

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Hello again and welcome to the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust's latest (October/November) Community Newsletter.

In the Newsletter 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. This Newsletter once again illustrates the community spirit that is prevalent in Purbeck. 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, we would welcome contributions from your group in our future issues.

Many thanks to all contributors for your previous and current efforts and good luck with your future activities.

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What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

It's a very busy October at Harmans Cross with lots to look forward to:



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 8 October – Movie Night – Wicked Little Letters

A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a farcical and occasionally sinister scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger than fiction true story, WICKED LITTLE LETTERS follows two neighbours: deeply conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley).

When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. The anonymous letters prompt a national uproar, and a trial ensues. However, as the town's women led by Police Officer Gladys Moss begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and Rose may not be the culprit after all.

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission remains just £5. See the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KZs9e-yj-k>

Saturday 12 October – Stalls at the Hall from 9.30am – Noon

Crafts, curios, coffee, cake and conversation - a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Free entry from 9.30am to 12 noon. To book a table, contact Kelly at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk

Sunday 27 October – HXVH Wedding Fair 1-4pm

We have organised a wedding fair so please don't miss the opportunity to come along and view the Hall and speak to many of our wonderful local wedding suppliers. Contact Kelly for more information.

Sunday 27 October – Purbeck Film Festival showing of The Old Oak at 7.30pm

Tuesday 29 October – Purbeck Film Festival showing of The Empire of Light at 7.30pm


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

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

Went the Day Well? D-Day 1944

A talk by Dr Phil Judkins

Friday 27th September 2024



YOU ARE ALL WELCOME

St Edwards Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road

7.30pm

Doors Open 7.00pm, Light Refreshments

Museum Members £3.00 - Non-members £4.00

The Purbeck Film Festival is thrilled to announce that the acclaimed theatre and film director Sir Sam Mendes will launch this year's festival with a special screening of his award-winning film, *1917*. Following the screening, Mendes will join BFI's Mark Cosgrove for an exclusive Q&A session, offering insights into the making of *1917* and his illustrious career.

Sam Mendes is best known for his work on *American Beauty*, *Skyfall*, *1917*, and more recently *Empire of Light*.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be able to lend my support to the brilliant Purbeck Film Festival this year. Film festivals like this are increasingly important for fostering a sense of community, and for keeping the cinema-going experience alive. I look forward to seeing you there!" said Sam Mendes.

Festival Chair, Andrea Etherington, highlighted the significance of Mendes' attendance:

"Having a filmmaker of Sam Mendes' calibre attend our festival is a tremendous honour. His participation not only elevates our festival but also provides a unique opportunity for our audience to gain a deeper understanding of his work and the film industry world. We are incredibly excited to welcome him and to share this experience with our community."

The screening will take place at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, on Friday, October 18. This year's festival promises a diverse, record-breaking lineup of 95 film screenings from 21 countries over two weeks.

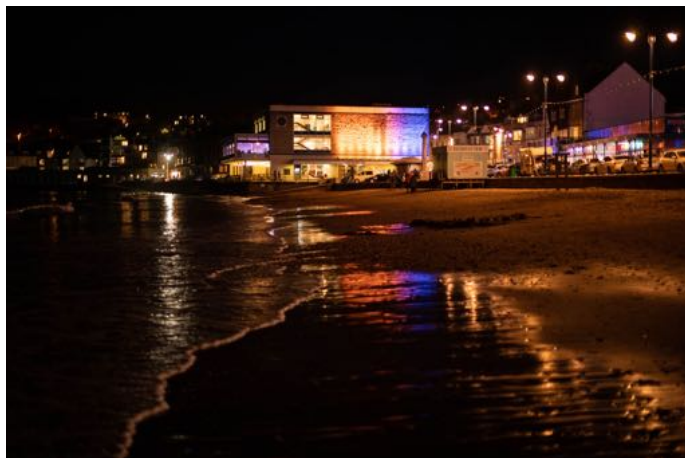
Catering to every film enthusiast, this year's festival focuses on the environment and 'food on film' and concludes with a special 'Stunt Saturday' on November 2 - featuring five epic stunt films and four VIP stunt guests. The festival concludes November 3 with a short film competition, an exciting interactive evening where the audience and judges vote for awards.

Tickets for the exclusive screening of *1917* and the Q&A session with Sam Mendes go on sale from September 9th through the festival's website: www.purbeckfilm.com. A detailed film guide is available locally from mid-September and can be downloaded from the website.

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL



Sam Mendes - Getty House Photographer - Jeff Spicer



The Mowlem, Swanage - Purbeck Film Festival - credit FryFilm.com

LANGTON MATRAVERS LOCAL HISTORY AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY

www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

The D-day and Radar exhibition has now been extended over the summer period, and there is still a chance to see it before the museum closes at the end of September. We hope to mount two new exhibitions, on blacksmith-made tools and textiles, in the local studies area next year.

In July the Archive Team enjoyed a special training event funded and arranged by the Dorset Museums Service especially for us, to learn about how to handle and store textile collections: this training will be invaluable when we come to review our textiles collection in the autumn.

