they toured Europe. Amy then branched out and formed a quintet with partner Richard Exall and also her new quartet with David Newton. In 2016 She was hand-picked by US master trumpeter Terence Blanchard to play flute in his Inner City Ensemble.</p> <p>Swanage favourite Amy leads an all-star band playing the popular jazz dance music of the 1930s and 1940s. Expect to hear the best-known tunes by Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other top bands of the swing era.</p> <p>The band features Richard Exall on saxophones, Craig Milverton on piano, Ashley John Long on bass and Nick Millward on drums. – FRED LINDOP</p> <p>*Harmans Cross Village Hall is in Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB, 2 miles outside Swanage. If coming from C. Castle take a right turn opp. Garage in centre of Harmans Cross Village</p>
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What's On in October 2023



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

LIVE ON STAGE:

- **Artsreach Presents: Tiger Lady** – A fast-paced story a story of grit, love and danger from internationally award-winning theatre company Dead Rabbits, featuring two humans and a tiger in a production which prompts us to look at our lives and desires more closely. Thursday 12th October at 7.30 pm

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL 2023

Please see purbeckfilm.com for full details of the festival – tickets for the films showing at The Mowlem can be booked at themowlem.com

- **Opening Gala Reception** Friday, 20th October at 6.30pm
- **One Fine Morning (15)** Friday, 20th October at 7.30pm
- **84 Charing Cross Rd (PG)** Saturday, 21st October at 7.30pm
- **Punch & Judy Man (U) + Special Guest** Sunday, 22nd October at 7.30pm
- **New Zealand Double Bill: Boy (15)** Monday, 23rd October at 6.30pm
- **New Zealand Double Bill: The Piano (15)** Monday, 23rd October at 8.30pm
- **Rimini (18)** Tuesday, 24th October at 7.30pm
- **Brother (15)** Wednesday, 25th October at 7.30pm
- **Corsage (15)** Thursday, 26th October at 7.30pm
- **Hopper - An American Love Story (12A) + Special Guest** Friday, 27th October 7.30pm
- **French Double Bill: Other People's Children (15)** Saturday, 28th October at 6pm
- **French Double Bill: Full Time (12A)** Saturday, 28th October at 8.30pm
- **Once Upon A Time In The West (12A)** Sunday, 29th October at 6.30pm
- **Matinee: Women Talking (15)** Monday, 30th October at 2.30pm
- **Pretty Red Dress (15)** Monday, 30th October at 7.30pm
- **Decision To Leave (15)** Tuesday, 31st October at 7.30pm
- **Polite Society (12)** Wednesday, 1st November at 7.30pm
- **Vermeer: The Greatest Exhibition (PG)** Thursday, 2nd November at 7.30pm
- **Close (12A)** Friday, 3rd November at 7.30pm
- **Purbeck Shorts Competition** Saturday, 4th November at 6.30pm

MOVIES

- **A Haunting in Venice (12A)** Hercule Poirot investigates a mysterious murder while attending a Halloween seance at a haunted palazzo in Venice. Starring Sir Kenneth Branagh, Kelly Reilly, Jamie Dornan and Michelle Yeoh. 2nd – 5th October at 7.30 pm, 2nd October at 2.30 pm
- **Oppenheimer (15)** Epic biopic telling the story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb, directed by Christopher Nolan. 13th & 16th – 19th October at 7.30 pm, 16th October at 2.30 pm
- **The Old Oak (15)** A landlord risks losing his pub in a previously thriving mining community, and tensions rise when Syrian refugees are placed in empty houses nearby. Directed by Ken Loach. 8th & 11th - 14th October at 7.30 pm, 11th October at 2.30 pm

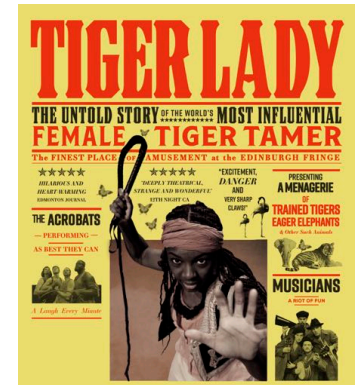
IN THE SHOWBAR:

- **Saturday 7th October – Swanage Blues Festival** 4pm: Foot-stomping dance rhythms with Back Porch , 8pm Thomas Heppell Band, nominated for 4 UK Blues Awards 2024
- **Sunday 8th October – Swanage Blues Festival** 1.30pm: The Terraplanes, Winners of 2023 UK Blues Awards 'Emerging Blues Act', Full details of Swanage Blues Festival can be found at swanage-blues.org
- **Saturday 14th October – Push The Pull Door** Live music from 8pm, bar open from 5.30pm.
- **Wednesday 18th October – Oscar's Quiz Night** £1 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won! Doors open 6pm, quiz starts at 8pm

The Showbar is open Friday & Saturday 5.30pm – 10pm & Sunday – Thursday 5.30pm – 9pm and later for events.

