

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages

Progress on the Focus Centre

The popularity of the Open Day, in the Focus Centre, in May, has prompted us to provide regular updates to keep everyone informed about progress.



The big breaking news, this month, is that we have appointed a CEO for the Trust, and he will be joining us on 11 July. We are delighted to announce that Ali Tuckey will be joining us from Durlston Country Park. We are really looking forward to Ali joining us and taking us forward.

Ali is joining us at an exciting time in our development. We are in the process of planning the alterations necessary, within the Focus Centre buildings in Chapel Lane to accommodate many more service providers, specifically serving the community of Swanage and surrounding areas. These include services for the newly created Family Hub and the expansion of day care services. We are working closely with existing service providers in the buildings, to make sure that their services are not interrupted by the new works. Care Dorset continue to occupy parts of the original Day Centre, and by working closely with them, we are hoping that we will be able to help them expand their services in the future.

The concept of a Welcome Lounge, at the front of the Focus Centre, was launched at the Open Day. It will provide information to local people about services available for them to help their wellbeing. It will also provide access to the full range of Family Hub services available. We can now confirm that we have appointed 2 Assistants, who will work in the Lounge. They start in mid-July and will go through a period of training before the Lounge opens.

The number of volunteers coming forward, following the Open Day, has been very exciting. We will now go through a period of induction and training for them to become part of the Team at the Focus Centre. We would welcome hearing from other potential volunteers. There is plenty to prepare for and get started on. Anything from one hour to several days per week would be very welcome and we will adapt the tasks, to meet your skills and availability.

We will continue to update, so that you can follow progress.

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Purbeck's people are sharply divided over the major nature recovery programmes taking place in the area, an unprecedented survey has found. Some hope Purbeck will become the "nature capital of England" with benefits for business and lifestyle. But others fear it could become an overcrowded "theme park" overrun by litter-tossing tourists who will drive locals out of the housing market.

The split opinions were discovered in a survey carried out by community group Planet Purbeck for the Wild Purbeck Partnership (WPP), the coalition of landowners and charities spearheading a series of nature recovery and rewilding projects. Nearly 7,000 responses from local people to questions about the coming changes to Purbeck's countryside and coast were gathered over several months via social media, face-to-face interviews and questionnaires. Planet Purbeck's mission was twofold - to raise awareness of the nature recovery schemes, which they discovered were NOT well known, and to feed back community views to the WPP.

The group has compiled an in-depth report of the survey - available to the public on its website - covering topics such as Purbeck's hopes and fears for the future, changes to farming practices, implications for climate change, potential solutions to problems and what the WPP can do to sway the doubters. The report also asks controversial questions such as: "Should there be a tourist tax – the Purbeck Pound?"

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said:

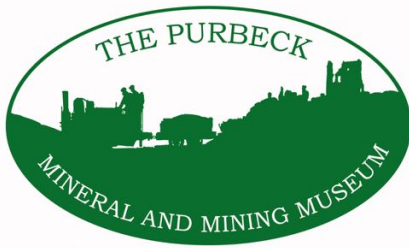
"We wanted to give our community a voice to ensure these changes to our countryside and coast deliver tangible benefits to local residents. It's a question of balance. People do want greater access to a healthy, nature-rich environment with clean rivers and seas but they want assurances this will not come at the cost of lower local food production, harm to farmers and more pressure from tourism."

Some of the views expressed revealed both extremes. Examples include: "We have a huge opportunity for positive change - more abundant wildlife will support more rural employment and increased profit for businesses." Countered by: "Purbeck is home to many who have lived, respected and worked here, not just a second homeowners' Nature Park." Report co-author Luke M Luke said: "Diverse viewpoints are a strength, guiding us towards more informed decisions to benefit everyone in Purbeck.

"Carrying out such a massive survey was a big challenge but we are proud to have given local residents an opportunity to have their say. Getting reactions from nearly 7,000 surpassed all expectations. We hope we have established Planet Purbeck as a credible representative of our community to ensure people are at the forefront all Wild Purbeck Partnership projects."

The full report, in easy-to-read illustrated format, can be accessed here: <https://planetpurbeck.org/change-is-coming/>





Hundreds of cub scouts delve into Purbeck's mining heritage

After welcoming well over 500 visitors during a hectic period over the school half-term, the Purbeck Mining Museum recently hosted an organised visit of more than 200 cub scouts, scouts and explorers from the Bournemouth District Scouts Association. The trip to the heritage attraction was part of a special camping weekend in the Purbecks that also included a visit to Durlston Country Park and

National Nature Reserve. The visit to the mining museum followed a planning meeting with volunteers at the Museum earlier in the year and was organised by Matt Spendley, one of the District Leaders.

"Our aim was to provide a fun and enjoyable environment for the youngsters to learn about Purbeck's industrial heritage and to see for themselves what it was like down a clay mine in years gone by," says Paola Hobson, one of the museum's volunteers.

"A series of activities was organised as part of the visit, including time in the engine shed to see historic narrow gauge locomotives, hands-on experiences using old mining tools, a clay mining quiz and a visit to the underground clay tunnel in the Museum's restored mining building. Judging by their smiles and enthusiasm they certainly enjoyed their visit and were clearly fascinated with the equipment and yesteryear's pull-cord bell communication used by the miners as they extracted clay from the mine."

The Purbeck Mining Museum is attracting more and more group visits as the venue continues to build on its popularity as an important educational and heritage attraction. Later this summer, plans are already in place to welcome many school groups, a large group of brownies as well as various local history and industrial heritage groups. Such group visits are dependent, however, on having enough visitor reception guides and marshals at the museum as the venue is run entirely by volunteers. If you are interested in joining the friendly group of volunteers just visit <http://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/> to find out more.



The Purbeck Mining Museum recently welcomed 226 cub scouts, scouts, explorers and leaders from the Bournemouth District Scouts Association. Photographs courtesy of Andrew PM Wright

Swanage Food Bank: here for you

Whatever the weather and whatever political turmoil is currently going on, the Swanage Food Bank continues to be here for anyone living in the town or nearby villages who finds themselves struggling to put food on the table.

How to get help

We don't need vouchers any more, but help can be accessed via a referral agency phone call from:

- Local schools, Swanage Children's Centre or a youth worker,
- Citizen's Advice,
- Church leaders,
- GP or Purbeck Mental Health team,
- REACH or Social Services,
- PDC Housing Needs or housing association officers.

Individuals can also self-refer by phoning us on 07759 230313.

If you know anyone who is struggling food-wise, please do encourage them to phone us - we're here to help!

We've moved!

We are now happily settled in to the United Reformed Church, 112 High St, Swanage BH19 2NY.

How to help the Swanage Food Bank

Many thanks to all who give to the Food Bank. Every donation is appreciated.

Blue collection bins for any in-date and unopened food and toiletries items you'd like to donate can be found in Budgens, Coop, Costcutter and Spar shops in Swanage. Bags for life are also useful. There should be a list of any particular current needs taped onto each bin. Most of our stocks are fairly low at the moment. Local churches also have collection points, as the Swanage Food Bank is an expression of love for our community by the Swanage Churches Together group.

Swanage
Food Bank





Purbeck Sounds

The Isle of Purbeck, and Swanage in particular, must surely be *per capita* one of the busiest, most active places in the land. Festivals seemingly every weekend. Pirates, tick. Fairies, tick. Jazz, Blues, Film, Reggae, Gardens, Art - all a big tick. So it makes perfect sense to have a communication hub to keep everyone who lives here - and those who visit - in touch with all this hectic activity and enterprise.

Step forward, Purbeck Sounds: a brand new radio station with a studio at The Hub, located at the Loft Community Centre in Commercial Road, now known as the Heart of Swanage. Opposite is Chococo and Andy Knill's arts

shop. Around the corner, among other shops is Java cafe and Julia's fishmongers.

Fittingly, in our increasingly digital age, Purbeck Sounds is an online radio station. This means it is available not only across Purbeck and Dorset but also from anywhere in the world. And already there is a global reach. Hello to California, India, Estonia and to our many listeners in Spain and France. Purbeck Sounds' Technical Director, Andrew Birt says:

"The old FM service has served the UK well for the last 70 years but is now ending its useful life. DAB was developed over 30 years ago in a pre-internet age - its original aims have been overtaken by streaming media. With this in mind it was decided to make Purbeck Sounds available exclusively online."

Visitors who hold this beautiful area close to their heart can tune into Purbeck Sounds and pick up the vibe of our wonderful location. And keep in touch with local developments.