We are excited to announce that two paintings from the museum will be going on loan to the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth over the winter. The exhibition is called **Artists in Purbeck - The Spirit of Place** and will feature many important works painted by artists inspired by the Purbeck landscape as well as the people. The exhibition will be between 12th of October 2024 and 16th March 2025. We are hoping to organise a special trip to the Russell-Cotes for members while it is on.

There will be a full programme of talks at Langton Village Hall over the winter: get the dates in your diaries now ! We will be holding
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two afternoon talks in addition to the usual evening events. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, 24th October: **Mary Spencer Watson, Sculptor – the last of a creative trio** by Ilay Cooper.

Wednesday 30th October: **‘Purbeck, the Spirit of Place’** by Gill Clarke, Curator of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum (see above).

Wednesday, 6th November, AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. **Local Farming – Artefacts, Photos and Tales** with Alan Smith, Farmer.

Thursday, 21st November: **Then and Now – Photographs of Corfe Castle Village** by Louise Haywood, Historian.

Wednesday 11th December. AFTERNOON TALK - 2 for 2.30 pm. **John Mowlem** by Audrey Pembroke

Thursday, 19th December: **LMLHPS Christmas Party** – more details later.

Thursday 23rd January, 2025: **Ball Clay Mining and the Railway**, by Peter Sills.

Dates and subjects for Feb/March will be announced shortly: watch this space !

Membership fees are due for renewal on September 1st. Please see website for details of renewal as well as to join.

Daryle Pearson and Mary Sparks, Publicity and Communications, LMLHPS

Purbeck Association of the National Trust (PANT)

About Us

We're a social group whose aim is to raise money for the National Trust. We don't do conventional fundraising however: instead, we have talks, social events, outings and short breaks. In brief, we enjoy ourselves, and any surplus money we raise goes to the Trust. All the money we raise is spent locally, funding projects at Corfe Castle, Studland Bay or in the surrounding countryside owned by the Trust.

We were formed in 1987. We are one of about 150 such groups around the country (known as Supporter Groups). Over the years these groups have raised millions of pounds for the Trust, and our group has raised over £180,000. We've funded a variety of things including a new pedigree bull for the Red Devon herd on Hartland Moor, stone flooring in the Mason's Lodge inside Corfe Castle, and interpretation boards and seats in numerous locations. Our most recent donation allowed a Volunteer Group at Corfe Castle to buy a very sophisticated piece of woodworking machinery to make their work quicker and easier.

Most of our members live in the BH19 and BH20 areas, and most are members of the National Trust, but neither of these are absolute requirements. We have members living in Poole, Bournemouth, Broadstone, Blandford and Wimborne, and a few who live even further afield.

Membership is amazing value - £5/year for an individual, or £7.50/year for joint membership. Members receive a Newsletter in Spring and Autumn, giving them news and details of forthcoming events. We're happy for members to bring friends to our events, but they pay a small amount extra.

We have monthly talks from September to March. These alternate between All Saints Church Hall in Swanage and Carey Hall in Wareham. Also coming up we have trips to Killerton House in Devon (with an exclusive tour of recent restoration works) and to Southampton for shopping and museum or gallery visits. In December we have an overnight stay in Bath, with visits to the Christmas Market and to Tyntesfield House. Next June we have a four-night stay at Studley Castle with trips to National Trust properties Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton, and a day in Stratford-upon-Avon. On the social front we have a beetle drive, a barbecue lunch at a local pub, and an afternoon of Kurling (not a misprint – it's a version of curling that can be played on a wooden floor).

Find out more

You can find out more about us, including details of our forthcoming activities, and of how to join us, by going to our website www.purbecknt.org.uk, or you can email us at info@purbecknt.org.uk, or call 01929 552872.



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.

Update from Studland Parish Council September 2024

Studland Parish Council met on 15th September. The key items emerging from the meeting are:



- The National Trust have started a Wood Pasture scheme – turning grass fields for the grazing of one type of animal to a wood pasture scheme (pasture but with a lot of trees and bushes). The aim of this is to increase biodiversity: multiple types of animals eg cattle, ponies, pigs, will graze together. 380 hectares are being converted to this initially, with more later. 50,000 trees and bushes will be planted.
- Studland has applied for a pedestrian crossing. This has been agreed with Dorset Council, who say the implementation will be in the summer of 2025
- Studland has also applied for the central part of the village along Swanage and Ferry Roads to be converted to a 20 mph speed limit area. Again we are hoping this will be implemented next summer.
- The owners of Knoll House Hotel have appealed against the decision by Dorset Council to refuse planning permission; the hearing for this will be later in the Autumn
- There are now more than 80 eco-buoys in Studland Bay, off South Beach. Many of these will be removed to be cleaned this Autumn and then reinstated in the Spring. The eco-buoys are being widely used and are helping make Studland Bay a Marine Conservation Zone
- Over 230 residents of Studland, Swanage and from elsewhere in the Isle of Purbeck packed the Village Hall in Studland to discuss the application by the Ferry Company to increase tolls. No one was in favour of the increases, with several residents talking of the hardships that the cost of the increased tolls would bring. Many objections have now been submitted to the Department for Transport. It seems that the likely date for the Inspector's hearing will be December 10, 11, 12 in the Studland Village Hall.