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

- **'The Dreaming Lens'** - Paul Jefferis offers a personal perspective on the landscapes of Purbeck, using close-up photographs or unusual forms of lighting as a way of revealing small imagined dramas in the natural world. The exhibition runs to 17th October, Monday – Saturday 6 – 9pm and whenever the theatre or The Showbar are open.



Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council:

Adult fitness equipment is being installed into the Studland Playing Field. There will be an official opening with demonstration of the equipment before the end of the year. Watch this space next month!

The Parish Council is considering how to celebrate the anniversary of D Day in 2024. Whilst there is interest in any such celebration, as I write, it appears no one yet has come forward to volunteer to help organise village celebrations. It would be interesting to know what Swanage plans to do for this event.

Likewise, it is not known yet what the National Trust plan to do ... But Fort Henry close to Studland beach, may well feature in any D Day activities.

There is community concern about the state of the site of the former beach cafe. The site has yet to be fully cleared of debris and the footpath in the lane to the beach has been closed by a high fence. It will be interesting to see when this restriction of access will be restored.

The Purbeck Society:

The Purbeck Society are interested to know what is happening to the historic bollards scattered about in Swanage. It is not clear who owns these heritage assets and how they are managed. Also, it is not clear if these heritage assets have been recorded by archivists at Dorset Council, and we are keen to find out.

Blue Plaques - there appears to be an exciting opportunity for Blue Plaques to be created within Purbeck. Such Plaques can celebrate notable persons and buildings. Hopefully more news of progress next month.

Don't forget the programme of monthly Friday talks in the Mowlem Institute Community room is available on the Purbeck Society website and facebook page

More info: <https://purbecksociety.co.uk/.../talk-public-footpaths...>

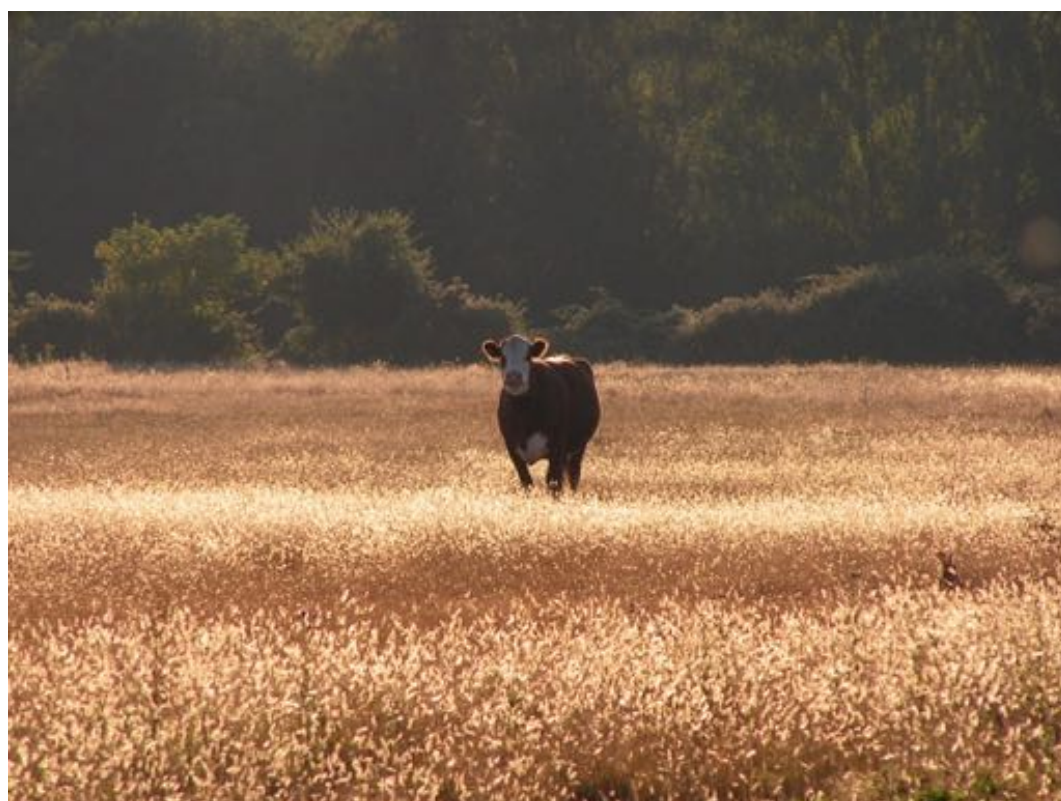
CPRE- the Countryside Charity:

Dorset CPRE are looking for a trustee and a new President. Please contact Linda Wilson by email info@dorset-cpre.org if you are interested. This is an ideal opportunity for local people with an interest in our unique and valuable countryside to contribute.

