

SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



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Welcome to the November edition of The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust & Swanage Area Forum Newsletter.

It has been a few months since our last newsletter due to the retirement in August of our much appreciated and inspiring graphics expert Bob Field. We are however very lucky that Jenny Hounsell has offered her services to replace Bob and thereby help produce and publish this issue, without whose help we would not be here.

You will undoubtedly notice that in this November Newsletter there are well-timed reports on our wonderful Purbeck environment with articles on the recent Planet Purbeck Festival as well as from The National Trust and The Dorset National Park Team; something to cheer us all up in the late Autumn period. We all gain from living in such a beautiful and much appreciated landscape that contributes so much to our wellbeing, as well as being part of compassionate and caring communities. There are also articles and reports from many clubs and organisations throughout Purbeck including Studland, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Harmans Cross and Swanage

As usual, we ask you to please pass this attached newsletter onto your organisation's members, friends and supporters.

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Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Councillor Avril Harris



Summer is over and we are now in an unusually mild autumn but the temporary flood barriers by the Stone Quay and the Mowlem slipway remind us that winter storms are on their way. The town was thronged with visitors over the summer season and into September and half-term week seemed busy too, so let's hope this has helped local businesses to recoup the losses caused by lockdown. We missed the usual events in the summer – no Carnival or Rotary Fete but there were three all-day fundraiser concerts in the bandstand. In July, BBC *Songs of Praise* was recorded at Prince Albert Gardens, and also in the Gardens in August, hundreds attended a memorial concert for Henry Searle, a 26-year-old local man who died after bravely combatting a brain tumor. September saw the welcome return of the Folk Festival, a little slimmed down, but a nonetheless a busy and colourful weekend, and there have been rowing events as well, and also a Blues Weekend.

It's good to see that voluntary groups are getting back in their stride. As well as arranging volunteers to visit older people who feel isolated and in need of social contact, *Linking Lives* offers a café-style weekly drop-in at 103a High Street, near the Methodist Church, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-12. It's good that there is contact between *Good Neighbours*, the long-established *Communicare* and *Linking Lives*. Thank you to all those volunteers who help make life better for so many!

Do remember that Covid 19 infection rate is high locally and wearing a face mask helps to protect yourself and others from catching the virus. Third "jabs" are being administered at pace over at Wareham hospital and vaccinations are readily available for those who might need first or second doses. Older people should be getting a letter to book a flu vaccination.

This month there are two public meetings, the first being the launch on zoom of *Swanage Community Housing*, an idea fostered by the Town Council and now fledged as an independent group which has formed a community land trust to build affordably rented homes for "locals". This is at 7pm on Wednesday, 10th November and the link can be found on www.swanagecommunityhousing.org. On Thursday, 11th November at 7pm, there is a public meeting at the Emmanuel Baptist Centre to sound out opinions and answer queries about the future use of the old St Mark's School playing fields which, after much delay, have been leased to the Town Council.

This year sees the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion. Swanage's Armistice Day commemoration will take place at the War Memorial as usual at 11am on Thursday, 11th November. The Town Remembrance Day Service is at St Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, 13th November at 2.30p.m. and all are welcome.

Cllr Avril Harris



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Let's secure the benefits for Purbeck and all of Dorset

The Dorset National Park Team were delighted to play our part in the first Planet Purbeck festival in September, alongside partner societies such as the Dorset CPRE and the Purbeck Society.

A National Park would help all Dorset to **address the climate and nature emergencies**. There is growing recognition that the natural world is vital for our health and wellbeing, our prosperity and jobs as well as the health and even survival of the wildlife and natural environment around us. Most people agree that the linked crises of climate and nature pose serious challenges for our communities. The pandemic has also heightened appreciation of how connecting with nature helps support community health and wellbeing. The government is committed to a green recovery and, as part of this, has reaffirmed its intention to create new National Parks.

A Dorset National Park would work in partnership with the Dorset Council, communities and a wide range of organisations to bring additional resources and help deliver a prosperous, greener and more sustainable future. National Parks have a duty, in their planning, to help meet local housing needs – including for truly affordable homes needed by young families and others. They help develop sustainable policies for the local economy, transport, tourism and energy. National Parks help the tourism sector to extend the season, promote eco, heritage, cultural and dark skies tourism; and help manage tourism pressures. This is a unique opportunity for Dorset.

