

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Hello again and welcome to the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust's latest (September) Newsletter.

As usual you can find news and activities from the many clubs, societies and institutions that make this beautiful area the great place that it is to live, reflecting the very best of the many special folk who live here. You can do your bit by passing this newsletter on to your friends, neighbours and other contacts. Also, if you are a member or participant in another group which does not publicise their activities in the newsletter, then why not make a contribution in our future issues?

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Volunteer Shop Manager

Do you have some hours to spare and would love the opportunity to work in a beautiful location alongside amazing people? Then becoming a volunteer shop manager for The Swanage Pier Trust could be for you!

Supported by a wider team, you would be responsible for the overall running of the Swanage Pier gift shop and would make a real difference in helping to raise funds to support the trust and our incredible Pier.

To find out more about the role visit - www.swanagepiertrust.com/jobs



Waverley Paddle Steamer

We are really excited to welcome the Waverley paddle steamer back to Swanage. During her cruise around the South Coast from 2nd to 25th September, she will berth in Swanage on several occasions.

Find out more details visit - waverleyexcursions.co.uk/plan-your-cruise/departure-points/south-coast/

Christmas on Swanage Pier

Get ready for a magical Christmas experience on Swanage Pier! Watch this space for more information as we prepare to transform Marine Villas into a winter wonderland, with entertainment and magical Christmas lights along the Pier. Stay tuned for updates!

We have been very busy in so many different ways at Greengage and our group of lovely volunteers have managed to sow and grow throughout a changeable summer.

Our potatoes, in particular, have been really productive and the tomatoes and chillies, in the greenhouse, have done very well. Our herb bed is full of many different types and our cut flower garden continues to be popular with volunteers and visitors alike. Our wild flower area and pond continues to thrive. We have created new raised beds, and continue to weed and tidy our veggie beds.

Les, one of our volunteers, has done a magnificent job of transforming a neglected corner into a lovely garden of his own design which will, eventually, have its own pond and planting. It's looking amazing already and is not far away from being completed.

We have attended a number of events including the Rotary Fair on August 8th where we participated in the inaugural Flower and produce show where we won a number of prizes and, as a group, we helped with Carnival and everyone involved had a great time

Our next open day is on the 13th September ... plants, tea and cakes and more!

You will be very welcome!

We now open twice a week, on Tuesday from 12 on a weekly basis in addition to the usual Fridays at 10 ... please come and visit and perhaps even volunteer! You will be very welcome!



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Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

We are holding our annual Open Meeting on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd, 7pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church and invite anyone interested in our work to attend and hear how we are planning to sustain what has become a very successful community project with 46 public access defibs now available within SCDP.

As a group we regularly monitor, maintain and review our Defib estate and see how we can develop the services provided. We are therefore delighted to have worked with ARK Medical Solutions in designing a Public Access Trauma Kit (PACT Kit) and with the support of Swanage Town Council have installed a new AED updated cabinet and PACT Kit on Swanage seafront. The first of its kind in Purbeck! The kits have been specifically developed to be readily available in public areas, designed to be user friendly and to enable anyone on the scene of a crisis to treat casualties and prevent threats to life. We are hoping to install future Trauma kits

Fundraising continues to be very important so that we can maintain the SCDP estate. We are grateful to the Swanage Carnival Committee for choosing us as one of their beneficiaries this year and were pleased to join the Carnival procession as collectors.

We would like to thank all those who support SCDP, our volunteer Defib Guardians and members of the community who have enabled SCDP to keep going for nearly 10 years during which time defibs have been deployed 207 times.

Please help us to continue this important work. Any enquiries about SCDP or donations can be made at Corbens, 44 Station Rd. Swanage

Maggie Hardy, SCDP

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



Swanage Skatepark Community Project raises £20,000 towards new skatepark equipment with Crowdfunder campaign!

The Swanage Skatepark Community Project (SSCP) is thrilled to announce that they have successfully reached their Crowdfunder goal, securing £20,000 for the rebuilding of Swanage Skatepark. Generous community donations totaling £14,000 enabled the project to receive an additional £6,000 in match funding from Sport England, providing a robust start to their fundraising efforts.

Heidi Florence from SSCP says: 'We're so grateful to the community for supporting our fundraising efforts over the past few months. Thanks to this collective effort, we not only reached our Crowdfunder target but have succeeded in giving Swanage Skatepark a sense of identity, and skatepark users feel like they belong to something. Running the Crowdfunder campaign and hosting our first Community Day have laid the foundations for building the vibrant skate community we want to see in Swanage.'

The fundraising campaign was initially planned to run for 8 weeks, but was extended to 12 weeks to allow extra time to reach the target. Success finally came at a recent Swanage Town & Community Partnership AGM when representatives from the Town Council and various local groups came together and voted unanimously to give a generous donation of £4,000 to the Swanage Skatepark Crowdfunder.

The work of Swanage Town & Community Partnership focuses on creating a vibrant, friendly community for everyone, supported by a thriving economy in a safe and healthy environment. Recent meetings have been focused on development of a youth strategy, and it was clear that the Swanage Skatepark Community Project is a key piece of that puzzle.



The Crowdfunder campaign was a community effort with local businesses offering rewards as an incentive for donations. In addition Swanage Badminton Club, Tilly's Ice Cream and Skate Not Bored all contributed generously to the donations.

Heidi Florence from SSCP says: 'Reaching our Crowdfunder target was crucial not only to secure match funding from Sport England but also to show grant-giving organisations that our community strongly supports the project. Potential funders will want to see that the skatepark is desired and backed by the community, and our Crowdfunder campaign clearly demonstrates this.'

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The £20k from the Crowdfunder joins a pledge of £15k from Swanage Town Council bringing the total raised so far to £35k. With the target of not just replacing the removed ramps but improving and expanding the skatepark, SSCP are aiming to raise £200,000 to fully fund the project.

Next steps for the Swanage Skatepark Community Project are to use this springboard of community donations to apply to local and national grants. SSCP is already working on applications for three opportunities with deadlines in July and August. And, business sponsorship packages are currently in development.

The group also plans to host a follow-up to the June 1st 'Skatepark Community Day,' which saw hundreds of people enjoying the vibrancy of skatepark culture. This event is likely to take place in the autumn 2024. The group is seeking additional volunteers to help make this happen.

The SSCP team would like to thank everyone who has made a donation already and all the businesses who offered rewards. Special thanks to #Willdoes for funding the Skatepark Community Day.

Whilst our target to achieve match funding has been hit, the Crowdfunder will remain open for additional donations as every penny counts!

Visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/swanage-skatepark> to make a donation

More info on the website: <https://www.swanageskateparkcommunityproject.com/>

Or email if you'd like to join our team of volunteers: swanageskatepark@gmail.com.



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Swanage and Purbeck residents are reminded that there is help and support available this Autumn from Citizens Advice.

Energy Advice

As winter approaches, many people feel anxious and worry about paying their energy bills. We provide free energy advice to households across Dorset, including energy efficiency advice, resolving billing issues and meter problems. We can also help with supplier questions and prepayment meters, carbon monoxide awareness and provide free CO monitors. All advice is free and confidential.