Nick Boulter, Chairman

www.studlandparishcouncil.org

3rd September – We were delighted that at our September meeting Maggie Hardy and her colleague Mary Buck came to explain how to use defibrillators. This was an open meeting and we were pleased to be joined by so many guests. The demonstration was extremely helpful, and if it means that in the future even one person can be aided by a defibrillator in the village it will have been a very worthwhile event.



1st October - Connor Winter from the 'Greenbrick Workshops' that recycle bottle tops will be telling us all about the project. The 'Greenbrick Workshops' was founded by Ben Gibbons and Connor Winter after the pair were forced by the Covid-19 pandemic to return to the UK from Nepal, where they had been working with rural communities to reduce the damage caused there by plastic pollution. 'Greenbrick Workshops' use cutting edge technology to wash and shred waste plastic, then heat and mould this into bricks. The bricks are used to build affordable homes in some of the poorest countries in the world. The Project initially aimed to establish 1,000 workshops over 10 years, which it hoped would prevent around six million tonnes of carbon dioxide being released from plastic burning and during the production of clay bricks and cement. Potentially this would also allow for the recycling of around 800,000 tonnes of plastic

that may otherwise end up in oceans - around 1% of global ocean plastic leakage. It will be fascinating to find out how far the Project has come over the last four years and to know where the plastic bottle tops we collect at Aquarius go!

PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

5th November – Carl Grice to talk about Opal gems

3rd December – Christmas get together with refreshments and special guests the Ukele Group

7th January (2025) - David Kemp will tell us about his walk across the desert in Jordan to raise money for Julia's House

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

Updates from the National Trust

Beach wheelchair at Studland



Photo: National Trust Images/Sophie Bolesworth

We have four wheelchairs available at Knoll Beach but the jewel in our crown is our new Magic Mobility Xtreme 8 wheelchair. The Xtreme 8 is a true all terrain chair, but most importantly, it can be driven on the beach. We received this message from a visitor, Andy, who used the Xtreme 8 recently: "I have an NHS powered wheelchair which cannot go on the beach, but I dreamt one day I would be able to go along the beach like I used to. When I tried the beach powered wheelchair, one of the staff walked with me until I got my confidence then I went along the shore. It was amazing. I never thought I would be able to do this again." Wheelchairs can be hired for free (non-monetary deposit requested) from the visitor reception at Knoll Beach. A lock-up is available for wheelchair swaps, and training will be provided on use of the Xtreme 8. Booking is recommended.



National
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A herald of good luck and joy at Corfe Castle

Visitors and staff at Corfe Castle were taken aback recently to see a huge bird perching on top of the keep. The bird was a white stork, traditionally considered to be harbingers of hope, joy and rebirth. Storks are a native species that was once widespread in the UK, but they disappeared over the centuries, probably due to habitat loss, hunting and persecution. The myth that newborn babies are delivered by storks probably arose because they are white – linked to purity – and often build their large nests on church towers, close to where people live. Storks feed on small mammals, earthworms, snails and large insects in water-meadows and grasslands. Several storks have been recorded on the Corfe River in recent years. These could be migrants from Europe, or ones from reintroduction projects in Sussex. Let's hope they become a regular sight here. Do let us know if you spot one. Find out more about the White Stork Project here: <https://whitestorkproject.org/>



Photo: Tricia Munns



What will be caught on camera?

The puffin cameras we placed on the cliff near Dancing Ledge have been removed by high ropes experts. Volunteers are now underway with the painstaking task of studying the images taken by the motion-sensor cameras – over 65,000 stills! We know that three breeding pairs of puffins returned to the ledges this year but sadly it appears that no chicks survived to fledge. We're hoping the footage will tell us why.

Photo: Pete Christie

Speed dating for bats

Did you know that Winspit Quarry in Worth Matravers is a nationally-important swarming site for bats? Under cover of darkness, these strange creatures fly from miles away to find a mate and hibernation spot. Corfe probably sits right under the bat super-flyway! To find out more about this bat speed dating, we've mounted detectors on three poles in the quarry. They are picking up audio recordings, indicating the type and number of bats using the caves. Purbeck has 15 of the UK's 17 types of breeding bat, although not all of them swarm. The technology will back up the amazing work that volunteers from the Dorset Bat Group are doing to monitor the site. Working under licence, they trap bats in nets, measure them and record their size, weight and sex. They are then ringed on their forearms – previous tags have shown that some bats come to Winspit from as far away as 27 kilometres. Please note most of the swarming takes place in the dead of night, with different bats arriving at different times, so there isn't a mass event to see. And remember that Winspit Quarry is closed to the public for safety reasons. Find out more here: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/bat-swarming-in-purbeck.