Let's work together to secure a National Park that would benefit all of Dorset - our communities and economy, nature, health and wellbeing. For information about the Dorset National Park proposal, visit: www.dorsetnationalpark.com, sign up for e-newsletters and join the Facebook group.



The River Frome at Ridge by Victoria Barnes



Kimmeridge and the coast by Richard Brown



Middlebere Heath by Richard Brown

Building Affordable Homes for Swanage

A new local community-based charitable trust, Swanage Community Housing, is all set for its launch event at an online Zoom event being staged on Wednesday 10th November 7:00-8:30pm. To register please go to their website: swanagecommunityhousing.org The organisation, established as a community benefit society, is calling for the whole Swanage community to rally behind its objective of building new affordable homes to rent in the town. Local resident and trustee Rosalind Suttle said: “we have been trying to find secure accommodation for us and our three children for years, so we really do know how important this is and are thrilled to be part of this project.”

Swanage Town Council, which helped bring about the creation of the Trust, has pledged to make land available for an innovative development of sustainable homes. Dorset Council has provided seed funds and the group has already identified potential funding sources to help get spades in the ground.

Robin Sutcliffe, chair of Swanage Community Housing, said: “Everyone knows that there is a real shortage of affordable rental housing for local families and for key workers in Swanage. We’re excited at the prospect of being able to harness community energy and creativity to try to address this issue.” Swanage Community Housing will join more than three hundred similar community-led housing organisations and Community Land Trusts around the country. The rapidly growing movement has been able to benefit from recent grant-funding, including a dedicated Community Housing Fund. Swanage is following in the footsteps of other Dorset communities, such as the successful development of affordable homes recently put up in Worth Matravers.

Robin Sutcliffe added: “Back in 2016 in a survey of Swanage residents, 89% agreed that the town needed more affordable housing. We all know of someone whose daughter or son, niece or nephew has had to move out of Swanage to find a home, or of a care worker or nurse who works for the people of Swanage but can’t afford to live here.”

The launch of Swanage Community Homes will take place online, using Zoom, at 7pm on Wednesday November 10th, and free tickets to attend are available at swanagecommunityhousing.org. All who support the organisation’s aims will be invited to become members. Membership is £5, and members have a stake and a vote in the organisation’s development.

The committee is also looking for local residents who are interested in joining them as trustees of the charity. Anyone with skills in finance, development, project management, or administration, will be particularly welcome, however energy and enthusiasm are as important as skills!

The launch event will be chaired by local resident Rosalind Suttle, who has first-hand experience of the challenge of finding an affordable Swanage home, and guest speakers are Andrew Bibby from the successful Calder Valley Community Land Trust in Yorkshire and Vanessa White a founder member of Powerstock Community Land Trust in West Dorset.



The poster features a green header with the text "Launch of Swanage Community Housing" in white and green. Below this is a black banner with "BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR SWANAGE PEOPLE" in green. The main image shows a row of modern, two-story houses with light-colored facades and dark roofs. A small sign in the foreground reads "Roman Barn development by Worth Matravers CLT". To the right of the houses is a green square logo with a white house icon and the text "Swanage Community Housing". At the bottom, a green banner contains the text "Wed 10th Nov 7:00-8:30pm (On Zoom)".

If you agree that Swanage is in need of beautiful, affordable homes for local people then join us!
We need your help to make it happen!

Led by Rosalind Suttle, a local resident with first hand experience of the challenge in finding an affordable Swanage home.

PLUS Guest Speakers

Showing us how it can be done and can be fun!

Andrew Bibby from Calder Valley Community Housing Trust
Vanessa White a founder member of Powerstock Community Land Trust & trustee of the Community Land Trust Network

To book please go to our website: swanagecommunityhousing.org

For more info contact us on: Swanagecommunityhousing@gmail.com
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Purbeck Sustainable Tourism Plan



Having been involved in the development of Planet Purbeck since the start, it was fantastic to be involved in the recent Festival. The amount of energy and will it took to organise and then deliver was so impressive, and it felt that a movement built on Zoom finally became real! 200 events, 60 organisations involved ... it definitely wasn't perfect, but what a start. The parade on the Sunday led by Purbeck's future was a great way to finish.

One of the best things Planet Purbeck has done is to raise the issue of Sustainable Tourism. As part of the Purbeck Heaths partnership we've been able to start the process of bringing people together to create a Sustainable Tourism Plan for that protected landscape. Our first meeting was last week. The enthusiasm from the 35 people from 22 different businesses, local parish councillors, land owners and NGO's to work together to protect the nature, landscape and communities – but also provide better experiences for visitors - was really positive and optimistic. We're working with the Travel Foundation and, if you are interested, it is worth checking out some of the initiatives within the travel industry such as Future of Tourism and Tourism Declares. The pandemic provided a bit of space for the sector to think more deeply about who actually benefits from tourism and what that industry serves.