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.

or visit our website for more information: www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/energy

Debt & Money Worries

If you have money worries and are worrying about paying your bills, seek advice as soon as you can. Don't feel you have to manage your situation alone. Our debt advice is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. We also hold free Income Maximisation advice sessions by appointment at locations across Dorset. Specialist advisers are able to advise on a range of money-related topics with the aim of helping people to budget and manage finances more confidently.

Drop-ins

Swanage Library Drop-in

We are at Swanage Library on a Tuesday, 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 stops weekly at Swanage Market on a Friday morning, 9.30am-1.30pm and has a new location in Corfe Castle. It will be stopping at the Residents Car Park, West Street, the third Friday of the month. Next on the 20th Sept, 18th October, 15th November and 20th December.

Our 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.



Visitors benefit from the shared interest of two popular Dorset attractions

More than 100,000 day visitors, overnight residents and wedding guests enjoy the peace, beauty and tranquillity of The Blue Pool Nature Reserve and Tearooms near Furzebrook every year. But few realise this popular site of special scientific interest owes its very existence to an industry that has shaped huge swathes of the heathland landscape of the Isle of Purbeck. Now, in partnership with the Purbeck Mining Museum, the management team at The Blue Pool has produced a series of interpretation boards for visitors, explaining the history of the site over the past two and a half centuries.

“The gorgeous lake we see today is in fact an abandoned and flooded former clay pit,” says Matthew Jones, owner of The Blue Pool and The Furzebrook Estate. “The distinctive and ever-changing turquoise hues of the lake are the result of light diffraction caused by miniscule clay particles suspended in the water. We are creating more and more ways for our visitors to be inspired and to engage with the beautiful walkways and landscape surrounding the lake all year round, but it is also important to provide insight into the history of the area. With the help and knowledge of the team at The Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden, our new interpretation boards for visitors do just that.”

“The Blue Pool is a prominent and exceptional legacy from the earlier extraction of ball clay in the area,” says Peter Sills, Chairman of the Purbeck Mining Museum. “Many of the former clay pits and spoil heaps have rewilded over the past few centuries and the lunar-like landscape of the industrial past has now disappeared and matured into rolling heathland that is a haven for wildlife. The Blue Pool Nature Reserve is most certainly the jewel in the crown. That’s why we were so pleased to contribute to the attraction’s new timeline interpretation boards. Given our shared interest in the local mining industry, I feel sure this will be the start of a very close working relationship between the two venues.”



PMM & Blue Pool – (l-r) - Matthew Jones, the owner of The Blue Pool and Furzebrook Estate, with The Blue Pool's Marketing and Membership Manager, Sian Hedger, and General Manager, Carolyn Snook, alongside the attraction's new Interpretation Boards.

The Blue Pool opened as a tourist attraction nearly 90 years ago and was purchased and reopened to the public in 2021, following the death of the earlier owner, Jennifer Barnard. Recent initiatives have seen the installation of the country’s longest suspended rope bridge, and new commissions from sculptor, Ted Edley, special Winter Illuminations and the introduction of new fairy and gnome trails.

The Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden is now celebrating its tenth year and continues to see a significant increase in visitor numbers year on year. Like The Blue Pool, the museum also provides its visitors with the opportunity to enjoy walking trails and viewpoints in the 25 acres of woodland surrounding the volunteer-run attraction. The museum is open 11am to 4pm from Tuesday to Sunday from 1st May to 29th September, as well as weekends during October and the August Bank Holiday. Entry is free but visitors are invited to make a donation to the charity to help it continue its work in looking after such a significant part of the Purbeck’s industrial heritage. For more information visit www.purbeckminingmuseum.org or follow the museum on Facebook.

ACTION FOR HEALTH AND CARE IN PURBECK

One of the concerns that the ACTION for HEALTH and CARE in PURBECK Group has, following various comments made by members of the public, is that they are being offered health appointments at one of our 3 major hospitals ie Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester when sometimes those clinics also run in either Swanage or Wareham Community Hospitals, much nearer to their homes.

So we urge anyone being offered a health appointment at any of these to question the booking clerk whether this could be done more locally. The booking agents usually offer the first available appointment rather than looking at the geography. So if your condition is not urgent ask whether you could be seen in either Wareham or Swanage, making travel much shorter and easier.

Of course if you need help quickly your first port of call is still the 111 phone line and for emergencies 999.

It is important you do this, even if your condition might be treatable at the MIU in Swanage, so that you can be advised about the best and safest course of action.

Chris Kemp (Chair)

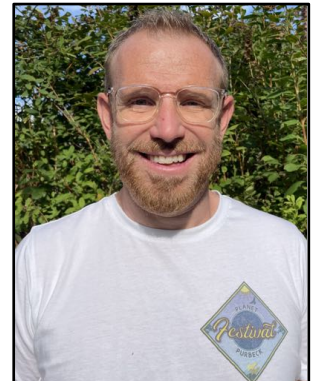
Social media favourite Sophie Gregory will be “going live” at this year’s Planet Purbeck Festival. The charismatic young Dorset farmer – voted Dairy Industry Woman of the Year in 2021 – will join an impressive array of speakers at the festival’s showcase event, dubbed A Celebration Of Purbeck.

Sophie, who has more than 20,000 followers across Instagram and other social media platforms, will talk about her extraordinary journey from accountancy to managing an organic dairy herd and her renowned educational work with schoolchildren. She will join other luminaries including Martin Lines, head of the Nature Friendly Farming Network, and the National Trust’s regional director Rebecca Burton for the evening event at Swanage’s Mowlem Theatre. Sophie said:

“I’m excited to be part of the Planet Purbeck Festival. It’s a fantastic opportunity to connect our community with the origins of our food and the future of farming in Dorset. I’m hoping to inspire a wider audience to embrace sustainability and champion our local environment.”

Planet Purbeck is changing the format of the 2024 festival from the “wild week” of previous celebrations, lasting several days, to “two wild weekends”.

Weekend One on Saturday September 14 will feature a Rewilding Our Seas night, hosted by Planet Purbeck’s marine expert Doug Skinner, at which films and talks will reveal cutting-edge initiatives to restore the natural balance of our local coastal waters. Among those present will be Oly Rush, of Upton – dubbed The Human Fish due to his epic worldwide swims to raise funds for eco causes.



Award-winning farmer Sophie Gregory, Marine expert Doug Skinner, Festival organiser Luke M Luke

On **Weekend Two**, the Mowlem celebration on Friday September 20 will be followed the next day by a wide-ranging Nature and Wellbeing Fair on Swanage seafront. More than 25 community groups and local initiatives will combine to offer families six hours of music, fun, food and free activities linked to Purbeck’s abundant natural resources.

Festival organiser Luke M Luke said:

“We decided to focus this year’s festival on last year’s most popular events. It’s when people show up in their hundreds that the magic really happens and the good vibes flow. It’s such a thrill to see the joy on people’s faces in those ‘We actually live here’ moments as they discover more about what is happening on their doorstep in Purbeck.”

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

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! We last met on 9 July 2024, when we were joined by Dr Katie Evans, one of the GP Partners at the Practice. Our next meeting will be on 17 September 2024.



