

# SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome to The Swanage Area Forum and The Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust September 2022 Newsletter.

Now that the Summer is drawing to an end, what will be our lasting memory? It has to be the exceptional heat with the corresponding drought, adding to a very dry Spring that we shall probably remember most. The images in one's mind are of Purbeck in general and Swanage in particular hosting what must have been record numbers of visitors, with every day throughout July and August seeming like August Bank Holiday Monday. The mixture of chaos at airports, seaports and railways must have aided the increase in visitor numbers and these folk that have visited Purbeck have been rewarded with amazing holiday weather, leaving our business community much happier than anticipated.

There have, of course, been downsides to the weather conditions that are especially worrying. The dry, parched fields with the expected corresponding decline in agricultural yields; fire threatened heathlands and also the visible damage to a large number of trees, with many suffering very early leaf-drop and damage to their branches. If the climate of the future continues to provide us with similar or even drier and warmer conditions it does not bode well for our beautiful landscape. We can, of course, adapt our gardens and parks by introducing plants that can live and thrive in these projected new conditions, but out in the countryside what will be the future for our farmlands, waterways, woods, heathlands, uplands and coastal areas as well as the wildlife that inhabit them?

Finally on a more optimistic note, the items in this September issue of our newsletter show once again our communities being hives of activities, with many events being planned over the coming period. Please take advantage of these events and give support to those that arrange them as well as enjoying yourselves and taking advantage of what is on offer in the process.

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 of the Newsletter  
**MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**



Swanage & Purbeck  
 Development Trust



## Summer Gala Concert raises a fantastic £1,100 for the Trevor Chadwick Memorial

Following the incredibly successful summer Gala Concert, which was hosted by local celebrity Karen Grant, funds of £1,100 were raised which were donated to the Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust.

The formal unveiling and dedication of the statue will take place on Monday 29th August at 3pm on the Recreation Ground immediately adjoining the newly renamed Trevor Chadwick Play Park.

The Trust have been able to contact three of the grandsons of Trevor Chadwick who have jointly agreed to carry out the unveiling ceremony.

Other dignitaries will be attending and the Swanage Town Band will play from 2.30pm.

John Corben, Chairman of the Trust, said: "We are really delighted that, after two and a half years of planning, the statue will be unveiled, which will be a fitting tribute to an unsung local hero." John added that the Trust were extremely indebted to the community for their tremendous support for this important project.



'Artisans at the Market' is held on the first Friday of every month from 1st April to 7th October from 8.00 a.m. until approximately 1.00 p.m. in Main Beach Carpark in Victoria Avenue, Swanage

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of lovingly crafted items on sale including jewellery, ceramics and furniture

# Studland Snippets



## Studland Parish Council



The recent fire on the heath adjoining the ferry road highlights the danger of irresponsible use of portable barbecues during the exceptionally dry summer. It is recognised that further measures may be needed to educate heathland users about fire risks. Comprehensive bans on barbecues need to be made and enforced. Improved long-run planning by the land owner and the regulatory agencies seem to be required, rather than reactive management. The fire fighters, coast guard and police are all to be thanked for contributing to putting out this fire that was whipped up by the onshore easterly winds.

For those of you who visit the beach near the hire boat facilities you may have noticed this summer a rather unpleasant smell in the area. This may be associated with the public conveniences or the pollution in the bay from boats using their sea toilets. It is unclear who is responsible for the monitoring of this issue. Rather like sea water quality, some form of regular monitoring seems to be lacking. The annual test by the Environment Agency is informative, yet it is a snapshot and may not capture circumstances other than on the day of the monitoring. Given the role and importance of tourism for the area, addressing this subject may need action by relevant bodies.

**The Parish Council recognise the important contribution that has been made by the group, the **Wonderful Studland Ladies**: The group have raised significant funds for a variety of charitable causes. The Parish Council are considering recommending the group for entry into the Dorset Council awards scheme for community volunteers. The scheme has been reintroduced by Dorset Council following the earlier successes in the former District Councils in Dorset.**

**Update on roadside manikins:** The Parish Council is keen to receive feedback from Dorset Council and the Police on the potential use of roadside manikins as a means for slower speeds by motor vehicles. Other measures such as 20mph and painted signs on the roads maybe needed as part of a coherent approach to safer transport in Studland. There is concern about speeding cyclists who participate in time trialled racing from the golf course to the ferry even in the height of the summer.

**The Purbeck Society** is concerned with the planning application to regularise developments at Herston Yards Farm. Any apparent developments that may harm the nature of the Dorset AONB are not welcomed.

**CPRE The Countryside Charity (the new name for the former Campaign to Protect Rural England)** is keen to examine the potential within Dorset to make some use of solar panels on roofs of properties especially in towns. The success of **Sustainable Swanage** is recognised as an exemplar that has the ability to be used in other similar locations. Community mapping of solar panels on roofs is being considered in some parts of the Lake District National Park.

**Peter Bowyer**

**CHARITY CRICKET MATCH**

SEARCH AND RESCUE DORSET

Sunday 11th September at 2pm

Join us at **Studland Cricket Field**, by kind permission of Studland Bay House.

Raising Money for **LOWLAND RESCUE**

Cream teas and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Come along and bring the family and enjoy a fun afternoon.

Bring a chair and enjoy the game.

Free Entry - but the charity buckets will be rattling!

WONDERFUL STUDLAND LADIES



Purbeck Connect Ukraine, a sub-group of Swanage Action for Refugees, supports Ukrainian refugees who find themselves in Purbeck.

A social event for our Ukrainian guests held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Swanage on 16 July was very well attended by about thirty-five Ukrainian ladies and children, plus a good number of their hosts and volunteers. Some even came over from Poole for the event. It is a joy to see the pleasure our guests have in meeting one another and being able to chat together in their own language.

