

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome all to the March issue and Spring which will hopefully give us a general uplift to our morale after such a gruelling winter. Tom Clarke's article, on page 2, together with many others, gives us just a sample of Spring that is around the corner.

This March edition also notes with pride the many achievements during the last few months by our wonderful local groups and organisations and which also shows a wide range of planned activities being organised across Purbeck. Activities and events range from giving help to our own local folk who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, or aid for those in disaster stricken areas such as Ukraine, Turkey and Syria – plus a whole series of exciting planned future events purely for your pleasure.

In these desperately difficult times, it really is incredibly humbling how so many in our Purbeck communities find the time and energy to give so much to others, isn't it?

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Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust

Tips for exploring our Fabulous Purbeck



This time of year is fantastic, isn't it? It's getting lighter, we have some great misty mornings and nature starts to do reproductive stuff.

I was down at Warbarrow in late January and saw frog spawn in a puddle – which is definitely the earliest I have seen spawn in Dorset (my garden pond had spawn on 10th Feb). Photo of the puddle attached as a record shot!

When you are out and about it's worth thinking about how your behaviour can impact wildlife that is trying to breed. Keep dogs on leads on the heaths and meadows, where ground nesting birds are easily flushed from nests – and stick to paths where you can.

We've added some colour to the heaths this spring, working with local schools and youth groups, to act as a reminder... look out for the Arty Dogs around Middlebere, Slepe, Hartland, Stoborough and Arne heaths.

Cheers,

Tom Clarke
Senior Volunteering and Community Manager
National Trust Purbeck Estate,



Photograph by Tom Clarke

Upcoming Events on Swanage Pier



This Easter there is plenty of fun activities to get involved with on the Pier. Take part in our amazing Easter Trail, where the Easter bunny and his friends are hiding along the Pier, find them all, collect the words and arrange them into a rhyme to earn your reward.



There will be a **children's history walk on Tuesday 4th April**, where you can learn about the history of the Pier, including hearing about pirates, smugglers, sunken treasure and shipwrecks.

If you are looking for fun crafts and activities to enjoy, come along to the Pier on **Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 12th April between 11.00am and 3.00pm**. You will be able to make your very own Easter bonnet, bunny and chick, and try your hand at pinning the tail on the bunny and egg rolling!

No need to book for any of the activities, just turn up and have fun.

For full details on all our events please visit – www.swanagepiertrust.com/events

Amanda Bell
Volunteer & Events Co-ordinator



What to do if you have mould and damp in your rented property

The first point of contact is your letting agency. Unfortunately, it isn't always easy to work out the cause of mould or damp. This can make it difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible, unless there's an obvious cause, like a leaking roof.

There are many causes of damp that properties can get. The most common are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On the Citizens Advice website there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do. Check your tenancy agreement too for mentions of repairs and damp, and reach out to Citizens Advice on anything you're unsure about.

A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. To prevent this, it's important to keep homes well-heated and

well-ventilated, but for a lot of people this will be trickier to do given the colder weather and higher heating costs. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home, and should visit our website to find out more.

On our website we also have advice on things that can make damp worse and may impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs. These include drying clothes on heaters or blocking air vents.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints' procedure. There is more information about this on our website. If it reaches the point where you want to get out of a fixed term tenancy agreement early, do speak to an adviser first, as there might be better ways to approach the issue.

Information about tenancy house repairs can be found here: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/renting-privately/during-your-tenancy/dealing-with-repairs/>

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

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday 10am-12pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm

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



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

7th January – Saw the welcome return of the Sewing Group when Sue Sedgley demonstrated for us how to make a 'Wonder Bag' cooker. This is a well insulated but pretty surround for a cooking pot which maintains the heat for hours, so slowly cooking the ingredients. A very cheap way to slow cook as no extra power is needed.

7th February – Jacquie Hall, the Lady Town Crier from Wareham stepped in to fill the role of speaker and entertained us well with stories about her interesting and amusing role. She is one of only a few lady Town Criers but has nevertheless done well at some of the competitions that are run to find the best in area. She showed us pictures of herself in various different relevant costumes, presiding over local events. She has the role in perpetuity having been interviewed for it several years ago.

We also learned some of the answers to our feedback questionnaire to help keep Aquarius in line with members' wishes.

Tues. 7th March – Will be our AGM, which is usually a fairly short affair followed by something more

entertaining. At least one Committee member is stepping down and will be replaced but we are always hopeful that one or two other members will join, to help keep Aquarius the dynamic, forward looking, friendly organisation that it has always been.

Sat. 25th March – **Aquarius Spring Fair** - a fund raising event for the two charities that we are supporting at the moment. This will happen in Corfe Castle Village Hall during the morning. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and make purchases from the varied stalls, including cakes/savouries, plants and seeds, books, tombola and raffle. If anyone would like to book a table to sell something the cost is £5.

Our two local charities are Corfe Castle Doctor's Surgery and Livability at Holton Lee. Fund-raising for them has progressed quite slowly this year, with the absence of an Autumn Fair and a Members Party, so it has been extended for a further year.

Tue. 4th April – Sees the start of an Aquarius new year with lots of different speakers and activities planned: the first being a talk by Natasha Tobin about The World of Ballet.

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

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

Christine Kemp



CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Free Lunch

Soup 'n Pud

Sat. 4th March '23 12.30pm Corfe Castle Village Hall

Come and join your friends for a simple lunch. Families especially welcome.

A choice of 2 Soups, plus a roll, followed by Puds and custard



Another very successful 'Soup 'n Pud' was held in the Village Hall after the Coffee Morning on February 4th. We had an amazing 49 diners and 6 supporters! It was brilliant seeing so many tucking in to the tomato & basil and parsnip & herb soups, followed by lemon meringue pie and croissant, lemon & blueberry bake.

Once again thanks to our serving gang for their help, particularly with a mountain of washing up.

We were very grateful to be able to use half the tins of tomatoes that were donated by a kind resident. The other half will follow in March's soup along with a spiced pumpkin one, using pumpkins we were given by the Pink Goat. Thanks also to the Village Bakery for the bread rolls.