So what does the station have to offer on a daily basis? Firstly, it really is a community hub. Local news, events and activities are all eagerly trailed and discussed among the brilliant music shows. For example, the recent D-Day service on Swanage seafront was covered by presenter Jeremy Hoare with a moving half-hour programme. As the station really gets going (it has already been broadcasting for a few months as part of a 'soft' launch), presenters will be getting out into the community to talk to the people who make things happen - and listen to those who just enjoy taking part.

Purbeck Sounds can be found on your phone, tablet, or via the station's own website - also on smart speakers, with that helpful person called Alexa responding to commands to play the station (just request "Alexa, play Purbeck Sounds"). An app, 'myTuner' is also available for Android and Apple devices - both available free of charge from their respective stores. With a simple Bluetooth link Purbeck Sounds can also be received in-car using a 4G device.

So who are the Purbeck Sounds presenters and what type of music will you find? Playlists are wide-ranging so listeners will hear favourite sounds from classical right up to the very latest releases. There is a varied line-up of presenters who will offer specialist shows based on pop, rock, blues, jazz and classical. Station manager Graham Turner, who is also known as the Flying G on air, said:

"It will be very accessible, which is so important as our ethos is to be a voice of the people and allow them to be heard on the station."

Purbeck Sounds has set up a crowdfunding platform to raise money towards the setup and early production costs and a variety of business communities in Swanage and Purbeck are already contributing. They include Swanage Sparks, Purbeck Media Group, Jewsons, Wayne's Carpets, Travis Perkins, Paul Barron Arts, the Loft Community Centre and the Emporium. All of the station's volunteers pay a subscription of £10 a month to support Purbeck Sounds, as well as giving up personal time to make the station a success. Graham Turner says:

"We are aiming to be embedded in the community, with programmes involving the arts, conversation and shining a light on events happening around us. Our presenters have huge experience in entertainment, the arts and the written word - Andrew Birt is from ITV, Sue Banner has stage managed theatre and opera in the West End and now works on corporate events - and our presenters are very diverse. That is joyous as it gives us a unique style of broadcasting. Although music will be extremely important to Purbeck Sounds, we will not be pumping out the same old songs 24/7, we aim to be more of a magazine station, varied and interesting."

Among the presenters are Thelma Deacon, Maggie O'Neil, David Hollister, Annabelle Cooke, Paul Thomson, Jacqui Temple, Paul Hutton - Cornish, Andrew Birt, Sue Banner, the Flying G, Peter Hayes, Jeremy Hoare, Peter Groom, DJ TLM, Katharine Cross and Wayne Cartridge. A team of presenters will share the breakfast shows, the Flying G presenting a different breakfast show at the weekend, Jurassic Classics on Sunday mornings and the familiar voice of David Hollister taking listeners through the weekday drive shows.

Lighter programming at the weekend will include specialist shows like music from the stage and films, rock shows, magazine shows, travel and programmes that involve the arts.

Some of our popular daytime programmes will be repeated through the night for the benefit of light sleepers and shift workers, not forgetting of course those in other time zones!

As a service to the hearing impaired it is envisaged that some of our presenter's interviews will be available in text form via our website at some stage. Accessibility for all the community is very important to the Purbeck Sounds remit.

Graham adds:

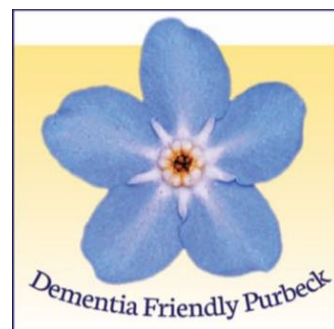
"We want to create a voice for the whole of Purbeck, not just Swanage. Although we are based in the town, the station won't be Swanage-centric, we want a presence at events all over the area. Our priority is to make sure that we give the Purbeck community a voice - having only been on air for a few weeks we have already aired ads for Cancare and their garden of memory and also for the Fairy Festival. We also want to engage with locals and holidaymakers to be as accessible as possible. There will be great scope for that as we are so centrally based, there is so much footfall and interest around our new studios."

For more details and how to listen, see the station's website at purbecksounds.com. You can also donate to our crowdfunding via a link on the website.

Dementia Friendly Purbeck

A great start to fundraising appeal for a second Admiral Nurse in Purbeck

More than 30 people attended an event held at Wareham Rugby Club on Monday, April 22 to mark the start of a fundraising campaign to raise more than £100,000 for a second Admiral Nurse dementia specialist in Purbeck. The appeal has begun very promisingly with £24,835 already raised.



Brad Roots, Rachel Murray and Rachel Johnson joined Dementia Friendly Purbeck founder Jean Gibb in cutting the fundraising cake

A similar campaign seven years ago raised £150,000 to employ Rachel Murray, Purbeck's first Admiral Nurse. Speaking at the launch of the fundraising appeal for a second Admiral Nurse, Rachel said the Purbeck Admiral Nurse service had received 247 referrals in the last 12 months, and that the number of people living with dementia in Dorset was expected to rise by about 40 per cent in the next ten years, with the biggest increase expected to be among those living with severe dementia, with the most complex needs.

"The energy shown by Dementia Friendly Purbeck is sadly not reflected in all communities – the only reason I am here is because the local community identified a need to improve dementia care and had the drive to make it happen," said Rachel Murray. "This role is all about collaboration and working together. We set up a meeting centre at Wareham Hospital which worked really well until Covid, but then the Swans Rugby Club stepped-up and provided their premises for us to use for free – we are really lucky to have such a supportive community in Purbeck."



Stoborough Village's Pantomime members Hugh Lane and Ralph Clarke presented a cheque for £1,000 at the fundraising launch

The appeal to raise funds for a second Admiral Nurse has started strongly, with Dementia Friendly Purbeck having committed £22,000 from its own funds to kickstart the campaign. At the launch, Swanage woodworker George Smith, who lives with dementia, contributed £335 in proceeds from selling his woodcraft. Stoborough Village Pantomime donated £1,000, as did Swanage and Purbeck Rotary. Wareham Lions has also pledged £1,500 to the appeal.

Jean Gibb, who was responsible for starting the group in Swanage and the driving force behind fundraising for the first Admiral Nurse, attended the launch and officiated at the cutting of a marvelously decorated campaign cake made by Jenny Huntley.



George Smith presents Dementia Friendly Purbeck chairman Mike Bonfield with a cheque for £335 – money he raised from his own woodcraft

Dementia Friendly Purbeck thanks the donors and truly appreciates their early support. The group will be working hard to raise more funds over the coming months. Donations can be made via the Just Giving crowdfunding site –

<https://www.justgiving.com/>: (search for Dementia Friendly Purbeck)

For further information, contact: George Potheary, secretary: dfpurbeck@icloud.com



Collective Contact – Foley

Thur 4 July, 7pm. Prince Albert Gardens
Swanage. 01305 269512. Free show – donations welcome

Foley is a thrilling contemporary circus show for all ages by Collective ConTakt, a pan-

European circus collective with roots in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and the UK who specialise in blending high level acrobatics and live music. Exploring the highs and lows of togetherness, this non-verbal show is performed by five acrobats and a musician. Touching on themes of vulnerability and trust with light-hearted, playful silliness, Foley is full of surprises. Expect breathtaking tall, human towers and high throws accompanied by exquisite live music, mixed directly to create electronic beats.

Running time: 60mins no interval. This performance is free to attend, though donations to Artsreach are welcome. You can [donate online here](#). Buckets for cash donations will also be available at the performance, so please give if you feel able to. Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity, as part of Circus Around and About 2: Extraordinary circus shows visiting rural and urban communities across the south-west.



Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

Having been elected for a third term as Mayor of Swanage I am honoured and excited to Chair the new Council for another year.

We have six new councillors taking their seats and therefore some fresh ideas to contribute towards the running of the town responsibilities. I hope there is plenty of support and enthusiasm from us all.

With a packed programme of meetings and working parties there is plenty to discuss and plan so we welcome all to attend the open meetings and air concerns and give encouragement.

Since accepting the mayoral chain in May, my consort and I have been very busy attending various events including opening the beautiful new Cancare Sanctuary garden which I hope will be enjoyed by all.

We visited the Pirate Festival, the Fairy Festival, the opening of the new Focus Centre, the official opening of the new Mowlem community room and the open day at the Skatepark in King George's field.