Various other social events have been planned throughout the summer holidays, including swimming at the Purbeck Sports Centre in Wareham, a shopping trip to Parkstone with refreshments being provided at Parkstone Baptist Church, sports activities in Beach Gardens, Swanage, and a trip to Lulworth Castle. We are grateful to the local business and organisations that have kindly made their facilities available to our Ukrainian guests.

Regular English lessons are being provided on Monday mornings at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage, by one of our volunteers, who is a qualified English teacher. Other volunteers have been offering informal English conversation sessions.

Members of the local community were touched at the 'Carnival Praise' event in Swanage by a poem recited by one of our young Ukrainian guests, Damir (aged 10).

We are increasingly being asked for assistance in finding accommodation for Ukrainian refugees already in the country. Hosts who signed up for the Homes for Ukraine scheme committed to providing accommodation for at least six months. As this six-month period comes to an end, quite understandably some hosts do not wish continue. This means that new host families or alternative accommodation will increasingly be required.

**We would invite anyone who has registered with the Homes for Ukraine scheme, but has not yet found Ukrainian guests, to contact us so that we can try to match them with suitable guests.**

Email: [purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com](mailto:purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com)



## OUTDOOR CINEMA REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Watching some classic films, under the stars, will be a great way to end the long, hot summer, for local residents as well as visitors.

On the terrace at **The Old Granary in Wareham** will be the venue for three films in September:

- **West Side Story** (Thursday 8 September, 8.45pm)
- **Death On The Nile** - (Thursday 15 September 8.45pm)  
Kenneth Branagh brings his star quality - and a mightily impressive moustache - to this Agatha Christie classic, playing Belgian detective Hercule Poirot
- **In The Heights** - (Thursday 22 September 8.45pm)  
An American musical drama full of energy, following the residents of New York neighbourhood Washington Heights as they pursue their dreams of a better life (

**Advance booking is recommended for all films, and more information on the festival can be found on the website - [www.purbeckfilm.com](http://www.purbeckfilm.com)**

*The full festival runs from October 14-29, with more than 80 films at over 30 venues across Purbeck.*



## Latest news from Friends of Wareham Hospital

What a lovely time we had at our Garden Party in the hospital grounds on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The weather was not the best but it did not stop us attracting a good number who enjoyed a cream tea, lovely cakes and helped us to raise over £1400 which will be used to support hospital services.

We were delighted to welcome Cllr. Malcolm Russell, Mayor of Wareham who spoke warmly about the hospital. He was joined by Jacquie Hall, Wareham Town Crier (and a Friends Committee member).

We were very pleased to have support from members of the Swanage Hospital Friends and from Wareham and Swanage & Purbeck Rotary clubs - Working together to the benefit of us all in the Purbeck area was an added joy and bonus.

Our raffle was very successful; our thanks going to Cora Best who liaised with many local businesses / organisations who kindly and generously donated wonderful prizes - thank you to all.



We would warmly welcome you to our Annual General Meeting if you'd like to join us:

**Friends of Wareham Hospital AGM  
Monday 26th September 7pm  
at the Masonic Hall in Wareham**

We are hoping to be joined by a Senior Manager from Dorset Healthcare having asked for news of the proposals for Wareham Hospital now that we know the Community Hub plans have been scrapped.

If you would like to hear more about the hospital / Purbeck Community Services please do consider joining the Friends. We can be contacted through the hospital 01929 557550 or by email [friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com)

**Maggie Hardy Friends Chair**

Charity No.252073





**The Planet Purbeck Festival** is run by the community, for the community. Many local people recognise that our natural assets are under threat and something needs to be done. Planet Purbeck approached this problem by creating a fun and enthusiastic platform that invites the community to connect with their environment and foster a relationship with it; the more we care about our world; the more we will protect it.

Last year's festival increased the membership base by a massive 30%. Many of the businesses and organisations involved reported an increased interest in their activities during and after the festival, too. From survey evidence, after the event, we understand that 70% of attendees were inspired to make changes to their lifestyle to positively impact the planet.

We are happy to announce that our most popular events from last year are returning. Even better, they will be hyper-focused on the exciting opportunities for nature right here in Purbeck. One example: **Sandy Hill Art**

**Date:** 17 September 2022

**Time:** 11am - 4.00pm

**Location:** Sandy Hill Arts, Corfe Castle, BH20 5JF

**Entrance - FREE**

[sandyhillarts.co.uk](http://sandyhillarts.co.uk)



*Credit: Neil Garrick-Maidment*

**Celebration of Our Sea - 23rd Sept**  
7-9pm at The Mowlem Theatre, BH19 1DD  
**FREE Tickets!**

Explore our coast & journey under the sea. Hear inspiring stories & how to enhance our coastal community as we restore abundance to our sea.

**More abundant wildlife means:**

More seal, dolphin and seahorse sightings in Purbeck!  
Amazing snorkeling!

A thriving fishing community for all!

Thriving seagrass meadows! And more crabs in kids' buckets!

**Featuring local ecologist David Brown, Professor Stafford from Bournemouth Uni, leading marine expert Marianne Wootton & other exciting speakers**

For further details and Event Organiser contact details:

Planet Purbeck: <https://planetpurbeck.org> > festival

Email: [planetpurbeck@gmail.com](mailto:planetpurbeck@gmail.com)



*Credit: Steve Gardner*

**Celebration of Our Land - 24th Sept**  
7-9pm at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage BH19 1DD  
**FREE Tickets!**

Abandon the land, let nature take charge and all will be alright in the future. Right? *Maybe not...*

What makes Purbeck's land so special now? What could it be like in the future?... *What if you just leave it?*

An evening of films from around the world, the UK and our lovely Isle, talks from local experts that will inspire and challenge you.

