

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
and Swanage Area Forum

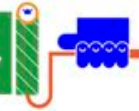
NEWSLETTER

Special Coronation Edition

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Lend a hand. Make a change.



Swanage Seafront

Monday 8 May, 11am - 2pm

To help mark King Charles' Coronation and boost community volunteering, organisations across the UK are planning The Big Help Out.

Locally, it will take place on Swanage seafront on Monday 8 May, the Coronation Bank Holiday.

Community organisations and charities will be publicising their work, and giving information on what kinds of volunteering opportunities they need help with.

And there's fun for families with our free Seafront Quiz, along a trail between Banjo Pier and Swanage Pier. It asks questions about things you can spot along the way.

This special issue of the Newsletter is packed with information on how you can help and who to contact. With funding by Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO, printed copies will be available at the seafront.

Why not join us, and find out how we all get by with a little help from friends and neighbours?



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find the newsletter at www.sandpdt.org.uk





Please send contributions for the June 2023 issue of the Newsletter by **WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023** to melvyn.norris@icloud.com

BELVEDERE SINGERS
BELVEDERE SINGERS CHARITY NO. 1160197
 Saturday **13TH May**
 Music Director Clive Watkiss
 St Mary's Church Swanage
 7.30
 Tickets £7
 under 18's free
 from choir members
 or on the door
 Music in May
 Retiring collection for
PURBECK CONNECT UKRAINE
 Charity No. 1162662

Purbeck Connect Ukraine

INVITATION

You are warmly invited to join us for a **Ukrainian meal** at 5 pm on Saturday 22 April 2023 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1AZ

The meal will be prepared and served by our Ukrainian guests as an expression of their thanks for all you have done for them over the past months

RSVP by 18 April
 Please will you also inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements
purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com
 tel. 07506 837141

Pop-In

Every Monday at Emmanuel
 10.30am until 1.00pm
 Especially for people who live on their own including hot drinks, games, jigsaws, crafty colouring, chat, donations only and finishing with a light lunch

The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust was formed to help Swanage thrive or, more formally, “To identify, plan and deliver projects which meet local need and fit within a vision of the long-term revitalisation of the Swanage and the surrounding area and the social well-being of its people. To create an income-generating, asset base to guarantee the future viability and sustainability of the Trust.”



We now support twenty projects, such as Dementia Friendly Purbeck, Wellbeing Swanage, and Greengage Garden. In addition, we also own and run The Centre and Herston Village Hall to keep community assets and services in the community by providing good value and welcoming spaces. More recently Dorset Council Cabinet approved the Asset Transfer of the Day Centre and Children's Centre, to the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust, to create an intergenerational, Family Hub for, the local Community and surrounding villages.

While we have well established Trustees, we would welcome people with additional skills and experience to join us. If you think you may be interested, please contact Bob Foster 07827012759 for more information.



Swanage Food Bank



Swanage Food Bank donations more vital than ever

March and April have proved equally busy with numerous calls upon SFB's help, and it doesn't seem to be just the repeat clients who have depended upon our aid for years. Perhaps it's time for some of these 'old regulars' to manage their finances more adequately without dependency upon resources intended as emergency food aid. Certainly, some of them could make use of FareShare, and the Community Pantry, thereby releasing us to support

the many young families with children who are in greater need of our assistance.

Swanage has continued to support us generously, but the amount we give to our clients far exceeds food donations. So we ask for extra of items we run short of most frequently: **tins of cold meat (ham, corned beef, Spam, etc), and of tinned meat for hot meals, baked beans, soup, tinned fruit, crackers and savoury snacks.** Food is our priority of course, but we would welcome **sanitary pads and tampons, toothpaste, shampoo, and shower gel.** There was a time when we could not store any more personal hygiene items, but now we have a dearth of them and a fresh demand. So thank you in anticipation of your contributions.

After all the recent wind and rain, let us all look forward to more balmy weather and an abundance of May flowers to lift our spirits in thankfulness.

Pauline Werba, Swanage Food Bank Chair



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

With the Spring Flowers blooming and Covid cases falling we are pleased to say that the long-awaited refurbishment of the Stanley Purser ward has finally started. Inevitably during the building work there will be some disruption to the usual layout of the ward, but our ward staff will ensure that the best interest of the patients/visitors remains their priority.

Our Inpatient services Matron, Debbie Straw has, from her extensive experience with Palliative Care services, some ideas as to how the refurbishment of the side rooms may be configured to benefit both the patient and their relatives. She is also working with us to explore the options for reconfiguring the old Endoscopy suite to enable the best use of the space so that more Community based services can be available at the hospital.

Now for some less welcome news. Across Dorset there is an ongoing acute shortage of MIU nurses which sadly results in the unpalatable decision sometimes having to be taken to at short notice to "close" a MIU for the day.

When this happens in Swanage, I will be notified, usually one or two days before, with DHUFT putting out a public press release to local radio and social media sites which we can then send onto our members. For your benefit, please follow DHUFTs advice and on that day do not present at the Swanage Hospital MIU as this may delay your access to appropriate treatment.

We are continuing discussions with DHUFT and the Primary Care Network to put forward the case that our MIU should remain open given the challenges to both residents, as well as our massive influx of visitors during the summer months in accessing anywhere other than our MIU, which will inevitably result in an increase in 999 calls.

Finishing on a positive note, a date for your diary. Our Summer "Afternoon Tea with stalls" will be on Saturday 10th June, 12noon-4pm when our hospital garden will be in full bloom.

Take care

Deirdre Selwyn
Chair, Swanage Hospital Friends

Swanage Communicare - always ready to help

Covid-19 saw us taking well over 2000 people for their jabs and inoculations from Swanage to Wareham, and my, were we busy! Now, the various Hospitals around our Dorset and Hampshire Counties are slowly catching up on their postponing operations Shall we say slow but sure.

Should there be any retired people who would be prepared to help us drive to any of our local hospitals, on an ad hoc basis or a regular basis, with a certain percentage towards their petrol/diesel ... please let the Director know on 01929 426644.

We would be so grateful and you would be doing a good turn to the Town and local people of Swanage into the bargain . You choose how much time you would like to spend on this very worthwhile job and we will have a talk and discussion on what suits you best.

We have got new cards printed (a pale mauve colour this time) with our new volunteer "Links" updated telephone numbers.

Please ring either of them, and should a 'message service' be on their line, leave your name, telephone number and a few words saying it is a Communicare Job that you wish us to undertake, so we know it is not a scam call. The Ladies will ring you back a.s.a.p. to confirm that they have got your details so you know it will be taken care of !

Our **new mauve cards** will be in the usual places in our Health Centre, Churches, Corbens, Local Optician, Swanage Cottage Hospital, so you may pick up one, and keep it by your phone.

Our new numbers are 427576. 480932. 422974. 427346. 427878. 288177. + a mobile of 07977-624684

Jenny Lazenby, Swanage Communicare



Wareham Hospital very important asset to Purbeck community

When the 16 in-patient beds were closed at Wareham Hospital in 2018 there was a local assumption that the hospital was closed too!