Photo: Brown long-eared bats, National Trust Images/Chris Damant

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

A FOLK SONG CYCLE ABOUT ENGLAND AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE
LIVE WITH SUNTOU SUSSO

REG MEUROSS
STOLEN FROM GOD

“REG MEUROSS HAS WRITTEN A MASTERPIECE AND THE MUSICIANS WORKING WITH HIM ARE SIMPLY AMAZING”
MIKE HARDING

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LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday 23 October, 7:30pm
£12.50, £6 (u18s) in advance online at: artsreach.co.uk
from Keith: 01929 423834 / Collette: 01929 422832
or in person from Becky or Karen at Putlake Tea Rooms
Local Ales & Wines, Tea/Coffee and cakes available from the Bar

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Corfe Community Kitchen
Soup 'n Pud
A choice of Soups and a Roll
Followed by Puds with Custard
Corfe Castle Village Hall
Saturday October 5th 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.

Disappointingly our numbers were down for our September Soup 'n Pud, after our short summer break, on account of a lot of people being away. September is the month when Grandparents traditionally escape for a holiday once the children have returned to school and families are requiring less support. Nevertheless the soups and puds were enjoyed immensely by those that attended and they were treated to not just seconds but more! This will not always be the case as we hope next month will see the return of more punters both regular and new. October's delights will include Bean Soup and Sausage, Leek and Lentil Soup followed by Dorset Apple Cake and Custard and Berry Tart. We try to be as seasonally appropriate as possible so that kind donations can be used whenever available. Please keep them coming as we aim to avoid food wastage! We also use any financial donations towards our healthy lunches. Incidentally there is a programme on TV starting next Tuesday evening by the chef Nadiya Hussain on how to use up leftovers to make interesting, healthy meals. Should be worth a watch! We have got some more ideas planned for this and next 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

Written by Peter Smith

DOUBLE ACT drama group

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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

Grand Charity
Elephant

Drive

Think Beetle Drive but drawing Elephants!

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

A busy summer helping the community

In addition to running our own summer fete Swanage Rotary provided support to a number of other local events over the summer. Many Rotarians were at Harmans Cross on August Bank Holiday Monday to help with car parking and running the BBQ. This continues the long tradition of mutual support between us and the Harmans Cross Fete committee. We also had a very enjoyable session working behind the bar during the Swanage Carnival and more recently several of us were involved in helping at the Swanage Folk Festival. We will also be running a stall at the Planet Purbeck Festival jointly with the Swanage Community Defibrillator partnership.



Christmas Market preparation

Whilst it is still some months away, we are already well into our planning for this year's Christmas market. It will be held on Saturday the 7th of December and we will again be occupying both Station Road and most of Institute Road.

We can now take requests for stalls, and initial queries should be addressed to the following email address:

swanagerotaryxmasmarket@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to assist with this community event, then please also contact us on the above email address.

To keep up to date with what's happening regarding the market please check out our website swanagerotary.org

Your local Food Bank continues to serve those in food poverty who live in Swanage and the surrounding villages. We're all volunteers and we're all well settled into our new home at the United Reformed Church (URC) up the High Street near the Spar now. When we're open there are clear signs up letting you know which part of the building we're in.

**Swanage
Food Bank**



Many thanks, as always, to all you lovely people who donate to us - whether that's via the collection bins (in Budgens, Coop, Costcutter and Spar), in person or by money donations. And at this time of year, huge thanks also to the schools, churches and other local groups that hold collections at Harvest and (dare I say it) Christmas time. Cheers to the Festivals too, for donating your leftovers!

Every tin, packet, jar or item of toiletry or pet food is much appreciated and passed on – as long as it's **unused, in good condition and in date!** We try to re-use as many carrier bags as we can, but always appreciate your donations in **bags for life** that we can then refill.

Donations of excess fruit and veg from your garden are also appreciated. Please bring those to the Swanage Food Bank while we're open – between 12 noon and 1pm on a **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** is helpful, so we can include them in that days' food bags. (We're open until 2pm though).

Talking of Christmas (sorry!) many of you, very kindly, like to make a **Christmassy food donation** to make someone else's Christmas just a little better eg. Advent calendar, biscuits, sweets, Christmas pud or a box of mince pies. These are all most welcome, but please could you get them to us **by the end of November**, if possible, so we can plan ahead (but please check they have reasonable Best Before dates). Thank you for helping us to care for our community: it's a team effort!

If you're struggling a bit and need some help with food, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on **07759 230313**. Leave a message if we can't answer and we'll get back to you asap. If you continue to need help, we may ask you to get a referral from an Agency that knows your circumstances eg. school, social worker, housing, Citizen's Advice. We can usually deliver to you if you can't get to the Food Bank to collect.

In the colder weather, do look out for neighbours and others you know who might be finding things a bit difficult – but perhaps wouldn't want to complain or ask for help. Suggest they give us a call, or maybe you could even help them to make the call? We do need to actually speak to the client though to find out a few dietary details etc.

Items we need most at the moment:

Drinks eg. tea / coffee (small sizes), squash, fruit juice • Biscuits / Savoury crackers • Tins of cold meat / fish • Soup
Tins of pasta meals (eg. macaroni cheese, ravioli, spaghetti bolognese) • Baked beans • Pasta or curry sauces • Noodles
Tins of 'hot meat' (eg. Stew, minced beef & onion, curry, chilli con carne, chicken in white sauce) • Puddings & custard

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

We were very disappointed that despite numerous invitations being sent out and significant Facebook publicity more people did not attend our recent Open meeting to discuss the development of SCDP and to consider how best we can sustain this now important community service.