**Keynote speaker: Dr Sam Rose, creator of the podcast** <https://www.whatifyoujustleaveit.info/>

**Plus Local Speakers:**

Tom Munro Dorset AONB

Grace Herve Dorset Wildlife Trust

Alexia Hayson Planet Purbeck Land Use Team

Jake Hancock - Wessex Grazing

For further details and Event Organiser contact details:

Planet Purbeck: <https://planetpurbeck.org> > festival

Email: [planetpurbeck@gmail.com](mailto:planetpurbeck@gmail.com)

# Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



## Very busy summer for SCDP members, with great fundraising events too

SCDP members have been busy over the summer. National Coastwatch at Peveril point kindly organised a tea and cake event for SCDP in mid July and raised over £400 to support the maintenance of the many defibs we now have in the local area. As you will see from the photo, the event provided a great opportunity for Ian Brown and Dave Corben to provide a Defib familiarisation session against the wonderful background of Swanage Bay .

During the Swanage Carnival week members were pleased to support 'bucket collections ' and are grateful to the Carnival committee for identifying SCDP as a beneficiary of carnival fundraising this year.

New defibs have now been installed at Burlington Chine and another at the Mowlem with fundraising taking place for a device at Cauldron Barn Park - thank you to everyone involved in raising funds for this important equipment.

SCDP would like to invite all those interested in our local project to come along and hear about the project developments over recent years and to see how to use a Defib in the event of an emergency situation. Details:

**SCDP OPEN MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - 7pm at**  
**SWANAGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, HIGH ST, BH19 2LZ**

Maggie Hardy, SCDP



*Ian Brown and David Corben 'demonstrating how it's done' on the beautiful downs overlooking Swanage Bay*



*SCDP members Maggie Hardy, Clive Townley and Mary Buck - part of the volunteer 'Bucket Brigade' collecting funds during Carnival Week - also with Ian Brown BEM, Coastguard Station Officer and fellow member of SCDP*



*Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans*

## Swanage Food Bank



Swanage, like the rest of the country, has been scorched in July and August, but under the sunny skies is the darkening shadow of increased energy and food costs which will drive many households locally into further poverty. Swanage Food Bank has joined with other local organisations' representatives, led by Wellbeing Swanage to discuss the Cost of Living Crisis in our community. Although it has been possible to identify 5 areas impacted by rising prices in Swanage - food, housing, energy, travel and leisure - they are so interconnected that none can be improved in isolation.

So Swanage Food Bank clients also face soaring gas and electricity costs (which SFB can offer limited help to pay) and transport difficulties (which SFB offsets with Home Deliveries where possible). Leisure activities in the past have provided employment, but jobs are often so badly paid that clients consider themselves better off on Benefits than in work.

Health, especially mental health, is another problem for many of the people SFB assists. Numbers of clients have doubled again in the past year and SFB spending on food has also doubled.

So we continue to be grateful for all food and financial donations. It has been wonderful to receive fresh produce from allotments and gardens - and a one-off gift of 6 boxes of potatoes from the Swanage Carnival Committee. SFB clients benefit from fresh fruit and veg, bread and dairy as well as tinned and packeted items. Many of our neighbours would be under-nourished and under-fed without SFB's assistance.

Please keep donations coming - baked beans, breakfast cereals, spreads (savory and sweet), tinned fish and meat, biscuits and crackers, dried pasta and rice, and all desserts. Every item is appreciated. A newcomer to our Team wondered if we should give sweets to families with children as 'not essential food'. It's true, they're luxuries, but they give such pleasure to the young and to their parents who really can't afford them. So, if you slip into one of our Food Bins a packet of sweets or chocolates, think of the little people you will be delighting. And thank you from Swanage Food Bank for your generosity.

**Pauline Werba, Chair SFB**



*Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans*





## The Summer Fete – Back At Last!



After a two-year absence we were delighted to be able to hold our Summer Fete and Craft Fair on Sandpit Field on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. The event was widely publicised, not least by long standing Rotarian Hubert Pierce! (pictured)

As most will recall temperatures were very high, but despite this we had a steady flow of visitors enjoying the wide range of stalls and entertainments on offer.

The stalls included traditional favourites such as hoopla and tombola together with more recent innovations such as cornhole. In addition to the ever-popular tea tent and BBQ, refreshment options included vegan soups, craft coffee and, of course, ice cream! There were plenty of craft stalls too, including the excellently appointed “Boutique in a Bus”. We were also delighted to host charities including Sustainable Swanage, Planet Purbeck and the RNLI.

There was no shortage of entertainment either. Kevin Burke did his magic show to an enthusiastic reception from the gathered crowd whilst Jurassic Rock and Roll, all musicians local to the area, rocked the field. The local ukulele players URC Ukes and singer Karen G completed the line-up. Sadly, the heat meant the Novelty Dog Show and children’s races had to be cancelled though the children’s tent had several enticing activities.

Towards the end of the afternoon, the Raffle Grand Draw took place, with more than fifteen prizes, many of which were kindly donated by Rotary Business Partners and other local organisations. All the profits from the raffle and fete will provide valuable funds for many local good causes. We are hugely grateful for all the support we have had from Friends of Rotary, Rotary Business Partners and other volunteers including members of the Harmans Cross Fete Committee. These events require a great deal of planning and effort and would not be possible without the support of the wider community.

**Chris Le Fevre, President, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary**



**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**



## Wellbeing Swanage is in Forward Motion A project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

In April the Wellbeing Project said farewell to Laura who has moved to Gloucestershire. To continue with the project and take it forward we are pleased to welcome Collete Ford. To some she will be a familiar face, as she previously managed the Swanage Children's Centre.

Have you visited the Wellbeing Swanage website recently? [www.wellbeingswanage.org](http://www.wellbeingswanage.org)

We are looking to provide a place where the local community can access information to support their health and wellbeing.