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 carried out by the PPG

The Report setting out the results of the Patient Survey carried out by the PPG at the Surgery in April has now been published on the News page of the Practice’s Website, together with the Practice’s Response, which sets out the actions the Practice is taking to address the PPG’s recommendations – please see: www.swanagemedical.org.uk/News. The PPG will be supporting the Practice to take forward many of these actions.

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The PPG's Priorities for the forthcoming year

After reviewing the results of the Patient Survey at our last meeting on 9 July, we agreed that our top priorities for the next year are to:

- Promote awareness of the PPG and recruit new PPG members
- Support the Practice to keep patients informed of changes in the way services are delivered at the Practice
- Work with the Practice to ensure patients are aware of services they can refer themselves to directly and other alternatives to a GP appointment
- Promote the uptake of the NHS App and the use of online NHS/GP services
- Work with the Practice to review the Practice Website, taking on board comments made by patients who responded to the Patient Survey.

We will also:

- Promote awareness of local Carers Support Groups and the benefits of registering as an Unpaid Carer with the Practice
- Support the Practice to deliver initiatives that promote health and wellbeing, prevent ill health and support self-care
- Promote awareness of the Purbeck Youth PPG (YPPG) and its remit, and support efforts to recruit new YPPG members
- Work with the PPGs of the other Practices within the Purbeck Primary Care Network (PCN) – and the YPPG – to support the PCN to deliver its priorities
- Contribute to the work of Action for Health and Care in Purbeck, the Purbeck-wide group set up in 2023.

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care

Ellie Suthers from Lewis-Manning Hospice Care will be joining us at our next meeting on Tuesday 17 September to talk about the services offered by Lewis-Manning Hospice Care in Swanage, including:

- The new Day Hospice, which opened at the Swanage Cricket Club in April; and
- The new Carers Support Group, which will be starting at the Swanage Cricket Club on Friday 16 August 2024.

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



Swanage Town & Community Partnership

On behalf of the partnership, we'd love to extend a big THANK YOU to Kim Gallagher, Swanage & Purbeck Development trustee, for taking on the role of chair of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership for nearly a decade now – with Kim's collaborative approach, the partnership has been able to deliver almost all of the strategic priorities set for 2027 already! Your calm, inclusive approach has been invaluable over the years Kim, we thank you.

The partnership was set up in 2015 to help lead the way in creating a vibrant, friendly community for all ages based on a successful economy, in a safe healthy environment whilst preserving the uniqueness of Swanage as a gateway within an area of World Heritage Status.

We have ambitious plans to progress the partnership further, with a much stronger inclusion of youth and young people – we recently donated £4,000 of partnership money for the benefit of our local young people through the Swanage skatepark, enabling them to unlock a further £6,000 from Sport England.

Collectively, we have so much to offer – if you're reading this as a local business, voluntary organisation, club or community group in Swanage, Corfe Castle, Worth Matravers, Langton Matravers or Studland, we encourage you to join us! We're only as strong as our partnership – we want to hear from you, email us at Alexandria.brocklesby@nationaltrust.org.uk (partnership chair) and join our quarterly meetings organised by Swanage Town Council (contact Sarah at s.relph@swanage.gov.uk)





Making Memories
Dementia Friendly Café
meeting at the *Show Bar*
Mowlem Theatre, Swanage



from 10 am to 12 noon

on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month

Meeting friends socially over a cup of tea or coffee and
homemade cake with occasional entertainment
a stimulating way to share memories and
experiences with other people and their carers

Dates for your Diary

September 3rd & 17th

October 1st & 15th

November 5th & 19th

December 3rd & 17th



Corfe Community Kitchen
Soup 'n Pud
A choice of Soups and a Roll
Followed by Puds with Custard
Corfe Castle Village Hall
Saturday September 7th 2024
12.30 – 1.45pm



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.

Well what a celebration we had for our July Soup 'n Pud as we welcomed our 1000th diner to the Village Hall. We didn't know who it would be so gave everyone present, a raffle ticket, which we drew. One of our regular attenders won and was the lucky recipient of a bottle of Pimms. A non-alcoholic Bucks Fizz was also on offer with the lunch and chocolate orange crisp sweets to accompany the tea and coffee. Our Kiddies Kitchen in June was very successful with over 20 parents and children from the Toddler Group and Pre School tucking into all sorts of interesting goodies. Thanks to both groups for entering into the spirit of it and loaning us the low tables and chairs. It would be lovely to do this again.

We are back after a short summer break and will once again be hosting our tasty Soup 'n Pud lunches in the Village Hall on Saturday afternoons after the monthly Coffee Mornings.

The rhubarb for September's crumble was kindly donated by a villager. We always welcome food donations and use them wherever possible as one of our aims is to prevent food wastage. We also use any financial donation towards our healthy lunches. So please keep them coming.

We have got some more ideas planned for this coming year which we hope will tickle your taste buds but they will become more evident as time goes by. Why don't you join in and find out?

As usual we thank all our lovely volunteers for their help and Dragons Bakery for the bread rolls. We would love to see more people joining our fun lunch and all the friendly chatter at this great Community venture.

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE 'SOUP 'n PUD' A TRY?!

Award winning Double Act drama group proudly presents the
World Premiere of an explosive thriller set in war time Purbeck

THIS SECRET ISLE

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

21st, 22nd & 23rd Nov 2024 at 7.30pm

Matinee 23rd at 2.30pm

Adults £10 / Children £5 (under 5s free)

Tickets from Corfe Castle Village Stores &

www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group

10% reductions for groups of 10 & over

The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 2024

5th to 7th December

Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage
For more details contact:

administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk



Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

A fairly quiet few months with in relation to news from the hospital. The Stanley Purser ward has been operating at full capacity with the normal excellent care and support from the staff. The MIU has also been performing well especially at this busy time with many visitors on their holidays. The MIU (Minor Injuries Unit) was affected by staff shortage on one day in July. Please be assured that The League of Friends continue to lobby for retention of services and also to attract more services to both Purbeck hospitals.



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL
<https://www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk/>

There are some projects being pursued by the Friends that have been mentioned before like the reconfiguration of the Endoscopy Suite. These projects do seem to take time but they are getting closer. The Friends planned "Afternoon tea in the Garden" on June 15th was sadly cancelled late due to the inclement weather. We have taken steps to make sure we have contingency plans for the future as cancellation does affect our fundraising. Other events were also cancelled for the same reason. We did manage to hold the raffle from the Hospital and raised a good amount.

A couple of dates for your diaries :

Friends of Swanage Hospital AGM 25th September Emmanuel Baptist Church 2:30pm, doors open at 1:30.

Autumn Fare: 9th November St. Edwards Church Hall, Rempstone Road 10:00 - 12:00.

All welcome to both of these events.

On behalf of Deirdre Selwyn, Friends of Swanage Hospital

Good News from the Friends of Wareham Hospital

Last time I wrote I said I was hopeful for good news so it is great to be able to report that we do indeed have some positive news!

