

**Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
and Swanage Area Forum**

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Welcome to the July / August 2023 issue of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter. The range of activities covered is once again outstanding, illustrating the area's abundance and variety of community life throughout Purbeck.

Though we may inhabit different towns, villages or hamlets, we all depend one way or another on each other by often sharing facilities, services, activities and even problems.

With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to a poster on the following page for a very important NHS Health event at The Mowlem Theatre on Thursday June 29th, an issue which affects us all.

We hope that this modest newsletter helps link the various communities across Purbeck and assists the many clubs, charities and public services in communicating with as many folk as possible.

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DEADLINE

for contributions to the September 2023 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2023



Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust

What changes are happening to your NHS across Dorset?

Come and find out what this means to you at our Dorset health information event.

Mowlem Theatre, Shore Road, Swanage

Thursday 29 June 10am-4pm

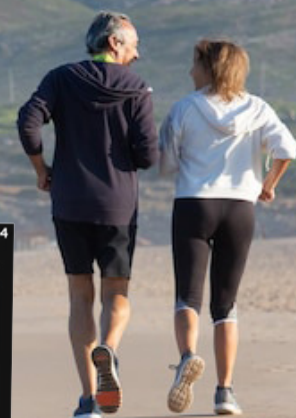
No need to book, just turn up on the day

Hear about...

- the BEACH building at the Royal Bournemouth which includes a new maternity unit as well as children's health and critical care
- the new theatres at Poole Hospital
- our outpatient assessment centres and how we're tackling our waiting lists in Dorset
- Your local Swanage patient participation group (PPG)
- the new emergency department and critical care unit as well as the discharge lounge at Dorset County Hospital
- the outpatient assessment centre at South Walks House in Dorchester

Free health check from LiveWell Dorset

*Covid vaccines available**



* covid vaccines available for those wanting their 1st or 2nd vaccines, the over 75's and the over 5's with a weakened immune system

Pay and display parking available in any of the carparks in Swanage town centre.



Record number of visitors at Purbeck museum

With its extended opening hours for 2023, the Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden has seen a fourfold increase in both visitor numbers and donations so far this year.

“Such a tremendous achievement is a real credit to the growing number of volunteers who commit so much time and energy to keep Purbeck’s ball clay heritage very much alive,” says the Museum’s Chairman Peter Sills. “We’ve also hosted various community events and VIP visits since opening our doors at Easter, and I’m delighted there have been so many organised group visits where the feedback has also been extremely positive and supportive.”

The escorted group visits so far this year have included many different organisations and community groups, ranging from the 2CV Owners’ Association to Cub Scouts and tour operators. Guided tours for larger groups are normally hosted on days when the museum is not open to the public and are a great way for visitors to have a more in-depth view of the museum and enjoy more detailed discussions about the exhibits. This was the case for a group of 34 visitors from Jurassic Jaunts earlier in May who were also shown around areas not normally open to the public, such as the engine shed and wagon maintenance areas.

Smaller groups for escorted tours can also be hosted on the Museum’s regular opening days, although it is also possible to have unescorted visits where the leader of a visiting group is provided with a detailed brief on arrival. Such group visits have recently included very successful visits from supported holiday specialist Jollydays Holidays as well as a group of Cub Scouts from Romsey.

In view of the special arrangements that have to be made, the Museum normally asks for a set donation per head for group visits. “We continue to receive many enquiries regarding group visits and are expecting to host many more groups in the coming months,” continues Peter Sills. “And we are very confident that visitor numbers and donations will continue to climb over the summer – this promises to be a record year for the Museum!”

The Purbeck Mining Museum is always keen to welcome new volunteers and can be contacted via its web site <https://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/>. The website also includes full details on the Museum’s opening times and demonstration days.



Purbeck Mining Museum volunteer, Paola Hobson, provides group visitors with an escorted tour of the museum. Photo courtesy of Andrew PM Wright.

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



Over the last few weeks over 300 people have joined Defib. Familiarisation sessions, led by Mary Buck and supported by Steering Group members.

Thank you to all those who have attended sessions.

Feedback has been very positive and we know that many now feel more comfortable should they need to use a Defibrillator in an Emergency situation.

We will be running another **Familiarisation Programme in the Autumn** so Mary would welcome requests from

organisations and groups (info@swanagedefib.co.uk or by contacting Mary on Facebook).

In the meantime we will be meeting with members of the Carnival team prior to Carnival week, when the town is very busy, and we will be attending the Swanage Coop again on September 14th, 10-1 when we are invited to show shoppers and staff how to use a defib.

We will be holding our **Annual Open meeting on Wednesday September 13th at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend to hear more about our community defib project and to meet the team. Please do come.

We trust you have a safe and enjoyable Summer *and* please look out for us in the Carnival Parade - we hope to have a few surprises!!

Maggie Hardy, SCDP

A crowd of over 200 locals and holiday makers watched Swanage Town Band's first concert of their summer season on the Bandstand and were entertained by a concert which included a lively selection of marches, songs from the musicals and popular music. The sun shone and a good time was had by all. A collection was taken for the Band's two nominated charities for the year:

- Herston Village Hall Rebuilding Project (the hall is a community hub, hosting services such as a youth club, playgroup and community larder)
- Purbeck Youth Music (which encourages children to play musical instruments by providing lessons and loaning instruments)

One of the Band's upcoming concerts is on Wednesday 2 August which is the date of the original opening of the Bandstand 100 years ago. It also falls during Carnival Week. Events begin at 2.00pm with the Town Crier and Town Mayor. Various local groups and performers will take part during the afternoon and early evening and the Band will play at 7.00pm.

The Band currently has about 40 members, most of whom are amateurs. They practice every Wednesday evening in Swanage Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Musical Director Dave Cook at daveswanband@gmail.com.

For any other queries, see our Facebook page where you can contact us and find more information on the Band.

SWANAGE TOWN BAND

Playing in the Bandstand
Summer 2023*

Wednesday 14 June 7pm

Saturday 24 June 2.30pm

Wednesday 5 July 7pm

Saturday 15 July 2.30pm

Wednesday 2 August 7pm

(part of the Bandstand Centenary Celebrations)

Saturday 19 August 2.30pm

*weather permitting



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

Art in the library

Join us this summer for three creative sessions in the library. Each activity will be different; collaging, clay modelling and nature printing. Sessions will be unstructured, open to all and completely free!



Swanage Library

14 June 2:30pm - 3:30pm - collage
14 July 2:30pm - 3:30pm - clay
16 August 2:30pm - 3:30pm - printing



Booking available on Eventbrite.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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FREE DANCE WORKSHOPS!



Join Sammy for an amazing free dance workshop at Swanage Library. There are 2 sessions please choose the session for your age group.

Wednesday 9th August

Session 1 is 1.30 - 2.30 pm and is for 7-11-year olds
Session 2 is 2.45 - 3.45 and is for young people aged 12+

Book on Eventbrite or call the library on
01929423485

Hedgehog Extravaganza!