We again ran a small free raffle using tins of soup and fruit as prizes and we had on sale jars of our apple and pumpkin chutney, which sold well. All the money made or donated on the occasion will go towards future lunches!

If you have ingredients to spare from your cupboard, garden or allotment, please consider the Soup 'n Pud lunch as we are more than happy to put such items to good use. One of our aims is to use good food which might otherwise be wasted.

Our next 'Soup 'n Pud' lunch is scheduled for Sat. 4th March 2023 following the Coffee Morning. We would love to have more residents joining us, in this friendly, warm environment. Remember this is a free event but donations are always welcome.

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

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill

Swanage Volunteer Bureau - Every Little Helps

We have reviewed how we reach out to the community and encourage folk to help all the amazing organisations in and around Swanage help the community.

We will be in the library still, but only on the first Friday of the month (when not a holiday!). Copies of opportunities will be available at all times, please ask librarians, or go to <https://www.sandpdt.org.uk/swanage-volunteer-bureau/>.

If you want your organisation to be added to the list of opportunities, please see us in the library or email swanagevb@gmail.com.

We will also be going out to chat to people in places such as the Coop, Market and various community events. Please look out for our banner and say hello. Every little helps.



News

Museum hosts VIP visitors and Woodwork Saturday for young volunteers

The Purbeck Mining Museum was delighted to host a visit from Swanage Town Mayor, Tina Foster, along with local councillors during Swanage Railway's community engagement weekend in February. The Mayor and councillors met with volunteers from the museum and the Swanage Railway as part of their day out on the railway.

Clay mining has had a significant impact on the local ecosystem, so one of the objectives of the Purbeck Mining Museum is preservation and development of the environment and wildlife in the area at Norden where the museum is located. A key element in this strategy is the management of woodland surrounding the museum to ensure the best possible habitat for local wildlife – especially birds.

Coinciding with the community engagement weekend, **Sygnets**, the Swanage Railway youth volunteers, joined the Purbeck Mining Museum team on a busy day of woodland management activities that included making and erecting bird boxes. Their work was supervised by Nigel Cox, a Purbeck Mining Museum Committee Member, who was delighted with the commitment of the young volunteers.

He said: "The Sygnets were all enthusiastic, engaged and very talented. They were a brilliant group to work with and we made as many as 11 new bird boxes that are now being installed at various locations in the woodland around the museum".

We hope to contribute some photos of our bird visitors later in the year when the new arrivals start to venture out. If anyone would like to help out with this and other Purbeck Mining Museum activities, we're always welcoming new volunteers

(<http://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/>)

For further information please contact:

Ron Dyson: 01935 83622; ron.dyson@auroracomms.net



The Sygnets, the Swanage Railway youth volunteers, have supported the woodland management activities of the Purbeck Mining Museum by making bird boxes that have now been installed around the site – photo courtesy of Andrew P.M. Wright.



The Sygnets, the Swanage Railway youth volunteers making bird nest boxes at the Purbeck Mining Museum earlier in February – photo courtesy of Nigel Cox

HAYDN & MOZART

HAYDN
Te Deum in C Major
Mass in B flat (Maria Theresa)

MOZART
Solemn Vespers

Saturday 1st April 2023 at 6.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Swanage

Conductor: David Fawcett

Purbeck arts choir

Tickets: £10 in advance or £12 on the door
Available from Corbens or 01929 481419
or purbeckchoir@gmail.com

www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk

Charity number 102005

HAYDN & MOZART

HAYDN – TE DEUM FOR MARIE THERESA
& MASS IN B FLAT

MOZART – SOLEMN VESPERS

6.30pm 1st APRIL 2023, ST MARY'S CHURCH
SWANAGE

After the success of "A Sure Refuge" the Purbeck Arts choir and orchestra are returning to more familiar choral ground with their Musical Director, David Fawcett and will be celebrating the works of Haydn & Mozart on 1st April. The choir will be joined by soloists Flora Davies, Grace Lovelass, Michael Aitkenhead and Adam Bunzl with Simon Lole on the organ.

There will be a retiring collection for Purbeck Youth Music.

Tickets are £10 in advance, £12 on the door (U18s free) available from Corbens.

Email purbeckchoir@gmail.com or phone 01929 481419 to book your ticket.

www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk



St James' Church, Kingston

Raising funds to help
Turkey and Syria

Karen Grant

3.00pm

Sunday 19th March

Retiring collection in aid of DEC Earthquake Relief Fund

Why not come and relax at Kingston on Mothering Sunday?

FUNDRAISING FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

Karen Grant has kindly offered to do a concert at St James' Church Kingston in aid of the people so tragically affected by the Turkish and Syrian Earthquake.

On Sunday 19th March at 3pm, please join us as we have an afternoon of music followed by light refreshments whilst supporting the much needed funding needed in this devastated area. Why not come along with the family to give your mother a treat as it is Mothering Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you .

Doreen Farr and Judy Forgan
St James' Church, Kingston

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



Plans for the Future of our Hospital

The Wareham Friends remain fairly optimistic about the future of the hospital, hoping and trusting that the newly appointed joint CEO of Dorset HealthCare and Dorset County Hospital, Matthew Bryant, will honour recent promises that the hospital has a future.

We are delighted to see that there is financial investment in the hospital; currently maintenance work is being undertaken, there are internal building works planned for March (which may temporarily affect some service delivery) and as importantly, new services are being introduced, or current services (i.e Podiatry) made more accessible on the ground floor.

Lewis Manning Hospice will be running a new Breathlessness clinic from 15TH March and Dorset Healthcare who have taken over the local management of the vaccination service, are making plans for the re-introduction of a local Purbeck service at the hospital.

We were so pleased to hear on Purbeck Coast Radio a powerful testimony from Don, (the husband of a Friends' committee member) of his excellent care and support provided by the Chemotherapy Clinic at Wareham Hospital.