Our Garden project was judged at the end of June by the RHS judges from the Britain in Bloom competition in the category of 'In Your Neighbourhood & Our Communities'. One of the judges had visited us before and was effusive in his praise for the work our small team has done to transform the garden. He could not believe the changes we had been able to make so I would like to thank my gardening colleagues, Chris, Bob and Viv for joining me regularly and working so hard to make such a difference to the garden area which is appreciated by staff and visitors. We have also been supported by the wider Friends team who have helped to raise funds to purchase over 70 plants and mulch to enhance the area. As part of the competition we are delighted to have been invited to RHS Wisley in September so are hopeful for some formal recognition of the Wareham Hospital Garden.

Our recent summer garden event on 22nd June was blessed with lovely sunshine and a very successful raffle swelled the funds by over £850. Sadly, the week before, the Swanage Friends had needed to cancel their planned event because of bad weather but very generously donated cakes for us to sell. It is good to be working with the Swanage Friends as we are all supporting local services and we would welcome more joint working.

We were also pleased to attend the Wareham Carnival Celebrations when we were able to attract some new members which is important for us as a Friends group as is our need to find new trustees for the Wareham Friends committee. Please do contact us if you have some spare time and would like to join us:

friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com or 'phone us through the hospital 01929 557550

We will be holding our **AGM at Wareham Hospital on TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER at 7pm** and would be very pleased to see you when we will be hearing of the new services being provided at the hospital and receive talks from the new Social Prescriber for Purbeck and members of the Purbeck Physiotherapy team. This is an exciting time for Wareham Hospital which is really good news after so many disappointments in recent years.

Thank you for all the support we receive.

Kind regards

Maggie Hardy, Friends Chair



Garden team members Chris North and Bob and Viv Durman

What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

After a busy few weeks preparing for the HXVH Fete, September sees a return to normal at the Village Hall with all our usual regular events and weekly classes going on – table tennis, yoga, U3A groups and craft groups aplenty. Please see our website and the calendar for more details.



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We will be hosting the Purbeck Film Festival for two evenings in October, as well as organising a Wedding Fair on Sunday 27 October from 1-4pm.

Movie Night – Tuesday 10 September – One Life

ONE LIFE tells the incredible true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton (Johnny Flynn), a young London broker who visits Prague in December 1938. In a race against time, Winton convinces Trevor Chadwick (Alex Sharp) and Doreen Warriner (Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, Nicky (Anthony Hopkins) is haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England. It's not until the BBC show "That's Life!" re-introduces him to some of those he helped rescue that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he carried -- all the while skyrocketing from anonymity to a national hero.

But the film has perhaps even greater poignancy for us here in Purbeck because of the deeds of Trevor Chadwick. Trevor moved to Swanage in 1928 when his father set up Forres School in Northbrook Road, now Purbeck View school. He worked there as a Latin teacher and was also a volunteer member of the Swanage Lifeboat crew. In early 1939, Trevor Chadwick became one of a handful of mainly British volunteers who rescued children in Prague most threatened by an impending German occupation. The majority were Jewish but others were the sons or daughters of Czech and Slovak anti-Nazis. He originally went to Prague to bring back two refugee boys to the school. In the event, he also took another child, who became the poet Gerda Mayer. Trevor delivered the three children, then returned to Prague to work for the rescue of further refugees. During his lifetime, Nicholas Winton readily acknowledged Trevor Chadwick's bravery.



"My associate Trevor Chadwick was in a much trickier situation. He did the more difficult and dangerous work after the Nazis invaded... he deserves all praise. He managed things at the Prague end, organising the children and the trains, and dealing with the SS and Gestapo."

The astonishing contribution of Trevor Chadwick has been recognised here in Swanage with the unveiling in August 2022 of a bronze statue, created by local sculptor Moira Purver and positioned next to the children's playpark, now called the Chadwick Playground, on the Recreation Ground near the seafront.

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

Future movies for your diaries:

Tuesday 8 Oct: Wicked Little Letters

Sunday 27 Oct: Purbeck Film Festival showing of The Old Oak

Tuesday 29 Oct: Purbeck Film Festival showing of Empire of Light

Other dates for your diaries

Wedding Fair: Sunday 27 October 1-4pm

Coffee Junction: Thursday Sept 5 and 19, and Oct 3 from 10.30am

HXVH Church: Sunday 15 Sept at 6pm

And finally ... we are looking for a new Secretary to the Management Committee. The role involves taking Minutes of meetings (c8 meetings a year) and organising the AGM. If you have a spare 1-2 hours per week and would like to get involved in our active and sociable team, please contact Alison Clough at alison.an.clough@btinternet.com or on 07768 558341.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

Proposed Sport and Leisure Centre at Day's Park

Below is a link to a short online survey that has been created to gain feedback which will be used to support the planning application being submitted to Dorset Council for the proposed new Sports and Leisure Centre at Day's Park. The link to the survey will also be posted on the Council's website and Facebook page. If required, paper copies of the survey will also be available from the Town Hall, Swanage Information Centre, and Swanage Library.

[Have your Say: Proposed Sports and Leisure Centre at Day's Park Survey](#)



WENT THE DAY WELL?

D-DAY 1944

Friday 27th September 7.30pm

St Edwards Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage

Doors open at 7pm - Refreshments available

Tickets: £4 - members £3

Russian leader Josef Stalin called D-Day “the greatest military operation of all time”. The Allies’ best brains had been involved for years in its planning and in deception campaigns to confound the German defenders of Hitler’s ‘Atlantic Wall’ in France. Special equipment – everything from swimming tanks to giant floating harbours – had been prepared, and landings, including at Studland Bay, practiced. Now, everything was down to the Allied troops, as they embarked on the ships of the huge invasion fleet from Swanage Pier and all across southern Britain.

How did the plans and equipment perform in real life? What worked and what did not? Military historian Dr Phil Judkins takes us through the triumphs and tragedies of the D-Day landings, based on the very latest research, showing which parts of those plans and equipment did their jobs - and which did not, and why. From simple errors to bad weather, from mistakes by those on the ground to inaccurate intelligence, from excessive Allied caution to unexpectedly determined resistance by enemy troops, all the deep secrets and forgotten people of D-Day are described in this talk, with tribute paid to the fighting troops who made a huge success of this vast operation; to those who did not make it home, or were terribly wounded; and to the men and women who worked ‘behind the scenes’ at Langton, Worth, Tilly Whim, Durlston and Acton, to give those troops the victory with far fewer casualties than had been expected. Special mention is made of the secret parts played by Swanage and its surrounding communities.



SWANAGE
MUSEUM
& HERITAGE CENTRE

Grand Charity
Elephant
Think Beetle Drive but drawing Elephants!
Drive
Corfe Castle Village Hall
5th Oct 2024 – 7pm
Tickets £12 a head
from Corfe Castle Village Stores and
www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group
Ploughman's supper included
Bar & Raffle
In aid of the Corfe Castle Village Hall CIO Kitchen Refurbishment

FINE COUNTRY
Isle of Purbeck
MUSIC BY THE SEA
IN MEMORY OF HENRY SEARLE
4th year
FAMILY FUN DAY OUT
LIVE BANDS AND ARTISTS PERFORMING ALL DAY.
MUSIC FROM ALL THROUGH THE DECADES.
RAISING MONEY FOR LOCAL CHARITIES.
Tickets £10 Adults
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SATURDAY
31 AUGUST 2024
11am entrance to 8pm
when accompanied by an adult. Wristbands cash payment at The Swanage School and Country Foods.
Online ticket purchase coming soon.
PRINCE ALBERT GARDENS, SWANAGE, DORSET, BH19 2AR
Local Food stalls & Bar | Raffles, Tombola | Face painting | No entry after 6pm. | No Plastic event.
SWANAGE RAILWAY | COUNTRY FOODS | Corbens
Thanks to Swanage Town Council & Dorset SAG, Dorset Police

2nd July – Rachel Fooks - 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.