This could not have been further from the truth as the hospital continues to be an important asset to the local Purbeck community offering a wide variety of well over 30 out-patient clinics including a much valued Chemotherapy service and Covid vaccination clinics. More new services have been offered recently and include a breathlessness clinic (run by Lewis Manning) and an Eating Disorder clinic.

The Friends do their best to keep the hospital's profile up and very much in mind as sadly it does not share the same support as other community hospitals and has been threatened with closure in the past.

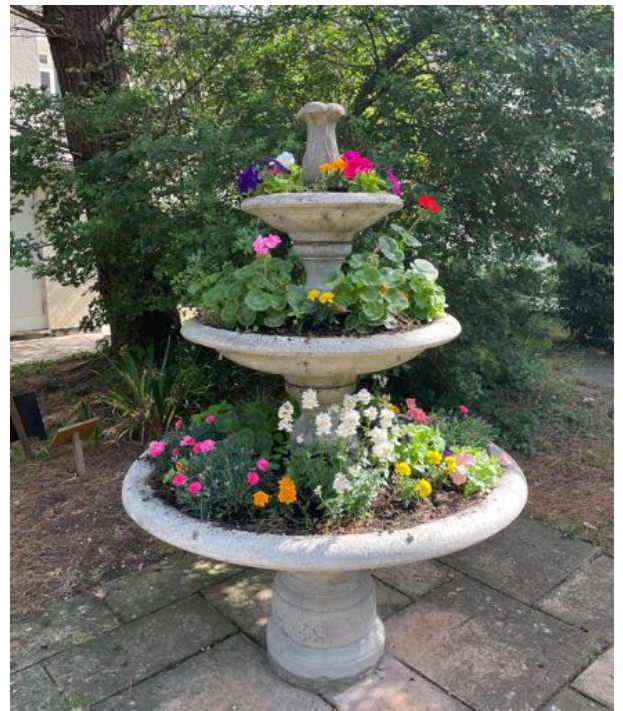
Whilst, as volunteers, we do not work inside the hospital we do spend time in the hospital garden which was developed many years ago by the Friends and is still appreciated by staff and visitors and has been a venue for many fetes and garden parties.

The hospital garden is to be entered in the South and South East in Bloom Competition in 'It's your neighbourhood category' and with the help and support of Wareham Growers we hope to get recognition of the voluntary work undertaken in this lovely space which supplements that done by the Trust contractors.

More volunteers are always welcomed to our Friends' team as members or gardeners; we can be contacted through the hospital in Streche Rd., Wareham, Tel 01929 557550 or by email: friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Please help us to keep this important unit serving us all in Purbeck.

Maggie Hardy, Wareham Hospital Friends' Chair





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We have some great events coming up at HXVH in the next few weeks and hope to see you at some of them

Movie Night – Mrs Harris Goes to Paris – Tuesday 9 May



Mrs Harris Goes to Paris tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm, and the film starts at 7.30pm with admission still at the inflation-busting price of £5.

Swanage Jazz Club present – Mike Denham’s Elite Syncopations – Friday 19 May

The band’s music spans the era from the 1920s to the early 1950s when jazz and popular music shared an audience. It ranges from ragtime to swing, by way of blues and boogie woogie. Expect to hear numbers by Scott Joplin, Sidney Bechet, Fats Waller, Benny Goodman and sparkling vocals from Bessie Smith to Ella Fitzgerald.



Doors and bar open at 7pm. There’s more on the Special Events page of our website, but tickets are available for £10 from the Swanage Jazz Club 01929 426127 and 22 Streche Road, Swanage BH19 1NF. There’s more on the Special Events page of our website.



HXVH Barn Dance – Saturday 3 June 6pm-10pm

We are having a good old Barn Dance at the Hall, with live music and calling from the [Black Sheep Band](#). Our local favourite pizza team - [Coastal Crust Pizzas](#) - will be on site selling fabulous wood fired pizzas. And the HXVH Bar will be open serving a wide range of refreshments, including locally-sourced ales - perhaps for those who prefer to drink and watch, rather than dosi-dohing !!??

Tickets are available via the HXVH website – go to the Special Events page at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk. Tickets for adults are £10 in advance (£12 on the door if we have any capacity on the night) and £6 for under 18s.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Alison and the HXVH Committee





A project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

Community Directory



If you are a community group, activity or a service that supports the local community please get in touch so we can add your information to the directory. It will hold information about low or no cost groups (under £10 a session), 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

Herston Village Hall is offering great weekly events – updated on the Herston Village Hall Facebook Page

Monday 10am – 12pm Community Cafe offering a warm welcome to all. The **Community Pantry** where the war on waste food continues each week, locally donated waste food is collected from the shops and cafes to stop it going to landfill. Available to all – bring a bag – reduce waste – no charge but donations welcome. (What is on offer is advertised on the Swanage Community Pantry Facebook page, as some weeks this is no waste to offer.) **Citizen’s Advice** is on hand to offer advice on a weekly basis.



Herston Hall Seahorses **Wednesday** – is the fabulous **Seahorse Playgroup** open to all parents and carers of under 5s. **9:30 am till 11am** – sometimes there is a pop-up pantry for the parents also.

Friday – Swanage Youth Club meet offering sessions for Yr 6 to 10 – the team offer a variety of events across the weeks and holiday sessions (free for those with a HAF code). For more information and how to register to attend please contact Su or Louise the Youth Leaders on youthclubswanage@gmail.com



Check the Herston Village Hall Facebook page for information about other events on offer, including jumble sales, craft circle (1st Saturday) and community events. Contact spdtmain@gmail.com for more information

The hall is available to hire for community events, birthday parties, meetings, wakes, fitness sessions please contact Tania.leighspdt@gmail.com for more information.

Swanage Youth Club – can you help us?

We have a brilliant youth club running from Herston Hall on a Friday evening and some holiday sessions; We are looking to add a wider selection of activities to our sessions – are you a local hobbyist, crafter, instructor, or coach. Who would be interested in volunteering for a session and sharing your skills? This can be a one-off activity or once you have enjoyed it on a regular basis (volunteer check will be in place).

We are also looking for more regular volunteers to support the running of the sessions under the expert guidance of our youth leaders Su and Louise; no experience necessary just an interest in helping young people and able to work in a fast paced sometimes noisy environment; (DBS checks will be undertaken). We are especially looking for people to help us in our kitchen area – our young people love cooking and preparing snacks – we want to expand on this and help them develop more life skills and encourage healthy eating. For an informal chat and more information please contact Su or Louise on youthclubswanage@gmail.com

Have a look at our great video of the amazing things we do at the Youth Club

<https://www.facebook.com/SwanageYouthClub/videos/6078379755577536>



SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB

Charity no: 1133375



Can You Help?

Swanage Disabled Club have fundraising stalls on the seafront in August (watch out for dates), and are applying for various Charity donations from different organisations this year and will update when/if we get accepted for any. There is a considerable expense to keep our buses running and tested according to Government & DVLA requirements, so are really grateful when able to receive donations to help towards us continuing to serve the community, which we so readily do and enjoy.

All our volunteer drivers/escorts are fully trained, and we are always looking for more help there, in order to lessen the work load.

If you enjoy meeting people and could give some spare time to help us, then please contact Robert Payne 01929 423729.