We held the Annual Parish Assembly and heard informative talks from the Police, the Skatepark, Dorset Coast Forum, the National Trust, the Development Trust and the Mowlem. So much happening in our busy town.

The highlight so far was the Liberty Parade by the Signals Regiment through the town and the inspection of the troops on the seafront. I have been so lucky to represent the town in my Mayoral role.

Cllr Tina Foster



Hop On the Magical Express to Purbeck Film Festival's Outdoor Cinema at Corfe Castle

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Harry Potter fans are in for a magical evening this summer as a film of his first story is being shown at Corfe Castle – with a special train service laid on by the Swanage Railway to and from the event. **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** will be screened in the grounds of the castle on Friday August 23 as part of this year's Purbeck Film Festival. The film – the first in the series of seven titles written by JK Rowling - follows Harry's first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as he discovers he is a talented wizard. Gates will open to the public at 8pm and the film will finish at around 11.15pm, with audience members able to walk the short distance to Corfe Castle station to complete their evening travelling on a heritage diesel train to Swanage.

A similar arrangement is being made on Saturday August 24, when **Wonka** will be screened in the Castle Grounds, finishing slightly earlier at around 10.45pm. Swanage Railway Company chairman Gavin Johns said:

"The Swanage Railway is delighted to be working with the Purbeck Film Festival's dedicated volunteers in their presentation of these great films against the backdrop of Corfe Castle's dramatic ruins by providing evening heritage diesel trains from Swanage and Norden - the latter next to the Purbeck Park long-stay car park - so film enthusiasts and families can enjoy the popular event without the hassle of parking in Corfe Castle."

Claire Burns from the film festival said:

"We hope the mixture of a heritage train ride and watching a Harry Potter film in such beautiful surroundings will cast a wonderful spell over everyone attending the event, as well as the treat of watching **Wonka**. It promises to be a special weekend and a great curtain raiser to the full festival programme later in the year."

This will be Purbeck Film Festival's biggest outdoor cinema season with 7 great films in 5 exceptional venues: Saturday 3rd August, **Barbie**, by the (pink-lit) swimming pool at Knoll House Hotel in Studland; Saturday 17th August, **Ghostbusters**, at Durlston Country Park; At Corfe Castle, **Harry Potter** on Friday 23rd and **Wonka** on Saturday 24th August; Saturday 31st August, **Calendar Girls** at Careys Secret Garden near Wareham and at The Blue Pool Nature Reserve, **A Room with a View** on Friday 6th September and **Moulin Rouge!** on Saturday 7th September.

The main festival runs from Friday October 18 to Sunday November 3. Details are on the festival's website – purbeckfilm.com.

Festival Patrons: Sir Mark Rylance | Olivia Hetreed | Andy Paterson

Registered Charity No 1195002 | info@purbeckfilm.com | purbeckfilm.com

Events coming up on Swanage Pier

Swanage Pier Big Summer Raffle

As part of our Summer Raffle this year, we have some fabulous prizes including an original painting by the local artist Ben Spurling.

We are delighted that Ben has agreed to undertake this commission, which he is painting on location from the Sailing Club beach. The piece will include the Pier as the main feature. Ben's work is drawn from a longstanding and deep appreciation of the Purbeck coastline which he explores on foot or on his old yellow bike. He prefers using oils and with his skills gained in his BA Honours in Illustration, paints on location to observe colours and develop a closer affinity with the subject.

Other fabulous prizes include:

- Abbotsbury Subtropical Family Ticket
- Athelhampton House and Garden Family Ticket
- City Cruises Family Ticket
- Lulworth Estate Family Ticket
- Pig on the Beach Wine
- Swanage Pier Plank Sponsorship
- Fishing Trip with Swanage Sea Fishing
- Sculpture by the Lakes Voucher
- Swanage Railway Family Ticket
- Swanage Florist Bouquet
- The Salt Pig Voucher
- The Roof Terrace Meal for Two
- The 1859 Café and Bistro Voucher



Tickets are just £1 each, on sale at the Pier gate and shop, and www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com

All proceeds raised go towards the ongoing maintenance of Swanage Pier.

The Draw will take place at midnight on Monday 26th August 2024.

We also have our popular **Fish and Chip Cruise** back on Friday 19th July, Wednesday 31st July and Sunday 11th August and **Yoga on the Pier** every Tuesday and Thursday from the 18th June, at 8.00am.

Full details on all our events can be found @ www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com

Purbeck Recorder Consort

Directed by Dave Cook

**Prince Albert Gardens, Sunday July 7th
2pm**

Free concert - but donations welcomed

In support of David Kemp's Trek to Petra, Jordan,
in aid of



Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

Good location

Good music

Good cause

For more information call 01929 480007

To donate online use QR code



Come along to the bandstand and listen to the Swanage Town Band this summer under the baton of our new Musical Director, John Watkins. See poster for dates.



SWANAGE TOWN BAND

PLAYING IN THE BANDSTAND THIS SUMMER

WEATHER PERMITTING

Wednesday	22 nd May	7.00pm
<small>In Methodist Church at 7.30pm if wet</small>		
Wednesday	12 th June	7.00pm
<small>In Methodist Church at 7.30pm if wet</small>		
Saturday	22 nd June	2.30pm
Wednesday	10 th July	7.00pm
<small>In Methodist Church at 7.30pm if wet</small>		
Wednesday	24 th July	7.00pm
Thursday	1 st August	7.00pm
Saturday	17 th August	2.30pm



A Unique Theatrical Event is coming to Corfe Castle in July!

'The Shaftesbury Tales' will be performed on the Church Lawns on July 11th and 12th at 7pm, with your own local Double Act members providing one of the scenes – 'The Villagers' Tale'. Exploring the story of Edward the Martyr's murder in 978AD and the events which followed, this imaginative production will include a fantastic variety of entertainment! If you can't get to the Corfe performances, catch it in Wareham on 14th and 15th. See elsewhere in this CVN for details.

Ball & Socket are returning to Corfe Castle Village Hall for probably their final public appearance on Oct 5th and will be joined by a mystery Guest Artist! Double Act is staging the event to help raise funds for the Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment, so that's at least three reasons not to miss it!

World War II Memorabilia - Please Can You Help!

Double Act drama group is in need of some World War II memorabilia in order to take some publicity photos later in July and a few props to use in our production 'This Secret Isle' on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2024.

We are in particular need of one Policeman's steel helmet and British gas mask boxes or bags for the actual production and anything else of interest for the photo shoot.

More awkwardly we do need to acquire a rifle or shot gun for a brief appearance in the show, even though it does not need to be fired! But appreciate that this might prove challenging under firearms legislation!

Any items lent will be carefully looked after and returned as soon as possible after use and are not going to be thrown around as part of the action that takes place.

So if you have any personal items or know of any relatives or friends, who have any such collections, including local museums, then please let Peter know on (01929) 480109 as soon as possible.

Many thanks!

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

Planning for our annual extravaganza has already commenced. **Bank Holiday Monday 26 August** is our annual **Harmans Cross Fete and Show**. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle with proceeds again shared this year with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. We have set up a gazebo at the 'railway side' of the Hall alongside the garage which we hope will be a convenient way of dropping off any books, bric-a-brac etc, and we will clear that every day or so.

HXVH Movie Night – Tuesday 9 July

Our July film is Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Harrison Ford returns as one of our all-time favourite legendary heroes, Indiana Jones, in the fifth instalment of this beloved swashbuckling series of films. Finding himself in a new era, approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him – no wonder I immediately identify with him!! But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat again.

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission remains just £5

Future movies for your diaries:

Tuesday 13 August: Back to Black

Tuesday 10 Sept: One Life

HXVH Church – 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Next HX service is Sunday 21 July

Booking the Hall

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our Bookings Guru is Kelly King. For information, please look at our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk or contact Kelly on 07384 848 419 or email at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

Swanage Depression Support

Depression is one of the most prevalent mental health disorders, affecting around 1 in 6 adults in the UK. It is also associated with other mental health issues, such as anxiety, stress and loneliness. This has become worse since the pandemic.

Swanage Depression Support was formed about 12 years ago by a group of Christians who had experienced depression. It was a peer support group which has been meeting fortnightly. It was an informal group, not officially constituted, financed by private donations. It was very successful, with up to 15 people attending. In recent years, in response to request from some members who were coming from Wareham, a second meeting opened in Wareham on the intervening weeks. Sadly, one of the key leaders has had to withdraw owing to poor health, leaving just one, who rightly felt it would be wrong to facilitate the group alone. So the group has been suspended, although members do meet socially in a coffee shop from time to time.