Don emphasised the benefits of a local service and praised the reception team and the Chemo team for their warm and friendly approach which made the treatments easier.

The Friends are delighted to have supported this clinic from its outset and are grateful to Don for his kind words.

Sadly, our Friends' membership numbers have dropped (as have other Friends' groups across Dorset) but we do need a strong local Purbeck voice so we would welcome new members.

We can be contacted through the hospital in Streche Rd , by phoning the hospital on 01929 557550 or by email friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

The Friends are working hard to keep up a positive profile of Wareham Hospital . It provides over 30 outpatient clinics for us all in Purbeck and whilst we recognise that evolving change in the NHS will bring about some alterations to services, we are determined to maintain local provision. Please help us to do that!

Maggie Hardy, Friends' Chair



Exciting events and big projects coming up in the next couple of months

We are very pleased to share the news that 'Peveril Point and the Downs' is now officially a Local Nature Reserve. Join us on Saturday 15th April for the official launch by Swanage Town Council. We will be involved in organising and running a variety of activities, guided walks and exhibitions on the day, celebrating this special place. We have also been working on interpretation panels that we are excited to reveal covering the fascinating history, geology and history of the site.

Other events and projects with which we are working with Swanage Town Council include, an Open Day at St Marks playing field to highlight this new open greenspace and its potential and also creating a management plan for Northbrook Copse. A day all about cycling is planned by our Active Travel Group in June, date TBC and we are also planning regular 'clothing swap and repair' events following the success of our event on January 21st at All Saints Hall. A team of volunteers put on a great afternoon and many members of the community enjoyed a free clothes swap, repair and/or a cuppa and catch up. Our next event is planned for 18th March, same venue, 2pm-4pm. To see up to date details of all our events please visit the website.

And one more thing... with spring around the corner we will be beginning our ecological surveying in April at some of the towns wonderful public greenspaces plus supporting churches and schools at their sites. As well as our regular surveys we would love to host a Bioblitz event, mid-June would be an ideal time, where we focus an entire day on collecting records of flora and fauna in the town and people can get involved in their own gardens too. We will invite experts to provide tips and advice on recording. If you are interested in helping to make this happen please get in touch! It will be great fun! Enjoy the fabulous springtime in Swanage and see you out and about!

Sarah Spurling, Swanage Sustainable Swanage Officer

<https://sustainableswanageUK>





A project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

The updating of the Wellbeing Swanage webpage is taking shape, we are still looking for community groups and activities to be placed in the directory - it 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. If you are a local group or service and would like to be included, please email us at spdtmain@gmail.com



www.wellbeingswanage.org

Community Connector Information Sessions

Come and find out more about how our community connectors work? Helping us to create a community of connectors for Swanage and the surrounding villages. Sessions last for about fifty minutes it is a great way to link up with other local people to find out more.

Dates

Online session Saturday 11th March 10.30am – 11.30am
(Zoom link will be emailed to you)

Face to Face Session – Thursday 30th March 2pm – 3pm
Herston Village Hall

Contact us at spdtmain@gmail.com to find out more and book a place.

Community Connector Refresh Thursday 27th April 2pm
Herston Village Hall

Already a community connector? Join us for our second refresh session, a great opportunity to share all things local. An email invitation will be sent out again to all registered connectors, join us for an opportunity to find out about what is happening locally and share information. If you would prefer to join us online please let me know and we will send you a zoom link.

Please check your junk mail. If you have not had an email by 6th April please let us know spdtmain@gmail.com



Are you a member of the Wellbeing Community Response page? We are changing how we use Facebook slightly, now working from a public page opposed to a closed group; the aim is to enable anyone to be able to share their information about wellbeing in Swanage and the surrounding villages easily, making it easily accessible for more people. Please head over and like our page <https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingswanage.org>



Getting Young People involved with local radio and their community – and a chance to give us your feedback

The Orange Juice Plus Show is produced and presented by radio club members Olivia, Gary, Jonathan & Pierre. They are all under 18 and are students from local schools.

Their show is bi-weekly on a Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

Before going 'live', they received regular tuition from other presenters, and the studio manager, Michelle Langthorne.

They discussed production techniques, presenting, material to use, music genres and time management; giving them skills to project clear information to the listeners, build on confidence and experience the 'world of radio'.

This especially gives them a platform to be involved with the community and share news with their peers.

On a more general note, after a positive 2022 we are looking forward to making 2023 a year of strength and growth for the station. It is going to be an exciting year ahead. We will be getting out-and-about in the community, attending local events and hosting a few of our own. As well as adding to the existing shows that we offer, we want to give listeners and visitors more of what they want. To help us do that please complete our short listener survey on our Facebook page or go to our website: purbeckcoast.com.

Michelle Langthorne

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Swanage Community
Defibrillator Partnership
Keep the heart of Swanage beating



New Programme of Defibrillator Familiarisation Sessions

An initial aim of our Partnership in 2015 was to provide **Defibrillator familiarisation sessions** to the community so that we can all feel as confident as possible if required to use a defib in an emergency situation. We do not refer to this as "training" as the defib. 'talks to you' and guides you through the process and in any emergency situation contact with Ambulance 999 will provide support and guidance until help arrives.

We were unable to hold familiarisation sessions during Covid but we now have a new programme in place for the coming months which will be led by Mary Buck.

Contact with us to arrange a session or to join an existing session can be made through Corbens in Station Road (422284) , by emailing us info@swanagedefib.co.uk or by using Facebook.

Future Dates for your Diary

As recipients of this year's Co-op Community fund we will be attending the Swanage Co-op foyer on **THURSDAY 11th MAY** and **THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER** from 10-12 to demonstrate the use of a defib and answer any questions.

We are also holding an **Open Meeting** at Emmanuel Baptist Church on

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER from 7pm to update on the work of the Partnership and again demonstrate how to use a defibrillator. Please do join us .

We are delighted to say that a new defibrillator has recently been installed at Cauldron Barn Park adding to the SCDP fleet of appliances.