We are still able to offer two of our buses to the community and a smaller vehicle especially for one wheelchair and a couple of passengers, for door to door appointments or necessary transport locally and to any hospital, Bournemouth, Poole or Dorchester. This is on a booking system, it's not a taxi service and donations are gratefully received. I'm sorry, but the phone number in the March edition was incorrect. Please contact Robert Payne 01929 423729.

We meet at All Saints Church Hall, every Monday and the club is growing. On the second Monday every month we have a speaker; other Mondays are spent crafting, playing cards, dominoes, scrabble etc. New members are always welcome.

Contact Daphne Saville 01929 425241 for further information.

On our Facebook page so far, 51 members have signed up with an interest. Watch out for any further updates about the club, and their activities.

Spring and Summer events!

As I write this, we have just had our celebration event for the Peveril Point and the Downs as it has officially achieved Local Nature Reserve status. Thank you to all who came along and joined in with the walks and visited the displays. Watch this space for details of future open days and surveys. If you would like to join us for a survey to see what we do, drop me a line and I can let you know when we are next out.

Next up for our events programme is our Picnic in the Park event at the old St Marks school playing field on **Monday 1st May**. The event runs from 11-3pm with free activities including free 30 min taster sessions of Yoga both for all ages (12.30pm) and a special one for children (11.30am). Also an outdoor Zumba class at 2pm. See poster and/or website for more information. The day is all about highlighting this newly opened public greenspace and meeting to create ideas on what can be done with the space, representatives from the Town Council will be there to discuss and take suggestions.

[Picnic in the Park - Sustainable Swanage](#)

Two June dates for your diary:

Sunday June 11th – Swanage Bike Day 10-3pm on Sandpit field. Get your bike out of the shed, dust it off and bring it out for a free safety check and minor repairs, try out E-bikes and meet local bike experts for tips and advice. A day all about bikes to encourage us all to get back on the bikes, all ages.

Tuesday 20th June -7pm, Emmanuel Church – Sustainable Swanage summer open evening. The theme is Purbeck wildlife, hear from local experts and learn what is on your doorstep. We are fortunate in that we live in the country's biodiversity hotspot, a chance to learn more and find out how you can help. This leads on to our Bioblitz event on **Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June**. More info in next months newsletter but this is all about learning a few Identification skills and recording what is on your patch.

See you all soon. Spring is here, enjoy!

Sarah Spurling, Project Officer

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Web: <https://sustainableswanage.uk/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sustainableswanage

People living with dementia and their carers given new lease of life – by local rugby club

Swanage and Wareham RFC stepped in after the Covid pandemic put paid to meetings of the Forget-Me-Not group. With concerns about the virus now receding, the club offered space at its smart HQ in Bestwall Road, Wareham, free of charge. And now the group, run by a collaboration between the Dementia UK and Age UK charities, is thriving, with regular Monday drop-in sessions attended by up to 30 sufferers of the memory-loss syndrome and their carers.



Rachel Newman and Martin Hill

Rachel Newman, of Age UK's North, South and West Dorset branch, said: *"It's a place where people with dementia and those who help them can come to find support from each other and from professionals who come to offer advice. It's amazing what the rugby club has done. They have given us a wonderful space in which to run sessions and we're very grateful."*

Rachel went on: *"Those with dementia seem to enjoy being here. There is a lot of fun and laughter alongside the support. Sometimes friends or relatives come with their loved-ones, which also improves understanding of the condition and what can be done to help."*

Swans chair Martin Hill said hosting Forget-Me-Not was an obvious course for the club given the Rugby Football Union's ongoing examination of the links between the game's

players and early-onset dementia. But the main motive for the offer of free space was to benefit the local community in general.

He said: *"We have these facilities here at our clubhouse but don't use them during weekdays. So what's the point of leaving the place empty when there are individuals and companies out there charging excessive amounts to local groups, trying to get as much money out of them as possible?"*

The club also hosts Lewis-Manning hospice care sessions and an NHS cardio group for minimal fees covering just electricity costs. And it is also involved in various ways with disability and multiple sclerosis groups, and the Lions.

Mr Hill said: *"Making more use of clubhouses, grounds and facilities has to be the way forward for sports clubs. We just want to help the local community as much as possible. It's important to us. We're really proud of how much we do and if there are other groups that we can fit in, we're more than willing to do so."*

Though he does not participate in the Forget-Me-Not sessions, Mr Hill keeps an interested eye on them.

He concluded: *"It's great to see everyone joining in the activities Rachel organises, especially the music games. It's wonderful to see the pleasure they get when they remember a song or melody they may have forgotten."*





Greengage Community Garden

It's all happening, folks!

With Spring well underway, we have been very busy in all sorts of ways!

Our flower bed should be stunning this year and we have sown the area around the pond with wildflower seeds and we are looking forward to a lovely variety of species and colour. Our herb area continues to expand the number of species we are growing, our potatoes are almost all in and our fruit cage is being weeded and replanted!



We also had a lovely evening when Swanage Beavers came to see us for a gardening trip and we helped Swanage Library with their recent seed and growing day at the back of the library and we have been invited to plant out herbs there later in the Spring. We have also been asked to prepare hanging baskets and containers for one of the Swanage churches.

Please come and see what we do at Greengage and meet our lovely volunteers ... you will always be welcome. Friday 10.30 until 4pm is our main day.

Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden



Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



At a recent Defibrillator Familiarisation session the SCDP team attending was asked if we were all volunteers. With great pride I was able to say that we were all volunteers and have been so since the beginning of this successful community project started in 2015.

From an initial founding team of 4 – Ian Brown BEM, Dave Corben , Kyle Hickman and me, Maggie Hardy – we were joined by Lisa Mattei (Resuscitation Nurse) for a while and in the last few years by Mary Buck BEM who now leads our Familiarisation sessions utilising her vast St Johns and nursing experience. We meet regularly to review all aspects of the project which is supported by the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust who provide our charitable status.

Very importantly the SCDP steering group is well supported by volunteer **Defib Guardians** who fortnightly check the defib cabinets and report back through a central point to ensure that all the defibs are 'service ready'. With 41 defibs now within the SCDP fleet their help and assistance is vital and we thank them all for their ongoing support and commitment.



Sustaining this project is our main aim now and we would welcome others with an interest in emergency care to join the SCDP team to help with maintenance, monitoring, familiarisation sessions and fundraising .

We can be contacted by email info@swanagedefib.co.uk or through Corbens in Station Rd. Swanage.

Defibs have been deployed **156** times, with several deployments in recent weeks.

We are delighted that SCDP has been chosen as a beneficiary of this year's Carnival and we thank the committee for its continuing support; we are also grateful to the Co-op Community Fund who have chosen us as a Charity to support this year.

Please do look out for all the green or green and yellow defib cabinets which are sited all over Swanage and in the local villages – none of us know when we may need to access one !

Maggie Hardy, SCDP





Swanage Pier Update

As we head towards the start of another season, it is with great pleasure to report that we have finished the last episode of the current Pier maintenance project, which was mainly funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The first part was conducted in 2018 when we changed forty-one piles. Following this, the second phase between mid-February and the end of March 2022, we replaced a further ten piles at a cost of about £30,000 each. In the last phase, between November 2022 and January 2023, we replaced another seven piles. The Pier is now fully reopened to welcome you all back with a few final fixings to be made at sea-level when we have calmer weather.