The AGM of Dorset CPRE will be held on Saturday the 18th of November at Cerne Abbas village hall. The new CEO of the Dorset CPRE will be attending, as will the chair of the trustees, Simon Murray.

Until next time... take care

Peter Bowyer



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



At our recent AGM I reported that once again the Friends had experienced a year of ups and downs. The unexpected closure of the successful and valued Chemotherapy service at Wareham Hospital at such short notice upon the retirement of the much loved Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nicky was met with disappointment, concern and some anger. Neither local GPs or the hospital were advised of this change which had such a devastating effect for those patients requiring treatment at a vulnerable time in their lives. The changes also mean the pre-treatment blood tests like the chemotherapy will require trips to Poole adding to the distress. University Hospitals Dorset (UHD) who provide the service have indicated that they will try to reinstate the clinic in 6-12 months time but to date we have seen no evidence of this, so we remain sceptical. We have written to our MPs and to Poole hospital to voice our concerns, the Wareham Community having funded clinic setting up costs and some equipment.

Less than two weeks later we were told, again at short notice and without consultation, that the Rheumatology follow up clinic held at Swanage Hospital and again provided by UHD was to close due to the retirement of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner - another blow for Purbeck patients who again will need to travel to Poole Hospital for treatments. This is a worrying trend and we wonder what other services will be lost locally?

On the upside we are delighted to know that a new Eating Disorder service is about to be provided at Wareham Hospital and at our AGM we heard about local Dementia services and those provided for patients in our local nursing homes which is very encouraging.

We are now concentrating on our Friends' garden project as we try to prepare the garden for easier maintenance in the future. The garden is very much appreciated by patients, staff and visitors so we would appreciate gardening or financial help to support our work which will be overseen by Simon Goldsack from Holme Nursery who originally designed the garden some 25 years ago.

We are holding a **'Ball and Socket'** fundraiser on **Saturday October 14th at 7.30 at the Corn Exchange, Wareham** with proceeds going to our garden project. At this event we will also be drawing our Grand Raffle which has a first prize of £100, kindly donated by a Friends member. Raffle tickets are available at Hospital Reception. Please do support us if you can.

Maggie Hardy, Friends Chair



Purbeck Coast is going from strength to strength. Four presenters and Michelle Langthorne, the studio Manager, were invited to run the MGAR sound system for their annual dog show. We played music, announced winners of the dog competitions, dog displays, games, stall holders and results of the grand raffle.

One genre lacking in our collection is folk music. We invite a passionate folkie to join us with their knowledge and music choices.

Application forms can be found on Swanage Pier trust website -

[Volunteering | The Swanage Pier Trust](#)





Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

The Society has had a busy summer running local guided walks and welcoming visitors to our Museum - The Purbeck Stone Museum and Langton Matravers Local History Museum. If you haven't had a chance to pop into the museum yet, we are open until the end of September. Monday - Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00. The museum is free but donations are very welcome.

Society Membership. Subscriptions are due in September. The income from fees is vital to keep the museum and Society going. Please consider joining the society if you are not already a member. You can find details on the website, or you can pick up a form from the museum or at events, or contact lmhps23@gmail.com for more details.

PROGRAMME FOR TALKS FOR AUTUMN - WINTER

All 7.00pm for 7.30pm Langton Matravers Village Hall Thursdays

Thursday 28th September: **Langton invades Europe: The D-Day Deceptions**, by Phil Judkins.

Thursday 26th October: **The History of Swanage Pier**, by Nick Reed.

Thursday, 30th November: **The Mortar Wreck – a 13th Century Ship**, by Tom Cousins.

Thursday, 7th December: Society's Christmas event (more details later).

Thursday 29th February 2024: **Purbeck during the Civil War**, by Anthony Moore.

We are also hoping to do a couple of shorter afternoon talks in the Village Hall either in the Autumn or Spring: hopefully a 'sit-down' version of the Ailwood walk for those who couldn't make it, and a repeat of the 'Sale of Worth' talk.

See the website www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org and posters for further details and dates.

Daryle Pearson and Mary Sparks, Publicity and Communications, LMLHPS

We've skipped into Autumn on the crest of a heatwave, so we give thanks for our fruitful earth in true harvest-tide tradition. Swanage Food Bank thanks Greengage Nursery and private growers for sharing their excess of fruit and vegetables with us for our clients – apples, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc all gratefully received.

In last month's news, I shared the matter of our replacement fridge-freezer, and its cost. Wonderfully, Emmanuel Baptist Church held a concert to raise funds for our charity, not knowing of any specific need, but provided us with the exact amount to pay for our new essential purchase. And already the fridge-freezer is proving very useful.