Our thanks and congratulations to the local residents who raised funds for this new cabinet and defibrillator, with thanks also to Berkeley Parks who installed the cabinet, its power and use of electricity to keep the defib. at the correct temperature.

Maggie Hardy for SCDP



Herston Village Hall – The Heart of Herston

Originally built in 1946 with the post war pioneering spirit of local Herston people, and used extensively for many years, the time has come to harness that spirit again and build a new hall that will meet community needs in the 21st century; welcoming, warm and affordable.

Planning consent has been given and we can now focus on community involvement and fundraising to make this vision a reality.

We held a jumble sale on Saturday 18th January, our first community event, with the help of Swanage WI, Herston Craft Circle, Herston Community Café, Community Pantry folk and others, and with the support of our amazing community we raised an amazing £350.

There will be lots more fundraising activities and applying for grants over the next eighteen months or so to reach the target of around £800,000 to one million pounds. There will be an open day on 1st May where we want to hear from the community and also record memories with Herston Hall photos and stories. More details to follow but please start gathering your own and families memories ready to share.

We would also welcome any fundraising activities that you may wish to run. Please contact Kim on 07809689061 or pop into the Community Café at the hall on Monday mornings 10-12 (where you can also meet others for a cuppa, cake and a chat, drop in to Citizens Advice for information/advice and visit the Community Pantry to help reduce waste).

Kim Gallagher, SPDTrust



Photograph by Dai Hounsell



CHARITY FUND-RAISING CONCERTS:

Sun 05 Feb 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand" Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 12 Mar 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand" Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 02 Apr 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand" Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 07 May 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand" Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 04 Jun 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand" Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Tue 06 Jun 2023	B	Charity Concert, Newton Manor Hall, Swanage.	2.00 pm

Venue A: **GRAND HOTEL** Burlington Road, Swanage BH19 1LU
Afternoon Tea available 3 – 5.00 p.m.

Venue B: "M.U.S.I.C." Charity event at **NEWTON MANOR HALL**,
170 High Street, Swanage BH19 2PF (opp Cow Lane) Free tea/coffee and cookies!

SUMMER MONTHS 2023 – JAZZ WORKSHOPS AND VARIOUS FESTIVALS
WE COLLECT FOR CHARITY! 2023: Friends of Swanage Hospital. Please be generous!

AN EVENING OF *Live Music* WITH

WEST Gourne & Glenn
Strings and The Creeks

FIRST HALF
Westbourne Strings -
Bartók Romanian Folk Dances
Fletcher Folk Tune and
Fiddle Dance
Dvořák excerpts from the
American Quartet
New arrangements of
Glenn's songs -
Glenn and
Westbourne Strings

SECOND HALF
Glenn and the Creeks

**Saturday 18th
March 2023**

Doors 7.30pm - Starts 8.00pm
St George's Church, Langton Matravers BH19 3HZ

Tickets
£10 CASH ON DOOR ONLY
UNDER 18'S FREE

Teas and cake available to buy. Bring your own

Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



Friends of Durlston
Next Events:

Tuesday 7th March : 7.30pm

Climate Change – What Can You Do?

with Dave Pratten

– a talk and discussion

Tuesday 4th April : 7.30pm

Speaker to be confirmed

These all take place at the Learning Centre,
starting at 7.30pm. We always have tea/coffee and
biscuits to enjoy pre and post meeting.

There is a Durlston round-up and news, chance to
chat with others and the Rangers as well as the
guest speaker.

Friends of Durlston members are free, guests £2

Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster



Snowdrops, daffodils and even a violet have delighted me on my recent walks around the town.

It is still cold but the sun streaming through the windows of the Council Chamber help to brighten the mood of us Councillors. It seems that January was a very long month with a lot of us stuck in the Doldrums.

The Mayor's Consort and I have been out and about with a trip on the Swanage Railway when we took the steam train to Norden and then as far as we could go towards Wareham, and back on the diesel train. They even let me sit in the driver's seat in the Steam train: being Mayor brings much excitement and fun!

On Sunday 12 Feb we walked out to the Lifeboat Station where we enjoyed a cup of coffee and a cake and met a lot of lovely people. How lucky we are to have all these attractions on our doorstep and so many hard-working volunteers to staff them.

As a Council we are working hard on discussing many consultations on National Planning Policy, the Seafrost Masterplan and the Neighbourhood Plan. There will be public consultations on the last two and I hope you will make your contribution to the future of our town.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Corporate Plan consultation last autumn. All 181 responses received have been analysed and a report, available on the Town Council's website, is being taken to the next meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee. The range of topics raised was impressive, and, in recognition of the importance of residents' views, it is planned that each committee will receive a copy of all the comments relevant to their work to inform their plans for the future.

The need for greater provision of Social Housing was the subject of many responses to the Corporate Plan consultation. This is high on our priority list and we are supporting the Community Land Trust with their endeavours to get homes built for local people. Having identified a potential site on Ulwell Road we are now awaiting news from Dorset Council's asset transfer team.

The recent Beach Management Advisory Committee was very well attended. We were delighted to engage with some pupils of St Mary's Primary School who had some interesting questions to put to the committee members and hopefully in the future they will be attending the Chamber to be involved in the Council. We also welcomed a group of local sea swimmers who told us how their use of the beach boosts their sense of health and wellbeing.

Please try and come to some of our meetings and give your voice to what you want to see in our Town rather than just reading about it on Facebook. Your Council aims to be as inclusive and transparent as possible.

Thank you.

Cllr Tina Foster



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Although January and February is a "quiet period" in terms of new service development as we approach the end of the financial year, your Friends Committee have been busy exploring ways of bringing new services, which will benefit both local Swanage and wider Purbeck residents, into the hospital. One of the first steps is looking at options for reconfiguring the old Endoscopy suite.

Many of you will have seen the poster last month advertising an "Open meeting" arranged by NHS Dorset (Commissioners)

to discuss the future of Portland Hospital which, although did not directly concern our Hospital some of the data presented relating to travel times between Swanage and Dorset County Hospital, may have caused some questions as to whether the route had been driven at 3am in a Ferrari! We are, of course challenging that data.