‘The Big Help Out’

To mark His Majesty the King’s Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to promote volunteering opportunities within their local communities on Monday 8th May. Swanage Pier are delighted to be taking part by joining other local organisations between 11.00am – 2.00pm on Swanage seafront.

Swanage Pier Trust is an independent charity, which relies greatly on volunteers to help keep the Pier open for members of the public to visit, alongside helping to preserve it for future generations.

We welcome anyone who has a few hours to spare, would like to meet new people, gain new skills and spend some time in this amazing place.

You can help in a variety of ways roles including, gate duties, shop assistant, general maintenance, events and fundraising, education and Purbeck Coast FM.

Come along on Monday 8th May to find out the variety of volunteer roles available at the Pier and how you can get involved.

Friends Membership

We are pleased to introduce our brand-new joint membership this year, specifically for two people living at the same address. At just £46, it represents a saving on the cost of two individual members. Visit our website for full details and to apply.

www.swanagepiertrust.com/friends-of-swanage-pier

Fish and Chip Cruise – Sunday 28th May, Saturday 8th July and Wednesday 2nd August

Back for another year is our popular fish and chip cruise. Embark on an early evening circular cruise to Poole Harbour with City Cruises, departing from Swanage Pier at 6.30pm. The cruise offers vast panoramas of sky, sea, and sand as you pass Old Harry Rocks, Studland Bay, Sandbanks and into Poole, Europe’s Largest natural harbour.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the work of Swanage Pier Trust

£25.00 per person (including fish and chips at Poole)

Visit our events page for full details for all our events that are happening in May - www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.aspx



Volunteering at Swanage Pier





Volunteer at Durlston Country Park

If you have ever thought about volunteering at Durlston, then May is the perfect time to start!

Durlston is not only a place of international importance for wildlife, but also a busy and diverse community of people who need your help! Hundreds of volunteers (from 14-97 years old!) play a vital role in looking after Durlston's 3,000+ species, helping organise and run over 200 events each year and helping visitors get the most out of their day.

Opportunities this May include...

- Surveying Durlston's rare and beautiful orchids
- Dry-stone walling
- Sharing your love of Durlston as 'Roaming Ranger'
- Green woodworking, crafts or gentle gardening at 'The Shed'
- Improving some of Durlston 110 gates and stiles!
- Helping setup or prepare for exhibitions of landscape art or textiles
- Hone your computer skill in our friendly office, with research, marketing or admin work

Whatever your skills or interests, we'd love to hear from you!

To find out more, visit www.durlston.co.uk/volunteer or pop into the Castle for a chat with the Rangers!



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Purbeck Coast FM here for you!

Out and about this Spring and Summer

After a positive start to the year, we're looking forward to making Spring and Summer 2023 memorable.

Our mission is to get and-and-about in Purbeck and take part in local events, report on them and organise some of our own events too. If you see our

banner or a Purbeck Coast presenter with their mic - don't be shy, come and say hello.

Listeners, we want to hear from you. Enter our competitions, tell us your news, dedicate a song to someone special or let your favourite Presenter know why they make your day special. Contact us at: hello@purbeckcoast.com.

If you want to be a part of your local community radio station, come, lend us a hand and volunteer. For more details look out for us at The Big Help Out on Monday the 8th May from 11am till 2pm on Swanage seafront.

Michelle Langthorne, Station Manager, Purbeck Coast

Station Manager - Purbeck Coast

Swanage Pier Trust

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<p><i>Swanage</i> JAZZ CLUB</p> <p>IS PROUD TO PRESENT Mike Denham's Elite Syncopations</p>  <p>FRIDAY 19th MAY-7.30pm</p> <p>Licensed Bar from 7pm</p> <p>TICKETS £10 from:</p> <p>Swanage Jazz Club Treasurer, 22 Streche Rd, Swanage BH19 1NF</p> <p>Cheques made out to Swanage Jazz Associates for full details Tel 01929 426127 or email melvyn.norris@icloud.com</p>	<p>At Harmans Cross Village Hall*</p> <p>FRIDAY 19th MAY - 7.30pm</p> <p>Doors open for Bar - 7pm</p> <p>The band's music spans the era from the 1020s to the early 1950s when jazz and popular music shared an audience. It ranges from ragtime to swing, by way of blues and boogie-woogie. Expect to hear numbers by Scott Joplin, Sidney Bechet, Fats Waller, Benny Goodman and sparkling vocals from Bessie Smith to Ella Fitzgerald. It's a great fun band.</p> <p>Mike Denham - piano Trevor Whiting - clarinet, saxophone Ali Whiting - vocals, violin Keith Hall - guitar, banjo</p> <p>Mike Denham is a Dorset-based but nationally popular pianist and organist, whose bands and solo sets have graced many jazz festivals and venues.</p> <p>Trevor Whiting is one of the most in demand reed players on the British Jazz scene. He has shared the stage with many visiting American stars, recorded with Clare Teal, and toured with Chris Barber's band. Today he works frequently with the UK's top jazz musicians.</p> <p>FRED LINDOP</p> <p>*Harmans Cross Village Hall is in Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB, 2 miles outside Swanage. If coming from Corfe Castle, take a right turn. opp. garage in centre of Harmans Cross village</p> <p>AMPLE PARKING</p>
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Volunteer's skills help keep Purbeck's mining heritage on track

As an accomplished mechanical engineering designer, Barry Evans, is playing a key role in helping to renovate and maintain the rolling stock and track beds at the Purbeck Mining Museum near Norden. Now retired from his work in the petrochemical industry, Barry's expertise proved invaluable in helping to resolve a major gearbox issue during the full restoration of one of the museum's locos. The Ruston loco now features regularly in the demonstrations of engine and wagon movements on the restored narrow-gauge tracks around the museum.

"It is now three years since I joined the team of volunteers at the Purbeck Mining Museum and being part of such a congenial and enthusiastic group of people has given me a great deal of enjoyment," says Barry.

"Not only have I been able to apply my professional skills for the benefit of the museum and the visiting public, but I have also learnt new skills from other members of the team and participated in a wide range of working parties around the 25 acre site. The team comprises people with a wide range of different skills and interests that are far removed from the world of engineering and many of us are also completing various training runs as we move towards qualifying as engine drivers for our demonstration days. I never expected to experience such a tremendous sense of achievement during my retirement. I absolutely love it!"



Barry Evans on a training run as an engine driver at The Purbeck Mining Museum

The Purbeck Mining Museum is extending opening times this year and is always looking for new volunteers with a wide range of skills who have an interest in local history and the local ecology and who enjoy meeting people. For further information on volunteer opportunities at the museum please visit <https://purbeckminingmuseum.org/join-us/> or come along to Norden and meet the team at one of the museum's 'Volunteer Fridays'. Full details on the Museum's opening times and demonstration days can be seen at <https://purbeckminingmuseum.org>.

Ron Dyson, on behalf of The Purbeck Mining Museum

Seahorses Playgroup

Carers and under 5s gather to play on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30-11, term time only, at Herston Village Hall. We are a happy, friendly group.