The number of clients continues to increase, and the supplies we are often short of remains constant: tinned fish and meat, jars of pasta sauce, microwaveable rice, tins of pasta in sauce e.g. macaroni cheese, tinned fruit, instant custard, all desserts, savoury crackers/crispbreads, crisps and other snacks, chocolate treats, and breakfast cereals (small size). If our generous donors don't supply these, we have to buy in extra stocks which cost us dear as we also buy fresh products (dairy, bread, fruit, eggs, etc).

Recently, our services have been wrongly called for by visitors staying on the roadside of Northbrook Road in camper vans, claiming to have teenagers and all with Covid. After the first week of receiving our food aid, they requested a second week's food supply, with additional van dwellers also referring themselves and all with contradictory stories of how many in their 'household' and sex/age of dependants. Realising that SFB's generosity was being

**Swanage
Food Bank**



abused, the Trustees stated that no more help would be given to holiday visitors as our resources were primarily intended for residents of Swanage and district.

We don't like having to say, 'No' but we have to discern genuine need from that of phoney claims and to state who may not be eligible for SFB assistance. We don't limit clients to a certain number of referrals per year, but unless there is just cause we do not give supplies on a weekly basis, but rather 2 lots a month at most. And we do expect clients to use the various agencies we signpost them to which may help them deal with the cause of their food poverty whether it's debt, or poor life style choices, or high energy costs, or need for Benefits.

We are grateful that we can help so many of our community – and we all share in this task to support those going through difficulties in feeding themselves and their families.

Pauline Werba, Chair Swanage Food Bank



Are you living with bereavement or struggling to move forwards due to a loss? If so, you are invited to join our support groups, open to the community who feel they could benefit from meeting others and seeking professional, friendly support. Visit our events pages for further information:

- Wareham Bereavement group - <https://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/about/community/events/douch-family-bereavement-group-wareham-2/>
- Swanage Bereavement group - <https://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/about/community/events/douch-family-bereavement-group-swanage-4/>



5th September - Carole Lehman – Floral Design

It was our very own Carole Lehman who gave us a lovely floral design demonstration for our September meeting. Carole set up her working table with a blue cover and using her cake decoration turntable she set to work to show us different flower display techniques. She brought with her, 2 vases, sellotape, small and large leaves, flowers of different lengths, secateurs/kitchen scissors and pebbles for the bottom of the vase.

Carole explained that she no longer uses oasis as it is not bio-degradable. She instead uses chicken wire or the small pebbles to support the stems. The sellotape was an interesting tip, as she used it in the first display, taping it across the top of a white jug in separate strips to form a mesh, leaving enough space to push the stems through into the jug. Depending on the size of the jug, 3 strips one way and 2 the other. This made such a difference to the flower stems staying in place. Carole had a selection of flowers and foliage from her garden and also a bunch of chrysanthemums from the local shop. The first vase was mainly magenta and white with some pink flowers and the second was red, yellow and green. They were both beautiful. Some of our members had bought their own flowers, greenery and vases to make up their own displays, which were all lovely. The smell in the hall was delightful.

3rd October - Louise Hayward - Local History.

Louise, who writes in the CVN and is our resident historian as she looks after the Town Hall Museum, village cross, a couple of old water pumps and a well. She volunteers at Dorset History Centre, researches for the National Trust and assists on Dorset Archeology Days. So she is very well placed to give an interesting talk on our local history. It will be about the shops of Corfe Castle. A short history from King John to the 20th century!

7th November – Sheena Darnes – How to start writing your memoirs

Sheena will provide a guidance sheet with lined paper, pens and clipboards .

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, two book groups and a textile group.

Email: 2008aquariusbodies@gmail.com or telephone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102



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**Corfe Castle Village Hall
27th October 2023 – 7.30pm**

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Ploughman's meal included

Please bring your own drinks & glasses
NO drinks will be on sale



Corfe Community Kitchen

Soup 'n Pud

**A choice of 2 Soups and a Roll
Followed by Puds with Custard**

7th October 2023

12.30 – 1.45pm

First Saturday of Each Month

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 and aims to increase community spirit.

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





Spotlight on seagrass!

It's all been happening at Studland's seagrass meadows this summer – including appearances on BBC Springwatch and the Channel 5's series, Dorset Coast and Country. The seagrass meadows are incredibly important for marine wildlife, including rare seahorses.

The Studland Bay Marine Partnership has been working on various initiatives to protect the seagrass meadows, whilst also meeting the needs of people, particularly boaters. There are currently around 40 eco-moorings in the Marine Conservation Zone, which don't damage seagrass in the same way that traditional anchors do.