Come and see our hedgehog house and join in lots of fun crafts and activities to help find out how you can attract hedgehogs and hoglets to your garden. Activities suitable for children of all ages and everyone is welcome. No need to book.



Swanage Library

**Saturday 8 July
11:00am to 1:00pm**

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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Meet the Author - Pamela Mann

Pamela Mann is a published author and will be talking about her latest novel and her previous books. **FREE** event with refreshments.



Swanage Library

**Wednesday 26 July
2:00pm - 3:30pm**



Booking available via Eventbrite.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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Ofsted report - St George's C of E Primary School, Langton Matravers



St George's School was listed by Ofsted in April. The Inspection Team found the school to be 'good' in all areas:

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|---------------------------|------|
| Overall effectiveness | Good |
| The quality of education | Good |
| Behaviour and attitudes | Good |
| Personal development | Good |
| Leadership and management | Good |
| Early years provision | Good |

The inspectors explored what it is like for a pupil to attend the school. They commented:

Pupils are proud to be a member of St George's. The strong Christian values of love, truth, forgiveness and respect are brought to life in the school's work. Parents speak highly of the school, describing it as a school with 'an excellent ethos'.

Leaders have high ambition for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They ensure everyone has the support they need. As a result, pupils are motivated to learn.

Pupils uphold the school values in all they do. They are calm, respectful and considerate of others. They know the school rules and behave well in lessons. Older pupils enjoy being role models for younger pupils at playtime. Pupils feel safe at school because staff help them if they have any concerns.

Focusing on leadership, the inspection team noted:

Leaders, staff and governors have worked together to make rapid improvement since the previous inspection. The school community is complimentary about the drive of the headteacher. Staff say that recent changes are well thought through and have a positive impact on their workload. Pupils and parents say that the school is a welcoming place to be.

Leaders and governors have a shared vision. Governors provide relevant and constructive challenge for leaders and engage proactively with external challenge and support. This has helped to improve the quality of education.

Leaders have selected the precise content they want pupils to know in most subjects. They have sequenced knowledge so it builds on to wider ideas about the subject. Pupils can recall their learning in depth. For example, in mathematics, pupils find review questions useful. They talk confidently about prior learning and explain how their fractions learning has developed over time. In Reception, children develop their understanding of numbers and can create number sentences independently.

Pupils know the importance of the school's values. They encourage each other to be responsible. As a result, the school is a calm place to be. Pupils know what is expected of them and they rise to these expectations. This begins in the early years. For example, leaders teach children routines, such as lining up, through song and rhyme. Pupils love initiatives such as 'secret student' during assembly to reward a child who has behaved well. Pupils have designed postcards that members of

the school community can send one another for positive behaviour and effort.

Leaders ensure the personal development curriculum has high importance as soon as children start in Reception. Children learn about right and wrong. Pupils create recipes to explain how to be mentally and physically healthy. Staff teach pupils the importance of quiet moments for reflection. Pupils know it is important to treat everyone with respect despite any differences. They benefit from trips and a wide array of clubs, such as choir, football and gymnastics. Pupils take pride in leadership roles, for example, as eco and school councillors.

This was a very encouraging and well deserved endorsement of the school. Ofsted recognised and praised the drive and leadership of headteacher, Katy Astle, and the hard work and support of all staff who work in the school.

Well done to everyone at St George's.

The full report can be found on the school's website: www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk and on the Ofsted website.

James Mercer Vice Chair of Governors

Singing for Pleasure
Every Thursday 2pm



Supported by
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All Welcome



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

The Society have been having a busy time in the last couple of months. We re-opened our Museum at the Coach House, Langton Matravers on April 1st.

Do please come and pay us a visit when you are next passing, or make a special plan to come! We are just behind the St George's church (BH19 3HZ).

Custodians will be very pleased to welcome you, and the museum is open 10-12 and 2-4 every day except Sunday. There is an exciting new display about the role of radar in winning the war, and also, on loan from the Swanage Pier Trust, a rare relic, the brass name letters from the 'KYARRA', sunk off the Purbeck coast by a German U Boat in WW1. The Purbeck Stone museum exhibits now have some excellent interpretation boards and new lighting.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th May in Langton Village Hall, and this was well attended. We had a lively discussion regarding the Society and Museum and many interesting points and ideas were aired. We said goodbye to our outgoing Chairman/Treasurer/Membership Secretary, David Selman, thanking him for many years of splendid service. Daryle Pearson was elected Chair, and other key officers were appointed.

The museum is working towards Accreditation status. This will help us secure Grants and other funding open to small museums.

It was agreed at the AGM that we need to encourage people in the wider community to take an active role in exploring the history of the area, and make links with local schools and other organisations to help us to do this.

Membership fees, payable in September, are £10.00 for an individual, £15.00 for a couple. Please do consider joining us if you are not already a member. We are planning a couple of summer outings; guided walks in the area in August and early September, and a 'Show and Tell History Day' - watch our website for further details: www.langtonia.org

We also intend to hold another series of talks leading up to Christmas: updates when plans are in place

Mary Sparks and Daryle Pearson - Publicity and Communications, LMLHPS



Swanage Folk Festival 8-10 September 2023

Can you help us for a few hours?

Each year our small seaside town, on the beautiful Jurassic coast of Dorset, fills up with hundreds of colourful dancers and the town resonates to the sound of bells jingling, sticks thwacking and excellent music.

The festival is self-funded and run solely by volunteers. If we manage to create a surplus, we donate it to local good causes. We rely on your support, so please volunteer to help by completing the form here <https://swanagefolkfestival.com/information/can-you-help-us/>

If there's other ways you could help, we'd love to hear from you. But of course, it maybe that you just want to attend and enjoy the concerts which cost anything from free to £25. <https://swanagefolkfestival.com/programme/>

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) aims to work with the Practice Manager and the GPs to help improve and shape local health services.

The Group 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 our Terms of Reference, our current Membership and Minutes of our meetings, on the Practice website: www.swanagemedical.org.uk

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com. On 29 June, we will be on the Patient Participation Groups stand at the Health Information Event at the Mowlem Theatre - so do come and talk to us there to find out more.

PPG Priorities for 2023/24

Our key priorities for the next year are to:

- Promote awareness of the PPG and recruit new PPG members
- Undertake Patient Surveys at the Surgery and talk to patients about their experiences of using local health services
- Support the Practice to promote awareness of new services - including services patients can access directly and other alternatives to a GP appointment.

We will also continue to:

- Support the Practice to deliver initiatives to promote health, prevent ill health and promote self-care
- Work with the Practice to ensure the Practice website is patient friendly and easy to use
- 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 five practices within the Purbeck Primary Care Network (PCN) - and the Purbeck YPPG - to support the Purbeck PCN to identify and deliver its priorities
- Contribute to the work of the new Purbeck-wide group: Action for Health and Care in Purbeck.