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



However, we were very grateful to those of our Defib guardians who were able to attend and to Cllr Chris Moreton, Deputy Mayor, Swanage Town Council, who took great interest in our work and admitted that he had no idea so much work went into providing the Defib infrastructure. Chris will be working with Deirdre and Tim Mersey when as members of the Defib Guardian team they undertake their fortnightly defib checks, to get an even greater understanding of what is done and what is required.

Defibs have now been deployed 229 times since we started this project almost 10 years ago and with so much national press recently highlighting the need for defibs and trauma packs it is reassuring, I am sure, that Swanage and local villages are so well equipped with 46 defibs now managed by SCDP and available for public access .

Sustainability of this service is now a key part of our work and we would welcome anyone interested in joining our steering group to have a chat with us . **Publicity and fundraising** are key elements as we are now looking to develop the provision of Trauma cabinets (our first is on Shore Rd. Swanage by the toilet block) in addition to the Defib cabinets so we would welcome anyone with these interests /skills to join our small steering group team. We can be contacted by email info@swanagedefib.co.uk or through Corbens in Station Rd

At the meeting we were very sad to hear that Ian Brown BEM will be standing down from the Steering Group (hopefully just for the time being!) but will be maintaining an interest in the maintenance and monitoring of all our SCDP estate.

Ian is such an important member of our steering group and his input, as a driving force at our meetings, will be greatly missed but I'm trusting we can persuade him to come back when work and Coastguard commitments lessen. Thank you Ian for all you do

Maggie Hardy, SCDP



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The Wareham Friends will be holding its Annual General meeting on September 17th at the Hospital - a return to using the hospital as our meeting venue when we hope those attending will also have taken time to visit our much improved garden area and get a sense of the positive atmosphere now present in the hospital.

We are so pleased to have been recognised by the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition for our garden work but are also delighted that the hospital is now buzzing with activity - a situation we hope and aim to continue to support .

Our annual newsletter is available in Reception and we urge anyone attending the hospital to pick up a copy to read news of the new clinics now running at the hospital including the daily Family Eating disorder service, the long Covid clinic and a recent reinstatement of the Leg Ulcer clinic, and to see what we have been up to as a Friends group.

We do however have a problem, similar to many local organisations, in that we need new Trustees and Committee members to help support our work.

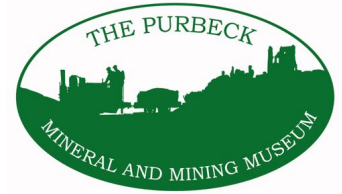
Please do get in touch if you would like more information by 'phoning the hospital, 01929 557550, or by using our email address, friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com. I will be delighted to have a chat as I am really hoping that as an organisation we do reach our 60th Anniversary in 2026 and continue to support this valuable local asset with its many important out-patient services.

Maggie Hardy, Friends Chair



Mining Museum is delighted with feedback and enthusiastic support from special tours

Nearly 140 members of the Bachmann's Collectors Club recently enjoyed guided tours around the Purbeck Mining Museum as part of the club's 2024 Annual Members' day held at the Swanage Railway. The reinstated narrow gauge railway around the museum was in operation during the day and six separate tours were provided for members of the club, with plenty of opportunities to meet volunteers and see behind the scenes in the engine shed.



The Swanage Railway was the ideal venue for this year's Members' Day following completion of the extensive restoration of the LSWR T3 locomotive now running on the popular heritage railway. Originally introduced at the end of the 19th century, the locomotive is set to be the latest addition to Bachmann's range of '00' scale models.

Club members were particularly interested in the Purbeck Mining Museum's plans to further develop the scale model of the Pike Bros clay railway at Furzebrook. Donations from the visit will now enable these plans to move forward. The layout was originally built and donated to the museum by museum volunteer, Ron Dyson, and is on display in the heart of the museum. It was fitting, therefore, for Bachmann's prototype of the T3 locomotive to make a special guest appearance on the Furzebrook layout during the day.

The Bachmann Collectors Club is the official club for Bachmann model railway enthusiasts and has been providing members with all the latest information on product developments and exclusive limited edition products for more than twenty-five years.

The Purbeck Mining Museum will be open on weekends during October before closing for the winter. However, the winter is very busy maintenance period for the museum, which is run entirely by volunteers. Anyone keen to join the team will be given a very warm welcome. Just contact the museum at <http://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/> to find out more.



Purbeck Mining Museum – Bachmann's prototype of the '00' scale model of the LSWR T3 locomotive made a special guest appearance on the Purbeck Mining Museum's model of the Pike Bros clay railway at Furzebrook. Photograph courtesy of Peter Sills.