- The partnership is hoping to announce soon that our funding bid has been successful to increase the number of eco-moorings to 100.
- Marker buoys are to be installed to delineate the boundary of the Voluntary No Anchoring Zone.
- A mooring app will launch soon to enable boaters to make donations for using the eco-moorings. There will be information on the website and QR codes on the eco-moorings.
- Led by the Dorset Coast Forum team, the partnership has attended events throughout the summer to display the eco-moorings at key launch/public areas, including the Southampton Boat Show.
- The National Trust is to install a camera on a beach hut at South Beach to enable the partnership to assess how the eco-moorings are being used.

Find out more, or register for a newsletter, at [Studland Bay Marine Partnership | Dorset Coast Have Your Say](#)



Creating cleaner air communities

As part of a Defra funded project, we're hosting a series of information events looking at tackling pollution and improving air quality in our communities.

These events will be made up of a mix of talks, information stands and question and answer sessions, and will explore how we can all work together to create cleaner air communities.

We'll take a closer look at the legislation around air quality and what it means. And attendees will get the chance to talk with the council's environmental protection, transport, housing, and climate teams to find out more about what they're doing and how they can help.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage • 6:30pm to 8pm • Wednesday 4th October

For further information and tickets, click [HERE](#)



DORSET CAN'S 'DORSET GREENER HOMES' CELEBRATES ITS TENTH YEAR OF OPERATION WITH ONLINE VIDEO FACILITIES AND FAB NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

Dorset Greener Homes (DGH), working alongside Dorset Council, is now the 'go-to' place locally to learn how to make our homes more sustainable. DGH prepares would-be and future green enthusiasts with a great 'look inside' what they could do in their own homes.

This year, Dorset Greener Homes celebrates its tenth anniversary with a new platform at Dorset Climate Action Network (DCAN's) website and videos of some of its homes. The site also now has a search facility which allows users to focus in on one aspect, such as 'heat pumps', 'retrofit', or 'low-cost improvement'. See here for the interactive map - https://www.dorsetcan.org/search_homes/

Over the ten years which Open Homes has been running, literally thousands of people have been inspired and informed how they can reduce their energy bills and carbon footprint. The advice they have got is free and unbiased and has helped them avoid the 'cowboys' who offer the world, but don't deliver.

Videos showcasing some groundbreaking homes mean that for the first time, users of the site can get a taste of the very different approaches – some hi-tech solutions, others very low-cost and based on common sense. The videos and the details of the homes can be viewed at: https://www.dorsetcan.org/greener_homes/

This year's dates run from 23rd September–1st October 2023. Forty Homes are set to open across Dorset, most of them open for one day. Some of the homes require booking, while for others visitors are invited to just turn up. Homeowners who have installed energy-saving changes will give impartial advice, based on their experience. When they have been happy with their installers they can share some very useful trusted contacts.

Sam Wilberforce, long time Dorset Greener Homes enthusiast and organiser, said: "It's great that we've got this new functionality on the DCAN website, offering more options, and hitting a wider audience. We look forward to sharing best practices and ideas on how to make our homes fit for the 21st century."



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







**Purbeck
Forget-Me-Not Group**
Dementia Support Group
Monday's 10:30-12:00 at the Wareham and
Swanage Rugby Club, Bestwall Road, Wareham.

£2.50 per person
Activities, Guest Speakers, Games, Warm drinks and a Warm
Welcome!
We hope to see you there!



Our Making Memories Café is back! Come and join us in the Show Bar of the Mowlem with fantastic views across Swanage Bay. There's always lots of fun, chatter and laughter and a really friendly vibe.

We're open from 10 - 12pm every first and third Tuesday of each month. There's tea, coffee and homemade cake. For the last half hour we usually have musical entertainment to ensure you all leave feeling happy. All of this is free but a donation is welcome to help with the costs.

Here are the planned dates for the next three months:

- October 3rd and 17th
- November 7th and 21st
- December 5th and 19th



Swanage Library

22nd November, between 10am – 12pm

Come and find out more about becoming a foster carer with Dorset Council!



dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

SENsational Story and Play



Join us for a fun session of sensory play, stories and rhymes.

Come and explore your local library whilst spending time with other parents and carers who have young children with additional needs. Join us for a story and chat with other families and relax with your children sharing a range of sensory toys. You can also borrow books to enjoy at home.



For 0 - 5 year olds and their parents/carers. Siblings are welcome.

**Friday 6 October,
3 November and 8 December
11:00am - 11:30am**

Swanage Library
30-32 High St, Swanage BH19 2NU



Please book in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)
For information 01929 423485



dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

The Autumn 2023 Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Programmes

Flu Vaccination Programme

This Year, Swanage Medical Practice is planning to run two Flu Vaccination Clinics:

- Saturday 30 September
- Saturday 7 October

The Practice has already started sending out invitations to those eligible to receive the vaccine. When you receive your invitation, please read it carefully - it contains all the information you will need. If you haven't received an invitation yet, please be patient. Invitations are being sent out in tranches as vaccine deliveries arrive.