While we have a qualified leader we would welcome regular or occasional help to chat with families, help with the play or make snacks and drinks in the kitchen. You may also want to share a skill and run an activity- we love our arts, crafts and messy play. Please contact Kim on 07809689061 to find out more.



It was lovely to be at the launch of the new Local Nature Reserve on Saturday 15th April. It has been an aspiration for a while – wonderfully achieved by Sarah Spurling. What maybe is hidden is that the aspiration was kept alive by the Swanage Town and Community Partnership – as part of their 2027 plan. For all the practical volunteer work going on, there is at least as much going on behind the scenes to enable some of these projects to happen ... we're very lucky to have so many people prepared to do both elements to improve Swanage for people (and nature/heritage etc!).



Volunteering is a fundamental part of all charities. It can be easy to forget – as charities (like the National Trust) grow – that they are still governed by voluntary trustees or have many many volunteers delivering their cause (in our case we have around 250 people a year volunteering for the Trust in Purbeck). It's a really good opportunity with this newsletter to be able to recognise the critical role volunteers have in and around Swanage – what would we do without them?

From the Trust's perspective – if you are interested in volunteering with us please do get in touch, particularly if you fancy working with visitors at Corfe or Studland. We'll make sure our vacancies are on the Swanage Volunteer Bureau database, and you could also check our website.



Bee orchids found at volunteers' plant survey

We're very fortunate to have so many great examples of what can be achieved through the power of collective volunteering in Swanage – from Swanage Railway, across the landscape of environmental organisations through to all the community groups – if you haven't yet dipped your toe into the volunteer water, now is most definitely time and you'll be made very welcome wherever you gift your time.

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

GROW WITH YOUR LIBRARY

Coronation Crafts for Children
Swanage Library

Saturday 6 May
11:00am - 3:00pm

Pop in to Swanage Library and make your own crown to celebrate the coronation. Show us just how royally crafty you can be!





SENsational Story and Play



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

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



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

Saturday 29 April,
27 May and 24 June
11:00am - 11:30am

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



Please book in advance via [Eventbrite](#)
For information 01929 423485

Dorset Council dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries



A dedicated volunteer, who was among the first to start rebuilding the Swanage Railway as a teenager in 1976, is encouraging people across the Isle of Purbeck to become involved with the award-winning heritage line.

Last month, the Swanage Railway started the first diesel multiple unit train service to the main line at Wareham since 1972 with Peter Frost being given the honour of being the conductor driver of the first train.

As a 13-year old growing up in Corfe Castle, Peter rode on the last British Rail train from Swanage to Wareham on Saturday, 1 January, 1972.

Fifty-one years later, Peter was in the cab of the Swanage Railway's 1950s diesel mechanical multiple unit at the start of the heritage line's 90-selected day train service to Wareham.

Peter Frost, who lives in Swanage, said: "I certainly felt the hand of history on my shoulder. That first passenger train into Wareham was something that several generations of dedicated and determined Swanage Railway volunteers have worked towards since 1972.

"Rebuilding the Swanage Railway, and returning trains to Wareham, seemed impossible to most people but we had a dream and wanted to try and make it come true," added Peter who has been driving steam locomotives on the Swanage Railway since the late 1970s.



Peter Frost, Corfe Castle, 4 April 2023 (photo: Andrew P.M. Wright)



First train from Wareham arrives at Corfe Castle, 4 April 2023 (photo: Andrew P.M. Wright)

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention office on 01929 475212 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk. Details about volunteering opportunities can be found at swanagerailwaytrust.org/volunteering.

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**

Rotary and the Big Help Out



Swanage & Purbeck Rotary have been one of the main organisers of The Big Help Out on Swanage Seafront on Monday 8 May. We're helping other local organisations with gazebos and sponsoring the printing of this Coronation issue of the Newsletter. And we've put together a free, family-oriented picture quiz that follows a route between the two piers. Locals as well as visitors can have fun at spotting images that could otherwise go unnoticed.

We'll also, of course, have our own display focusing on Rotary's supporting role in our community. There will be Rotarians on hand, ready to chat informally about the kinds of helping hands we welcome.

Rotary Community Fete, Thursday 10 August 2023

Rotary's annual fete on Sandpit Field has long been a popular attraction for locals and visitors alike, and this year's event, on Thursday 10 August, marks a change in emphasis. It's being renamed the Rotary Community Fete, reflecting a greater focus on the town and its neighbouring villages.

The aims are to showcase our wealth of local talents and celebrate the many great things our community has to offer. We're therefore going to be inviting local groups and organisations to contribute to the festivities, by helping with, for example, competitions (garden produce, cakes), a dog show, displays and demonstrations, games and activities for children, live music, and items for sale. And there will also of course be the familiar Rotary stalls with good food and drink, candyfloss, bric-a-brac, bottles, books and burgers.



HELP ROTARY, HELP OTHERS

In Swanage & Purbeck Rotary, we organise popular local events, run community projects, and raise money for charitable causes.

You can help us, in whatever way you prefer, e.g. to:

- set up up stalls at our Fete or Christmas Market
- support projects in local schools, or our Young Musician award
- rattle a tin at street collections like Santa Sleigh or Aid for Ukraine
- pack Christmas shoeboxes for deprived children, deliver Christmas Mail locally, or help to host our Silver Saturday tea party for senior citizens

To find out more, take a look at our website at www.swanagerotary.org or email secretary@swanagerotary.org

Dementia Friendly Purbeck

A Message from our Chairman - Mike Bonfield

Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community was started in 2015 with the aim of raising funds to provide a community Admiral Nurse. A little while after, a similar group was set up in Wareham calling themselves Purbeck Dementia Friendly.



Since becoming Chairman of the Swanage group, the committee and I have been working towards joining the two groups in the Purbeck area. We finally agreed to merge the two groups in August this year and it has been agreed that we will become **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PURBECK**.



Mike Bonfield (photo courtesy of Swanage.News)

The combined group will be overseen by six members (three from each group) including the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. For the time being, we will be running under the original two names until all the details are finalised and the group's logo is agreed. For a while, you will see both groups organising events, etc.

VOLUNTEERING

I would like to thank all those who volunteer or have been involved with helping to run both the **Making Memories** and **Singing For Pleasure** sessions that have been so successful and warmly received. Also, all the helpers at our stalls at the Market, local Fetes, etc.

Whilst writing about our volunteers, this is an ideal time to see if maybe others would like to join us - you would be made very welcome and it can be great fun with wonderful companionship and all in a great cause. So if you interested in joining us, or finding out more about us and what we do, please do get in touch.

Contact: email: dfpurbeck@icloud.com





SWANAGE MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE



Charity Registration number 274200

The Square, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2LI museumswanage@gmail.com

Heritage Centre Tel: 01929-421427

The History Centre Tel: 01929-423850

Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre is staffed entirely by our dedicated bands of volunteers who work in either or both of our two facilities. The main public display site is at 'The Heritage Centre' in The Square, Swanage, where our counter staff meet and greet the public and whenever possible encourage them to part with their cash when buying their souvenirs, books etc or when just making simple donations.

Our other team works behind the scenes in our 'History Centre' where most, if not all of our research work is carried out and where many historic local records are kept. This site also functions solely with volunteer staff.