Looking forward to meeting more of you in the future.

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



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Message from the Mayor of Swanage Cllr Tina Foster

I am very honoured to have been elected Mayor and Chairman of the Swanage Town Council. I look forward to another year of attending the wonderful events held in our town and working hard on the various projects to improve the services we offer.

Chris Moreton has agreed to work with me for another term as Deputy Mayor, for which I am grateful as he is a great support to me.

I am also grateful for the support of my husband, Les, who puts up with me coming home late from meetings sometimes, and wearing the Mayoress medal with no complaints.



We look forward to a busy summer with plenty of action including regattas and rowing festivals, music, dancing, eating drinking and of course the amazing Carnival.

So far this spring with the wonderful weather we have enjoyed I have been busy meeting Pirates in Sandpit Field and then the following weekend away with the fairies – and that is literal!

The weather has been very sunny although the north-east wind has kept the beach cooler and brought in a lot of seaweed. But this has not stopped the hundreds enjoying what Swanage has to offer. It is lovely to see the numbers about and on my walks around and along the seafront I have been stopped by visitors who congratulate me on our beautiful friendly town.

We have been awarded the prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Award and the flags fly proudly over the Tourist Information Centre. Well done to all the staff who keep up the highest standards. We have also applied for a Green Flag for the cherished Beach Gardens so I am keeping my fingers crossed that I can collect the award next month. The newly created sitting area for tea and refreshments is well worth a visit to enjoy a sensibly priced cup of coffee and to admire the setting of the green haven.

Cllr Tina Foster

In recent weeks our small garden team has spent some very enjoyable time working in the garden, clearing weeds and planning our involvement in the Neighbourhood garden improvement project (part of Britain in Bloom)

The garden is such a beautiful space and deserves some TLC. We have been so delighted to hear such lovely positive comments from staff, visitors and patients who love the quietness, the birds and the flowers, some coming through the cleared undergrowth! We would welcome help if anyone has a couple of hours to spare as part of our team which meets once a week .



We are pleased to be meeting the newly appointed Chief Executive of Dorset Healthcare, Matthew Bryant in late June and it is wonderful to see that investment is being made in Wareham Hospital, through necessary maintenance work and the development of new clinics and services.

We will be holding our AGM in late September and hope that as many as possible will be able to join us to hear about our busy year and hopefully even more positive news for Wareham Hospital which is such a valuable asset to the local area.

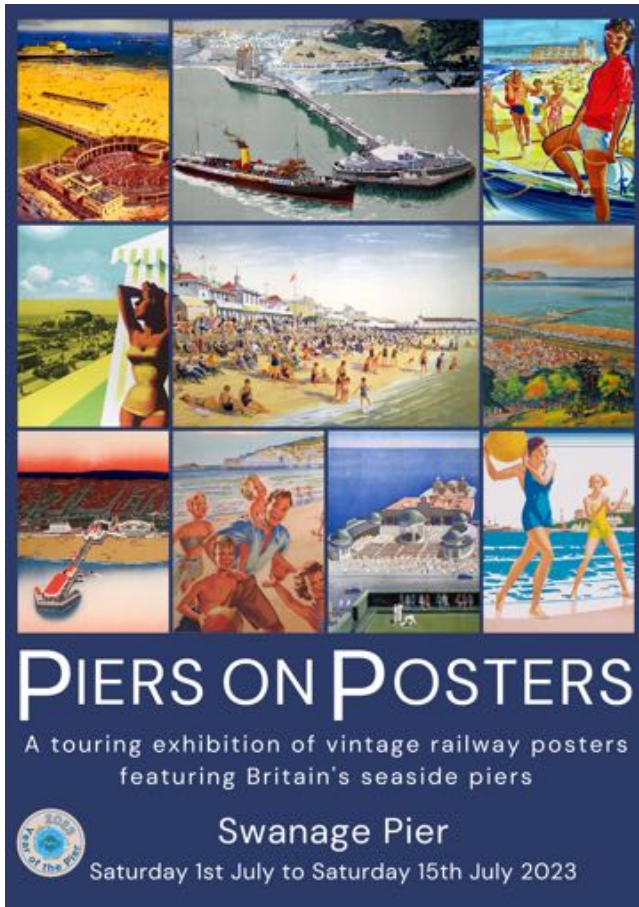
We can be contacted by email: friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Sending best wishes for a happy summer.

Maggie Hardy, Wareham Hospital Friends' Chair



Events coming up on Swanage Pier



Piers on Posters Exhibition

As part of its celebrations for 'Year of the Pier 2023' the National Piers Society has curated a travelling exhibition of Golden Era railway posters featuring piers. These nostalgic images, most of which date from the 1920s to the 1950s, promote a stylised and sun-drenched vision of the Great British Seaside when pleasure piers still played an important part in holiday infrastructure as landing stages for paddle steamers.

With the full exhibition featuring more than 50 poster images, visitors are invited to take a tour around the piers of England, Scotland and Wales as depicted by some of the best commercial artists of the twentieth century including Charles Pears, Tom Purvis and Frank Henry Mason. See how your favourite resorts once looked and enjoy the artistic licence that helped sell them to the masses of railway travellers in the past.

The exhibition is free to enter and is coming to Swanage Pier between the 1st – 15th July 2023, situated in Marine Villas.

** Additional posters will be displayed upstairs in Marine Villas from Saturday 1st - Thursday 6th July 2023

The National Piers Society would like to thank Richard Furness, expert author of the Poster to Poster book series, for the use of images from his collection and Barry Thompson, railway enthusiast and National Piers Society member, for compiling the selection and providing the text.

Swanage Pier Big Summer Raffle - tickets available at the Pier gatehouse, shop, Lucy's Farm shop or online - www.swanagepiertrust.com/events

History Photography Exhibition - Saturday 27th May – Sunday 16th July - on the Lower Deck of the Pier

Volunteer Recruitment Day - Saturday 17th June - 10.00am - 2.00pm

Antiques Roadshow - Friday 23rd June - ticketed event, however you will still be able to come and enjoy the pier, café and shop throughout the day but please note there will be NO car parking available on the Pier on both Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd June.

Yoga on the Pier - Weekly from Wednesday 28th June. Intermediate sessions start Thursday 6th July, at 8.00am

Fish and Chip Cruises - Saturday 8th July and Wednesday 2nd August.

Pier on Posters - Saturday 1st – Sunday 16th July in Marine Villas.

Park to Pier Walk - Sunday 6th August - 10.30am meeting at Durlston Country Park

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



Fish and Chip Cruise



SAVE THE DATE!

We did it - Planet Purbeck Festival 2023 is on!

We're thrilled to announce that we've secured the funds enabling us to throw another Festival. The best news is you're ALL invited :)

2023 marks a transition towards an even more inclusive Festival shining the spotlight on Purbeck's outstanding natural world and its remarkable people.