**The Directory** hosts information about low or no cost groups, services and support in Swanage and local area, as well as information about regional and national organisations across a broad spectrum of subjects. Do you host or know about a local group/service that we can include in the directory? Click on the [HERE](#) on the welcome page of the website to provide us with the information.



<https://wellbeingswanage.org>

Welcome! Do you want to build connections and find groups and support in the local community that might help you improve your health and wellbeing? You can find lots of local support from charities, service providers and social groups in the Wellbeing Swanage Directory, or search our resources page for self help guides, links to further information and self referral guidance.

If you are a representative from a local community group who would like to register to join the directory please get in touch or submit your group details [HERE](#). Or if YOU have an idea or a project that you think would make our community thrive, please get in touch!

**Community Connector Training** – how often do you find yourself having a conversation with someone and sharing information about a group, an activity, or some helpful information you have heard about? Why not join one of our information sessions to find out about how the community connectors work? Help us to create a community of connectors for Swanage and the surrounding villages. We will be offering online and face to face sessions in the coming months, lasting for about fifty minutes. It is a great way to link up with other local people to find out more. Contact us at [contact@wellbeingswanage.org](mailto:contact@wellbeingswanage.org) to find out more and book a place.

**The Resources** – here you will find a range of resources that can help you improve your health or tackle life issues that might be stopping you from fully thriving. These include worksheets that can be downloaded to use at home, links to self-referral programmes and other useful information – touching on a wide range of common issues. Spotted a gap? Then let us know.

**The Cost of Living Crisis** is something that is impacting on us all, at the last Swanage Town and Community Partnership it was raised as a priority “the impact of the cost of living on the local community.” Wellbeing Swanage has taken the lead on a task and finish project with partners from local organisations and charities to put together a report identifying local needs and trends, including energy cost, transportation, access to food and impact on wellbeing. Whilst we may not find solutions to it all, we can highlight the local impact and work together to support our local community in the best way possible. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please get in contact with us.



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



## Need Advice?

We are now OPEN for drop-in

### Herston Village Hall

Jubilee Road, Swanage BH19 2SF

**10am-12noon**

**Next dates:**

**Monday 5th September 2022**

**Monday 3rd October 2022**

Or call us on Dorset Adviceline Freephone:  
0800 144 8848 10am-4pm to speak to an adviser

You can also visit our website:  
[www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)



### **\*Household Support Fund for people over State Retirement Pension age**

If you are a resident in the Dorset Council area, over state retirement pension age or born before 30.09.1956, and with less than £10,000 in savings, you may be eligible for the government's Household Support Fund to help with the cost of living. Citizens Advice is working with Dorset Council to administer the fund, currently up to the end of September 2022.

- You can find out more about the Household Support Fund and how to apply at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

If necessary, our local Citizens Advice office can help you complete your form – details of our local drop-in services are given below.

### **\*Money Management Advice session in Swanage Library**

The increase in the cost of living, combined with spiralling energy prices has resulted in many people struggling with everyday expenditure. To meet this need, Citizens Advice has face-to-face money advice sessions in local libraries thanks to Dorset Libraries and with funding from Dorset Council.

- Citizens Advice Money Management advisers are at Swanage Library on Mondays for booked appointments

Money advice sessions must be pre-booked by calling the **Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848**, or

you can be referred by a Citizens Advice adviser or member of library staff.

### **\*General Advice Drop-in Sessions**

We hold drop-in sessions at a number of locations across Purbeck and East Dorset including:

- Swanage Town Hall, 10am-2pm, Wednesdays, except first Wednesday of the month
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage, 10am-12noon, first Monday of each month
- Wareham Office, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Matravers Library, Fridays 10am-12noon

No appointment is needed. See [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk) for full details of all drop-in locations and opening times.

### **\*Talk to an adviser on Dorset Adviceline**

For free, confidential advice and support, **call Dorset Adviceline on Freephone 0800 144 8848 Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm**

We are able to help most people either by phone or by email using our website form, and a face-to-face appointment can be made if necessary.

**\*Visit our website for a wealth of online help and support:** [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)

## Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster



As I write this sitting quietly in my office, I have to admit that, the Seekers song, "The Carnival is Over" is running through my head. And what a Carnival it was!

All week The Alan Price Set have been singing in my ears "Don't Stop the Carnival" but now it really is over, and I am sure, a relief for the Swanage Carnival Crew, who must be exhausted. They must all be praised for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. Swanage should be so proud and on behalf of the Town Council I thank them all.



Sticking to the song lyric theme, I am going with "what have you done today to make you feel proud". Well, I have done a lot of things in the last couple of months to make me feel so proud to represent our amazing town.

My Consort and I have been to Herston Halt railway station to see the Army Link commitment and enthusiasm to improving the Swanage Railway projects managed by Frank Roberts and his team. (See photo)

We attended the opening of the new Mural on the seafront done by the Swanage children under the guidance of the Purbeck Arts Week: please make sure you visit and see for yourself the Jubilee heritage wall.

We visited the Heroes Haven chalet at Herston Yards to see the opportunity for a holiday for injured military personal and their families. Money raised locally has provided a chance for others to enjoy our town and as this is the Mayor's chosen charity for this year, I am proud to encourage more fundraising.

The Bandstand has hosted several concerts, which for those who strived to repair the structure must be rightly proud. Also the amount of musical talent in the town must not go unnoticed.

I am also proud to support Sustainable Swanage, the group led by Sarah Spurling, partly funded by the Town Council, and bringing together residents who organise events to promote and increase understanding of our beautiful environment. The footpath project is a shining example.

So as I walk around and visitors stop me to praise the town and its amenities, I am immensely proud of the people I represent and also humbled to have the opportunity to accept all the good wishes.