PPG members will also be at the Surgery during the Flu Clinics - we look forward to seeing you.

COVID-19 Autumn Booster Programme

Dorset HealthCare will be running COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at Wareham Hospital as part of the Autumn Covid Vaccination Booster Programme from **Thursday 21 September 2023**. Clinics will then run every Monday, Thursday and Friday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Those eligible to receive a booster will be able to book an appointment via the online [National Booking Service](#) or by calling **119 from 18 September**. You may also be invited to get your booster via the NHS App, text, email or letter, but don't worry if you do not receive an invitation - if you are eligible to receive a booster, you can just go ahead and book an appointment.

People living in care homes started receiving their boosters on Monday 11 September.

Patients who are registered as housebound with their GP Practice will be contacted by Dorset HealthCare to arrange a home visit from a Vaccination Team.

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

*Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Dr Margaret Guy)
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG
August 2023*



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Free Energy Advice Training for Frontline Workers

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is offering free Energy Advice Training to frontline workers supporting households across Dorset in or at risk of fuel poverty.

The free training is available to both paid staff and volunteers who are working in the community with people who are facing difficulty heating their homes - helping to save money and keep vulnerable residents warm. The energy advice situation is changing regularly and updates are also available on financial support, including grants.

The training sessions are an hour long and there are refresher sessions available for people who have previously attended the full training sessions.

Register online for the Energy Advice Training Sessions
www.bit.ly/46avJ77

Accessing services

Swanage residents can come along to any of our drop-ins. Local drop-ins include:

- Herston Village Hall - Monday 10am-12pm
- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm
- Swanage Market - Advice Bus, Friday 10am-12pm
- Corfe Castle Village Hall Car Park - every third Friday of the month, 20th Oct, 17th Nov.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, family, housing and legal. If you're struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you're on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential.

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



Every Monday at Emmanuel

10.30am until 1.00pm

Especially for people who
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including

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and finishing with a light lunch



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Every Thursday 2pm



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Update on the Ambulance Car and NHS plans to deal with loss of Poole A&E and Maternity

Ambulance Car

We continue to keep an eye on our Swanage-based Purbeck Ambulance Car. Swanage Town Council request statistics from South West Ambulance Trust every six months, and recently received the latest batch, for January-June 2023. These statistics cover the Ambulance Car staffing, how many call outs the Ambulance Car does, and where the call outs are. The statistics also cover the emergency response times for Swanage and Wareham, regardless of the vehicle attending.



There's definitely some good news, and our thanks go, as always, to the Ambulance staff. On the staffing, the percentage of shifts staffed on the Ambulance Car increased to 73%, where this was as low as 40% when the future of the service was in doubt. On what percentage of car call outs were to Purbeck, this was 71%, up from 60% over the same period last year. The emergency response times, while still not meeting targets, are significantly better, including for category 1 and 2 emergencies, increasing the chances of saving life and of reducing lives lived in disability. However, the number of call-outs is significantly less than it has been in the past, despite the increase in staffing. There may be many reasons for this, and I will be requesting that the Town Council seeks further clarification from the Ambulance Trust.

The planned loss of A&E, Maternity and Children's departments from Poole Hospital

At the 'Our Dorset' event at the Mowlem on June 29th I delivered a letter from the Town Council, formally asking a range of questions, these questions were reported in the last Swanage Area Forum Newsletter. The Town Council has received a generally detailed response from NHS Dorset, which gives more information on a range of issues. However a number of key questions remain, including:

- What mitigation is being built in for the longer emergency journey times Swanage and Wareham residents and visitors will face
- Is the funding to update A&E at Dorset County Hospital (Dorchester) secure?
- What will the Urgent Treatment Centre at Poole, that will be replacing Poole A&E, actually treat that cannot be treated at Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit? How will patients self-presenting know whether to go to Swanage Minor Injuries, Poole Urgent Treatment, or Bournemouth or Dorchester A&E?
- What are the promised plans to enhance local services to treat early and reduce the need to travel to Bournemouth and Dorchester? Why have some local outpatient clinics at Swanage (rheumatology) and Wareham (oncology) hospitals been closed?

University Hospitals Dorset Chief Executive Siobhan Harrington and Chair Rob Whiteman have offered to meet in late October with a group of local people, to include representatives from Swanage and Wareham hospitals, Swanage Town Council, and Defend Dorset NHS, and I hope to have more news following that meeting.