Mathew Bryant, the recently appointed CEO of DHUFT and Dorset County Hospitals will officially take up his post in March and we look forward to hearing his plans for bringing services closer to home in Purbeck.

Finally, if you are not yet a Friend of Swanage Hospital, please consider joining. The greater our number of members the stronger our voice both with the Commissioner, as well as the Providers of our local health services. Application forms are available on our website as well as the hospital.

Deirdre Selwyn
Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital Committee



LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Our February ARTSREACH event featuring the Anglo - Scottish duo Janice Burns and Jon Doran was a sell out and an evening enjoyed by all. These two young Folk Singers will be appearing again in Dorset at the Swanage Folk Festival later on this year.

Our next **ARTSREACH** event is **LATCHEPEN** on Saturday 4th MARCH - 7.30 p.m.

Latchepen are born out of a collective admiration of Django Reinhardt and anything that swings. Acoustic by nature, they perform jazz on strings, with influences ranging from Romani music through to bebop. They regularly play at Ronnie Scotts, and tour all over the UK playing arts venues and village halls as well as all over the world at festivals such as the Django Reinhardt festival, Turin Jazz Festival and March Manouche (UK).

Refreshments will be served before and during the interval.

Tickets for sale from Trevs Deli, Kings Arms, Langton Matravers, Keith Coombes 01929 423834 or via Artsreach website - www.artsreach.co.uk.

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY 11th MARCH - 10 am - 2 pm

Refreshments available.

£10 per table . To reserve a table please contact. Collette: 01929 422832 or email - collettedrayson@gmail.com

LANGTON MATRAVERS LOCAL HISTORY AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY

THURSDAY 23rd MARCH - doors open at 7pm

DR. MARY SPARKS talks on THE SALE OF WORTH MATRAVERS in 1919 together with a SHORT HISTORY OF WORTH VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Local History booklets and Refreshments will be available before the talk and during the interval.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

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 and 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

Latchepen

A Fusion of gypsy music, jazz and swing in the style of the late great Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli

Featuring Matt Holborn (violin), Kourash Kanani (guitar), Dave Keble (guitar) & Simon Read (bass)

LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 4 March, 7:30pm
£10, £5 (u18s), £25 (family) in advance from
Keith: 01929 423834 / Collette: 01929 422832
Trev's Deli in The Kings Arms
or online at artsreach.co.uk
Tea/Coffee, Cakes, Local Ales & Wine available!

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Dorset Council

FRIDAY EVENINGS- 7 - 9pm SHORT MAT BOWLS.

Please contact Beryl on 01929 425226 or Peter on 01929 427328

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9 - 12noon. LARK PILATES. Contact Johanna for more details 07920 421783

2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY MORNING. 10.00 - 12.00noon 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 - 11.00noon Baby Massage classes. Please contact Eliza on 07845 685721 or elizacrabb42@gmail.com



What's On in March 2023



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

LIVE SHOWS and MUSIC:

- **BSO On Your Doorstep - From the Hebrides to Padstow.** Artsreach and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra proudly present a special concert at The Mowlem in celebration of the sea. Performed by an ensemble of 14 players, this evening of specially arranged music with feature pieces ranging from Handel's Water Music and Mendelsohn's Fingal's Cave to Sea Shanties, Beatles classics, Malcolm Arnold and an instrumental arrangement of Adele's Rolling in the Deep.
Wednesday 8th March at 7.30 pm
- **My Fair Lady** - Presented by Swanage Musical Theatre Company, be enchanted by one of the best-loved musicals of all time. Based on George Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion', My Fair Lady takes you back to Edwardian London. Henry Higgins accepts a bet that within six months, he can transform the coarse Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle into a proper lady and "pass her off as a Duchess at an Embassy ball" But who is really being transformed?
Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th at 7.30 pm
- **National Theatre Live: Life of Pi** - Filmed live in London's West End and featuring state-of-the-art visuals, the epic journey of endurance and hope is brought to life in a breath-taking new way for cinema screens. Puppetry, magic and storytelling combine in a unique, Olivier Award-winning stage adaptation of the best-selling novel.
Thursday 30th at 7.30 pm

EVENTS IN THE SHOWBAR (Upstairs at The Mowlem)

- **Rock 'N' Roll Bingo with Oscar** Quiz night and Rock 'n' Roll Bingo with Oscar are back after a fantastic first run. There are many prizes to be won, and it's just £1 per person to enter.
Thursday 16th. Doors Open at 6 pm, Quiz starts at 8 pm.

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

- **'Formation'** - The next Visual Arts exhibition is from **Sally Maltby**. Moving to the Jurassic Coast was a revelation to Sally, who has always been fascinated by rocks and their formations and the colours and history, expressing the seemingly permanent affected by accelerated erosion.
The exhibition will be free to explore from January 27th through March 21st.

MOVIES

- **The Fablemans Film (12A)**
Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Michelle Williams.
Monday, 27th February through to Thursday 2nd March at 7.30 pm
- **ENYS MEN (15)**
Living on an island off the Cornish coast, a wildlife volunteer's daily observations of a rare flower takes a dark turn into the strange and metaphysical, forcing her to question what is real and what is a nightmare. Starring John Woodvine, Mary Woodvine and Edward Rowe
Monday, 6th March to Thursday 9th March at 7.30 pm (excluding Wed 8th)
Monday Matinée on Monday 6th at 2.30 pm
- **Tár (15)**
Renowned musician Lydia Tár is days away from recording the symphony that will elevate her career. When all elements seem to conspire against her, Lydia's adopted daughter Petra becomes an integral emotional support for her struggling mother. Starring Cate Blanchett (winner of the Best Actress award at Venice Film Festival), Nina Hoss, and Mark Strong. Directed by Todd Field.
Friday, 10th March to Thursday, 16th March at 7.30 pm (excluding Sunday 12th)
Monday Matinée on Monday 13th at 2.30 pm
- **I Wanna Dance With Somebody (12A)**
A joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, one of the greatest female R&B pop vocalists of all time, tracking her journey from obscurity to musical superstardom. Starring Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci and Ashton Sanders. Directed by Kasi Lemmons.
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Monday, 20th March at 7.30 pm
- **The Whale (15)**
The Whale is a 2022 American psychological drama film directed by Darren Aronofsky and written by Samuel D. Hunter, based on his 2012 play of the same name. An obese and reclusive English teacher tries to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption. Starring Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink, and Ty Simpkins and is directed by Darren Aronofsky.
Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March at 7.30 pm