We are looking for a way to re-form the group on a more stable basis, with proper constitution, supervisory group, bank account and financial security. For this, we require the backing of the wider community, especially mental health professionals, and a pool of facilitators will be needed.

We would like to convene a meeting of interested people to advise us in the re-forming of the group. This could form the basis of an on-going Supervisory Group, though attendance at this initial meeting does not imply any commitment to longer involvement.

We should like to hear from people willing to help us, either as members of the Supervisory Group or as facilitators. Some experience of depression/anxiety, either as a sufferer or family of a sufferer would be helpful. Sympathy with the Christian roots of the group is essential. We emphasise that we are open to people of all faiths or none, that we are not out to convert people and faith conversations or prayer must be initiated by group members - but our motivation is the love of Jesus.

If you might be willing to explore involvement, please e-mail swanagedepression@outlook.com or contact Alan Dominy on 0774 867 2069

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





SWANAGE CROQUET CLUB NEWS UPDATE

The **Swanage Croquet Club** new season is now up and running. The club found a new home in 2023, entering into a partnership with Swanage Primary School. Part of the school field at the top of Bon Accord Road has been developed into two full sized competition standard lawns.

The club was originally established about 14 years and is a thriving club in the town with around 70 members, playing both social and competitive croquet. Social croquet and practice games take place throughout the week and at weekends. Most players play just for fun and enjoy the social side of the game.

Anyone interested in joining the club should look at the club website (swanagecroquetclub.com) and then contact the club via the website for an introductory session.

Swanage is a member of Croquet England, whose mission is to see

‘More people playing more croquet in more places’

It is a sport which is not only inclusive to all genders, abilities and ages, it also helps individuals improve their mental and physical wellbeing. It is a game of tactics, skill and accuracy and has been growing in popularity here in Swanage.

There are also those who like the competitive side of the game so the club has 2 teams competing in the South West Federation. The all handicap team was the SW Federation champions in 2022. The high handicap team was a finalist in 2023 and the new season is now under way.

Competition Results

The all handicap team is comprised of 5 or 6 players who have the lower handicaps and recently played their first game of the season and ran out 19; 1 winners against Budleigh Salterton of Devon. The all handicap team then went on to beat Exeter away 11-9 in early June to make it 2 wins in a row. They play their next match at home against Taunton Deane.

The high handicap made a great start to the season, winning at home against Winterborne Valley 13-7. Their next match is at home to local rivals East Dorset.



LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Assembly Presentations Well Received: We are pleased to report that the presentations at this year's Annual Assembly were met with great enthusiasm. The positive feedback from attendees highlights the community's engagement and interest in the topics discussed.

Potential Shop at Putlake Adventure Farm: Exciting news regarding the Community Shop project: after productive discussions with James Warren, the new owner of Putlake Adventure Farm, there is a possibility of a new commercial shop opening on-site soon. This shop could provide essential goods to residents, so for now, the community run shop project is on hold as we await further developments. Rest assured, if the shop does not meet the community's needs, the working group will promptly resume the project to ensure everyone has access to the essentials.

Special Thanks: The Parish Council would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Anne, Hannah, and Nicky for their exceptional hard work on the Community Shop project so far. Their commitment has been invaluable and is deeply appreciated.

The Parish Council would also like to offer profound thanks to Briget for all her dedication to Love Langton and keeping the village tidy.

Flooding: The Parish Council has engaged in positive preliminary discussions with representatives from the National Trust and Holiday Property Bond. Unfortunately, Aster declined our invitation to participate in these talks. Currently, discussions are focused on gathering information. However, a public meeting will be held soon, during which the National Trust will present the larger area plan.

Waste Bins: The condition of the general waste bin and its surrounding area by the bus shelter was a topic of concern raised at last month's Parish Council meeting. In the most recent session, the Council expanded the discussion to address the broader issue of waste bins in the community, weighing the pros and cons of removing the bin.

After a thorough discussion, the Council highlighted potential future costs of reinstating the bin and the ongoing expense of

emptying it. Consequently, the decision was made to adopt a cautious approach. Rather than hastily removing the bin, the Council opted to monitor its usage over the coming months.

This period of observation will allow the Council to gather more information on bin levels and usage patterns. Once sufficient data has been collected, the Council will revisit the issue to make a more informed decision.

Pavements: Councillor Wilson was asked to investigate the issue of pavement repairs and urge Dorset Council to prioritise maintaining the pavements using stone rather than tarmac. To date, Dorset Council has acknowledged that the use of tarmac is a temporary measure; however, they have not provided a specific timeline for when the tarmac will be replaced with stone.

Street Lighting: If you notice a broken or faulty street light, please report this directly to Dorset council via <https://www.lightsondorset.co.uk/public/ReportFault.aspx>. On each lamp there is a unique number which will aid the reporting process but it is not essential to have this number, as you can zoom in on a map on the above website and find the light by location.

Planning Matters: Application No: P/TRT/2024/02666. Location: The Old Malthouse School, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. Proposal: T1 Beech – Fell and replant Comment: No objection due to the Arborculturalist report and the promise to plant two new trees.

Application No: P/FUL/2024/01992. Location: Verney Farm Gully Swanage BH19 3EX. Proposal: Erect lambing shed. Comment: No objection.

Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 13th June 2024 in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. During the meeting there is a public session, so please come and join us to have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors) Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Email: clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk, Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: www.langtonmatravers-pc.org



Miracle Theatre - Love Riot

Fri 2 August, 7pm. Kimmeridge Bay. 07879 473693. £15, £6 u18s, £35 fam

Step into a world of etiquette, scandal and matchmaking, with this fresh new take on an 18th century rom-com from Cornwall's Miracle Theatre. Promised by her father to the dashing Doricourt from a young age, Letty has worked for years to corset up her wild heart, to ready herself for a dream marriage. But now the much longed-for day has arrived, Doricourt sees her only as a business transaction. Faced with a loveless future, Letty's heart starts beating again – can she defy convention, shape her own destiny and be free to find love her own way?

This vibrant reimagining of Hannah Cowley's comedy of manners, The Belle's Stratagem, takes audiences of all ages on a journey of unexpected twists and hilarious turns, towards a destination where they might all be free. Celebrate Miracle's 45th Anniversary with this inspiring show that will captivate adults, families and teenagers - as much as their grandparents!

Recommended 7+. Running time: 2 hours inc interval. Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity. Site open from 6pm for BBQ, hot drinks and licensed bar (cash only). Outdoor event - bring a chair and a torch! Assistance dogs only. www.artsreach.co.uk



Treehouse Theatre presents

The Shaftesbury Tales

Visit Dorset in the Dark Ages!
discover the Tale of Edward the Martyr
Join our merry company at 'The Pilgrims Inn'
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from Corfe to Shaftesbury,
entertaining along the way with
tales of murder, miracles, music and mayhem
Immersive, family-friendly theatre



Featuring Double Act Drama Group,
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Thursday 11th July @ 7pm: St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle
Friday 12th July @ 7pm: St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle
Sunday 14th July @ 4pm: Lady St Mary Church, Wareham
(Sunday ticket includes free workshop @ 1pm in Wareham Library - booking essential)
Monday 15th July @ 7pm: Wareham Town Hall

Tickets £10 / £6 www.treehousetheatre.com/shaftesburytales

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Thursday 11th July @ 7pm: St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle
Friday 12th July @ 7pm: St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle
Sunday 14th July @ 4pm: Lady St Mary Church, Wareham (workshop at 1pm)
Monday 15th July @ 7pm: Wareham Town Hall
Thursday 18th July @ 7pm: Dunbury Academy, Winterbourne Whitechurch
Saturday 20th July @ 4pm: Child Okeford Village Hall (workshop at 2pm)
Monday 22nd July @ 7pm: Springhead, Fontmell Magna
Thursday 25th July @ 7pm: Shaftesbury Abbey (workshop at 4pm)
Friday 26th July @ 2pm: St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury (workshop at 11am)
Saturday 27th July @ 2pm: St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury (workshop at 11am)

Workshops FREE with ticket, booking essential
Join a workshop to play a part in that days performance



Walk with us!

Between performances we'll be walking in the footsteps of the characters in The Shaftesbury Tales, when the body of Edward the Martyr was taken from Wareham churchyard to Shaftesbury Abbey to be sainted, more than 1000 years ago.