So, if you think that you have the skills, interest and ability that could help make a difference, at either of our Centres – while at the same time getting personal satisfaction, then join us. Just phone or call in at the Museum in The Square and make yourself known. We will be pleased to see you.

For 2023 the Swanage Museum's next main window display will feature a genuine Swanage Punch and Judy booth and original puppets as part of the exhibition promoting Entertainment in Swanage, which also looks at Theatre, Cinema, Carnival, Bands and Bandstand.

Punch and Judy has been in England for 400 years, as mentioned by Samuel Pepys; before that it was famously known as "Punchinello" in Medieval Italy. It was meant as satirical humour for adults until Victorian times when it became a children's entertainment. Each Punch and Judy has their own story and registered "Professors." (all Punch and Judy puppeteers were known as Professors). Our most famous probably being Eric Brisbane who emigrated to New Zealand.

The puppets on display are on loan from Annie Hollingshead, who with Wendy Lalla Wharam, were known as 'bottlers' (audience money collectors). Punch and Judy has been in Swanage since 1903 excluding a few years around WW2. The puppets in our display were used in the 1980's by "Professor" Pete Jaggard.

So do come along to see for yourself.

"That's the way to do it!"

Entry to the History Centre & Gallery is free but access is by appointment only. This can be arranged by telephone: 01929 423850 (answerphone out of hours), by email: museumswanage@gmail.com or by completing an enquiry form at Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre in The Square, Swanage.



Welcome to Purbeck Art Weeks 2023!

Join us from 27th May - 11th June, where once again we are celebrating a rich array of open studios, exhibitions and events – thanks to the involvement of the whole community and a dedicated Festival team.

Visit our website (www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk) or pick up one of our brochures for further details.'





4th April - Natasha Tobin introduced us to the World of Ballet. She not only talked about how ballet came into being but demonstrated different styles and actions. There were different ballet shoes and literature to look at, as well as a little audience participation. Natasha talked about how the adult ballet (Silver Swans) was researched and designed to benefit movement in older people, both new to ballet or having done it in the past. Muscle memory comes into play and just like riding a bike, it is still there somewhere. It was a very informative and enjoyable session.

2nd May – We are very excited to welcome Giuseppe from the Olive Tree Cooking School who will be demonstrating how to make pasta.

29th May – Aquarius will be providing the refreshments at the Corfe Village Fair in the Castle Grounds from 10.00am until 4pm. Come and visit us and enjoy our lovely sandwiches, cakes and drinks while sampling the other local stalls that are available.

**Come and join our Ladies Group
held at Corfe Castle Village Hall
1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm.**

We have a good selection of interesting speakers every month and our satellite groups include a walking group, stroller's group, lunch group, 2 book groups and a textile group.

Visitors £3 per meeting or £22 for the year

Come and meet us and have a great afternoon

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com

**The Big Help Out event on Monday 8th May
on Swanage Seafront**

is a public Coronation event that will encourage many people who may not have any experience of voluntary work, to show them that volunteering can be a wonderful experience, great fun, building confidence and friendships, to get involved in any of our Purbeck communities' clubs, organisations, etc who heavily rely on - sometimes entirely - their volunteers. We certainly do here in Corfe Castle.

You will be made more than welcome!



Every Thursday

during term-time

10am—11.30am

run by volunteers from

Emmanuel Baptist Church

160 Victoria Avenue BH19 1AZ

www.emmanuelbc.org.uk

01929 427706

We ask for a £1 donation per family
to cover costs

Starting 12th January 2023



Food for Thought Purbeck is making a difference – can you help?

Up to 50 food insecure families in Swanage and Purbeck have been supported by a weekly Mobile Larder since the start of the year. Every Monday, a FareShare Van pulls into the playground of St Mark's School. Our local schools, in Swanage, Langton and Corfe – at the heart of their communities – have gone the extra mile to support the Larder.

Families identified by our schools have become members of FareShare, collecting their crates and cool bags of food either in person, or through the schools. Volunteer drivers are on hand to make deliveries to the schools, or to members' homes. Members who require it are signposted to Citizens Advice.

FareShare – a well regarded national organisation, with the mission to redistribute good quality surplus food to those who need it – is now ready to provide Swanage and Purbeck with a second Mobile Larder.

Food for Thought Purbeck operates under the umbrella of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust. We are very grateful for its unfailing support and encouragement, as we are to Dorset Help and Kindness, whose grant of further funding will pay for the second Larder.

The schools, as well as our Swanage and Purbeck FareShare Members, have been generous with their praise.

Martin Godfrey, Headteacher of Swanage Primary School writes:

"The FareShare scheme that were invited to join in January this year has been invaluable to our families ... They are all incredibly appreciative of the support they receive and comment positively each week on the wide and varied array of food they are supported with. The volunteers of the scheme, who set this up and lead this in Swanage are wonderful people. Without their invaluable support and the delivery of the food to our school, most of the families who are members of FareShare would simply not be able to access the provision"

A single mum wrote to Debby Monkhouse, Swanage Town Councillor at the forefront of the scheme:

"This scheme has helped so much and eased my worries ... Thank you so much".

The Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust has exciting plans to develop the Children's Centre and adjacent sites at Chapel Lane. We are grateful that they are happy for our second Mobile Larder to be based there.

The start date for the second larder will be Wednesday 7 June – the larder will be onsite from 9.30 AM to 10.30 AM.

We hope, in particular, to support the more elderly of our Swanage residents, as well as those who are housebound or working at the time the Larder is open.



We would give a warm welcome to all those who would like to access the Second Larder – and also to those who might like to help us as volunteers – either helping give out the crates and cool bags, or making deliveries.

Food for Thought Purbeck is making a difference – come and join us!

Contact details for Debby Monkhouse are:
cllrmonkhouse@swanagecouncillors.uk

Chris Brady, Chair Food for Thought Purbeck

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For Parishioners and their Families
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by **CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN**
in Corfe Castle Village Hall



Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

Despite it being more than halfway through April as I write this, we are still waiting for some warm weather. It seems whenever the sun shines it is accompanied by a cold wind. I am hoping that by the time you read this we shall be enjoying some sustainable beach or out-in-the-garden weather.

It was at least sunny when I cut the ribbon on the new local park on the Downs on 15th April. It has been a great achievement for the Town Council, Sustainable Swanage and all the volunteers who worked so hard to register this asset for the town and its environment. We must make the most of this lovely green open space that is now preserved for nature.

As we look forward to the Coronation the Council will be presenting a souvenir spoon to all the primary school children in the parish. Hopefully the Deputy Mayor, Chris Moreton, and I shall be going to the schools to hand out the spoons, so that when they are as old as at least one current Councillor, they will be able to brag about receiving a spoon at the last Coronation.

Plans are moving ahead slowly for the Neighbourhood plan and the Seafront Masterplan which will soon be open for public consultation; so watch this space (or spaces). We hope that all residents will contribute to the ideas we have to improve the look and safety of our town.

The Council is also undertaking an accessibility review and we are thrilled to have new Changing Places toilet installed at North Beach car park, which was opened by Deputy Mayor who, in his own words, was “flushed with success”.