CLUBS and SOCIETIES:

- **The Making Memories Dementia Friendly** cafe is Tuesday 7th & 21st March, at 10.00 am in The Showbar.
- **The Flower Club** will meet on Thursday, 16th March, at 9 am in the Community Room.
- **Health Qigong Fitness** with Penny meets every Wednesday at 2 pm & 3.30 pm during March in the Community Room.
- **The Purbeck Society** is meeting on Friday, March 10th, at 2.30 pm in the Community Room, joined by Brian Woodman, to discuss all things 5G Technology: Benefits vs Harms for Purbeck.



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

We had a very successful and well-attended talk from Ben Buxton in January on the mysteries of Creech Barrow. We welcomed friends old and new, and there was an opportunity to buy a range of the Society's publications.

We are excited to be able to report that our new website www.langtonia.org is now live ! Do visit and find out more about the Society, its plans and activities.

Mary Sparks is the new archivist, and is making links with the Swanage Museum team and the Dorset Museums Advisor to work out how to take forward the process of digitising and rationalising the archive. She is hoping to find a group to help her with this task: if you think you might be able to help, please contact her on marywdsparks@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for your diary:-

Thursday 23rd March

'For Sale: Old World Village' - Mary Sparks will explain about how the entire village of Worth Matravers came to be sold (twice !) by auction in 1919, and about the changes which followed. She will also give a short talk about how and why the little Victorian village school at Worth came into being, and what happened after it closed.

Doors will open from 7pm, talks begin at 7.30pm. £3 members, £4 non-members. You can join the Society or renew your membership on the door. Society brochures and a selection of books from Reg Saville's personal library will be available for sale.

Saturday 1st April

The Museum at the Coach House, St George's Close, Langton Matravers opens for the season. This 'lovely museum tracing the history of Purbeck stone and the local people who worked in the stone industry.' also features temporary exhibitions related to the social history of the Parish of Langton Matravers . Opening times to follow.

Mary Sparks, Daryle Pearson,
Publicity and Communications for LMLHPS



Langton Matravers Local
History and Preservation
Society

A Talk by Mary Sparks:

For Sale: Old World Village

In 1919 the Rempstone Estate sold the entire village of Worth Matravers, including farms and cottages, by auction. The talk explains the context for the sale, how the village was sold and what happened next. Included is a short illustrated presentation on the history of Worth's village school.

LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 23rd March, 7:30pm

£3 Members, £4 Guests

All Welcome

Discover Langton Matravers



Every Thursday

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10am—11.30am

run by volunteers from

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01929 427706

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Church**

160 Victoria Avenue





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Latest News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

HXVH Playground

We are looking to provide more play opportunities for children in the age group 1 to 5 years, and we are canvassing views from users of the playground area as to preferred equipment. It is envisaged to site the new equipment in the area of the existing adult exercise equipment which is old and will be removed. Considering cost (funded by HXVH) and space constraints it is not expected to be able to accommodate more than 3 items but we will do what we can. Please go to our website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/News/HXVH-Children-s-Playground-Equipment/> to review the suggested options (or suggest others) and comment by emailing website@harmanscrosshall.co.uk



HXVH Annual General Meeting – Friday 21 April

The Annual General Meeting of Harmans Cross Village Hall Management Committee will take place in the Hall on Friday 21st April at 6.30 pm. Please come along to find out what has been happening at your village hall over the past year. The meeting will be followed by a cheese and wine social from 7.30 pm. (A suggested donation of £5 per person will be requested on the evening for the cheese and wine event.) All Harmans Cross residents are welcome. To book a place at the meeting contact Kathy Furlong on: secretary@harmanscrosshall.co.uk and indicate if you wish to stay for the social event.

Movie Nights

Tuesday 14 March **Fisherman's Friends: One and All**

Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues", we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

Doors + bar open at 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm with admission still at the inflation-busting price of £5.

And diary dates for our next movies are:

Tuesday 11 April **Where the Crawdads Sing**

Tuesday 9 May **Mrs Harris Goes to Paris**



Stalls at the Hall



Our next Stalls at the Hall is on Saturday 25 March. All manner of fabulous local crafts and curios available.

To book a table please contact David Hollister at hxvh@btconnect.com or call on 07384 848419

Doors open to the public at 9.30am, with tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

Coffee Junction

We welcome everyone to **Coffee Junction** every other Thursday morning from 10.30am in the small meeting room, HXVH. A chance to chat to other local residents sponsored by St Aldhelm's Parish (the new parish covering Langton, Worth and Kingston churches and Harmans Cross). This started early in January, and the next dates are **9th and 23rd March**.



Church at HXVH

There is a friendly, informal service held at the Hall every 3rd Sunday commencing 6pm – everyone welcome.

Thank you for reading and all the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee

ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIANS ENTERTAIN AND DELIGHT

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO is delighted to announce the winners of its Young Musician competition. Open to all music genres, the competition was held on 4th February in the Methodist Church in Swanage in front of a large audience. Fifteen dedicated young musicians aged 8 – 18 years performed an eclectic selection of pieces ranging from Beethoven and Schubert to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Instruments included the piano, violin, flute and human voice! The whole process was masterminded by Tim Arnold with support from several other Rotarians. Grateful thanks are also due to the expert adjudicator Sam Burns from Swanage School, accompanist Jay Buckle and St Mary's Junior Choristers and the Purbeck Youth Choir who entertained us during the interlude. The winners were as follows:

Key Stage 1-2 – Instrumental

1st	Guiliana FORTE
2nd	Indiana SANDERS-WISHART
3rd	Hannah KENT
Highly Commended	Lily FAWCETT

Key Stage 3-5 – Instrumental & Voice

1st	Martha HARWOOD
2nd	Nicholas AIKO DANDO
3rd	Abbie YEW
Highly Commended	Rosie KENT
Highly Commended	Suzanne LEJEUNE

Martha Harwood and Nicholas Aiko Dando were invited to go forward to the Rotary Wessex District level of the competition which was to be held at Canford School on February 19.