As always, there'll be a welcoming fun-filled atmosphere at the heart of all our events. There's 20 seconds of feel-good highlights from our previous festivals here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZsrX2tmUXU>

We've listened & evolved...

Building on the success of our first two Festivals our focus for 2023 is clear:

Creating events that engage the community to discover, value & embrace nature - simple! 2023 is about...

1. Greater Accessibility: Striving to remove barriers such as transport & entry costs
2. Increasing Attendance: Deliver more events in the evenings & weekends
3. Great Events: Working with a broad range of event hosts including the key players in the local conservation sector; [The Wild Purbeck Partnership](#) to deliver enticing large scale community events

More Action: Whilst you're feeling all tingly & inspired there will be clear opportunities for you to 'get involved' either at events or hopefully with projects in the community

What's the format?

- Fri 15th - Sun 24th Sept
- Loads of locations across Purbeck
- Free entry (to nearly all events)
- Everyone's welcome; fun-filled events & entertainment for all ages
- Think wildlife workshops & forest schools, wild art & walks, Bollywood on the beach, talks & films, foraging & feasting, live music & street food plus welly-wanging etc. etc.

We're chuffed to confirm our FIRST HEADLINE EVENT:

A Celebration of Purbeck: Sat 23rd Sept @ the Mowlem, Swanage.

A highly anticipated and captivating programme of local & national guest speakers & short films. There will only be 380 free places so save the date & stay tuned for more details!

Here's a link to the two amazing local films we produced & premiered last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj-x7QW4v3Q>

Does any of that sound remotely close to downright brilliant?

Fantastic. Come along to top up your sense of pride & place. We'll see you there :)

Email us at planetpurbeckevents@gmail.com for more info or get involved by hosting an event > [Host booking form](#)

P.S. We're fans of an easy life so if you hosted an event with us last year & want to be a part of 2023 (which we know you will!) we'll be in touch next week to save you having to complete a booking form.

See you soon!

The Festival Team





CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN
Free Lunch but donations welcomed



Soup 'n Pud

Sat. 1st July '23 12.30pm Corfe Castle Village Hall
Come and join your friends for a simple lunch. Families especially welcome.
A choice of 2 Soups, plus a roll, followed by Puds and Custard

We would love to have more residents joining us at our usual monthly Soup 'n Puds, in this friendly, warm environment. Remember this is a free event but donations are always welcome.

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

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill

SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB

Charity no: 1133375



Swanage Disabled Club are holding four (weather permitting) Sea-front stalls during August: Tuesday 8th, Thursday 17th, Tuesday 22nd, Friday 25th, from 10am - 4pm. Find us on the sea-front on the hard standing, below the dinosaur.

As usual we have a great selection of books, newly hand knitted garments, plus crochet blankets, hand-made cloth bags, together with other handmade crafts. We always have some bric-a-brac and a selection of material offcuts. All reasonably priced.

Come and see us and support our Charity which helps all local people, mostly the elderly, who are disabled or not as agile as they used to be. We hold weekly social Monday afternoon meetings 2-4pm at All Saints Church hall; transport is provided. If you would like to come and see what we do, please do contact me: Daphne Saville, 01929 425241.

Or if you need a wheelchair vehicle to take you or someone you know for a hospital appointment etc. please call Robert Payne, 01929 423729. This must be pre-booked and donations welcome.

We do have a Facebook page. Just log on to Facebook and then Swanage Disabled Club - you will find even more information there.

We look forward to seeing you on the sea-front in August, but before that we will hopefully be in the procession for the Carnival, and around helping during that week.

THANK YOU!

CARNIVAL WEEK
AT THE SHOWBAR
Taproom & Bar

BAR OPEN 5PM - 11PM

Join us for the fireworks followed by

SAT JUL 29 THE FLYING G DISCO
 9 PM - 11 PM

MON JUL 31 FRANKIE MILES
 Live Acoustic Session
 8 PM - 10 PM

TUE AUG 1 OSCAR'S ULTIMATE QUIZ
 START 7.30PM
 Join us for the fireworks followed by

WED AUG 2 THE FLYING G DISCO
 9 PM - 11 PM

THUR AUG 3 CARNIVAL BEER PONG

FRI AUG 4 LIVE MUSIC
KAREN GRANT'S LIVE LOUNGE

Join us for the fireworks followed by

SAT AUG 5 THE FLYING G DISCO
 9 PM - 11 PM

JOIN US HERE FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITH GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

SWANAGE'S FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT VENUE & BAR



Purbeck Coast takes part in The Big Help Out

Purbeck Coast presenters Maggie, Caroline and Thelma attended a special event called the Big Help Out, held at the Market, Swanage, on 26th May 2023. It was to celebrate volunteers in the community as part of King Charles's Coronation.

The sun was shining which gave the presenters the opportunity to mingle and chat with residents and visitors alike. They took radio requests and were part of a wonderful morning getting to know other charities in the area.

Some charities had the good fortune to attract more volunteers. Purbeck Coast has so many interesting volunteering opportunities - administration, editing shows, research for programmes and presenting. Please get in touch by emailing the station at hello@purbeckcoast.com if interested.



Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council - The Parish Council is considering installing exercise equipment for adult residents in the village playing field. Estimated costs are from £28,000 to £40,000. It is not known if a majority of residents support this level of local spending.

Concern has been raised about the removal of hedges at Holmdene on Manor Road in the bird nesting season.

A planning application for Whitehills on Swanage Road involves a glass linked walkway to a new garage. Such glass structures are more suited to Sandbanks. Sandbanksification is best restricted to Sandbanks.

It is understood that a revised planning application for the Haven Hotel is being considered. The Parish Council and the National Trust have previously objected to plans to raise the height of the hotel and to have a glass rooftop restaurant.

The Somerset Association of Local Councils has received from Somerset Council £1.5 million to deal with post unitary re-organisation. The Dorset equivalent organisation has received £28,000 per year since the creation of the Dorset Council.

The business manager for customer services at Dorset Council is nicholas.mowlem@dorsetcouncil.

The Purbeck Society - The visit to the Veterans Forge has been delayed until later in the year. There will be a Friday afternoon talk on the bollards in Purbeck. The bollards in Swanage are considered to be heritage assets. However it is not known if either Swanage Town Council or Dorset Council plan to list these heritage assets.

There appears to be no response to the Purbeck Society's earlier request for public engagement in the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan. The Purbeck Society consider it necessary for the public to have an opportunity to influence the formulation of the Swanage Local Plan now rather than just to note proposals.

Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England - Representation is being made to Dorset Council and others for solar panels to be placed on rooftops including car parks and warehouses. Solar panels farms are not considered to be appropriate structures to be placed on agricultural land.

The Chickerell battery storage facility is considered to be a risk for local residents. Dorset CPRE supports the campaign against this facility.

There is concern over draft plans for an hotel and fast food eateries on the A35 road. This concern relates to road safety and water supplies to existing residential accommodation.