Roughly following St Edwards Way, we invite you to walk with us, for as little or as long as you like, sharing folklore and good company, celebrating the cultural heritage of pilgrimage and the joy of walking in our beautiful county.
Route and start times on our website.



www.treehousetheatre.com/shaftesburytales



Corfe Community Kitchen

Soup 'n Pud

A choice of Soups and a Roll followed by Puds with Custard

12.30 – 1.45pm

Corfe Castle Village Hall

Saturday 6th July 2024

Come and join local friends for a simple, healthy, filling and sustainable

Free Lunch



This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents to increase community spirit. If you wish to make a donation, either of food or money please feel free but it is not obligatory.

We had a lovely lunch in June with 2 delicious soups, tomato and basil plus leek and potato, made by one of our volunteers. Hoping that June meant summer we followed the soups with cold desserts - fresh fruit salad and ice cream and Eton Mess. Thanks as usual to all our helpers for making it such a success.

By the time you read this we will have hosted our first 'Kiddies Kitchen' when the Preschool and Toddler groups will be joining together for a lunch, immediately after the Toddler session, especially designed with little ones in mind! Lots of fun and mess I am sure! It will be great to share food with some of the younger members of our Community and possibly give the Village Hall Trustees more support to pursue grant applications towards improving the kitchen facilities for all users. If it is successful we may repeat it in the autumn.

Our next Soup 'n Pud will be on Saturday July 6th when we intend to have a bit of a summer celebration as we hope to welcome our 1000th diner along. **Could that be you?!** There will be the usual tasty food and friendly chat available but perhaps with a subtle twist!

Thank you to the fairy that left some onions on my doorstep for use in our soups! We always welcome any surplus fruit and veg from your gardens or allotments as we are determined to help avoid these crops going to waste.

We will have a short break for August and then lunches will resume in September. We would love to see you!

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

TWO reasons to feel hopeful?

Since taking the chair of the Friends almost 10 years ago, my committee and I have actively promoted and supported the provision of PURBECK wide services (the old Purbeck District council definition of Purbeck) recognising that care was being provided in a different way with more emphasis, we were told, on community care, closer to home

Through the Wareham Friends we have initiated a new group '**Action for health and social care in Purbeck**' which brings together representatives from across the area in our attempt to strengthen the **Purbeck** voice as we have had great concern that our local services were being eroded in both Wareham and Swanage Hospitals, with many people not knowing what services are actually provided in these places and care certainly not always being provided in Purbeck requiring lengthy travel times for patients.



It is therefore encouraging to see that a Swanage Town Councillor has set up a petition hoping to restore Swanage **and** Wareham NHS Services; the Wareham Friends are grateful for this inclusion.

In recent weeks our small gardening team has worked really hard to improve the garden area for patients, staff and visitors. It is really rewarding to receive appreciation and positive feedback from those who have valued this lovely peaceful space with its accompanying wildlife. We are grateful to Simon from Holme Nursery who has provided advice and guidance on suitable plants for the area which two of us happily planted out in one morning session. (We were so grateful for the most generous donation from a garden visitor who saw what we were doing!) We are part of the Britain in Bloom competition in the Wareham 'In your neighbourhood' section so are hopeful for positive reviews in the judging at the end of June.

Wareham Hospital is a valuable asset to the Purbeck Community and the Wareham Friends will continue to support it and Purbeck community services in any way that we can; we will always welcome help and support and can be contacted through the hospital or by email friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

We are planning to hold our AGM at Wareham Hospital on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th at 7pm - it would be lovely to welcome a full room.

Maggie Hardy, Chair, The Friends of Wareham Hospital

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Every Thursday
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10.30am until 1.00pm

Especially for people who
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Live on Stage:

Swing n Sinatra - Friday 21st June at 7:30pm
Celebrating 100 years of Sinatra and Swing Music! – Five Star Swing returns with a journey through the decades of this unforgettable genre - with the greatest singer of its time!

NT Live - Nye (15) Encore screening - Friday 28th June at 7pm
Michael Sheen plays Nye Bevan in a surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS.
Written by Tim Price and directed by Rufus Norris.

Purbeck Young Musicians in Concert - Wednesday 3rd July 6:30pm
This celebration of some of our best young local musicians welcoming young singers from 5 Primary schools in 2 massed choirs, as well as other vocal and instrumental groups and talented soloists.

Showtime - Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th July at 7:30pm and Saturday 27th July at 2pm and 7pm
Ranger School of Dance is excited to bring their forthcoming production to stage. The highly acclaimed 'City of Dreams' in 2018 was their last production and this will be the first full School show in 20 years. With a cast of over 80 from 3 years upwards and professional students returning to perform, plus a specially devised work from James Lovell, from Sir Mathew Bourne's New Adventures Company, this will certainly be a night to remember!

Movies:

The Trouble With Jessica (15)
London couple Sarah and Tom are in deep financial trouble, and their situation takes a terrifying nosedive with the shocking behaviour of an uninvited dinner guest.
Starring Shirley Henderson, Alan Tudyk, Rufus Sewell and Indira Varma. Directed by Matt Winn 22nd June - 27th June

Mother's Instinct (15)
Housewives Alice and Celine are best friends and neighbours who seem to have it all. However, when a tragic accident shatters the harmony of their lives, guilt, suspicion and paranoia begin to unravel their sisterly bond.
Starring Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Anders Danielsen Lie. Directed by Benoît Delhomme. 1st - 4th July

Civil War (15)
In a dystopian future America, a team of military-embedded journalists races against time to reach Washington, D.C., before rebel factions descend upon the White House.
Starring Wagner Moura, Kirsten Dunst, Cailee Spaeny, Jesse Plemons. Directed by Alex Garland. 5th - 11th July

Challengers (15)
Tashi, a tennis player turned coach, has transformed her husband from a mediocre player into a grand slam champion. To jolt him out of his recent losing streak, she makes him play a challenger event. Tensions soon run high when he finds himself standing across the net from the once-promising, now burnt-out Patrick, his former best friend and Tashi's former boyfriend.
Starring Zendaya, Mike Faist, Josh O'Connor. Directed by Luca Guidagnino. 15th - 20th July

Inside Out 2 (PG)

Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust have been running a successful operation by all accounts. However, when Anxiety shows up, they aren't sure how to feel.
Starring Maya Hawke, Tony Hale, Lisa Lapith. Directed by Kelsey Mann. 29th July - 4th August

Events in The Showbar:

The JazzKnots: Live in The Showbar + DJ
Rising stars of the local music scene, and now regulars of Swanage Jazz Festival and the Swanage Carnival, The JazzKnots promise an exciting evening of jazz inspired funk and soul! No ticket required, doors open from 5.30pm.
Saturday 22nd June at 8pm

Julie Lewis Duo - Jazz Festival Fringe
Weymouth-based pianist and singer Julie Lewis is a delight who should be far better known. Her piano playing is skilful and her voice has a delightful purity of expression and her choice of material ranges from jazz classics to the unexpected and some clever re-interpretations. The combination puts us in mind of a Westcountry version of much-admired Norah Jones. Saturday 13th July at 2:30pm and Sunday 14th July at 2:15pm

The Rob Howes/Rob Mills Duo - Jazz Festival Fringe
The Saxophone / Piano duo playing a mixture of jazz standards, classical themes, spiritual ballads and Latin Romances. Saturday 13th July at 5:30pm

Zoe Schwarz & Rob Koral - Jazz Festival Fringe
Zoe Schwarz and Rob Koral are well known for their very popular and established band Zoe Schwarz Blue Commotion, which, for the past decade has been one of the leading lights on the British Blues and Jazz scene. Sunday 14th July 4:30pm

Oscar's Quiz Night
£1 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won!
Wednesday 30th July at 8pm

The Showbar is open Monday - Saturday 5.30pm – 9.30pm and later for events.

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibitions:

Abundance
A group exhibition of new works by over 20 Purbeck Artists. The Mowlem Theatre invited a range of Purbeck artists to submit a new piece of work no bigger than 40 x 40cm. The aim of the exhibition is to show the abundance of ongoing creative visual arts practice in the region. The exhibition will be available to view until 16th July.