I have spent a lot of time on the train recently and was proud to shake the hand of the Wareham Mayor when we travelled on the inaugural trip from Swanage to Wareham. The Swanage heritage railway line, is at last, going right through to link up with the Southwest mainline. This is a long overdue and much wanted link to restore the line that many of us remember from our school days.

On a personal note, my consort and I have recently moved home and are now safely and comfortably settled still within walking distance from the Town Hall. Thanks to all those who helped us find, and move into our new home.

Cllr Tina Foster

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



If it's Monday morning 10-12 at **Herston Village Hall**, then it is time for a chat, hot drinks, home made cake at the Café, picking up good quality food to help reduce waste at the Pantry, or dropping in to get advice. Also, from these we have grown a few other schemes including knitting blankets to help keep over 90 people warm, got involved with the fundraising for our new hall and even in one case – thank you Sue! – joining the Herston Village Hall Committee. And the lovely Citizens Advisers are volunteers too.



We have smashing folk helping with all these things and would love you to join us. Please contact Kim on 07809689061 if you want to find out more.



What to do if a tradesperson doesn't carry out the work to the expected standard

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"I've just had my bathroom retiled, but I'm not happy with the work. "

"At first, things seemed to be going well, but then the tradesperson left to do another job and I had to chase them for updates. They did eventually come back and finish the job, but the work was pretty rough around the edges. They also left all the old tiles and plaster for me to dispose of, which I wasn't expecting. I've now got the invoice, but I don't think the price reflects the work done or the service I got. Can I challenge this?"

It's always frustrating when you run into problems with home improvements. You mention that the job looked "rough round the edges", if this is to a degree you could consider the job unfinished or unsafe, you should be able to get the tiler to come back to fix it. You could also suggest removing the old tiles might be considered as part of finishing the job. If the tiler considers the work complete, it's worth knowing you're protected by the **Consumer Rights Act 2015**, which says the tiler should have completed the work with 'reasonable care and skill'. If they haven't done this, they've broken the law.

The Act means you're legally entitled to ask the tiler to fix the problem (if they provided the tiles as well as the service) or get money refunded (if they just provided the service and you bought the tiles). They should fix the problem or refund you in a reasonable amount of time, without causing too much inconvenience. As you've received the invoice for the work but not paid yet, now would be a good time to ask them to fix the issue or you can negotiate a lower price for the work. Let the tiler know you understand what you're entitled to. Speak to them in person, or contact them in writing/over email, there are [template letters](#) on the Citizens Advice website, either way make sure you have a written copy of anything agreed.

Before you contact them, it's a good idea to take photographs to use as evidence of the problem. Make notes about what happened, including dates and times. You should also gather any paperwork and receipts - was there any prior written agreement about who would dispose of the old tiles? Was the final cost in line with estimates or quotes given to you at the outset of the work. If not, there is advice on the Citizens Advice website about steps you can take.

If you're struggling to come to an agreement with the tiler, there are other steps you can take to solve your problem these include using 'alternative dispute resolution', which is a way of solving disagreements without going to court. There are full details about how to do this on the [Citizens Advice website](#).

Energy

Citizens Advice have a team of energy advisers who can help if you are struggling with energy bills or your supplier. We can offer advice and check to see if you are eligible for extra income or benefits. We can also offer energy saving tips and advice. If you would like to speak to an energy adviser, call the Energy Line on 01929 775500, leave a message and someone will return your call. Or email: energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

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
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm

Help Your Local Community - Volunteers Needed!

As the demand continues to increase for our services, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck are looking for volunteers to join their friendly team. There are various roles available from admin support to training to become an adviser. Full training and support will be given. Volunteers can be based from either the Wareham or Wimborne offices. No formal qualifications are required, just a willingness to learn and enthusiasm! For more information about volunteering with us, visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/volunteer

Advice Bus

Our new advice bus is now out and about providing local residents with access to free advice and support and for those who cannot easily access outreaches, local libraries or are digitally excluded. **The advice bus will be visiting Swanage Market, on a Friday morning 10am-12pm.** No appointment is necessary, just come along and have a chat with our friendly advisers. For more information about the times and locations visit our website www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus



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



Take Your Seat!

In 1863, exactly 160 years ago, John Mowlem created the Mowlem Institute to improve conditions of life for ‘all the people of Swanage without exception’ by providing facilities for education, recreation and the ‘betterment of all.’

To celebrate his enduring, community focussed, inclusive vision, the present-day Trustees have committed to ambitious plans to raise £160,000 to secure the future of The Mowlem for future generations.



To kick-start the year-long run of fundraising activities, we are launching ‘Take Your Seat’, a chance to show your support by dedicating a seat in our auditorium to a loved one, family member, friend, inspirational figure or even in your own name!

To officially launch the campaign, we’ve dedicated the very best seat in the house, J13, to our Patron, Film Director Edgar Wright who grew up in Swanage watching movies at The Mowlem as a child – maybe even on this very seat!

For a £200 donation you can Take Your Seat yourself - a personal message of up to 40 characters will be engraved on a brass plaque and placed on a seat in the auditorium – for full details visit <http://www.themowlem.com/takeyourseat>

Thank you!



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



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.

Perenco / Wytch Farm Oil Leak: The following motion was placed before council: "The Parish Council expresses its deep concern about the significant oil spill in Ower Bay on 26th March which caused pollution in Poole Harbour and the coastline. The PC believes that the terms of the operating licence require fail safe maintenance procedures in this world class and highly sensitive environment. The PC asked how did the maintenance failure occur? What system changes are being put in place to prevent any reoccurrence?" This motion was approved by Council and a letter will be sent to Perenco / Wytch Farm and those responsible for regulating the Oilfield.

Car Parking Fees increase: The Parish Council have received notice from Dorset Council that they intend to increase parking fees within West Steet Car Park from the end of April 2023. Dorset Council is holding charges for most areas but increasing them in "tourist" areas. Corfe Castle Parish Council strongly object to the way this increase has been dealt with, but mainly object to the price increase for 30-minute parking, as it is believed this will impact residents and not tourists. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to write to Dorset Council asking they revisit the 30-minutes fee for parking within West Street.

Highways Report: Last month we mentioned the Parish Council had submitted a report to Dorset Council Highways requesting various Highways and Parking issues around the parish be address. We are pleased to say the response so far has been positive and we look forward to meeting with a Dorset Council Highway representative shortly. As and when we have further update, we will let you know.

Playground: The Parish Council recently commissioned an external inspection of the playground equipment, ensuring that all items of equipment compile with British Standards. Although there were several areas of work identified, nothing was deemed dangerous or urgent. A works priority report is being created and will be submitted to council in a forthcoming meeting.

Busy Busy Councillors: This month many Councillors have been busy as usual working behind the scenes ensuring the Parish Council is keep up to date with information on various on-going and possible future projects. Such projects include: The Kings Coronation, organising the parish celebrations; Electrical Charging for vehicles; Playground safety; Suttle Stone Quarry planning and associated possible funding opportunities; Emergency Planning; Railway matters including joining the inaugural trip from Wareham to Corfe Castle; Environment enhancement with Talks from visiting experts: this month was all about Butterflies; Litter Free Purbeck, helping keep our parish clean; Low Carbon Dorset & finally Purbeck Transport Action Group.