Cllr Debby Monkhouse, Co-Ordinator Defend Dorset NHS



Swanage Museum
& Heritage Centre



Be prepared for a whole series of surprises as famous Cambridge researcher

Dr Phil Judkins of Purbeck Radar Museum Trust

(Cambridge University and Purbeck Radar Museum Trust) explains

The WW2 Naval Convoys and Purbeck's role in protecting them

Friday 29th September 7.30pm • St Edwards Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage BH19 1AH

Doors open at 7pm - Refreshments available • Tickets: £4 - members £3

Britain is an island and, during both World Wars, food, raw materials, weapons, and troops had to come and go by sea, most in convoys of merchant ships. The convoy battles raged from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean, and were hard fought with mines, bombs, guns, torpedoes and even missiles, guided and unguided. Dr Judkins will tell the whole story, from the British coastal convoys carrying coal, through the Atlantic convoys of food and weapons, to the Russian and the Malta convoys and the biggest convoy of all, the invasion fleet on D-Day. He will discuss Enigma code-breaking, and emphasise the huge local role played by the scientists at Worth and Langton Matravers – many billeted here in Swanage - in developing the radars which helped defeat the U-boats. Over 100,000 lives were lost in this massive struggle, which Prime Minister Winston Churchill said was “the only thing which really frightened him” – come and hear the full story, from the first to the last day of the Second World War.



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Following the very successful "Health Information event" at the Mowlem earlier this year which many members of the community attended, we were extremely disappointed to learn that – with no prior warning – the essential Rheumatology Clinic was to be discontinued at Swanage Hospital, resulting in patients having to make the arduous journey to Poole Hospital for their review.

Despite our efforts to discuss this with University Hospitals Dorset (UHD) (Poole and Bournemouth), to date we have had no response which has, albeit reluctantly, made us take the decision to ask the community to use their "voice" once again to reinstate the service.

Add your Voice - Can we have stories of your experience please?

Will those who are affected by this decision please email or write to me, giving details of how the journey to Poole Hospital will impact upon you, remembering to add your name and address on your correspondence. Your "voice" is the strongest force that we have! (addresses below)

I understand that Swanage Town Council have received a reply to the list of questions handed to UHD at the event, which I'm sure will be shared with the community in due course.

The other area of concern is the reduction of the opening hours for our Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) which led to some confusion over the busy summer season. Currently the MIU is open from 9am until 6pm but with the last appointment being at 5:30pm.

Although many of you find navigating the NHS III service challenging please do call them first to ensure that the MIU is open so as not to delay your assessment and treatment.

Friends of Swanage Hospital AGM

Our Friends of Swanage Hospital Annual General Meeting will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Ave, Swanage on Wednesday 18th October at 2:30 pm. This is your opportunity to hear Dorset Health University Foundation Trust's (DHUFT) plans (all positive) to return Swanage Hospital to its previous vibrant centre for health in our

community, as well as to raise the many concerns and questions that I'm sure you all have. We would love to be able to fill the hall this year to emphasise how important your local hospital is to you, whilst being mindful that Wareham Hospital also provides services that many of the community benefit from.

To end on a cheerful note, our popular Autumn Fayre will take place on Saturday 4th November at The Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd from 12noon – 2pm where, as well as supporting the Hospital, I'm sure many of you will go home laden with festive gifts and food. Hope to see you there!

Deirdre Selwyn

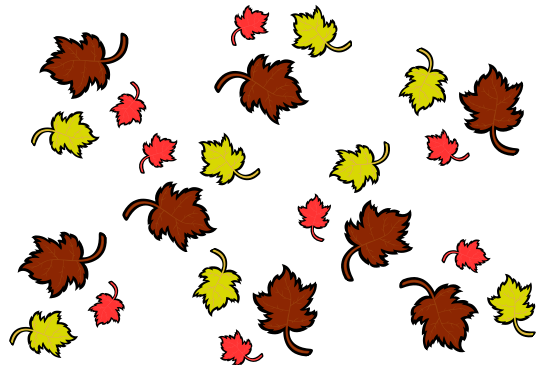
Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital

Email: membership@friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk

*Or write to the Friends of Swanage Hospital
Queens Rd, Swanage, Dorset BH19 2ES*

Swanage Hospital Autumn Fayre

Saturday 4 November
10.00 am to 12.00 noon
at The Catholic Church Hall,
Rempstone Road



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Have your say on stabilisation and enhancement options for Swanage Seafront greenspaces

Three areas in Swanage need to undergo essential ground stabilisation works due to significant ground movement and slope instability. These areas are Sandpit Field, Weather Station Field, and the 'Spa' beach hut area.

Following extensive monitoring of the site, and the recognition that essential stabilisation works take place to protect these well used community greenspaces, Swanage Town Council is asking for feedback on possible options that aim to stabilise and enhance the green seafront that runs parallel to Shore Road.

Swanage Town Council have contracted engineers WSP to draft two options for the stabilisation of the green seafront. The draft options are:

1. Option One: An essential scheme option for essential works.
2. Option Two: An enhanced option providing more public benefits but is more substantial in terms of scope & cost.