Upcoming Events

Summer of Music
Join us for a summer of live music shows & followed by DJ in the Showbar after every live event!
Monday 5th August - Supersonic Queen - Queen Tribute
Wednesday 7th August - Simon & Garfunkel Through The Years Saturday 10th August - Gary And Robbie Live
Monday 12th August - Take A Chance On Us - Abba Tribute
Wednesday 14th August - The Carpenters Experience
Saturday 17th August - Complete Madness - Madness Tribute
Monday 19th August - The Alter Eagles - Eagles Tribute
Wednesday 21st August - Steve Brookstein - Winner Of Xfactor 2004 Saturday 24th August - Beach Boyz Tribute Show
Monday 26th August- Soul Kinda Wonderful - Soul And Motown

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and check our website for the latest update on our programme, timings and bookings.

Updates from the National Trust



Our wildlife stars on Springwatch



Photo: Terry Bagley

Did you see the wealth of Purbeck wildlife on BBC Springwatch? We worked with camera crews to film on several areas of our land. The most dramatic story had to be the peregrine nest on Corfe Castle, where several chicks met a grisly demise. At the time of writing, the one remaining chick is doing well and getting fat from all the food that's being brought in. Also featured were the puffins at Dancing Ledge. Presenter Iolo Williams interviewed volunteer Richard Caldwell about the work that's being undertaken to find out why this colony is under threat of extinction – and if there is anything we can do to help save these iconic birds. Just before filming ended, several of the puffins appeared right on cue! The Springwatch spotlight also briefly shone on the beavers that have appeared at Little Sea, as well as the nightingale that's been heard singing on Ballard Down (not Berkeley Square!). You can see all the episodes on BBC iPlayer.

Strong and gentle 'bruisers'!

Heavy horses are helping us with 'bracken bruising' across large expanses of the Purbeck countryside. This sounds drastic but it is a sustainable way of suppressing the growth of bracken without the need for chemicals. Without control, bracken spreads rapidly, shading out other plants and reducing biodiversity. Before work takes place, our rangers check the area and mark any birds' nests so they aren't disturbed. The slow progress of the horses, and sound of the rollers, encourage other wildlife to scurry or slither away. The work is being undertaken by specialist local contractor, Toby Hoad, with his two Comtois horses (one of the oldest breeds of draft horses), and James Foster with his black and white Shire horse. In areas that aren't suitable for the horses, the work is being carried out by Trust staff using mechanical rollers. The aim isn't to control all the bracken, but to keep a balance between it and other plants.

Future Studland – join the conversation

We're working in partnership with Dorset Coast Forum on Future Studland, our plan for the next 50 years for the Studland Peninsula. It will explore how we balance the area being a hugely popular place for people, as well as a nationally important wildlife habitat. It will also encompass travel and transport options, accessibility and the infrastructure in the area.

Tracey Churcher, General Manager for the National Trust in Purbeck, said:

"With the coast at Studland changing so rapidly, we need to consider how we can balance the needs for visitors and local people whilst continuing to respect this nature rich environment over the next fifty years. It is undoubtedly complex. Some issues relate entirely to relocating our facilities in the face of their imminent loss through coastal erosion. Things we have pretty much taken as normal may prove to be difficult to continue to provide as the coast changes so quickly every year. Others such as transport and access are wider issues which will need agencies across the area working together to bring about change. For the consultation, we are working closely with statutory organisations, partners, tenants and other stakeholders to shape our plans. We would also very much like members of the public, both locals and visitors, to share their views and ideas."

Over the summer, Dorset Coast Forum will be seeking and collating everyone's views. If you want to join the conversation, there's a drop-in session at Studland Village Hall on Wednesday 10 July, 10am – 4pm. There will also be other opportunities to input. Find out more on the website: <https://www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/future-studland>

Protecting our precious seagrass

A series of yellow buoys have gone out around Studland Bay marking out the voluntary no-anchor zone. Within it, a total of 87 eco-moorings have been installed by the Studland Bay Marine Partnership. These moorings don't damage the seabed, whereas the chains of traditional anchors can rip up the seagrass. A charge of £10 for 24 hours has been introduced – payable via a QR code on the buoys. All the fees will go towards the annual maintenance of the eco-moorings. Studland Bay has an extensive seagrass meadow which provides habitat for species such as the spiny seahorse, the short-snouted seahorse, pipefish, wrasse and the undulate ray. Seagrass beds also help tackle the climate crisis by storing carbon.

Look out for the 2.2m high sculpture of a seahorse that's watching over the seagrass beds this summer. 'Neptune' is the work of local artist, Eilidh Middleton, and comes with a message about protecting this rare habitat. It stands on the cliff above Middle Beach, beside the Sandy Salt Pig and will remain there until the end of the summer.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust



Photo: Eilidh Middleton



The Village May Fair, Bank Holiday Monday 27th May in the Castle Grounds

Aquarius once again provided the refreshments for sale at the May Fair. The weather stayed dry all day but there was a chilly wind blowing. Fortunately our sturdy tent served the purpose and with a fantastic response from the membership to bake cakes of all sorts, make scones and sandwiches we did extremely well. Many cups of tea, coffee and juice were served by lots of the members and just over £1000 were raised to support Aquarius and our charitable causes. Thanks go to everyone for their generous help and support.

4th June – Amy Brenan owner of Heirlooms Jewellers in Wareham

Diamonds really are a girl's best friend or are they?!

We heard about Amy's start at an auction house in Dorchester where she expected to sell antiques but, to her surprise was helping with farm sales auctioning tomatoes and turkeys. Definitely 'a right of passage' into jewellery auctions. She is now a qualified member of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and a member of Jewellery Historians.

She gave us a very interesting talk about jewellery from the 1600s to the present day and allowed us to look and try on some of her favourite pieces and guess at their value. In fact there was a reluctance from some of us, to return them!! Amy's knowledge, gained though working as an auctioneer in the jewellery department culminated in her love for jewellery with a story. She restores and renovates them in her workshops as well as repairing very lowly trinkets. We saw an amazing array of treasures including a pair of steel earrings which sparkled in candlelight and an emerald and diamond art deco rectangular designed ring. A favourite was the Art Nouveau necklace decorated with turquoise enamelled hearts, designed by Theodore Fahrner. The prices varied considerably if there was a known named designer.

2nd July – Rachel Fooks will be giving us a pottery demonstration.

Rachel is an established ceramicist who has been working with clay for over 20 years. This is mainly now done from her studio in Furzebrook. The inspiration for her pottery comes from studying the natural environment of Purbeck. She loves spending time exploring the array of footpaths and bridleways – sketching and taking photographs which she later uses in her pottery. Rachel's 'one off' creations juxtapose the forms, patterns and textures that she finds along the Jurassic coastline, the meadows, heathlands and ancient woodland.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Trip to the Costume Museum at Blandford Forum on Monday 24th June

For those that have signed up for this trip, the cars will leave the Village Hall at 10am, so if you would arrive by about 09:45 that gives us chance to get sorted. The committee is providing lifts for everyone in their cars. There are two options for the trip: Option 1 Entry, a hot drink and piece of cake or a scone for £10.50 Option 2 Entry, a hot drink and small packet of biscuits for £8.30

6th August BBQ at the Village Hall for members and partners (£5), and friends (£10), with Toby again providing the food, which we expect to be as delicious as usual.

Possible trip to Salisbury Races on August 15th.

For those of you interested in a day at the races, this is for you. It is the intention to car share as this is a relatively nearby venue. Standard tickets cost £11, but if we wanted the full grandstand and paddock experience to get close to the horses it is £24. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting

Trip to The Oak Vineyard at Lytchett Matravers to be confirmed

Other meetings yet to be confirmed:

3rd September – Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance

1st October – Connor Winter from Green Bricks project to recycle bottle tops.

New Members – we are a friendly lot so please come and join us!

Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and we have a fun and sociable afternoon. Visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

We have a good selection of interesting speakers and our satellite groups include walkers, strollers, lunch club, 2 book groups and a textile group.

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



It is now approaching 10 years since we set up Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership (SCDP) with the initial aim of providing 4 public access defibrillators across Swanage. We now oversee 44 devices with another planned at St Mary's School shortly. As a steering group we meet regularly to review the defib estate and discuss how best we can sustain what has become a very successful community project.

Two of our Steering group have recently set up a First Aid training company, ARK Medical Solutions and we will be exploring ways of working together whilst maintaining our SCDP Governance and charitable status within Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust (SPDT).

We will be holding our annual open meeting on TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 7pm and would welcome anyone interested in our project to attend to hear how we plan to develop SCDP in the future.



ARK has recently shared this slide which shows clearly what is needed if you think someone is having a cardiac arrest which could happen at any time, any place!