Purbeck Mining Museum – Nearly 140 members of the Bachmann's Collectors Club were given guided tours around the Purbeck Mining Museum and the engine shed of the museum's narrow gauge railway during the Club's Annual Members' Day visit to the Swanage Railway. Photograph courtesy of Andrew PM Wright

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

Please join the Friends to support your Hospital and come along to the **AGM on Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm** in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1AZ. This year our main Speaker will be Matthew Bryant, CEO Dorset County Hospital and Dorset Healthcare We will also have updates from our Chair & Treasurer and on the Stanley Purser Ward and other departments at Swanage Hospital. Please do come, this is your opportunity to raise your concerns and questions relating to *your* local hospital and community services. Your support is really important to the Friends' committee and staff.



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

We also have our **Autumn Fayre on Saturday 9th November from 10 -12 noon** at the Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage BH19 1AH. We hope that you will come along for what is always a fun morning with lots of lovely things to buy and do including our cake and produce stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, tombola and raffle.

Swanage Cottage Hospital was built by the children of George and Elizabeth Burt in 1894 as a memorial to their parents. It became an NHS hospital in 1948. The Friends of Swanage Hospital is a charitable trust established in the 1950s with the aim of supporting the health needs of patients in and around Swanage. Some services provided at Swanage include the Minor Injuries Unit, X Ray department, the 15 bed Stanley Purser ward, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and an Outpatient Department.

The Friends of Swanage Hospital is a charity, independent of the NHS, but working closely with the NHS provider – Dorset Healthcare – to fund services as well as improvements within the hospital to benefit our local community. This is made possible by the phenomenal generosity of local people to the funds of the Friends in the form of donations and legacies. Among recent notable achievements it has funded the refurbishment of the ward and day room and provided a garden, relatives' room, staff room, meeting room and a new car park.

Are you a Friend of Swanage Hospital ?

You can join the Friends via our website – www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk – or by requesting a Membership Form at the hospital reception or from membership@friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk They will also be available at our AGM and Autumn Fayre. **The minimum suggested annual donation is £5 and you need to pay a subscription each year to demonstrate that you continue to be a member/Friend.** Being a Friend of Swanage Hospital demonstrates your support of your local hospital and the more Friends we have, the bigger our voice can be to ensure that we maintain and hopefully gain new services at Swanage Hospital. It also means that we can keep you up-to-date with developments at Swanage Hospital and send you details of events. You do not have to physically do anything when you are a Friend and with a minimum membership of £5 we hope that a lot more of our local community will consider joining. We have lost a lot of old Friends who have sadly passed away and we don't currently seem to be gaining new Friends. We know how passionate people are about their local hospital but rather surprisingly and disappointingly, this has not translated into more local people becoming Friends.

If you are not currently an active Friend of Swanage Hospital and value your local hospital, please consider becoming a Friend.

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!

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.

Flu Vaccination

The flu vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. Each Autumn, the NHS offers the vaccine to people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu.

This year, those eligible for the flu vaccine include:



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- People aged 65 and over
- All those aged 18 to 64 years who have health conditions that make them more vulnerable
- Those who are the main Carer for an older or disabled person, or are in receipt of Carer's Allowance
- People living in Care Homes - visits to Care Homes will start on 7 October
- Frontline health and social care staff
- Pregnant women - they should book their vaccinations with their Maternity Team
- Children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2024
- School aged children and young people (from Reception to Year 11) - their vaccinations are given in school.

Those living with someone who has a weakened immune system should contact the Surgery for advice as to whether they should receive the vaccine. Swanage Medical Practice is now sending out invites to adults eligible to receive the vaccine, either by text or by letter. You will be invited to attend during a specific time slot on either **5 or 12 October**.

COVID Vaccination

The NHS will also be offering Autumn COVID boosters to the most vulnerable this Autumn. The following groups will be able to have an NHS COVID Booster between 3 October and 20 December:

- People aged 65 and over (including those due to turn 65 on or before 31 March 2025)
- People aged between six months and 64 years who have health conditions that make them more vulnerable
- People living in Care Homes for Older People
- Pregnant women - they should book their vaccinations with their Maternity Team
- Frontline health and social care staff.

The NHS will contact eligible people directly, but you can also book your own appointment from **23 September** via the NHS App or by calling 119.

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

<p> IS PROUD TO PRESENT</p> <p></p> <p>SPATS LANGHAM HOT COMBINATION</p> <p>TICKETS £14</p> <p>- Licensed Bar</p> <p>Tickets from: Swanage Jazz Club Treasurer, 22 Streche Rd, Swanage BH19 1NF Cheques made out to Swanage Jazz Associates (for full details Tel 01929 426127) or email melvyn.norris@icloud.com</p>	<p>AT HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL* SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER - 7.30PM Licensed Bar opens at 7pm Music starts at 7.30pm</p> <p>Tom 'Spats' Langham returns with his Hot Combination which takes you on a musical journey from ragtime through the hot jazz and lowdown blues of the 1920s, the sophisticated swing of the 1930s, taking in the French Hot Club sound of Django Reinhardt, with jump-jive and Latin rhythms along the way. Spats' has added to his Hot Fingers Trio the 'Cotswold Canary', Emily Campbell, bringing her unique talents to the blues music of Bessie Smith, the jazz of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holliday and the gospel music of Mahalia Jackson and Sister Rosetta Tharpe. Spats has played all over the world and with lots of leading figures in the jazz world including Chris Barber and Acker Bilk. His virtuoso banjo and guitar playing and singing and brilliant sense of humour have made him one of the most in demand figures on the British jazz scene.</p> <p>*Harmans Cross Village Hall is in Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB, 2 miles outside Swanage. If coming from C. Castle, take a right turn opp. garage in centre of Harmans Cross village</p> <p>PLENTY OF PARKING ON SITE</p> <p>WE HAVE TO LIMIT THE NUMBERS SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE OF YOUR SEATS!</p>
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HM Government

Help for Households

Get around for £2

Single bus journeys cost no more than £2 on most routes across England.