Our plan for the Purbeck Heaths should be completed by the end of February, so check out our fledgling website at purbeckheaths.org.uk when it's live, or find information via the [National Trust](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) website.

Tom Clarke
Land Outdoors + Nature Engagement Officer

NATURE TOTS at National Trust Studland Bay

Are you and your family interested in connecting with nature? Join us at Nature Tots, which is a fun and creative way for you and your children to connect with your local environment. We are offering a range of fun and interactive nature-based activities for you and your little ones.

This is now a weekly event, happening every Monday from 11th October onwards. Each session will start at 10am and finish at 11:30am. Rain or shine we will be out, but please be aware that in adverse conditions these sessions will be cancelled.

Meet at the picnic benches outside the Discovery Centre. These are free sessions, and no booking is required, parking is at Knoll Beach with normal parking charges applying. Bring snacks and dress for the outdoors! For more information email DunesCAPES Engagement Officer, julia.galbenu@nationaltrust.org.uk.

By Charlie Stockley (engagement volunteer)
Julia Galbenu, DunesCAPES Engagement Officer



Build Back Beaver



Purbeck residents have until 17 November to take part in a government consultation into the reintroduction of beavers to England.

After around 400 years of extinction in England, in August 2020 a wild population of beavers were officially given permission to remain in the River Otter, Devon. The government has now launched a landmark consultation regarding their wider reintroduction to the country.

The Purbeck Beaver Project is currently working with stakeholders to draw up plans for a phased reintroduction of beavers to Purbeck. The National Trust and other partner organisations will submit responses that incorporate local feedback, but this is a public consultation and individuals are also encouraged to take part. It's your opportunity to share your feedback (however long or short) directly with the government.

If you are supportive of beavers and would like a say in the conditions for their reintroduction; if you have concerns that you would like to highlight; or if you would like to comment on how they are managed in the future, your contribution to the consultation can be submitted via an online form found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/beaver-reintroduction-and-management-in-england>. **Last call for submissions is 11:45pm on 17 November 2021.**

Once you've followed the link you can expect to see five main topics, from criteria for wild and enclosed beaver releases, to the monitoring and management of reintroduction sites and requests for government support. At each stage you'll learn about the government's plans and then have an opportunity to either agree or disagree, plus offer lengthier comments if you wish. If you cannot fill a section, just put an X and carry on. What you have done will still be helpful. It's more involved than signing a petition, but it's also a great opportunity to find out more about beavers and the current proposed plans for their reintroduction.



As a result of thorough stakeholder engagement and feasibility work throughout the Isle of Purbeck over the past two years, the Purbeck Beaver Project team feel like we have a strong understanding of local needs: both how to manage beaver impacts where required and the support which will be needed to make a beaver reintroduction successful in the long-term. Naturally, we recognise the need to support local landowners and to promote long-term thinking, both within the initial project area, but also for our neighbouring catchments.

So – if you have questions about the consultation or would like to understand any of the issues that local people have raised during our stakeholder engagement, please do get in touch with gen.crisford@nationaltrust.org.uk.

It's our hope that beavers will become the heart of a wilder Purbeck landscape: a source of inspiration, education and pride for all of us. This consultation (along with all of our surveying, modelling and planning so far) is about making the best possible success of a reintroduction plan. By making a success of learning to live alongside beavers again in Purbeck, we can also play a vital role in their return to the rest of the UK.

Daniel Shailer – Purbeck Nature Champion Volunteer

Gen Crisford – Engagement Officer, National Trust

Beyond our Wildest Dreams

THE environmental group **Planet Purbeck** has hailed its first festival as “a success way beyond our expectations”. It follows a survey that showed an overwhelmingly positive response from those who enjoyed some of the 200-plus events staged over six days during last month’s festival.

Responses to a questionnaire circulated by Planet Purbeck:

- 71 per cent feel inspired to make positive change.
- 63 per cent feel more connected to the local community.
- 58 per cent learned something new about protecting Purbeck’s environment.
- 42 per cent feel more connected to local nature.
- 35 per cent tried or discovered something new.