She gave us a very interesting and interactive pottery demonstration. We learnt about different types of clay and had the opportunity to see and feel example specimens which Rachel gathers locally from around Ridge. Rachel then talked us through the many ways that clay can be made into finished articles and which clay is suitable for which method. Besides ‘throwing pots’ on a potter’s wheel, we were shown how clay can be rolled, cut and moulded by hand. Then it was on to glazes and firing. Rachel often collects things from nature, such as seaweed and crystal and uses these to make her own glazes. We learned that the final colour is only seen when the piece comes out of firing, so it is always a magical moment to see what the finished article looks like as it comes out of the kiln. There were beautiful examples of each method for us to admire. Finally, we had the opportunity to make our own piece of pottery which Rachel will glaze and fire for us. We can’t wait until September to see how they all turned out!

6th August 2024 - We held a lunch time BBQ for members and guests at Corfe Castle Village Hall. Unfortunately with the weather being inclement in the morning it was decided to hold this inside although it brightened up and the afternoon turned out to be glorious. There were many lovely BBQ foods including burgers, sausages, veggie skewers (some with halloumi) accompanied with delicious salads and rolls, plus wonderful puds which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great chance for our members and their families and friends to get together in a convivial atmosphere and share good food and company

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

3rd September – Maggie Hardy and colleague to familiarize us on the use of defibrillators. This talk is open to non-members as it is such an important topic to support the community.

1st October – Connor Winter from the ‘Green Bricks Project’ to talk about how he recycles the plastic bottle tops we give him.

5th November – Carl Grice to talk about Opal gems (unconfirmed)

3rd December – Purbeck U3A Ukulele Group will join us for our Christmas celebration meeting.

7th January 2025 – David Kemp will tell us about his trek across the desert in Jordan to Petra, raising money for Julia’s House

Trip to The Oak Vineyard at Lytchett Matravers to be confirmed

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, book groups and a textile group.

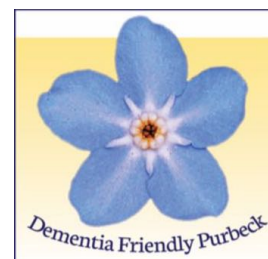
Email: 2008aquariustladies@gmail.com or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PURBECK

Thanks to the generosity of the Purbeck community, we have already raised £30k towards our target of £120K to employ a 2nd Admiral Nurse (DEMENTIA CARE NURSE) for Purbeck. Pretty good going since we only started in earnest when the project in April!! A variety of fund-raising events are being planned for the year ahead but if you’d like to donate now, there is crowd funding page at JustGiving – Dementia Friendly Purbeck.

We’ve had a busy summer entering floats in the Wareham and Swanage Carnivals and won first prize in our category at Swanage, matching our success when we first entered 7 years ago! We also had a stall at the Wareham Hospital Garden Party, Wareham Carnival, the Rotary Summer Fete, the three days of the Purbeck Rally and Community Fete at Livability, Holton Lee. In doing so our aim is provide information and raise awareness of dementia. This is particularly useful to people who have concerns regarding their own health or a friend or relative.

The Making Memories group that we run at the Mowlem on the 1st and third Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00 resumes in September and the Purbeck For Get Me Not group run by Age Uk 10.30 – 12.00 at Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club.



Hello from Swanage & Purbeck Rotary

We recently reported that we have been able to recruit 5 new Rotary members which was great news and increasing membership will remain a focus for us in the new Rotary year which commenced on July 1st.

Presidents handover



On a beautiful sunny evening in Worth Matravers, Chris Le Fevre Swanage & Purbeck Rotary President 'handed over the reins' to Maggie Hardy. When accepting the role Maggie thanked Chris for his successful time as President and paid tribute and warm gratitude to David Pike who for many years has been the Rotary Secretary and has been and remains such an important member, linking closely with many community organisations. Chris Le Fevre is the new Secretary and will welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to join us and help us to make a difference both locally and Internationally. Please contact us through our website

David will continue an active role and will be leading the Rotary Christmas Market which will be held on Saturday December 7th 2024. David is already receiving enquiries about booking stalls and will be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join us for this now traditional and successful event. David can be contacted at the following email address:

swanagerotaryxmasmarket@gmail.com

Acknowledgement and thanks from Shelterbox

We have been delighted to receive a Silver certificate from Shelterbox in recognition of outstanding support during 2023/4 by raising £4,250, helping to ensure that no-one is left without shelter after disaster

and finally.... the Summer Fete!

Months of planning and preparation had taken place to support our usual successful community fete to be held on Sandpit field on Thursday 8th August from 11-5. The fete is always well received by visitors and families so it was very disappointing to see the weather forecast for fete day with a significant change in the weather and wind and rain expected. After serious discussion by members of the the fete committee a decision was taken to continue with the fete, advising stall holders that the field would be closely monitored and managed to ensure safety for all those who did attend. It did become necessary to close the fete at 2pm as the wind strength had increased and there had been reported damage to the Rotary refreshment tent.

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary is indebted to the support it received for the event from Harmans Cross Village Hall, Swanage Cricket Club ,Rotary friends and of course all Rotary members. A day to be proud of the joint working achieved by so many and highlighting 'Rotary in Action'. Whilst the weather was definitely against us we had a very happy, enjoyable day with lots of smiles and good nature. We still attracted many families with



children having free face painting and balloon animals, the Refreshment tent attracting purchases of delicious cakes and sandwiches and the excellent programme of music and singing keeping everyone well entertained.

Sadly funds raised at the fete will be much reduced this year but we thank everyone for their goodwill, hard work and the many happy memories generated at our 'wet fete day'. The positive feedback we have received has been gratefully received and spurred us on to start planning for next year! Tickets for our grand draw had been sold prior to the fete and we were able to draw winning tickets at the event. We would like to thank the many local organisations and Rotary Business partners who kindly provided prizes and all those who supported us by buying tickets.

Please do follow the work of Swanage & Purbeck Rotary by heading to our website <http://www.swanagerotary.org/> and please consider joining us – you will be given a warm welcome.



SWANAGE CROQUET CLUB NEWS UPDATE



Swanage Croquet Club is enjoying a bumper 2024 season

Both Swanage teams are through to their South West Regional Semi-Finals

This year the club has gone from strength to strength. The club has welcomed new members who have picked up the skills and rules of the game very well and are enjoying playing croquet at the club regularly on a social basis. The club is now almost a full capacity. Lawn preparation and maintenance have been carried out superbly by a group of club members who have worked tirelessly to convert the playing field, formerly a football pitch, in the grounds of Swanage Primary School, into what are now two competition standard courts. Last season, when work on the lawns was at an early stage, all the club league competition matches had to be played on away grounds. This year the playing surface has been greatly improved and home league matches have resumed. Swanage plays in the South West Federation League and has two competitive teams. Results have been fantastic!