To find out how the Government can help you
Search 'Help for Households'



The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage

Thurs 5th to Sat 7th Dec. 10am-6pm

Lights of Love Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th December 4pm

160 Victoria Avenue, BH19 1AZ
emmanuelbc.org.uk
01929 427706

Free Entry and Parking

Christmas Café

@ebcswanage



Supporting:
Air Ambulance
and Admiral
Nurse for
Dementia Care



Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

SWANAGE TOWN BAND

Playing this December

Wednesday 4th at 7.30pm

Concert at Methodist Church

Wednesday 11th (weather permitting)

Carols on the Bandstand

If wet, we will play on Wednesday 18th December instead (again, weather permitting).

Time to be confirmed so please look out for our entry in the next edition of this Newsletter or check our Facebook page.



THE MOWLEM

Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

What's On in October 2024

www.themowlem.com

Live on Stage

Jack Dee - Work in Progress (SOLD OUT)

Join Jack as he warms up ahead of his brand-new UK tour!

Tuesday October 8th - 8:00 PM

One Man Two Governors

Get ready for a hilarious ride with "One Man, Two Guvnors"! Presented by Revive Theatre and directed by Richard Batt, this uproarious comedy by Richard Bean will keep you laughing from start to finish.

Fri 11th & Sat 12th October - 7:30 PM

The Watch House

"There's a legend about the Watch House. Scrape beneath the whitewash and you'll find terror. More suitable for ages 10+.

Tuesday October 26th 7:30 PM

Purbeck Film Festival 2024 at The Mowlem

VIP EVENT - 1917 (15) including Q&A with Director Sam Mendes - Friday 18th October 6:30 PM

Opening Gaa - My Favourite Cake (12A) - Saturday 19th October - 7:30 PM

Perfect Days (PG) - **Sunday 20th October - 7:30 PM**

Breakfast at Tifiny's (PG) - In The Studio - **Monday 21st October - 2:30 PM**

Crossing (15) - **Monday 21st October - 7:30 PM**

Anatomy of a fall (15) - **Tuesday 22nd October - 7:30 PM**

Paris Memories (15) - French Double Screening - **Wednesday 23rd October - 6:00 PM**

Nature of Love (15) - French Double Screening - **Wednesday 23rd October - 8:30 PM**

Klimt and The Kiss (12A) Followed by a Q & A with Artstream - **Thursday 24th October - 7:30 PM**

Power Alley (15) - Sports Double Film - **Friday 25th October - 6 PM**

COPA 71 (PG) - Sports Double Film - **Friday 25th October - 8:30 PM**

Matilda The Musical (PG) - In The Studio - **Saturday 26th October - 2:30 PM**

The Monk and the Gun (PG) - **Saturday 26th October - 7:30 PM**

Small things like these (PG) - **Sunday 27th October - 2:30 PM**

Evil Does Not Exist (12A) - **Sunday 27th October - 7:30 PM**

Kensuke's Kingdom (PG) - in The Studio - **Monday 28th October - 2:30 PM**

The Teachers Lounge (12A) - **Monday 28th October - 7:30 PM**

Babette's Feast (U) - **Tuesday 29th October - 7:30 PM**

John Singer Sargent - Fashion and Swagger - Exhibition on Screen - **Wednesday 30th October - 7:30 PM**

Late Night With The Devil (15) - Horror Night Double Film - **Thursday 31st October 6:00 PM**

The Shining (15) - Horror Night Double Film - **Thursday 31st October 8:00 PM**

Aura (15) - **1st November 4:00 PM**

The Critic (15) - Plus Q&A with Director - **1st November 7:00 PM**

The Train (U) - In The Studio - **2nd November - 11:00 PM**

The Kid Who Would Be King (U) - In The Studio - **2nd November 2:00 PM**

Hollywood Bulldogs: The rise and falls of the great British stuntman (12A) - Stunt Night Double Film - **2nd November 6:00 PM**

Spectre (12A) - Stunt Night Double Film - **2nd November 8:15 PM**

Purbeck Shorts 2024 - Writers Forum - **3rd November 5:30 PM**

Purbeck Shorts - Screenings & Awards - **3rd November 7:00**

Special Film Screenings

Shaun of The Dead (20th Anniversary Screenings)

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the release! Directed by Edgar Wright, a patron of The Mowlem. Horror mixed with comedy and romance, everything in one film!