Dorset CPRE has not noticed any substantial changes to habits and behaviours despite support for action on climate change.

A country party will be held at Mapperton House in July.

Peter Bowyer





News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting: Another year and another Annual Parish Meeting has taken place. Turnout this year was a little disappointing, but maybe we can take this as a positive sign and that you think the Parish Council is working as you would wish? However, the Parish Council see the Annual Parish Meeting as a way for you the residents, to talk Face to Face with your local Councillors, not only to voice what you think the Parish Council has done wrong or where it could make improvements, but to have your say on what area or facilities you would like to see the Parish Council develop next year. Next year's format will be very similar to previous years, in that there will be a couple of local groups / organisations giving a quick 5-minute talk, however next year you can sit and listen whilst enjoying a nice refreshment or two!

Correspondence with the Parish Council: There was once a time when the Parish Council had a notice on their website stating, if you contacted the Parish Council, you had to assume your correspondence and any personal details contained would be forwarded to relevant parties; I can hear the screams now! Times have changed and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) now states that your personal details must not be shared with anyone or stored unless you give specific permission to share or store your data. Personal Data is not just your name, email address, phone number etc, it can be anything within the correspondence which identifies you. For example "my neighbour Mr XYZ", when Mr XZY only has one neighbour; or "my dog Fido" when Fido is not a common dog name! Although the Parish Council firmly follow the GDPR rules, please rest assured when you send correspondence to the Parish Council where permission is granted your message will be forwarded to the relevant people. Where permission has not been granted but is required to ensure the correspondence makes sense, permission will be sought. Finally the most common method practised is that where personal data can be redacted (blocked out) before forwarding, it will be removed.

Illegal Rave: The Parish Council is aware that the illegal rave held on 27th May 2023 caused upset to some residents for various reasons. In response to this the Parish Council contacted Dorset Police and asked someone attend the June meeting to explain what happened, and what measures are being put in place to stop this from happening again. Sergeant Simon Colvin from the Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team attended and explained the events as they unfolded and the Dorset Police procedures for dealing with such an event. Sgt Colvin has reassured us that although the illegal Rave has long since gone, the work behind the scene by the Criminal Investigations Department continues on the potentially criminal aspects. The Council will be writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, David Sidwick, asking for a strategy to prevent future occurrences.

Campaign: Corfe Castle Parish Council will shortly be writing to Dorset Council to request, that Dorset Council underwrite the cost of an accessible and chargeable minibus which would act as a shuttle between Purbeck Park, the National Trust Car Park and the Village Centre. This is because the Council believes the proposed cycle and new pedestrian access is still years away. There would then be a reasonable alternative to parking at West Street and it might reduce the number of cars entering Corfe Castle trying to find parking when visiting Corfe Castle.

Goat Path: Over the last few months the National Trust has been keeping the Parish Council up to date with the deterioration of the "Goat Path" which runs along the Mound. The National Trust appreciate this is a public footpath and is working with Dorset Council to ensure the path remains in place, and safe to use. Due to the location of the path, it is not a simple fix, so both the National Trust and Dorset Council are looking into ways this path can be made safe to continue to use, whilst not disturbing any archaeology which may lay beneath.

Planning application & Treework application update: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

Application No: P/LBC/2023/02107 & P/HOU/2023/02104, **Location:** 18 West Street, Kingston BH20 5LH. **Proposal:** Internal changes, with new iron downpipe on the exterior. **Recommend:** No objection, due to the drainpipe not being particularly visible

Application No: P/ADV/2023/02753, **Location:** The Castle Inn BH20 5EE

Proposal: Replacement external signage and lighting, **Recommendation:** CCPC object as although the proposed signs seem sympathetic to the listed building and largely match what is already in place, the proposed change of colour from white to blue to the building is not sympathetic to the surrounding buildings or the street scene.

Application No: P/HOU/2023/01990, **Location:** 10 Halves Cottages, BH20 5EY, **Proposal:** Garage, Car Port & loft conversion.

Recommend: No objection. The project for the garage and car port fits neatly into the available space which is currently waste land or driveway. There are no overlooking windows from the neighbours. This could be considered overdevelopment however on site it looks OK. It will be the only house with third story dormer windows in the street; however, they are not obtrusive and do not overlook neighbours.

Application No: P/LBC/2023/03088; **Location:** Rempstone Hall; **Proposal:** Replacement windows. **Recommendation:** No objection. This application is to replace old, dilapidated metal windows with modern double glazed aluminium windows. It seems a very sensible solution which will improve the energy efficiency of Rempstone Hall.

Application No: P/TRC/2023/02878; **Location:** 108 West Street, BH20 5HE

Proposal: G1 Hazel and purple leaf hazel - Coppice., T1 Beech - Reduce height by 3-4 metres. Reduce side by 2-3 metres retaining a natural flowing branch line.

T2 Lime - Reduce lime to match the adjacent lime tree. T3 Cherry - Fell to ground level. Grind out resulting stump to a minimum of 200mm below ground level.

Recommendation: No objection as a replacement tree will be planted to replace the felled Cherry Tree.

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

Next Council Meeting – Monday 10th July 2023, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)

Clerk: Michelle Harrington, **Telephone:** 01202 670105, **Email:** clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk, **Write:** 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC, **Website:** www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk



Plans are well-advanced for the hugely popular **Rotary Community Fete**, which this year takes place on **Thursday 10 August** at the usual venue of Sandpit Field. The Fete starts at 12 noon and will run through the afternoon to 5 pm. Admission is free.



We're aiming to offer a Fun Dog Show, Live Music, and Games and Sports, and there will be a Children's Area with lots of activities. And we envisage that our wide range of stalls will include a cash-prize Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, a Bottle Stall, China and Glassware, and Books. As ever, we're looking to raise lots of money for the various charities and community groups we're currently supporting.

Boules on the Beach

While serving our community is central to what the Rotary Club does, we also make sure that we enjoy ourselves in one another's company. On a glorious evening in May, we came together with some of our regular helpers to play Boules on the Beach. It was an informal knockout competition, played in teams of two, but with pairings matched up by drawing lots. Happily, there were no yellow cards, no-one was sent off for foul play, and no one argued with Referee Helen Hardy.

A tense final as the sun began to set was won by a twosome of Chris Le Fevre and Peter Davies. And our Club as a whole will happily engage in friendly boules combat with any other local charity or community group that now steps forward. Any takers?

Presidential Handover

The start of every July also sees a new Club President begin their one-year term of office. So this month Dai Hounsell takes over from outgoing President Chris Le Fevre, and the Vice-President will be Maggie Hardy, President-Elect for 2024/25.



As we come 'out of hibernation', for many of our clients their present and future circumstances are still bleak so Swanage Food Bank expects to be just as needed for some time to come. As many referral agencies have been working from home, the usual voucher requirement has been eased, so that self-referrals have been encouraged rather than let households suffer from food deprivation. Every call is still logged, but very few clients have abused the system by claiming too frequently - each receives enough supplies, including fresh foods, for each household member for at least seven days.