**Cllr Tina Foster**



'The Place of Welcome' at 103, High Street, continues to grow in popularity as a place for a friendly chat, shared experiences, coffee, cake (sometimes homemade), the ever popular dominoes, jigsaw puzzles as well as book and DVD swapping.

Helen McDavid continues to work hard matching lonely and vulnerable people with 'visitors'. More volunteers for this friendly, stimulating and rewarding pastime would be much appreciated - you won't regret it!

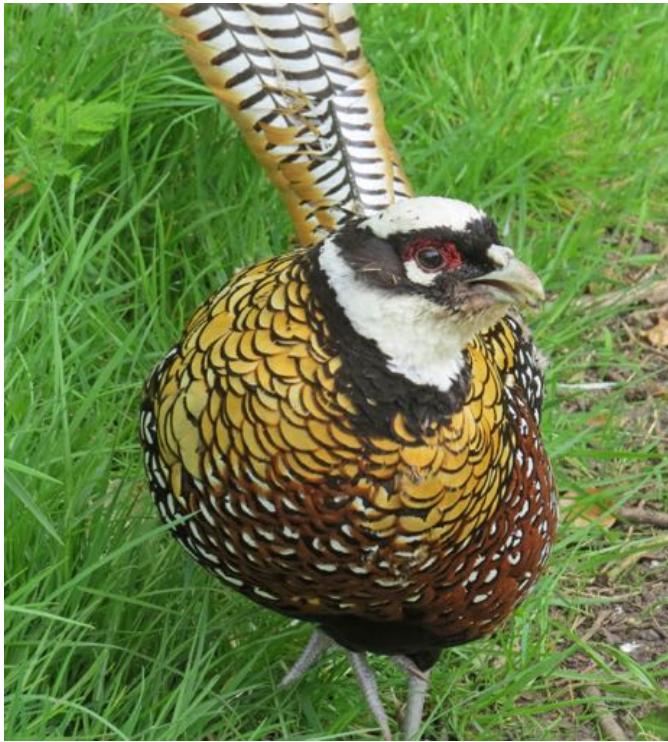
After our successful 'Pies in July' lunch we are continuing the theme of friendly Sunday lunches to which everyone is invited. Here are a couple of events we are doing in September:

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 'Sausages in September' lunch at Herston Village Hall**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept - Visit to Holme Garden Centre**

Plans for a picnic at Durlston, and then a 'musical lunch' with a local band and food supplied by local farmers in November are underway, details to follow. Do contact me if you need more information.

**Sarah M Bamber**  
[sarahmbamber@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmbamber@gmail.com)



*Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans*



## **FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL**

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

Many of those reading this Newsletter will have been both dismayed and concerned at the 2-day closure of our Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) in July over the first weekend of the school Summer Holiday. We (SH Friends Committee) were only notified of the intended closure a few days before the weekend. It was due to extreme shortage of MIU trained staff across all Community Hospitals in Dorset. Given the challenges that face someone having to travel from the Purbeck Peninsula to Poole or Dorchester Hospital for assessment/treatment of their injury or minor ailment, on behalf of our community as well as the large expected influx of visitors, we immediately started discussions with the senior management of Dorset Healthcare University Trust (DHUFT) to try to reverse the decision. We were disappointed that, on this occasion, the decision remained unchanged.

As we emerge from the “Covid safety restrictions” and begin to see the start of our Community Hospital

returning to “normal” working we also need to acknowledge the new ways of delivering Health and Social care services nearer to the patient’s home through the Government’s Integrated Care Pathway programme, alongside the development of the new local Primary Care Networks( PCN) which enable local GPs to influence the delivery of locality-based services to meet the specific needs of their community.

Going forward we, the SHF Committee, are excited at the opportunity this will present for Swanager Hospital and will be working closely with both DHUFT and the local PCN. Both are clear in the intention that Swanager Hospital will once again become the busy centre for the delivery of health care services and to ensure that, thanks to the generosity of our local community, funding these services will not be a barrier to their development.

By the time that this Newsletter is circulated we hope that the eagerly awaited refurbishment of the Stanley Purser ward, delayed due to the need to keep all beds “open” to relieve the acute shortage of beds within the Acute Hospitals, will have started.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Community we say “Thankyou” to all of the wonderful staff and volunteers who, despite all of the recent challenges have continued to provide exemplary care to all patients and visitors attending the hospital.

**Deirdre Selwyn Chair  
Friends of Swanager Hospital**



# HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

## News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

By the time you read this, the HXVH Fete will have been and gone and we will be back to normal business at the Hall. But that still means a very full and busy schedule of activities and events.

We are planning some 'upgrades' to the Hall and field over the coming months. We are having solar panels fitted so please bear with whilst the scaffolding is up – this is scheduled from 23 September to 6 October. We will also be fencing in the playground area and exploring options for some items of play equipment for younger children.

Other dates for your diaries are:



**TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**  
**WEST SIDE STORY (2021)**

The 1961 original film won 10 Oscars (still a record for a musical) including best picture. In this 2021 remake, Steven Spielberg does something that only he could do – his new version of this classic Romeo and Juliet tale is breathtaking, magnificent and dazzles the senses. Here's what a couple of reviewers have said:

“Steven Spielberg’s WEST SIDE STORY is pure classic Hollywood musical magic. Spectacular emotional filmmaking that almost completely blew me away.”

“Steven Spielberg’s take on West Side Story is his best film since Munich”

With our big screen and amazing audio, we can't wait to screen this at HXVH.