Each match consists of 20 games played during a full day of play and is a mix of both doubles and singles games. A game is comprised of playing 12 hoops and the winning team needs to score 7 of the 12 hoops to win. In the event of the score being 6; 6 after 12 hoops there is a final 13th 'golden hoop' for one team to win the game.

The High Handicap Second Team has won all of its first three matches, beating Winterborne Valley at home 13; 7, local rivals East Dorset (Poole) 12; 8 at home and Winterborne away 11; 9. Most recently was a narrow loss to East Dorset 8; 12, but the league had already been won! The semi-final SW region match is against the winners of the match between St Agnes, Cornwall and Dowlish Wake, Somerset.

What a great season so far and excellent for this team to reach the semi-final stage for 2 years running. Last season they made it to the final, only to be beaten by Llandaff, Cardiff, and so we were 2023 runners up.

The All Handicap First Team have also had a fantastic season so far and have made it to the semi-final of their league where they will play Bude, Cornwall at home on September 12th. Why not go along and watch the afternoon play at Swanage Primary School field at the top of Bon Accord Road. The team made the semi-final with two matches to spare having beaten Budleigh Salterton, Devon at home 19; 1 and 11; 9 away, Exeter away 11; 9 and 14; 2 at home and Taunton Deane at home 16; 4. In their most recent match away against a very good Taunton team the match was lost by the narrowest of margins 9.5; 10.5, but again the league had already been won! Good luck to both teams in their semi-final matches, flying the flag for Swanage

Within the club social play happens throughout the week, as do internal club competitions, which give all players the chance to play competitive croquet if they want to. Social events also happen throughout the season.

Anyone interested in joining the club should visit 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.

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

The Purbeck Society

Established nearly 170 years ago, the Purbeck Society is one of the oldest learned societies in the country. Originally focused on studying the history, wildlife, geology, and weather of the region, the Society's work has gained new relevance in light of today's environmental, conservation, and climate change challenges.

In recent years, the Purbeck Society has resumed its active role in commenting on planning applications and addressing threats to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), local habitats, and heritage sites. In 2022, in response to an invitation from the former District Council, we compiled a list of Non-Designated Heritage Assets. This list is now informing the Heritage section of the new Swanage Neighbourhood Plan, which highlights significant areas, streets, and buildings not currently protected by conservation laws. As a member of Civic Voice, we regularly engage with local and county councils on these and other important issues.

Programme of Outings, Events and Dates for your Diary 2024/2025

The society meets monthly in Swanage and organises visits elsewhere.

September 13th 2024 — *Visit to Poole Pottery Studio*

October 11th 2024, 2.30pm — *Talk by Pam White on the WW2 archaeology of Studland*

November 8th 2024, 2.30pm — *Talk by Martin Papworth, archaeological officer for NT (Wessex)*

December 2024 — *Christmas Party (date to be confirmed)*

January 10th 2025, 2.30pm — *Talk*

February 7th 2025, 2.30pm — *Talk*

March 3rd 2025, 2.30pm — *AGM and Talk*

April 11th 2025, 2.30pm — *Talk*

Talks take place in The Mowlem Community Room, Swanage, and are free for members. Non-members £3. Tea and coffee available after the talk.

For more information on membership, as well as details about our past and current events, projects, and ongoing concerns, please visit our website at www.purbeckociety.co.uk.

Funeral for Nature

Local Extinction Rebellion groups, Sustainable Wareham, Surfers Against Sewage, Christian Climate Action and Zero Hour came together to create a fantastic summer spectacle in the heart of Swanage. To a solemn drum beat formally dressed pall bearers carried a coffin on high followed by a procession of mourners. The coffin was topped with a wreath of single use plastic and a papier-mâché bird. In all fifty participants marched in silence along Shore Road.

The Funeral for Nature concept was to raise awareness and get people talking about the need for a more rapid response for the climate and nature crisis we are in. Karina, a visitor to Swanage, said "For me this procession, against the backdrop of people and families enjoying the beautiful Purbeck countryside and coast brings home just how much is at stake."

Many spectators filmed the event and children were heard explaining the meaning of the procession to their parents. Patrick Tighe, from Stoborough, said "My daughter and I were alerted to the procession by the sombre beat of the drums. The coffin and the mourner's attire has certainly made us both reflect on the damaging impact humans are having on nature." Curious onlookers were requesting the beautifully crafted Order of Service pamphlets from stewards with Rod Harris, from Extinction Rebellion, saying "This is the first protest I have taken part in where people are actively asking for leaflets"

The pamphlets highlighted the need for urgent action to restore nature across the UK, gave facts about the nature crisis and some suggestions for individual change. It also urged the public to ask their MPs to sign up to the Climate and Nature Bill. The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive approach to the climate emergency and nature crisis. For more information <https://action.zerohour.uk/>

Reflecting on the day Karen Naylor from Sustainable Wareham said: "If we all choose to make just a few changes for nature we can ensure that this mock funeral never actually takes place along our beautiful coast."



Photo: XR Purbeck

Updates from the National Trust

Wonderful wildlife at Weston Farm!

There has been an incredible wealth of wildlife at Weston Farm, Worth Matravers, this summer. This is testimony to our aim of restoring nature on the farm by managing without chemicals, heavy ploughing or intensive grazing. Wildflowers have been left to grow in the yard and barns, attracting bees, butterflies, beetles and other pollinators. Feeding on the seeds and insects are many birds, including charms of goldfinches (what a fitting collective noun!). Many local people have reported that they've never seen so many hares on the farm, or heard so many skylarks. Red kites are appearing over the fields for the first time, probably feeding on the growing number of small mammals like mice and voles. Lastly, our glow-worms hit the national headlines recently when a journalist from The Guardian joined our ranger, Ben Cooke, on a night visit to the cliffs near Weston Farm. The glow-worms put on a shimmering show and the article shone a light on our work there to help nature recover.

New footpath in Worth Matravers

The new footpath has opened, linking Weston Farm to the coastline. This route passes through a hidden valley which was previously closed to the public – it's a place where hares and roe deer are often seen. There are spectacular views, both back to the village and along the dramatic coastline. The descent to the coast path is rough and uneven, so please wear appropriate footwear. We'd like to thank members of Dorset Countryside Volunteers who helped build steps on the steepest parts of the path.

Ragwort – a feast for pollinators

You might have noticed golden swathes of ragwort this summer across grassland and verges. Ragwort is a hugely important wildflower for insects – around 178 species feed off it, 27 of which only feed on ragwort. Of course, these insects are then food for birds, bats and other creatures. So why does this UK native plant get so much bad press? Ragwort can be poisonous to cattle and horses if eaten in large quantities. But:

- Fresh ragwort smells and tastes horrible to these animals – they'll only eat it if there is no other food in the field.
- The problem is when ragwort gets into hay or silage as it loses its warning signals and animals can inadvertently eat it.