We are greatly indebted to the increased support of individuals and local businesses/charitable organisations for food and money donations. These have been thanked personally by letter if known by name, and publicly on social media.

But great thanks are owed also to our Team Members who have been working extra-hard during this period, and also to the Team of Home Deliverers who have taken so many heavy loads of supplies to clients in town and in neighbouring villages. When we enter 'new normal', perhaps some may have to give up this work as other duties and work claim their time. But it's been great having such cheerful assistance.

Just a reminder, Swanage Food Bank has a Facebook account, so contact phone numbers, updates on needs and other news or information can be found there.

Pauline Werba (Swanage Food Bank Chair)

**Swanage
Food Bank**





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We had a fabulous Barn Dance at the Hall recently, and it was wonderful to see all ages – from 6 to 76 (and older) – enjoying a lovely evening and dancing into the dark. We think that’s one to be repeated so let us know if you agree ...

In the meantime, our next Movie Night is:

Tuesday 11 July – Ticket to Paradise

Ticket to Paradise sends Julia Roberts and George Clooney to Bali as bickering divorcees on a mission to sabotage their daughter’s betrothal to a local seaweed farmer. But whilst lounging around the swimming pools and flower beds of a luxury hotel, guzzling cocktails and cavorting with dolphins, is a flame of love being rekindled between them?



It may not be a surprise that there were no Oscar nominations for the film, but there’s no denying the ‘pulling power’ of both Julia Roberts and George Clancey, and it makes for a lovely film with a fabulous backdrop..

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

Our August Movie Night is on **Tuesday 8 August** and is **“What’s Love Got To Do With It”**

Another date for your diaries is **Bank Holiday Monday 28 August** for our annual and ever-amazing **Harmans Cross Annual Fete and Show**. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children’s entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle which this year will be partnering with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. Please contact David Hollister on 01929 480540 or 07785 595 240 between 9am and 3pm please to arrange for a drop off, or email on hxvh@davidhollister.co.uk

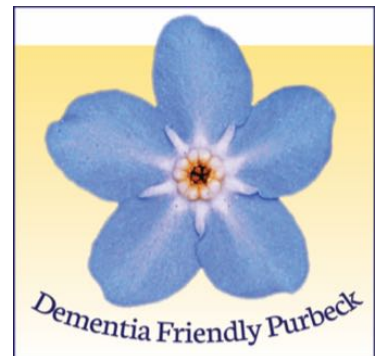
Thank you!

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

Alison and the HXVH Committee

Summers are time for fun! We’re embarking on a busy programme to raise money to support people living with dementia in Purbeck and raise awareness of this illness.

We’re entering floats in the Wareham Carnival (Sunday 23rd July 2023) and Swanage Carnival (Sunday 30th July 2023). We’ll also have a stand at Wareham Recreation Ground where the parade completes its tour around the town. Come and join us, walk with our floats and cheer us on!



We are pleased to have been selected as one of the Swanage Carnival President's charities this year – BIG THANK YOU MR PRESIDENT!

Another great local event is the Purbeck Rally (11th-13th August 2023). Come along and enjoy steam engines, vintage cars, country crafts and much more – we will also have a stand at Worget Road.

People often ask about what they should expect if they suspect they, or a relative, may have dementia so here's a summary of the steps:

STEP ONE:

Visit GP (either self-referral or family member can refer)

STEP TWO:

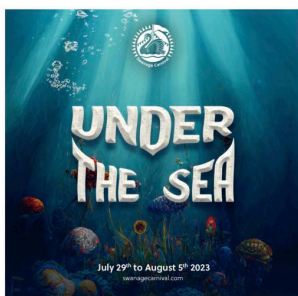
GP send person to ‘Memory Assessment Service’ for a formal diagnosis.

When they have a diagnosis:

STEP THREE:

They are put in touch with the ‘Help and Care’ charity for post diagnostic support. They are put in touch with Triage which will allocate them a ‘Dementia Care’ Co-ordinator.

The co-ordinator will visit them or phone them to discuss their support needs. They will also inform them of local support like the Dementia Café.





**National
Trust**

Springing into the National Trust!

Starting any new job can be daunting, but when I began my role with the National Trust, I was straight in at the deep end! My job is to promote all the nature conservation work the Trust, our partners and local residents are doing in Purbeck.

Springwatch shines a spotlight on Purbeck



Filming of Megan McCubbin talking to National Trust ecologist, David Brown

My first week began on 29 May – which coincided with the BBC's filming of Springwatch in Purbeck. Presenter, Megan McCubbin, travelled across the area, meeting some of the organisations who are working together to protect and enhance the incredible wildlife here.

They filmed items about peregrine falcons at Corfe Castle, and bats at Winspit –

Purbeck is home to 15 of the 18 species of bat in the UK. At Studland they looked at the sand dunes, where all six of the UK's native reptiles can be found, and the seagrass meadows which are home to rare seahorses.



Brown long-eared bat ©National Trust Images/Bat Conservation Trust/Hugh Clark

So what was my role in all this? I had to take photos, write posts for our social media channels, and even join other staff on 'security' duty – making sure people didn't walk into view when filming was taking place! If you missed Springwatch, you can catch up on iPlayer.

A countryside escape at Weston Farm

In my second week, I was tasked with promoting the campsite at Weston Farm, Worth Matravers. The site is re-opening under the Trust's management at the end of July. This was a happy coincidence for me because I lived in Worth for many years – and was there when the campsite was first opened!

The new campsite will be on a much smaller scale, with only 60 pitches. So there will be plenty of space for people to spread out and enjoy the panoramic views across fields and hedgerows to the sea.

Campers can also enjoy the rich wildlife of the area – which I remember well from my daily dog walks there. Skylarks sing from high above, swallows dart and dive, and brown hares dance in the fields. On summer evenings, the track down to Winspit is lit by twinkling glow-worms, and you often see ghostly barn owls swooping low over the grassland.

The site is part of a National Trust project to enhance these habitats, and work with our partners to build a bigger, better and more joined-up landscape across Purbeck where wildlife can spread and thrive.

Find out more about the campsite on www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/dorset/weston-farm-campsite.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the exciting nature conservation work that's happening here in Purbeck - I'll keep you informed!

Cathy Lewis, Senior Marketing & Communications Officer



(Image: Short-snouted seahorse)



Brown hare ©National Trust Images/Rob Coleman



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Thankyou to all who supported our Afternoon Tea with Stalls on Saturday 10th June, when many of our community as well as visitors were able to enjoy a delicious cream tea in the beautiful garden which, thanks to our Volunteer gardener Dave, was in full bloom. Through your generosity over £1,400 was raised to improve facilities for both patients and staff.