Options are available to view, and you can also have your say by completing a survey online at: www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/swanage-green-seafront-stabilisation

Come along to find out more and chat to the project team at these events:

- **23rd September** – 'Planet Purbeck by the Seaside' event, 10-3pm.
- **6th October** – Swanage Market
- **19th October** – Mowlem Theatre Show Bar, 4-7pm

The survey will close on the 31st October.

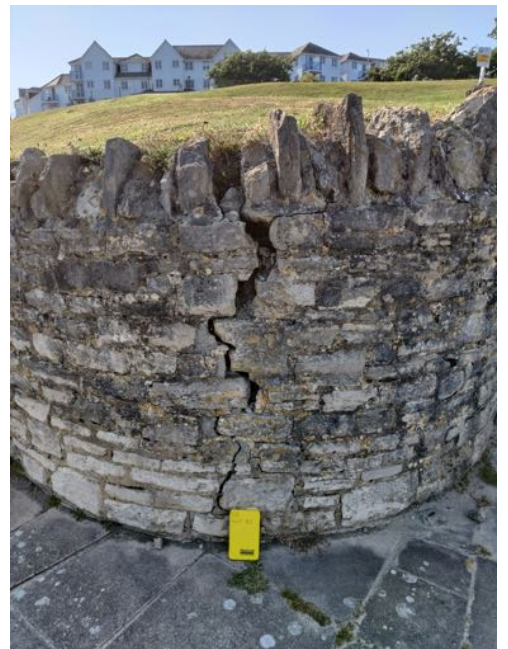
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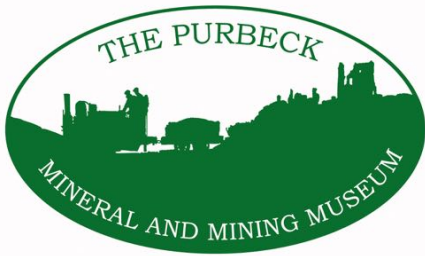
"Whilst the stabilisation works are essential and scheduled to be carried out in 2025/2026, there may be an opportunity to significantly enhance these areas. It is important to gain the community's view on the two options. If additional funding can be sourced option 2 enhancements include, increased accessibility, biodiversity, seating, new larger beach huts, accessible toilet facilities and potentially a new plaza with eating and drinking space. Please take a look at the options and tell us your view on which option is best for Swanage."

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Website QR code:





Potters pay homage to Purbeck's industrial past

As well as being an increasingly popular destination for visitors to Dorset, the Purbeck Mining Museum is helping to highlight the true value of the area's industrial heritage. This year, the museum has welcomed many people from the world of pottery and ceramics who have shown interest in the source of the world's finest ball clay – a raw material that has played such an important role in the industry for many centuries.

Next year, the museum is planning a special exhibit of some of the pottery produced by the late Tony Brown, an accomplished potter and widely respected archaeologist who lived in Corfe Castle for many years. This has been made possible thanks to kind support of Tony's daughter, Carole, who is lending the museum some examples of her father's work following a recent meeting with the museum's curator, Nigel Cox. More details of the display will be confirmed in advance of the 2024 season.

Many of today's generation of potters have also been welcomed to the museum in recent months. Cath and Jerry Broadway from Elm House Studio, for example, visited Norden in August. Working from her studio nestled under the Iron Age ramparts of Hambledon Hill, Cath has been inspired by the colour and textures of the surrounding countryside and Dorset coast to create a wide range of handmade pottery and other ceramic products, while Jerry's skills lie in the creation and chemistry of unique glazing materials.

Fiona Kelly, is another local potter who often features familiar local landscapes and the natural world in her handmade pottery designed for everyday use. Based in Bournemouth, Fiona visited the Purbeck Mining Museum with her family earlier in September and said it was "well worth the visit to see the informative display."

According to Paola Hobson, a Committee member of the Purbeck Mining Museum, the interest from so many local potters is prompting discussions about arranging future pottery demonstrations and displays to be featured at the museum.

"Although our ideas are at a very formative stage, the display of Tony Brown's works could be the catalyst for us to give more focus to local potters who use Purbeck ball clay or have gained inspiration from the beautiful Purbeck countryside. Any local potter or ceramicist who is interested in working with us should contact me at paola.hobson@swanagerailway.co.uk."



Cath and Jerry Broadway from Elm House Studio were among the many potters and ceramicists to visit the Purbeck Mining Museum during 2023.



Nigel Cox, curator of the Purbeck Mining Museum views some of the impressive works produced by the late Tony Brown, a gifted potter and local archaeologist who lived in Corfe Castle for many years. Tony's daughter, Carole (right), has kindly offered to lend some of her father's works to the museum for a special display in 2024.

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