We follow the government's advice on ragwort control – clearing it when it's within 50m of fields used for grazing animals or growing fodder. Otherwise, we leave it as an amazing food source that helps sustain biodiversity.

Beavers settle in

The beavers at Little Sea, Studland, have built a lodge and had their first babies (kits)! We aren't sure how many kits there are yet as they are very secretive. We're now preparing signage to go around the lake to protect both the wildlife and dogs. The messages are:

- Keep your dog on a lead and don't let it swim in the water. Beavers aren't naturally aggressive but will defend themselves if they feel they or their kits are under threat.
- Little Sea provides a home to lots of vulnerable wildlife, not just beavers, so no swimming or watercraft are permitted.
- You're most likely to see a beaver if you are quiet by the water. They have a good sense of hearing and will quickly hide if scared.
- If you see a beaver, watch from a distance, preferably using binoculars. Please don't use lights to search for the beavers as this can distress them.

Future Studland – online survey now live

Future Studland, our plan for the next 50 years for the Studland Peninsula, will explore how we balance the area being a hugely popular place for people, with its status as a nationally important wildlife habitat. You can now share your thoughts about Studland – what you love about it and what concerns you – by filling in our online survey at <https://www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/future-studland>

Challenging conservation works at Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle is beginning the second phase of a three-year programme of conservation work. The castle is a scheduled monument and Grade I listed building. Our aim is to minimise disturbance to the historical fabric, while conserving it from further deterioration. The works will address issues caused by vegetation growth and weathering, as well as rapid deterioration in recent years due to climate change. Mixed weather has dried and weakened the mortar joints, and heavy rain has caused further destruction. The areas of work include conserving decorative and historical elements; resetting loose or fallen stones; stonework conservation, and soft capping. One of the most significant challenges with the work is access. Perched on a steep-sided hill, the castle was designed to be impenetrable. Specialist contractors will abseil down the castle structures and carry out the works while suspended. Find out more on www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/corfe-castle

Cathy Lewis, National Trust



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Photo: View from new path, Mike Wenham



Photo: Conservation work, Neil Davidson

Swanage Depression Support

Many thanks to those who responded to the last article. For those who didn't see it, we are trying to rejuvenate this peer-support group for people suffering depression/anxiety. We are now ready to move forward and are convening a meeting on **Thursday 12th September, 7.30 at 103 High Street (shopfront just up from Purbeck House Hotel)**, by kind arrangement with the Methodist Church, to enable a wide-ranging discussion and form a supervisory group. If you have any interest in or experience of depression, please join us, without any necessary further commitment. You may have personal experience of depression, be a professional in this field or just want to give moral support.

If you can't join us then but would like to be involved in any way, please contact us at swanagedepression@outlook.com or Alan on 07748 672069.

Swanage Jazz Club

Meeting on Thursday 19th September 7.30pm

At the Children's Centre, Chapel Lane, High Street, Swanage

Howard Oliver will discuss the life and play a selection of the music of

JELLY ROLL MORTON – THE FIRST JAZZ ARRANGER

Born in New Orleans around 1890, "Jelly Roll" Morton became one of the leading names in early jazz and was the first person to compose, arrange and formally write down jazz band music.

After a brief life-history, the presentation will cover his main career from 1923 to 1940. The music played will use early piano rolls as well pre-electric and standard recordings and will include solo piano, trios and jazz bands.

The latter part of the evening will compare further original recordings with the modern ones by Andrew Oliver and David Horniblow taken from their "Complete Morton Project" which includes their versions of all of Morton's compositions.

All are welcome.



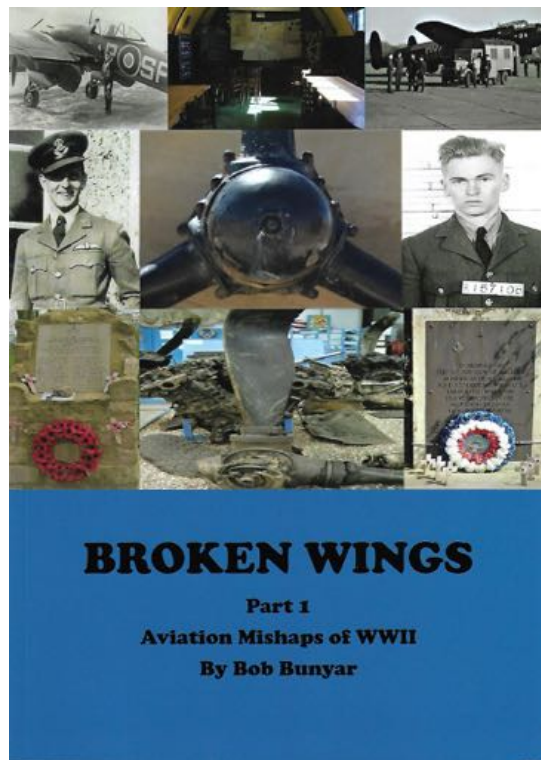
Local author publishes his sixth book

'Broken Wings' (Part 1) is Bob Bunyar's sixth book and is a selection of accounts of aircraft crashes and mishaps that occurred during WWII. Most of those recorded happened due to non-combat accidents, but several are from enemy encounters.

Bob, who lives in Swanage, has been carrying out research for the book for several years, and it came about after he saw two roadside memorials remembering air crew who perished during the war. One of these was at Hollocombe in North Devon where a Handley Page built Halifax Mk II crashed, and the other is at Woolverton in Somerset. Here two aircraft came down after combat, one a German Luftwaffe Heinkel HE III and the other a Spitfire Mk I From No. 125 Squadron from RAF Warmwell in Dorset. Other crashes in Dorset do feature in the book, as well as other areas. These include two crashes at Bussey Stool Farm near Tollard Green, Field Grove Wood near Durweston and Bulbarrow Hill just West of Blandford Forum. There are also reports of crashes that occurred in Cornwall, Wiltshire, County Durham and overseas in Gibraltar.

The Author has previously had a very successful books published about the closing years of the Somerset & Dorset Railway, called 'Somerset & Dorset Swansong' and then 'Wartime Purbeck' which has now had a revised edition printed, plus a second railway book called 'Closed Lines'. Another aviation related book was published in 2020 about 'RAF Charmy Down', a WW II airfield just north of the City of Bath. He is now currently working on a book about railway branch lines that served Military Establishments and hopes to publish this in the autumn of this year. This will then be followed by Part 2 of 'Broken Wings' in 2025.

Broken Wings Part 1 is available from the Swanage Bookshop in Station Road.



CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Highways Consultation Results: In May, the Parish Council sought the opinions of residents regarding parking and parking restrictions on West Street. 66% of responses were from residents who live on West Street or adjoining roads. Here are the recorded results:

1. Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) from the car park entrance road to the car park exit road. (West side of West Street) - **61% in favour of change**



2. Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) from the car park entrance road to unmade road West Street. (just after 55 West Street). - **74% in favour of change.**

3. To reduce parking on the corner of West Street opposite the Green Goat. - **71% in favour of change.**

Whilst this consultation focused on the specific areas mentioned above, please be assured those other areas, such as outside the museum, are also under review. The next step for the Parish Council is to submit the results to Dorset Council. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their feedback and assure you each comment was read and considered.