Congratulations to all the competitors for their enthusiasm and commitment, and for performing magnificently.



EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary was able to quickly organise street collections around Swanage on 10 and 11 February in response to the disastrous earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Rotary's international chair, Maggie Hardy, said:

"I was so grateful to Rotarians and Rotary Friends for responding swiftly and filling the collecting team rota for the two days we were licensed by Dorset Council to fundraise. Without exception, all were happy to help and felt, like me, overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community."

The collection raised a total of £5265.10 which was supplemented by funds previously raised by Swanage Rotary for events such as this. In total £5500 has gone to ShelterBox, the disaster relief organisation set up by Rotarians.

Chris Le Fevre

President, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary

As ever there is more information on our website: <http://www.swanagerotary.org/cio>





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YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Our **Home Library Service** brings your local library service straight to your front door. We can deliver books **Free of Charge** to people who enjoy reading but are unable to get to their local library due to poor health or mobility, or caring responsibilities.

For more information, please ask at your local library, or call Royal Voluntary Service on **01305 236 666**, email us on dorsethomelibraryservice@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or visit us at royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

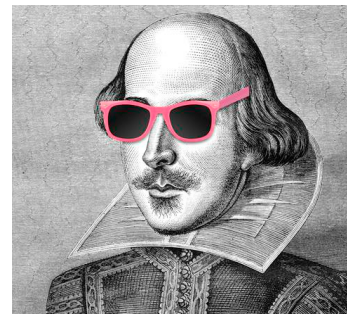
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Mad About the Bard!

Come and learn about Shakespeare! Stories, songs and Craft Activities! For people of all ages!



Swanage Library

Saturday 25 March
11:00am - 12:00noon

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For more information ☎ **01929 423485**

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dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

Lab Kitchen: Another Helping!

Lab Kitchen is back! Can you make a lava lamp? Come and learn about fun science you can do in your own home!



Swanage Library

Saturday 11 March
11:00am to 12:00noon

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information ☎ **01929 423485**

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It's a Multi-Story Book Swap at Swanage library

Swap some of your pre loved books for someone else's pre loved books, take part in book craft activities or simply browse the library to borrow more books. You could even wear your World Book Day costume for an extra day! Every day is a "Book Day" in the library!
NB. Please make sure that all preloved books are in a very good condition, and you have permission to swap them.



Swanage Library

Saturday 4 March
11:00am - 3:00pm

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For more information ☎ **01929 423485**

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News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 22nd May 7pm
Corfe Castle Village Hall

This is your chance to hear what your Parish Council has achieved over the past year, and through your questions and comments help set the agenda for the Parish Council for the coming year

Drop-Down Kerb/ Traffic & Parking: The Drop-down kerb working group along with the Traffic and Parking working group, have recently compiled a report listing highways related issues from within the parish. The report was presented to the full Parish Council and approval was given to submit to Dorset Council. The issues within the report range from new / extended areas of double yellow line request to a new parking area for West Street residents to be considered. The full report can be viewed on our website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/news.

20mph speed limit: The 20mph Working Group, met last month to discuss the viability of placing an application to Dorset Council for 20 mph speed limits within the Parish and to look at how best to engage with parishioners on the subject. The working group looked at the cost of such an application, and what grants are available. The next step is to seek public opinion, this will be done in the form of a leaflet drop in Corfe Castle village with the aim of gathering data on whether parishioners would support a reduction in speed through the village, and which parts of the village should be prioritised.

Coronation of King Charles: The coronation of King Charles the third will take place on the 6th May. The following Monday the 8th will be a bank holiday when the Parish Council is planning to hold a celebration event. The National Trust has very kindly offered us the use of Corfe Castle for the day, and we already have some exciting ideas. If you, or your organisation, are considering celebrating the coronation we would like to hear from you, so that we can perhaps coordinate effort and share resources. If you are interested in attending a planning meeting, could you please contact Councillor Mike Blinkhorn at cllrmblinkhorn@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk for further details.

Planning application & Treework application update: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

Application No: P/PAEL/2023/00185, Location: Rollington Hill.

Recommend: Corfe Castle believes an application is required, because:

- The proposal increases the burden of radiation pollution.
- There may be health and safety considerations of public health.
- More information is required to confirm if further structures are required (i.e., repeaters) within the village.
- There may be impact on wildlife and nature.
- The proposal contravenes Government policy including the UK Sustainable Development Strategy.

Application No: P/ADV/2023/00177, Location: The Corfe Castle Town Trust Town Hall West Street Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5HA.

Recommend No Objection

Application No: P/FUL/2022/07181, Location: Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum Norden BH20 5DW.

Recommend No Objection

Application No: P/LBC/2022/06040 & P/HOU/2022/05969, Location: 18 West Street, Kingston, Dorset, BH20 5LH.

Recommend No Objection

Application No: P/TRC/2023/00506 Location: 3 West Street Kingston Wareham BH20 5LH.

Recommend No Objection

Next Council Meeting – Monday 13th March 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:

Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Tel: 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



Greengage Community Garden

We have been closed for January and February and now - it's full steam ahead!

We held our AGM in January followed by our volunteers' lunch which was enjoyed by all.



Feb 18th was our Greengage Quiz at Herston Village Hall. The hall was full of teams and the eventual winners were a team from Durlston Country Park - but it was very close. Food was provided by our magnificent volunteers and £300 was raised for Greengage ... a wonderful sum and thank you to all who came.