We wish to congratulate David Corben who has been awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours for his long standing volunteer work with the RNLI and also his community work which includes being a founder member of the SCDP team. Thank you David and Well Done. We are very proud of you.

Maggie Hardy, SCDP

What to do if you think someone is in cardiac arrest...

- Dial 999 Ambulance.
- Place the individual on a firm surface, laying flat on their back.
- Begin chest compressions (CPR) in the middle of the chest at a pace of 100-120 times a minute.
- If an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, attach it to the person and follow the given instructions.

Get an AED only if there are multiple people present to assist. Never leave a person in cardiac arrest unattended to fetch an AED.



Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust
Charity Reg. No. 1162662

Homes for Ukraine



Might you consider hosting a refugee from Ukraine?

As Russian attacks on Ukraine continue, requests are still being received from families forced to flee their homes because of the war.

New hosts are still needed under the government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, with 'thank-you payments' of £ 350 to £ 600 a month.

If you might be able to provide accommodation and would like more information about the possibilities, please contact Dorset Council at:

ukraineresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you would like informal advice about what hosting entails, please get in touch with Purbeck Connect Ukraine at:

purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Tel. 07506 837141

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



Swanage Warm Welcomes

Monday Pop-In Café Emmanuel Baptist Church

10.30am - 1pm hot drinks, games and light lunch



Citizens' Advice Community Café, Herston Hall

10am-12pm coffee, cakes, advice, fair share pantry

Swanage Library Cuppa and Company 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday The Link Methodist Church 10am - 12noon

Wednesday T-Pot Rectory Classroom

St Mary's Church 10am - 12.30pm tea and tasty cakes



The Loft 17a Commercial Rd Community space

12.30pm - 3.00pm chat and vegetarian meal



Thursday Coffee Pot All Saints Church Ulwell

10am - 3.00pm coffee and cake light lunch at 12.30pm

The Link Methodist Church 10am - 12noon 103 High Street

Friday Coffee112 Swanage URC High Street

9.30am - 12noon bacon butties, tea and cakes



Come and join us very soon!





Swanage Medical Practice PPG works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at the Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local health services. The PPG is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to get involved. We meet every two months - and we are always looking for new members! The PPG last met on 14 May 2024, when we were joined by Lizzie Eden, Carers Engagement Facilitator for GP Practices at NHS Dorset. She supports GP Practices across Dorset to be Carer Friendly by working with the Carers Leads in each Practice. Registering as an Unpaid Carer with the Practice enables staff to support Carers in their caring role and to tailor help to meet their needs. Support is also available from Carer Support Dorset at:

www.carersupportdorset.co.uk. Natasha Ritchie, Practice Manager, also joined us at our meeting and we were delighted to hear that Sally Squires, the new Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP), has now started working at the Practice.

Our next meeting will be on 9 July 2024, when Ellie Suthers from Lewis-Manning Hospice Care will be joining us to update us on the new Day Hospice in Swanage.

The PPG hosted a stand in the Reception area at the Surgery during PPG Awareness Week at the beginning of June - and we also hosted a stand at the Carers Celebration Event in Wareham on 12 June. You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings, at: www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group.

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

Patient Survey

In April, the PPG undertook a Patient Survey on behalf of the Practice - 257 patients who had attended the Surgery for a face-to-face appointment took part. We are very grateful to those who took the time to complete our Survey. People's experience of making an appointment had improved since we carried out our last Survey in April 2023, following the introduction of the new digital telephone system:

- 81% had found it either very easy or fairly easy to get through to the Practice on the phone, compared to 77% in 2023
- 96% described their experience of making their appointment as either very good or fairly good, compared to 92% in 2023.

People's overall experience of the Practice was similar in the two Surveys: 94% described their overall experience as either very good or fairly good, compared to 96% in 2023. A quarter of those who took part in the Survey also took up our invitation to provide written comments about their experiences of the Practice. The main issue they raised was the difficulty getting an appointment to see a doctor in a timely manner.

In this year's Survey, we also included questions about:

- The information and advice patients had sought before booking their appointment - 17% had tried to treat themselves, 9% had sought advice from a friend or family member, 11% had spoken to a Pharmacist and 12% had used an online NHS service
- Their use of online services - 35% had used the NHS App and 30% were ordering repeat prescriptions online
- The Practice Website - 30 people made really helpful suggestions for improving the Practice Website
- Whether patients thought they would use a Self Help Health Kiosk if one was installed in the Surgery - more than half said they would.

We have made a number of recommendations to address the issues raised by those who participated in the Survey, which the PPG will be supporting the Practice to take forward - these include:

- Keeping patients informed of changes in the way services are delivered at the Practice and ensuring patients are aware of alternatives to a GP appointment -
- Giving consideration to the introduction of a fairer and more equitable way to allocate appointments which better meets patients' clinical needs - similar to systems already being introduced in other GP Practices
- Reviewing the length of appointments - GP appointments have already been increased to 15 minutes
- Undertaking another review of the Practice Website to take on board the suggestions made by those who took part in the Survey.

The Report setting out all the Survey findings and a full list of the PPG's recommendations for further action will be available on the Practice Website soon.

Last chance to get COVID-19 Boosters - walk-ins now available

Until the end of June, adults aged 75 and older, residents in Care Homes for older adults and people aged 6 months and over who have a weakened immune system can top up their protection from COVID-19 with a Spring Booster.

You can now simply walk in at any site offering vaccinations near you or you can book an appointment at your preferred clinic - you can find out more at:

www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination-service.

Locations within Purbeck where you can pre-book your COVID booster include:

- Wareham Community Hospital
- Day Lewis Pharmacy, South Street, Wareham
- Well Pharmacy, 40 Station Road, Swanage.

Please note that COVID boosters are not available at the Surgery. Those known by the Practice to be housebound have been referred to Dorset Healthcare's COVID Vaccination Housebound Team - they will contact patients directly to arrange a home visit.



For over 30 years the Swanage Folk Festival has filled the town with music, dance, colour and visitors. It's run by volunteers and we need your help to keep it going on, it's on 6th-8th of September. If you can do more than 4 hours in the weekend you'll get half price entry to concerts and more that 8 hours you get free entry to anything over the whole weekend.

As a self-funded community event, when we manage to create a surplus we donate it to [local good causes](#). So not only would you be having a fun weekend keeping music live, you could be raising money for local good causes.

We welcome you however many hours you can do. There is a huge range of roles, from checking tickets to helping people, get more information and apply at <https://swanagefolkfestival.com/information/can-you-help-us/>



SWANAGE PAINTING CLUB SUMMER ART EXHIBITION 2024

Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage
(To the left of the Station when facing the sea)



OPEN 10.00am to 5.00pm
SAT 27th JULY to SUN 4th AUGUST 2024
With the sale of paintings, prints and cards
Coffee mornings on both Saturdays
Free Admission



WAREHAM LIONS CLUB SWIM FOR CHARITY 2024

Reg Charity No 1177953

SATURDAY 12th and SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2024

At the PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE

The Swim is open to all clubs, business houses, schools, associations, youth Organisations, family groups etc, there is no limit to the number of teams entered by any organisation.

Each team participating may consist of up to TEN swimmers with an adult NON swimming team captain. Each team will be responsible for their own sponsorship.

Each team will receive 75% of their sponsorship with 25% going to the lions.

Wareham Lions Club will organise, supply necessary forms, and run the event on the Saturday and Sunday.

For further information contact.

John Goodwin – phone: 01929 556710

Email: john.goodwin17@btinternet.com

Canzonetta
Music for a summer afternoon
Sunday 21st July
Free entry **3pm**



retiring collection in aid of the church fabric fund



**St Martin's-on-The-Walls
Wareham
BH20 4AG**

St. MARTIN'S, WAREHAM.

Citizens Advice provides advice about what to do if you are worried about how to manage the ‘back to school’ costs

“My children are starting new schools in September, one is in primary school and the other secondary. Between uniforms, PE kit and knowing they’ll need to catch the bus each day the costs are adding up. I’m already pretty stretched, so I’m not sure how to cover these extra outgoings. Is there any help I can get?”

A new school year can put pressure on lots of people’s budgets, so you’re not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

A good place to start is the Citizens Advice website where you’ll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice [website](#).

You mentioned concerns about travel costs. If your child can’t walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority if your children can’t walk because it’s dangerous or too far. Your Local Education Authority is part of your local council that deals with education in your area, you can find yours on GOV.UK. Contact it directly to find out exactly what support it offers.