Further film dates for your diary are:

**Sunday 23 October – Purbeck Film Festival – Respect**

**Thursday 27 October – Purbeck Film Festival – The Railway Children Return**



**LIVE MUSIC NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**  
**THE ABBA SHOW**

Just to help us all celebrate the Fete and let our hair down (for those of us who still have some !!), we welcome back to the Hall the amazing Abba's Angels who performed last September – see the pictures and video on the website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music/>

The same link to the website will allow you to book tickets online for just £14.00. It's a brilliant night – sparkly costumes and platform heels are optional but encouraged. Further details are available from Bob Bunyar on 01929 289209 but please book early to avoid disappointment.

A final reminder of the next couple of dates for **Church at HXVH**, which will be Sunday 18 September and Sunday 16 October. This is a lovely, informal service commencing at 6pm.

That's all for now. All the best,

**Alison and the HXVH Committee**



Photograph by Dai Hounsell



## DEVICES AND DESIRES - THE GERMAN STORY OF RADAR

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
 St Edwards Catholic Church Hall  
 Rempstone Road, Swanage BH19 1AH  
 Doors open at 7pm - Refreshments available  
 Tickets: £4 - members £3

The people of Purbeck are rightly proud of the highly secret work carried out in the Second World War at Britain's Silicon Valley - Worth and Langton Matravers, all the way to St Aldhelm's Head - and how much this helped to win the Battle of the Atlantic, support D-Day and the invasion of German-occupied Europe, and eventually gain the victory in that conflict.

But what is the German story? Did Germany even have radar, and if they did, how did it compare with Purbeck's radars? Want to know more? Then do join us at our illustrated talk.

Be prepared for a whole series of surprises as famous **Cambridge researcher Dr Phil Judkins of Purbeck Radar Museum Trust** reveals the German story of radar development; shows how German developments inflicted massive losses on the Allies, and came close to turning the tide of the entire war.

**Mel Norris, Chair**



### 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](mailto:nickviney@hotmail.com) or phone 01929 439121, or Mary at [mary.ann.bevis955@gmail.com](mailto: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



## Corfe Castle Parish Council LATEST UPDATE

*You CAN make a difference...*

*How many times have you thought or heard someone saying, "it's only little old me, what difference would it make?". If I'm honest I've thought it many a time myself, but then last week I read something: "If you think you're too small to make a difference, you've obviously never had a mosquito in your bedroom at night". How true this is. If you have an issue, comment, question, and you don't know who to talk to or ask, contact me, the Parish Clerk. If the Parish Council can help, we will, and if we can't, we will do our best to help steer you in the right direction with who to contact. No issue, comment, question is daft or too small to bother with.*

### Public Consultation - Gods Acre Cemetery Rules and Regulations:

This can be a sensitive issue, however, to ensure the safety of all cemetery users Corfe Castle Parish Council is updating the current Rules and Regulations. Before we finalise and adopt the new document, we would like your feedback. Copies can be found on our website or by contacting the Clerk.

The main differences are:

- To allow with some restrictions non-fresh flowers.
- The ability for Council to remove/ dispose of items not permitted. i.e., glass and pottery items as these become brittle, get knocked over and break and can pose a danger to visitors, cemetery staff and wild animals.
- Detailed clarification on what is and isn't permitted within the Cemetery.

**If you wish to make comment on the new draft rules and regulations, please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email [clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**Swanage Railway** – During the Annual Parish Meeting the issue of Diesel engines idling at Corfe Castle station was raised. As promised the Council contacted the Swanage Railway and Robert Patterson the new Chairman for the Swanage Railway attended our meeting. Mr Patterson acknowledged the problems and stated where possible they will try to move stock to areas which cause less disturbance. Mr Patterson stated they are very committed to becoming "Good Neighbours".

During the meeting, a member of the public raised the issue of heath fires created by Steam trains particularly in spells of long dry hot weather. Mr Patterson stated the Railway are investigating various options, including fire buckets and beaters, but also will when necessary, use the diesel engines rather than steam engines.

### Planning Application & Treework Application update:

The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council:

**P/LBC/2022/03586** - 33-35 West Street, Corfe Castle.

**Recommend:** No objection.

**P/FUL/2022/01606** - Little Underhill Sandy Hill Lane Woolgarston.

**Recommend:** No Objection

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

### Water mains replacement works, Studland, Corfe Castle:

The dates have now been finalised for the Wessex Water mains replacement scheme to be carried. This section of road has had a history of water leaks and the works will rectify the history of bursts along Studland Road. As well as the benefits of a new pipe being fitted, the majority of the pipe will be installed in adjacent fields meaning future maintenance will be less disruptive to traffic.

The first phase of works has already commenced in the fields to the north of B3351 Studland Road with no impact to traffic. Phase 2 of the works will install a temporary 40mph speed limit and temporary traffic signals on B3351 near to the junctions with Thrasher's Lane and Meadus Lane. **This will be in place from 5th September 2022 until 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the southern section of Meadus Lane will be closed between 5th September 2022 until 23rd September 2022.**

For the final phase of works Wessex Water will **close the B3351 from the junction with the A351 to the entrance to Dorset Adventure Park. This closure will be in place for 5 weeks between 31st October 2022 until 2nd December 2022** and will run in conjunction with the Ferry Maintenance period. The diversion route for this closure will take traffic via A351, Ulwell Road, B3351 and vice versa.

Full Dorset Council consultation documents including maps, can be found on our website. If you wish to submit any comments, email the Clerk by 1st August 2022.

### Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

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





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



**Have you thought about hosting a Ukrainian family, but are not sure if it is right for you? Do you have Ukrainian guests already?**

Please come and meet Ukrainian visitors and hosts at a social meeting at

Not Just Sundaes Café  
South Street  
Wareham  
BH20 4LU

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.30am and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.0am.  
Drinks provided



## Historic Maps Exhibition

**Free Exhibition of beautiful, fascinating maps and charts of Dorset - and the World from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm to 7pm and  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 4.30pm  
All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell Rd  
Swanage BH19 1LL

Dress Code: Reading Glasses!