We have a lot of exciting ideas for this growing season. More cut flowers for everyone, a focus on growing herbs, bedding plants, veg plants, hanging baskets and more.

Come and see us as we meet every Friday from 10am ... You will be made very welcome.

Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden



Folk having a happy, fun-filled evening Quiz Night at Herston Hall which raised over £300

Swanage Food Bank



Total confidentiality assured for those in need in these desperate times

Swanage Food Bank is approaching spring with thanksgiving for all the donations of food and finances exceeding our expectations, but not superseding the need for our aid. We have had record numbers of referrals during February as financial pressures on families have increased emergency levels of food poverty in our community. Yes, the Community Pantry has helped those with finances to spare towards their Fare Share items – which is the group this was intended for. But for those who are destitute and in debt perhaps, the only option is to apply to SFB for a week of good free food, and Home Delivery. We help in certain cases with fuel top-ups, too. And confidentiality as always is ensured for all.

Our concern is still for those, especially of an older age-group, who would never self-refer, but who would benefit greatly from SFB help as they struggle to keep themselves warm and well-fed. They might need a caring friend, support worker or church to point them to us by supplying our tel. no (07759230313) or by referring them to us with their permission. All we need is client's name, contact number, special dietary needs and address. It couldn't be easier, but could be a life-saver.

Swanage Food Bank Team were saddened to learn of the recent death of Margaret Warburton who played an important role in our history for some years until ill-health overtook her. We thank God for her contribution, and send our condolences to her family at this difficult time.

An update would be incomplete without a short list of our most urgent needs, which are as follows : sugar, instant coffee, breakfast cereals (small-medium sized), savoury crackers, tins of meat and fish, all desserts (ready-made custard, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding). Thank you for these and other food items.

Household goods are also useful – washing detergent, washing-up liquid, etc.- and toiletries (shampoo, dental care, shower gel/cream and deodorants) are always welcomed by our clients.

As evenings stay lighter longer, and gardens are coming to life, may we all enjoy these signs of the end of winter and be grateful for the many blessings we receive each day.

Pauline Werba, Chair, SFB

Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council - The Parish Council has agreed with village organisations' arrangement for the display of advertising A Boards. This agreement may well see a limit to one A Board per village business. You may now see less of these visual intrusions in the village.

No arrangements are yet in place to celebrate the coronation of the King in May .

The National Trust will be applying to reroute the South West Coastal path up the zig zag path into the car park due to the erosion of the beach in front of the former café.

There has been positive feedback on the new café run by the Salt Pig.

The Parish Council agreed to establish two signs on footpath 13 leading from Woodhouse Cottages towards Ballard Down. There will be further discussions with Dorset Council and the National Trust about rerouting the path from the Obelisk towards Currendon Bottom.

The Purbeck Society - There will be a presentation in May to the Friends of Durlston Castle. This will cover the history of the Purbeck Society and the current activities.

The Purbeck Society remains concerned with the potential redevelopment of both the former Haymans shop front in Institute Road and Harrow House. The Purbeck Society favours more active engagement with developers so that the character of Swanage is not compromised by inconsiderate developments out of keeping with the character of the area.

The next talk will be on the 10th of May in the Mowlem Institute at 14.30pm. Details of the topic will be made available on the website of the Purbeck Society and its Facebook page.

CPRE, the Countryside Charity - The Dorset branch has submitted a bid to gain support for the Great Dorset Hedge project. This bid will be with the Dorset Climate Action Network. If successful, the bid will assist in establishing additional hedging as well as thicker hedges.

The Dorset branch are seeking expertise in ecology to assist with their work. In addition, a paid job for planning consultations and communication is advertised on the Dorset CPRE website. The Dorset branch are responding to the national consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework. This response has an emphasis on the need for local, low cost housing for the residents of Dorset and key workers. In addition, the response questions the notion of ever-increasing growth as this has harmful effects on the environment.

The National Office are drawing up a response for the consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework. This response is likely to emphasise the need for sustainable planning for communities as well as for planning to fully embrace transport, clean rivers, and measures to tackle climate change,

Peter Bowyer



Who Are We?

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

We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

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

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

Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group

Langton Matravers Parish Council News



Old Malthouse Development



The Old Malthouse

Prior to the Parish Council Meeting parishioners were invited to attend a brief introduction by Mr Marcus Clarke of the Satao group (owners of the Old Malthouse Site), regarding his wish to involve the community in the choice and scale of housing that the Parish would like for the site.

Mr Clarke spoke of how the Old Malt House is not a major development, with Satao looking at a maximum of 15 units on the site. He emphasised a commitment to green space and suggested that some of the fields may be left and accommodated within the development. The floor was then opened to the public (the minutes of which can be found on the LMPC website).

National Trust Updates: Choughs (pronounced *chuffs*) are to be reintroduced into the Purbeck in 2024 rather than this year, as originally planned.

Planning Application update: The following application has been received by Langton Matravers Parish Council:

P/VOC/2023/00413 - The Old Malthouse, High Street, BH19 3HB

Recommend: Objection

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Grants: It was resolved that The Citizens Advice Bureau is to be given £300 and that an application from St George's Preschool is to be considered, pending more information.

Councillor Peter White's Bench: A bench in memory of Cllr White, which has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and the family, is now *in situ*.

20-mph bid: Based on the recent speed survey results, the Parish Council approved that the proposed 20-mph zone should to be concertinaed, with the Council recommending it stretch from Serrells Mead to Capston field.

Annual Parish Council Assembly **The Annual Parish Council Assembly is to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th April.**

Next Council Meeting: **Thursday 9th March 2023** (meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month), at 7pm in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. The meeting starts with a public half hour, so please join us to have your say.

Dr Jenny Marshall, Parish Clerk to Langton Matravers

Telephone: 01929 425100

Email: langtonmatravers@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Write to: 1A The High Street, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset BH19 3EU

Website: <http://langtonmatravers-pc.org>



A memorial bench in memory of Councillor Peter White is now in situ in Crack Lane Cemetery. The bench was jointly funded by the family and LMPC.



DEADLINE
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