National Trust Update: This month we welcomed Adam Evans the new acting Corfe Castle Visitor Operations & Experience Manager. Continuing with previous custom Adam produced a report for the Parish Council detailing various activities and projects which have already been carried out plus ones planned for the near future. A £2 million maintenance schedule has been agreed over the next two years. Although this will mean more scaffolding the Trust hope to allow visitors to see areas normally out of sight. After his report was discussed, Adam was asked as the National Trust have just installed a Ground Source Heat Pump system at Castle View Visitors Centre, would the National Trust be looking to carry out heating and insulating works within the local National Trust homes? The answer was yes, and work should start in the near future. Further information on activities and projects past and future, can be found on the Parish Council website.

Planning application & Treework application update: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council.

Application No: P/FUL/2023/01820 & P/LBC2023/01821, Location: Glebe House, BH20 5NS. **Recommend** No Objection, Strongly supported and recommend approval.

Application No. P/FUL/2023/01297 & P/LBC/2023/01298, Location: 49 East Street, Corfe Castle, **Recommend:** No objection and recommend approval.

Application No: P/TRC/2023/01277, Location: 33-35 West Street, BH20 5HA **Recommend:** Objection to T2, noting the comment due date had passed and therefore the comment will be emailed to planning for consideration.

Application No: P/TRC/2023/01619, Location: Old Church of St James Langton Road BH20 5LR **Recommend:** Corfe Castle Parish Council make no comment.

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

Next Council Meeting – Monday 15th May 2023, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room, Plus 22nd May 2023 with the Annual Parish Meeting being held from 7pm in the Village Hall, Main Hall. Do please join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details: Clerk: Michelle Harrington, **Telephone:** 01202 670105,

Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk, **Write:** 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ,

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC, **Website:** www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk



What's On in May 2023



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

LIVE SHOWS and MUSIC:

- **Dial M for Murder - Revive Theatre Presents** a murder mystery like no other, made famous by the classic 1954 Hitchcock film! The iconic Dial M for Murder is an intense and darkly gripping thriller, a masterclass in suspense, filled with spine-chilling twists and turns that will keep you guessing till the very end - experience the thrill of a classic murder mystery, live on stage! **Saturday 6th May at 7.30 pm**
- **National Theatre Live – Othello (Encore Screening)** - An extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy, directed by Clint Dyer with a cast that includes Giles Terera (Hamilton), Rosy McEwean (The Alienist) and Paul Hilton (The Inheritance). Filmed live on the Lyttleton stage of the National Theatre. **Friday 12th May at 7pm**
- **National Theatre Live: GOOD (Encore Screening)** - Another chance to see David Tennant in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most potent political plays. As the world approaches WWII, John Halder finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences. Filmed live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London. **Saturday 13th May at 7 pm**
- **National Theatre Live - Best of Enemies** - David Harewood (Homeland) and Zachary Quinto (Star Trek) play feuding political rivals in James Graham's multi-award-winning drama. In 1968, as two men fight to become the next US President, the cunningly conservative William F. Buckley Jr., and the unruly liberal Gore Vidal debate the moral landscape of a shattered nation. As beliefs are challenged and slurs slung, a new frontier in American politics opens. Jeremy Herrin directs this blistering political thriller, filmed live in London's West End. **Thursday 18th May at 7pm**
- **Glitterball Glam Fashion Show** - Put your glad rags on and join us for a fashion show in aid of two local charities, #Willdoes and RAC Saddle Club. A fabulous fusion of local community businesses, charities and models of all ages coming together to bring you an evening of fashion and fun, a special dance performance by the amazing Jazz Armani Gritt, and join us after the show with music by DJ Angelo in The Showbar until midnight! **Saturday 20th May at 7.30 pm**

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

- **'Shifting Edges'** - The next Visual Arts exhibition is from Fran Quinlan, a visual artist based in Dorset whose work encompasses drawing, print, performance, sculpture and installation. Fran is an Alumni of Arts University Bournemouth and delivers participatory workshops across various institutions and public settings. Both nature and humanity are in a constant flux of movement and change. To embody this state, she immersed herself in the ephemeral nature of light and the sea, drawing with the traces they momentarily declare in the physical world. **Until 23rd May**

MOVIES

- **What's Love Got to Do With It? (12A)**
In London, an award-winning film-maker documents her best friend's journey into an assisted marriage in line with his family's Pakistani heritage. In the process, she challenges her own attitude towards relationships. Starring Lily James, Emma Thompson, Shazad Latif and written by Jemima Khan. **7.30pm Mon 1st - Thu 4th May**
- **Everything Everywhere All at Once (15)**
Another chance to see the winner of 7 Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor and Best Directing. An aging Chinese immigrant is swept up in an insane adventure, where she alone can save the world by exploring other universes connecting with the lives she could have led. **7.30pm Fri 5th May & 8th - 11th May**
- **Creature (12A)**
Acclaimed choreographer Akram Khan's collaboration with the English National Ballet is captured by Academy Award winner Asif Kapadia in this immersive and visceral film. Creature (Jeffrey Cirio) is unknowingly enlisted by a military brigade into an experimental programme but falls in love with a cleaner who shows him kindness and compassion; together they dream of escape. **7.30pm Mon 15th & Tue 16th May**
- **The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry (PG)**
A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60s named Harold one day learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, only to keep going for 450 miles until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. **7.30pm Fri 19th May & 22nd - 25th May, plus 2.30pm Mon 22nd May**
- **Are You There God? It's me, Margaret (PG)**
Coming of age comedy drama based on the much-loved book by Judy Blume. When her family moves from the city to the suburbs, 11-year-old Margaret navigates new friends, feelings, and the beginning of adolescence. Starring Rachel McAdams, Kathy Bates and Abby Ryder Fortson **7.30pm Fri 26 May - Thu 1st June**
- **The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)**
While working underground to fix a water main, Brooklyn plumbers Mario and brother Luigi are transported down a mysterious pipe and wander into a magical new world. Stars Chris Pratt as the world's most famous plumber alongside Charlie Day as Luigi, Anya Taylor-Joy as Princess Peach, Jack Black as Bowser and Seth Rogen as Donkey Kong. Based on the bestselling video game! While comic and fantastical, there are some scenes that might frighten very young children. **11.30am Sat 27th May - Sat 3rd June**

IN THE SHOWBAR

- **Oscar's Quiz Night**
Another chance to take part in the Quiz to rival all others! Wide-ranging questions, lots of prizes and a bonus Rock'n'Roll Disco after the quiz! Starts at **8pm Wed 24th May** – doors open from 6pm for a pre-quiz drink!

CLUBS and SOCIETIES:

- The **Making Memories Dementia Friendly** cafe is Tuesday 2nd & 16th May, at 10am in The Showbar.
- The **Flower Club** will meet on Thursday, 18th May, at 9am in the Community Room.
- **Health Qigong Fitness** with Penny meets every Wednesday at 2pm in the Community Room.
- **Baharah Dance** meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Community Room (except Thursday 4th May)
- **Cantos Do Mundo World Singing Group** meet every Monday in the Community Room (except Bank Holidays). All welcome!



Lend a hand. Make a change.

**MONDAY
8TH MAY**

**See you on Swanage Seafront
11am - 2pm!**



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