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th - 7:30 PM (excluding Tuesday 8th)

Matinee Monday 7th - 2:30 PM

Cinema in October

The Whip (12A)

Plus Q&A with Christopher Presswell (director) on Monday 30th September after the film.

A full-time carer plots a daring heist from the Houses of Parliament, in a bid to thwart devastating welfare reforms known as Independence Credit.

Friday 27th September - Thursday 3rd October

Matinee - Monday 30th September - 2:30 PM

The Critic (15)

A powerful London theatre critic lures a struggling actress into a blackmail scheme that has deadly consequences.

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th October 7:30 PM (excluding

Wednesday 16th) Matinee Monday 14th - 2:30 PM

200% Wolf (U)

Freddy Lupin's wayward wish transforms him into a werewolf and brings a mischievous moon spirit to Earth.

Friends tickets £3 (plus booking fees)

Friday 25th - Thursday 31st October 11:30 AM

In The Showbar

Swanage Blues Festival

Friday: 5 pm The Mighty Howlers 8.30 pm John McClean and the

Clan Saturday: 4 pm The Fabulous Duck Brothers 8pm Alex

Voysey Sunday: 1.30 pm Back Porch 5 pm Blue Touch

Wristbands available from Showbar, £15 each

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October

Oscar's Quiz Night

£2 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won! Pre-booking available from our website.

Wednesday 23rd October - 8 PM

In The Studio

Sustainable Swanage - Healthy Homes

Tips and tricks to improve energy use and save money!

Tuesday, October 15th 7:30 PM

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibition

Zara Saganic "Pause"

Zara Saganic's practice explores time, control and the Sisyphean pursuit of perfection within a range of activities which manifest with drawing as a language to articulate ideas. Her work attempts to capture and control via marks, repetition, detail, endurance, scale, intricacy and numeracy. Drawings are documents and archives of time, with data also collated and recorded in journals as artefacts and archaeology of time.

Artist talk in The Studio - Monday 14th - 6:45 PM

from September 13th - October 15th

Arts & Crafts Market

Swanage Arts and Crafts Market is Outside the front of The Mowlem every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) until the end of October. Featuring arts and crafts stalls, that vary daily, including Jewellery, Candles & wax melts, Art, miniature models, photos and so much more! A perfect opportunity to start shopping for Christmas from our local small businesses.

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

We have been very busy recently harvesting our potatoes, runner beans, French beans, tomatoes and so much more! The gardens and greenhouse continue to be very productive in so many ways. Autumn will see us planting garlic, broad beans and onions!

As a group, for the first time, we helped at Carnival and thoroughly enjoyed contributing in a number of ways and last Friday our Open day was well attended and we had some guest stalls which was lovely..All Sorted, Dorset Wildlife Trust and Purbeck Plant swap really added to the day and we are hoping to invite other groups to share our Christmas Fayre, the date of which has not yet been decided.

Les continues to develop his special garden within Greengage and we are looking to have new raised beds very soon and we have plans to renovate our toilet block and there are exciting possibilities in the months ahead!

Our lovely volunteers are always pleased to see visitors. Please come and see us you will always be welcome! We are open on Tuesdays from 12 and Fridays from 10.



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!



Singing for Pleasure

Every Thursday

2pm until 3.30pm



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



Dementia Friendly Purbeck Newsletter No 3



Admiral Nurse Fundraising Total



**Message from our
Chairman
Mike Bonfield
WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!**



Charity No: 1102642

Dementia Friendly Purbeck are in need of help. Could you give us a bit of your time to support those living with dementia in the Purbeck area and help in raising funds so that we can have a second Admiral nurse. We are a friendly group and would like more help especially at events to help with setting up gazebos and man stalls, etc. We meet about 7 to 8 times a year and have subgroups that work in Swanage and Wareham. If you are interested, please contact us at the details below.

The public as always have been so supportive with our fundraising that we have already exceeded £40,000, so are a third of the way to the target of £120,000. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dementiafriendly-purbeck


I would like to thank my fellow members of the committee who work so hard so that we can achieve the things we do, Thanking you all for your support.

Mike


Email: dfpurbeck@icloud.com



Purbeck Rally in Wareham



Here are volunteers George & Tim, manning our information stand for three days at the Purbeck Rally giving advice to those who have problems with dementia.



The importance of Hydration with Dementia

Hydration is an important factor for everyone, but it is especially serious for those with dementia. Adequate hydration helps to maintain cognitive and physical health and can reduce the risk of developing more serious health issues like urinary tract infections. With this in mind, we have purchased a supply of water bottles which we have donated to our Admiral Nurse, Rachel Murray, for her to pass onto those with dementia. This has been possible through a generous matched funding from Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club





CARNIVAL TIME !!!

A fun time was had when we entered both the Wareham and Swanage Carnivals in July. We had a tremendous amount of support from our volunteers, decorating the floats - making outfits and walking the routes on the day with collecting buckets.

In Swanage we celebrated winning First Prize with our float 'Flintstones Olympics' which was celebrated with a welcome glass of Prosecco!





DEADLINE

for contributions to the December 2024 / January 2025 issue of the Newsletter

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