If you’re on a low income, your Local Education Authority may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. You’re likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. In some places there are also local charitable schemes that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist.

A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it’s important to remember that help is available with starting school costs and you’re not alone.

Swanage Library Drop-in

Starting on the 2nd July, our drop-in day will change from a Wednesday to a Tuesday at Swanage Library. Drop-in times remain the same at 10am-12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat with our friendly advisers. All of our drop-ins and outreaches can be found on our website here www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person

Advice Bus

The Advice Bus has changed locations in Corfe Castle. It will now be stopping at the Residents Car Park, West Street, the third Friday of the month. Next on the 19th July and then the 16th August. It will also be stopping weekly at Swanage Market on a Friday morning, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, family, housing and legal. If you’re struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you’re on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential and you don’t need to book an appointment.

Visit our website for our bus stop locations www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus

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

Restore Swanage and Wareham NHS Services!

In November a meeting was held at Swanage Hospital with representatives of University Hospitals Dorset, Dorset Healthcare University FT, NHS Dorset, Swanage Town Council, Corfe Parish Council, Defend Dorset NHS and Chairs of Friends of Swanage and Wareham Hospitals. Following that meeting there remains concern about a range of issues including loss of NHS services locally, so a petition has been launched: [Restore Swanage and Wareham NHS Services!](#)

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Memorial Garden: Losing a loved one is already a challenging experience, and the added financial burden of arranging a burial or memorial can be overwhelming for many families. Recognising this, the Parish Council has been exploring options over the past several months to develop a memorial garden in the cemetery. This proposed area, located near the new Oak Tree, is unsuitable for burials due to the tree's future root system.

The envisioned memorial garden would feature a serene seating area for personal reflection and a dedicated space for scattering ashes. Additionally, it would offer families an affordable way to honour their loved ones with a memorial.

The Parish Council values your feedback on this project, whether positive or negative. Please share your thoughts by emailing the clerk at clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting: Last month, we introduced a new style for our Annual Parish Meeting. The event lasted a couple of hours, allowing residents to come and go as they pleased while visiting various stallholders around the room. The Youth Club was also present, generously serving free tea, coffee, and biscuits, and even handling the clean-up afterwards. Thank you, Youth Club! The evening concluded with a brief twenty-minute talk from the Vice Chairman, who discussed the achievements and future plans of the Parish Council. Save the date Monday 12th May 2025, doors open from 5.30pm with the formal presentation from the Council at 6.30pm.

Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR): The AGAR is a legal financial document the Parish Council must complete each year, and present to the external auditor for examination. Part of the process is to ensure residents are aware they have the right to inspect the Parish Council's accounts, during a specified period of time. This year the "Notice of public rights and publication of unaudited annual governance & accountability return" for the accounting period year ended 31 March 2024 in line with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27, The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) will commence on the 11th June and run until the 22nd July.

Citizens Advice Bus: Over the past few months, the Citizens Advice Bus has been visiting Corfe Castle. Unfortunately, attendance has been lower than expected, putting the service at risk of closure. However, Citizens Advice is committed to giving it one final effort before making a decision. The bus will now be located in the resident's car park by the toilet block and will be available on the third Friday of every month from 1 pm to 3 pm. Regardless of the issue, big or small, please stop by and say hi to Tracey.

Village Hall Kitchen Regeneration: Last month, a Village Hall Representative presented the kitchen regeneration project to the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed their support for this initiative and wished the trustees success with the project.

Swanage Railway: Frank Roberts (Swanage Railway Trust, Chairman) and Gavin Johns (Swanage Railway Company, Chairman), attended the Council's monthly meeting. During COVID-19, the Swanage Railway lost many customers, and it has been challenging to return to pre-pandemic levels. Inflation and the rising cost of operations, especially coal, which doubled overnight due to the Ukraine crisis has added further pressures to both the railway and customers. Last year, the railway faced difficult times and required a £750,000 cash injection.

In response, a new business plan was created, resulting in a few redundancies, which were managed through retirements. The

plan shifted the railway's focus from public transport to events and tourism, leading to the organization of more large-scale events. It was stated that, late-night events are not expected to be regular events. The business model is proving successful, with current figures showing progress ahead of the plan, but the Swanage Railway Board is open to new ideas on way to continue to improve the service.

Train service to Wareham: it was noted that it cost £120,000 to run and was not cost-effective. The Swanage Railway would be willing to continue the service but requires financial support, particularly if the £2 single bus fare remains.

Partial Derailment: During the Diesel Gala, the rear diesel engine partially derailed whilst coming slowly into Corfe Castle Station. The Rail Accident Investigation Board was contacted and took control, approving the engine's removal overnight to the siding. The railway noted this may have disturbed some residents and for that they send their apologies. The RAIB concluded an external investigation was not required; however, the Swanage Railway is undertaking a full internal review, and the aim is to finish the report in a matter of weeks.

Swanage Railway were asked if they would consider providing a shuttle between Purbeck Park and Corfe Castle. The Swanage Railway is keen to investigate this service, stating ideally the cost of the journey to Corfe Castle would be paid for in the cost of the parking ticket (Park and Ride). The Swanage Railway is happy to work with Corfe Castle Parish Council and Dorset Council on this idea. It was suggested Corfe Castle Parish Council provide some suggested dates and times as to when a trail service may be run.

Planning 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:

Application No: P/LBC/2024/02569 & P/FUL/2024/02519, Location: 41 East Street BH20 5EE, Proposal: Reconstruction of chimney, replace back door and front bay window. Comment No Objection.

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

Dorset Council: Last month we asked Cllr Wilson to investigate a number of issues, here are the results:

Traffic issues: A351 during the recent road works by Castle Mound. Cllr Wilson spoke to Dorset Council regarding this matter and is hopeful moving forward there are opportunities for a closer working relationship between Highways and Cllr Wilson where residents access will be priority.

Mobility access around the parish: Cllr Wilson recently met with the resident who initially raised this issue and will give a full report shortly.

Halves footpath: Cllr Wilson is meeting with the Dorset Council Head Ranger for Purbeck and will report back.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 8th July 2024, 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:

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Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Welcoming new members!

Rotary is first and foremost a membership organisation and if we are to continue supporting all the activities that we do attracting new members is essential. The good news is the past 12 months have been particularly successful. We were delighted to welcome no less than five new members from a range of backgrounds who are keen to get more involved in the local community.

Our most recent recruits are Chris North, a retired heating engineer, Sarah Vile, a professional working in the field of domestic abuse prevention who was recently elected to Swanage Town Council and Magda Kawinska who owns and manages a cleaning company. If you are interested in joining this growing band of enthusiastic volunteers who want to make a difference, please email us at secretary@swanagerotary.org

A robotic quiz!

It was an evening to test brain power as well as local knowledge at Swanage School where on behalf of the Swanage School Robotics Team, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary organised a fun quiz to raise funds to help them procure much needed parts and equipment for their endeavours.

More than 40 people assembled at the school to take part in the event. Fully refreshed with drinks, snacks and a tray bake sale arranged by the PTA, participants were firstly treated to a presentation by the Robotics team, explaining how they were formed and what they have been able to do to date. This was followed by four rounds of questions, covering areas such as sports, general and local knowledge, all very ably supervised by Rotarian Susan Treadwell. It was a great evening and a substantial contribution to the robotics team was achieved



More local heroes honoured

One of our most pleasant tasks is the presentation of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowships (PHF), the “gold medal” of Rotary, to individuals who go above and beyond in our community. We have recently present PHFs to Sharon Westman who established the Purbeck Business and Community group and to Lizzie and Rupert Spicer-Short for their huge contribution to volunteering activities in Corfe Castle.



Rupert and Lizzie with Rotarians Deirdre Selwyn, Chris Le Fevre and Maggie Hardy



Sharon with Rotarians Chris Le Fevre and Maggie Hardy

... and finally...don't forget the Summer Fete!

This year's Summer Community Fete takes place on Thursday 8 August from 11 am to 5 pm. It will take place at Sandpit field and will include all the usual favourites as well as some new activities. If you are a local business or organisation and would like to hire a pitch please head to the website, <http://www.swanagerotary.org/> and follow the link to apply. There are also a limited number of free pitches available to local groups. We will be running a grand draw leading up to the fete and our team will be selling raffle tickets in town over the coming weeks. Please look out for us and support us if you can!



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for contributions to the September 2024 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024

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