*If you'd like to make a donation to Swanage Action for Refugees (SAR) that would be very welcome*

**YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME**

## Swanage Ambulance Car Update

### WE'RE ON OUR WAY BACK TO FULLY-STAFFED CAR!



**Good news - it really looks like we have saved the Ambulance Car! It has been confirmed to the Town Council that we are on our way back to the full complement of 5 staff, and that the 5<sup>th</sup> staff member will be in post by the beginning of September. As lone workers clinically trained to treat emergencies at the scene, all staff on the Car will need to be Paramedics or Advanced Ambulance Technicians.**

It may lift your spirits to see some children from Swanage Primary, where children and parents have spoken to BBC South Today about why we need the Car, and children have drawn and coloured in pictures to save the Car, celebrating with a new version of the Ambulance Car song: [https://youtu.be/EZJ9lvnin\\_I](https://youtu.be/EZJ9lvnin_I)

Given events over the last few years, it is important that our community is able to monitor the Car activity and staffing. Having twice requested a 6 monthly report from the Ambulance Trust, Swanage Town Council has now raised a Freedom of Information Act request asking, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, and broken down by month:

- the number of call outs attended by the Swanage-based Ambulance Car, by first half of postcode;

- the number of 12-hour shifts on the Car that were not covered;
- the number of call outs to BH19 and BH20, and the average emergency response times for BH19 and BH20, regardless of the vehicle attending, by emergency categories 1-5.

The Town Council is waiting to hear the response from the Ambulance Trust. This period covers several months when the Car was still under threat of withdrawal, and several months since, where the Ambulance Trust have been recruiting staff, so we do not yet expect to see the level of activity in Swanage and Purbeck that we saw in 2019, before the Car was under threat. When we are back to that level of activity, that will be cause for further celebration!

Meanwhile I'm sure we are all looking forward to meeting and welcoming the new staff on the Car, and I'd like to thank the staff members who did their best to keep the Car going during the time the Car had only two permanent staff – Martin Prouten and Russell Fox. Some of us owe our lives to them.

#### **Cllr Debby Monkhouse**

Co-ordinator, Save Swanage Ambulance Car Campaign



### Going from strength to strength

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer. The volunteers and myself have been enjoying some time off to spend with our friends and families but also have been out and about looking after the trees, surveying butterflies and attending events including the Rotary Fete in Swanage on 11<sup>th</sup> August. We had a great day meeting some lovely people and playing the wonderful 'snakes and ladders' game kindly loaned from Litter Free Dorset. The messaging being "Reducing litter and pollution for our local environment".

We are busy planning our events for the Planet Purbeck Festival week 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, for full details, tap: [The Planet Purbeck Festival - Planet Purbeck](#) events include an 'Open day' on the Swanage Downs, our Garden harvest Fayre on Prospect Green and the launch of our new Swanage Tree Trail created by the Greening Swanage group. Please see their website for more details.

Following the Rights of Way meeting in June, 17 volunteers also attended our footpath survey briefing event at the end of July. The volunteers are involved in surveying and monitoring the network of paths in and around the town and supporting the work of Swanage Town Council and Dorset Council Ranger team.

We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

#### **Sarah Spurling**

Sustainable Swanage Project Officer



## So Much Going On!

### Swanage Library events:

We have had a very busy summer events programme here at Swanage Library and have also been out and about at community events. Our biggest audience by far was at our Carnival Rhymetime where we lost count how many people attended but it was over 80!

Back in the library, Lava lamps and chromatography butterflies have been made to name just two of the fantastic opportunities that staff have come up with to compliment the science-based Gadgeteers theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. 149 children signed up to read 6 books over the summer holidays, so we have been very busy with children choosing books then collecting their stickers and medals. There is still time to join the challenge or finish reading 6 books as it doesn't end until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We have one event left for the summer holidays – 'Make a Splash in Swanage Library' where children will be having watery fun making magical blooming flowers, cork pirate boats and flying fish! To book please head over to this link: [Make a Splash in Swanage Library Tickets, Wed 31 Aug 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

We have another of our popular author events in October: [A Nation in Ruins Author Talk with Neil McLocklin at Swanage Library Tickets, Mon 10 Oct 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#) Again, please head over to Eventbrite using the link, to book your ticket.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

**Nathalie Carter**  
Manager, Swanage Library



### **Citizens Advice: Free Advice Sessions for Cost of living support in Swanage Library**

#### **Mondays between 10am-12 noon**

We are pleased to announce that with funding from Dorset Council, Citizens' Advice has organised free face-to-face sessions in Swanage Library to deal with the increase in the cost of living which has resulted in many people struggling with everyday expenditure.

If you are worried about your finances and struggling to manage day-to-day, a specialist advisor is available to provide help with benefit entitlement and access to financial support through grants and other schemes. **To book a free session at Swanage Library, call Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848** or call into your nearest Citizens Advice office or ask a member of the library staff. Visit the Citizens Advice website for more information: [www.citizensadvisedorset.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvisedorset.org.uk)

**Cost of living information leaflets** will shortly be available from Swanage library and other Dorset Council libraries outlining the support available.

Visit [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help) for advice on money, food, housing, utilities and mental health, or contact your local Citizens Advice or Age UK (for over 55s) for free, independent, and confidential advice and support.

Citizens Advice | [citizensadvisedorset.org.uk](http://citizensadvisedorset.org.uk) | 0800 1448848  
Age UK (for over 55s) - North South and West Dorset [ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset](http://ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset) |  
01305 269444

## Do you provide support to a friend, relative or neighbour who would not manage without it?

Are you helping someone with everyday household tasks like shopping, cleaning, cooking, washing or dressing?

Do you provide transport to medical appointments, emotional or mental health support?

By doing these things you are considered to be a carer and there is support available in Dorset specifically for you.