Aster Housing: It has recently come to the attention of the Parish Council that Aster Housing is considering the sale of one of its properties in Corfe Castle. The Parish Council is concerned about this sale and has reached out to Aster Housing to request a meeting. This meeting will include other local housing providers with the aim to discuss strategies for retaining affordable housing in Corfe Castle. We will keep the community informed as more information becomes available

Litter in the Square: Last month, a member of the public raised concerns about the significant amount of litter around the square and requested action from the Parish Council. After investigating the issue, the Parish Council found that the excessive litter primarily occurred over one weekend (the May Bank Holiday), during which the bins overflowed. The Parish Council consulted with both the Parish Caretaker and Dorset Waste Partnership to understand the situation better. They explored the possibility of installing a larger commercial-sized bin but concluded that the expense could not be justified given the circumstances. Going forward, the Parish Council is collaborating with Dorset Waste Partnership to prevent a recurrence of the litter overflow experienced during the bank holiday weekend

Memorial Garden: During the July meeting, the Parish Council reviewed a proposal for the development of a new Memorial Garden in God's Acre. The submitted quotes, which exceeded £2,000, outlined the costs to level and grass seed the area. After thoughtful discussion, the Council decided that the expenditure was not justifiable at this time. Instead, a more gradual approach will be taken, utilising available spoil to level the area over time. This method ensures that the project can progress in a cost-effective manner without imposing a significant financial burden. We appreciate the community's patience and support as we work towards creating a serene and beautiful space for remembrance.

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/HOU/2024/03340, Location: Merryfields West Street, BH20 5HE, Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, changes to windows and modifications to existing roof to provide additional bedroom. Comment Corfe Castle Parish Council understand and appreciate the owners' wish to update their property and support the suggested new slate roof and new windows and doors. Although Merryfields itself is not considered to be a heritage asset, it is built of Purbeck stone and is within the Conservation Area, and we cannot support the proposed larch cladding. We believe that this would impact on the character of the area as a whole and particularly the Conservation area. We find the visual appearance and finishing materials of the larch cladding to be unacceptable and therefore the Parish Council object to this application.

Application No: P/LBC/2024/03524, Location: Wissett Cottage 53 East Street BH20 5EE E, Proposal: The pointing on (south facing) end gable wall of the building has become pitted and crumbly possibly aiding ingress of moisture through the wall. This proposal therefore is to rake out existing pointing and repoint with 3.5 naturally hydraulic lime mixed with local sand. Comment Corfe Castle Parish Council have no issue with the raking out of old mortar and repointing of the south facing gable end wall with suitable lime-based mortar, and therefore the Parish Council have no objection to this application

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

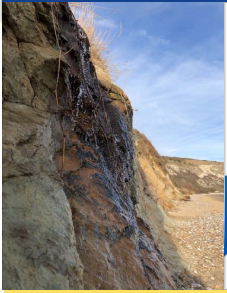
Next Council Meeting: Please note Corfe Castle Parish Council do not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th September 2024, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details:

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Purbeck Ukrainian Learning Hub

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Purbeck Connect Ukraine

Ukrainian Saturday School

10:00 to 12:00 hours

Lessons in Ukrainian for children

Ukrainian language, history and culture

English lessons for adults

Basic and advanced

(Individual and small group classes at other times by arrangement)

Held at:
Emmanuel Baptist Church
160 Victoria Avenue
Swanage
BH19 1AZ

Sponsored by Dorset Welcome Fund

Free of charge to Ukrainian refugees

For more details, please contact:

purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com



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!



Singing for Pleasure

Every Thursday

2pm until 3.30pm



at Emmanuel
Baptist Church

Swanage Dementia Friendly

£2 per session which includes
a drink and biscuit



All Welcome



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



LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

WE NEED YOU: Over time, the number of Parish Councillors has dwindled. Currently, we have six Councillors serving, but we have space for nine. If this trend continues, Dorset Councillors could end up making decisions for Langton Matravers residents instead.

Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding way to contribute to your community. You'll have the opportunity to address local issues, influence decisions, and help shape the future of Langton Matravers. No experience needed, just a passion for your community and a willingness to get involved. If you're interested in making a tangible difference, working collaboratively with a dedicated team, and representing the interests of your fellow residents, we encourage you to step forward. Please contact the Clerk for more information on how you can become a Parish Councillor and help us maintain strong local representation.

Dorset Council News - This summer, we're launching 'A Big Conversation' across Dorset, and we want to hear from you, our residents. Your voice is important. What do you think the council should focus on over the next 5 years? There are 4 main areas where we really want to make a difference:

- * growing our economy; * providing high quality housing
- * responding to the climate crisis & * supporting communities for all

What do you think? Are these the right priorities for Dorset Council?

How you can get involved

We will be at locations spread across the Dorset Council area, looking to speak to as many people as possible. You can find us at:

Wareham (The Quay) Saturday 31 August: 8am to 1pm

Weymouth (New Bond Street) Saturday 7 September: 10am to 3pm

Sherborne (Market) Sunday 15 September: 10am to 3pm

At your local library

If you are unable to attend an event, do not worry! You can take part in the activities at your local library. Staff will be there to support you online, or through a paper version.

Online

You can get involved in the Big Conversation online and interact with each other (and us). Share your ideas, rate others' ideas and comment on their posts. <https://dialogue.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

Planning Matters: Application No. P/LBC/2024/04127 Location: 75 High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA Proposal: Replacement of rotten timber window with new timber window to match existing. Comment: No objection, as the proposed window replacement is like-for-like, ensuring there is no negative impact on the listed building.

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

Dorset Police: Contact Swanage Police Station – Last month the Parish Council were tasked to find a phone number for Swanage Police Station. Having looked on the Dorset Police website and come up empty handed the Clerk placed a Freedom of Information request with Dorset Police. Unfortunately Dorset Police declined the request stating that although there is a phone number held, it is not for public use. A copy of the full letter received from Dorset Police is on the Parish Council website.

Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th September 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. Please note this is the third Thursday of the month, rather than the usual second due to the Elections

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

Wareham Lions

A BRIEF HISTORY

The club chartered in June 1971, under the umbrella of Lions Clubs International. There were 22 members and one Honorary Member, The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset Col JW Weld. We currently have 25 members.

The motto of Lions Clubs is 'WE SERVE' and the members immediately set out to raise money to support local organisations and to fund their own projects. Some 52 years later Wareham Lions are still going strong and over those years has raised over £400k to support the local community and international disasters.

In 1982 the club purchased its first mini-bus (ambulance) to provide transport for the elderly and disabled and still maintains a vehicle to provide this service.

WHY NOT JOIN US? WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Work as part of a fun-loving team to run and organise events to raise money to serve the community. Drive our mini-bus to transport elderly and disabled. But it's not all work, enjoy the many social events club members organise.

If you think this might be for you, speak to any member at an event or contact via our website:

<https://www.warehamlions.org.uk/index/purposesandethics.html>

RECENT ACTIVITIES



Friends of Wareham Hospital



Wareham Carnival



Cream Teas

NEXT ACTIVITY



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.

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