The long awaited refurbishment of Stanley Purser ward is now complete, providing a bright environment for patients, visitors and staff. A feasibility study for our next major project – the reconfiguration of the former Day Surgery Unit - is underway and we hope to have an update on the suggested options in the next few months.

Many questions are being raised by the community in relation to the reduced opening hours of our MIU as we move into the busy Summer months. Dorset Healthcare University Trust, who manage the hospital and Community Health services, has advised that this is due to continuing extreme challenges of suitably qualified staff being available. Staff are being moved – when possible - from other MIUs to enable our MIU to stay open, albeit with reduced opening hours. **Please do phone 111 before presenting at the hospital** to ensure that your assessment and treatment is not delayed. We are continuing to work with the DHUFT Senior Managers to support a long term solution for the Opening hours.

Thankyou to those Patients who would usually attend Swanage Hospital for a routine Hearing Test and have over recent months, had to travel to Boscombe (Bournemouth) for their appointment let. Apparently, this is due to an essential piece of equipment at Swanage Hospital not functioning correctly. Now that we are aware of the problem, we have agreed to fund a replacement machine to enable the local service to resume.

Once again, a reminder that if your GP is referring you for a Specialist appointment, please ask to be referred to a Clinic at Swanage Hospital. A full list of Clinics available at the Hospital was published in last month's Newsletter.

Take care,

Deirdre Selwyn

Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

An evening at the Tithe Barn, Hinton St. Mary – Dorset Archives Trust's Summer Gala

Thursday 13 July 2023

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pitt-Rivers, bring your own picnic and enjoy a peaceful summer evening in the atmospheric Tithe Barn and its surroundings, and top it off with a glass of fizz and a bowl of strawberries and cream. A perfect way to spend a summer evening.

Learn about **T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia)** and his links to Dorset from speaker Martin Gething. Martin is a volunteer guide at Clouds Hill and a member of the T.E. Lawrence Society.

Hinton St Mary Tithe Barn, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1NA

Guests can arrive from 6 pm with picnics. Talk at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £20.00 (members £18.00) (incl. sparkling wine, strawberries and cream)

To book tickets for the event visit <https://DAT-2023-Summer-Gala-Hinton-Tithe-Barn.eventbrite.co.uk> or follow the links to Eventbrite on <https://www.dorsetarchivestrust.org/events.php>

For further information visit <https://www.dorsetarchivestrust.org/events.php> or contact Jacqui Halewood, Principal Archivist at



May Fair in the Castle – Aquarius raised more than £700 selling refreshments at a well supported village event in the Castle grounds on the end of May Bank Holiday. This was the first time it had run since Covid and was much appreciated by all in attendance. Thanks need to go to the Aquarius organisers and other members who provided a mass of cakes and sandwiches, as well as selling them to the grateful attendees. Well done all! That should boost funds towards the new proposed mugs for meetings.

6th June Roger Hiron - The Plant Doctor. Roger gave an interesting and informative talk based on his vast knowledge and experience in the world of plants and horticulture. He talked about colour throughout the year in the garden and how to achieve a great colour scheme, plus some interesting facts on water butts, nature in the garden and hedgerows. Roger used plenty of photos and a slide show and our members were certainly enthralled with the information given.

4th July Alan Neal ex head of Winfrith Nuclear Site. Radiation-Uses and Abuses, This will be a general interest, non-technical talk that looks at the early pioneers who discovered x rays and radioactivity. It will cover some of the past, often quirky uses (abuses?) of radiation. Alan will also inform us of modern uses and the paradox that radiation causes cancer but is also used to detect and treat cancer, plus the myths associated with radiation.

1st August Summer BBQ at the Village Hall will be £5 per head. Members and families are invited. Toby Woods will be bringing all the food for the event apart from delicious desserts which the committee will buy from Cooks.

Come and join our Ladies Group at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and have a fun and sociable afternoon.

Visitors £3 per meeting or £22 for the year.

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

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com

Homes for Ukraine



Might you consider hosting a refugee from Ukraine?

Requests are still being received from families in Ukraine who have been forced to flee their homes because of the war being waged by Russia.

In addition, many refugees who have been in this country for some time are coming to the end of their stay with their current hosts and are seeking new accommodation.

Hosts initially commit to house the refugees for a period of six months. For the first six months, they receive a 'thank-you payment' of £ 350 a month, which increases to £ 600 a month from the seventh month.

New hosts are still desperately needed!

Please get in touch:

- If you are considering hosting and would like to know more about what it involves
- If you are not sure if your accommodation would be suitable and would like some advice
- If you want to host a refugee but have not been able to make contact with one
- If you are in touch with a refugee and would like help with the visa application process
- If you already have guests and you or your guests would like any support or advice

We look forward to hearing from you!

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



Swanage & Wareham Depression Support Group

Who Are We?

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

We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

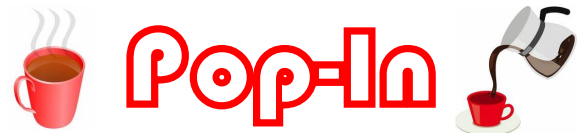
To get in touch please contact Nick at nickviney@hotmail.com or phone **01929 439121**, or Mary at mary.ann.bevis955@gmail.com or phone her on **01929 426896**

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

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS JIM HUNTER SHAPES OF BLUE



JULY 7TH - AUG 29TH
MONDAY - SATURDAY 6PM - 10.30PM
MON, WEDS, FRI, SAT 11AM - 1.30PM
MOWLEM THEATRE, SHORE RD, SWANAGE, BH19 1DD



Every Monday at Emmanuel

10.30am until 1.00pm

Especially for people who

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including

hot drinks, games, jigsaws, crafty
colouring, chat, donations only

and finishing with a light lunch





What's On in July 2023



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

LIVE SHOWS and MUSIC:

- **Live Jazz + DJ** - Warm up for Swanage Jazz Festival with an evening of funky, jazzy grooves, live looping, saxophones, bongos and congas from Rob Mills and The Trackside Cooptimists, plus DJ Paul Angel with his exclusive vinyl mix of jazz, afrobeat, Cuban, latin and more!. Saturday 1st July from 7.30 pm
- **Purbeck Young Musicians in Concert (PAW Festival)** - Celebrate our local musical talents with young musicians from Purbeck schools and prize-winners from the Rotary Young Musicians Competition. Monday 3rd July at 6.30 pm
- **Swanage Jazz festival** - Swanage Jazz Festival returns with over 40 modern & traditional jazz artists from the UK and around the world performing in venues around Swanage including The Mowlem, plus free Fringe events in The Showbar and elsewhere. Tickets from <https://swanagejazzfestival.co.uk> Friday 7th – Sunday 9th July
- **Swanage Primary School Presents: Under African Skies** – a vibrant musical set on the hot plains of Africa with a great message about diversity and friendship told through a wonderfully uplifting and colourful spectacle. Tuesday 11th July at 6.30 pm
- **A Beautiful Noise – The Ultimate Tribute to Neil Diamond** - The only show starring the extraordinary Fisher Stevens, undeniably one of the best Neil Diamond tribute artists you will ever see, together with the professional cast of musicians and singers who took this show to London's West End. Followed by DJ Flying G's after-party. Friday 28th July at 7.30pm
- **African Drumming Workshop** - With djembes and dun-duns, Master drummer, Cheikh Diop from Senegal will lead you in a drum circle creating an exciting atmosphere full of high energy and great rhythms. Guardians can book to take part too. Suitable for ages 7yrs +. Monday 31st July at 1.30pm