The right support at the right time for you as a carer, is available in just TWO steps:

1. Tell your GP Surgery you are a carer
2. Contact your council area's carer support service

### Dorset Council residents

Carer Support Dorset provides support to people of all ages who provide care and support to an adult living in the Dorset Council area. Contact **Carer Support Dorset**

☎ 0800 368 8349 ✉ [admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk)

👉 [carersupportdorset.co.uk](http://carersupportdorset.co.uk)

Young people living in Dorset Council area aged under 18 years who are caring for an adult should contact **Dorset Direct**

☎ 01305 221000 ✉ [customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

The team will support young people to find the right help for them.

### Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council residents

When the person you care for is over 18 years and lives in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council area contact **CRISP**

☎ 01202 128787 ✉ [carersupport@bpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:carersupport@bpcouncil.gov.uk)

👉 [crispweb.org.uk](http://crispweb.org.uk)

Young people living in BCP area aged under 18 years who are caring for an adult should contact **Children's First Response Hub**

☎ 01202 123334 ✉ [childrensfirstresponse@bpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstresponse@bpcouncil.gov.uk)

Coproduced with carers in partnership with Our Dorset ICS (Integrated Care System) – Your Local NHS and Councils Working Together.





## What's On in September

Tickets for live shows and movies are bookable from the front page of [www.themowlem.com](http://www.themowlem.com).

### Live Shows:

- **Sleeping Lions** - A play about love, denial, courage and scotch eggs. Warning, there is strong language and some upsetting themes.
  - Friday, September 30th at 7.30 pm
  - There will also be a post-performance Q&A with the Actors and Director.

### Festivals:

- **Swanage Folk Festival 2022** - Join in with several different workshops in the Community Room, upstairs at The Mowlem, on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th of September. Full details will be available in the Folk Festival program available soon via <https://swanagefolkfestival.com>.
- **Planet Purbeck Festival 2022** - Planet Purbeck are back at The Mowlem!
  - Friday 23rd September: **Celebration of our Sea**
  - Saturday 24th September: **Celebration of our Land**
  - More information will be available soon via <https://planetpurbeck.org/festival/>.

#### The Showbar, Upstairs at The Mowlem:

- **DJ Ned**: Saturday, 17th September, 9.30 pm til late
  - Swanage local and confessed vinyl junkie Ned has a substantial collection of original 12" platters and likes nothing more than dropping in a rare classic or limited pressing.

### Movies:

- **Top Gun: Maverick (12A)**
  - 30th & 31st August, and 1st September at 7.30 pm
- **Fisherman's Friends: One and All (12A)**
  - Friday 2nd through to Thursday 8th September at 7.30 pm
  - Monday 5th September at 2.30 pm
- **Bullet Train (15)**
  - 9th & 10th & 12th September at 7.30 pm
- **Joy Ride (15)**
  - 13th, 14th & 15th September at 7.30 pm
  - 12th September at 2.30 pm
- **The Forgiven (TBC)**
  - 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd September at 7.30 pm
  - 19th September at 2.30 pm
- **Three Thousand Years of Longing (TBC)**
  - 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th September at 7.30 pm
  - 26th September at 2.30 pm

### Clubs & Societies:

#### Monthly

- Please note that we're awaiting final confirmation on **Making Memories Dementia Friendly** movies and cafe re-opening for September.
- **The Flower Club** will meet on Thursday 22nd September at 9am in the Community Room.

#### Weekly / Bi-Weekly

- **Health Qui Con Community** meets every Wednesday at 1.30 pm in the Community Room.
- **Egyptian Bellydance** classes start on Tuesday, September 6th at 5.30 pm in the Community Room and run weekly.
- **Baharah Dance** is back every Thursday from September 8th at 6.30 pm in the Community Room.
- We welcome the **Swanage Arts & Crafts Market** back every Saturday and Sunday outside the Mowlem to October.

## An invitation to join us if you want to sing

The Purbeck Arts Choir is open to anyone who wants to sing! We presently number 60+ in all voice parts (SATB) and extend a warm, friendly and supportive welcome to new singers and, although previous experience is helpful, it is not essential.

We meet for our weekly practice from 7.00 to 8.30pm every Thursday at: St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage BH19 1QE starting 1st September 2022.

Generally we rehearse and perform from September to May but we do occasionally extend our "season" to participate in local events or join with other choirs. Our two main concerts are held around Christmas and Easter

Our next concert is on Saturday 26th November 2022 at St Mary's Church, Swanage, entitled 'A sure refuge' by David Fawcett and some Vaughan Williams pieces

New members will be made very welcome if they would like to join us to sing in this landmark concert, celebrating the 150th anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth as well as HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

All enquiries: [purbeckchoir@gmail.com](mailto:purbeckchoir@gmail.com) or Liz Roberts 01929 481419



**Next season with the  
Purbeck Arts Choir....**

**Saturday 26 November 2022**  
*'A sure refuge': songs of refuge and deliverance*  
St Mary's Church, Swanage

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**  
*The Call*  
*O clap your hands*  
*Lord, thou hast been our refuge*  
*Te Deum in G*  
*The Old 100<sup>th</sup> psalm tune*

**David Fawcett**  
*A sure refuge*

*Featuring the Purbeck Youth Choir, St Mary's Church  
Junior Choir, orchestra, organ and soloists*

*Rehearsals begin on Thursday 1 September in St Mary's  
School (Northbrook Road) and weekly, 7 - 8.30pm*



All are welcome to join us to sing this landmark concert, celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth as well as HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

[www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk](http://www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk)



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**COAST**  
101.2fm



Purbeck Coast Radio will be hosting a Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at **Stoborough Village Hall**, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month - ***Do come and say hello!***

**DEADLINE**  
for contributions to the October 22 issue  
of the Newsletter  
**MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**