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

- **'Shapes of Blue'** - The next Visual Arts exhibition is from Jim Hunter, a visual artist based in Swanage. 'Shapes of Blue' are recent works from Jim Hunter's studio practice. The paintings have their own formal imperatives but point also to the commonalities between abstract painting and Jazz. Jim Hunter retired from his career in art education as Professor Emeritus of Painting at the Arts University Bournemouth. In 2018 he was elected a full Member of the Royal Watercolour Society and he serves currently as the Society's Senior Vice President. There is a discussion event to compliment the exhibition on Tuesday 18th July, when Tim Edgar will chair a discussion with Artists Jim Hunter and Bonnie Brown on the theme of "Abstraction". The exhibition will be free to explore from 7th July to 29th August

MOVIES

- **Lakelands (15)**
After an attack on a night out, Cian, a young Gaelic footballer, struggles to come to terms with a career-ending injury. Lakelands follows his search for identity in a small town where Gaelic football is a religion and identity is defined by what you can do on the pitch. 4th – 6th July at 7.30 pm
- **The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry (PG)**
A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60s learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, only to keep going for 450 miles until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. 10th, 12th & 13th July at 7.30 pm
- **Chevalier (12A)**
The illegitimate son of an African slave and a French plantation owner, Joseph Bologne rises to improbable heights in French society as a celebrated violinist-composer and fencer, complete with a love affair and falling out with Marie Antoinette. 14th – 20th July at 7.30 pm (excluding Sunday 16th July) Monday 17th July at 2.30 pm
- **The Little Mermaid (PG)**
The youngest of King Triton's daughters, Ariel is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel visits the surface and falls for the dashing Prince Eric. Following her heart, she makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to experience life on land. 21st – 27th July at 11.30 am
- **Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning (Part One) (15)**
Ethan Hunt and the IMF team must track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity. With control of the future and the fate of the world at stake, a deadly race around the globe begins. 21st – 27th July at 7 pm

IN THE SHOWBAR:

- **Wednesday 19th July - Oscar's Quiz Night**
The monthly quiz to rival all others, with wide-ranging questions, lots of prizes and a bonus Rock'n'Roll Disco afterwards! Bar open from 6pm, quiz starts 8pm – bring a team of up to 6 people, £1 per person.
- **Saturday 29th July – Fireworks and Disco**
Join us for a great view of the Swanage Carnival Fireworks, followed by two hours of dancing with Purbeck Coast FM's DJ Flying G, Free entry 9pm – 11pm
- **Monday 31st July – Frankie Miles**
A live acoustic session with local singer Frankie Miles, Free entry 8pm – 10pm
- **Tuesday 1st August – Oscar's Ultimate Quiz**
Bigger quiz, with a lot more prizes! bring a team of up to 6 people, £1 per person, doors open 5pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 2nd August – Fireworks and Disco**
Join us for a great view of the Swanage Carnival Fireworks, followed by two hours of dancing with Purbeck Coast FM's DJ Flying G, Free entry 9pm – 11pm
- **Thursday 3rd August – Carnival Beer Pong**
Full details in the 2023 Carnival Programme!
- **Friday 4th August – Karen Grant's Live Lounge**
Local singer Karen singing all your favourite songs, Free entry, bar open from 5pm
- **Saturday 5th August – Fireworks and Disco**
Join us for a great view of the Swanage Carnival Fireworks, followed by two hours of dancing with Purbeck Coast FM's DJ Flying G, Free entry 9pm – 11pm

Are You Scam Aware?

Scams can affect anyone, at any age, and happen online or in person. Lots of us are facing higher bills and worrying about money, and scammers are taking advantage of this.

Be suspicious of unexpected contacts and remember it might be a scam if:

- It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address or a sender's email address looks suspicious
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed

Find out how to spot scams, report them and get help at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ScamsAdvice

If you think you've been scammed, call our Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133 for support and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Advice Bus

Our Advice Bus is at Swanage Market every Friday, 10am-12pm. 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. Visit our website for our bus stop locations www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus

Energy Support

We have a team of energy advisers who can help if you are struggling to pay your energy bills. We can offer advice and check to see if you are eligible for extra income or benefits. We can also offer energy saving tips and advice. 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

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team. There are lots of different roles available including Admin, Advisers, Digital and Information Assistants, Reception & Student Placements.

If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering with Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck contact sue.bristow@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk No experience is required, full training and support is provided. For more information about the types of roles we offer visit our website www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/volunteer

Drop-in Locations

Swanage & Purbeck residents can call into one of the following drop-in sessions:

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday 10am-12pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm

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.



Greengage Community Garden

It's certainly been warm in the greenhouse but we have grown the biggest variety of plants we've ever grown and it's certainly kept us busy.

We have completed the hanging baskets and planters for the hospital, so please go and see them, and we were asked to the league of friends garden party where we had a lovely time!

We were also asked to do planters and hanging baskets for St Marks in Herston and these are now in place. We have other things we have been asked to do which will keep us busy!!

We have been invited to a gardens open day at Kingston and Langton allotments open day. June 16th saw us open the gates for our very own Greengage Garden Open day where excellent tea and cakes joined the plants hoping for a new home!

We are open every Friday. Please come and see us. You will always receive a warm welcome from our lovely volunteers!

Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden



Come and join us for Swanage Carnival 2023 which runs from Saturday 29th July to Saturday 5th August.

Every day is packed with fun filled events and entertainment for all ages, with lots of **BRAND NEW** events including an air display by the world's only formation Wingwalking Team, live entertainers, music, fireworks, sporting events and not forgetting the Carnival procession which has the theme of '**Under the Sea**' for this year's headline event.

The procession, on Sunday 30th July will follow a 2.5 mile route and includes many decorated floats, dancers and marching bands; a spectacle not to be missed, whatever the weather!

The ever popular Carnival firework displays are on Saturday 29th July, Wednesday 2nd August and Saturday 5th August.

In 2022 the volunteers of Swanage Carnival helped raise over £29,000 which was distributed to 20 charities and good causes. So, please make sure you join us this year to help us raise as much as we can for our 2023 benefiting organisations.

Full details of all our events will be available in our Carnival Programme available from mid-June 2023.

DEADLINE

for contributions to the September 2023 issue of the Newsletter

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