In addition, 70 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement: “The festival inspired me to make a change to my own behaviour or lifestyle that will positively impact the planet.”



Changes mentioned included linking up with environmental groups, becoming a volunteer, getting involved with community litter-picks, avoiding plastics, changing diet, shopping more locally, being more aware of seasonal produce, improving home insulation and exploring the use of solar panels.



Joint festival organiser, Rob Waitt said: *“We are thrilled it seems to have made such an impact.”*

“It was so heartening to see the way it brought the community together and made so many people think about what they can do to address the climate emergency while protecting and enhancing our amazing local area.”

“We remain grateful to all the organisations, businesses and groups who staged events under the Planet Purbeck umbrella and we know many of them enjoyed the week as much as those who came along to their activities.”

“It may have been the first Planet Purbeck Festival – but it certainly won’t be the last. We are already working hard on the next one.”

The festival was backed by East Dorset benefactors The Talbot Village Trust, who were keen to support an environmental cause, especially one battling climate change.

Rob said: *“We were so grateful to the Trust and especially their chairman Nick Ashley-Cooper, who saw the potential of what we were doing and generously gave the funds to make it happen.”*



JOIN US!

PLANET PURBECK YOUTH GROUP



Interested in protecting our planet?
Want to meet other young people who do too?

Wednesdays ~ 6-8pm

**Meet at the Purbeck Youth Group & Community
Foundation in Wareham**

**11 years +
Get your John Muir Award**

The Planet Purbeck Youth Group is an environmental voice and action group for young people in Purbeck. This group is run by young people for young people. It's a place to share the youth's voice, come up with ideas and make real change.

any enquires email Julia.galbenu@nationaltrust.org.uk



SMILE

By Spike Milligan



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile
then realised it's worth.
A single smile just like mine
could travel around the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!



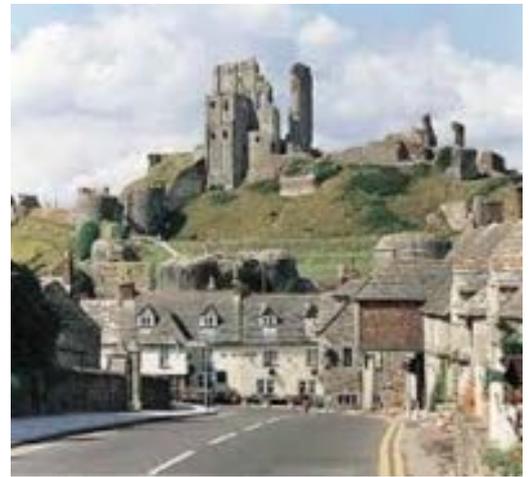
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CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.”

Community Speed Watch update:

Our Community Speed Watch Volunteers have been out and about over the last couple of months helping to keep our parish safe, and I think we can all agree that keeping everyone safe is a worthwhile task. So, it may shock you when I say I personally have attended 2 roadside sessions and although I was warned about verbal abuse nothing could have prepared me for the amount of abuse directed at us, from verbal swearing to hand gestures it is really quite shocking, especially when there are children in the car! Despite our wonderful volunteers shrugging off the abuse as "part of the role," volunteers simply deserve more respect, so please if you see our volunteers out and about helping to keep our parish safe, make their day and smile.



Playground New Equipment Installation update:

You will know that by now the Parish Council were hoping to announce the installation of the new playground equipment. However, there have been a few minor hiccups along the way, but we understand from the installers that the new date for installation is planned for January 2022.

Planning Application update:

At the time of writing this article Corfe Castle Parish Council have yet to host the public meeting for Corfe Castle residents to have their questions answered and views listened to about the Community Land Trust planning application (application number 6/2021/0405). However, by the time you read this, the meeting will have taken place and Corfe Castle Parish Council will have submitted their official comments to Dorset Council for them to consider before either approving or rejecting the application.

Full details of Planning Applications can be found on the Dorset Council website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>.

Purbeck Park Car Parking Charges

25-years ago a strategy was agreed for Purbeck Park to have a low parking cost so it became the off-village parking centre. However, Dorset Council have a new parking strategy which would see the parking fees at Purbeck Park increase to £6 per day.

Corfe Castle Parish Council have stated their objection to the price increase for Purbeck Park and believe this will not encourage people to park away from the village.

DORSET COUNCIL UPDATES

World Mental Health Day – “Don’t suffer in silence” was the message from Dorset Council on World Mental Health Day which was held on Sunday 10th October 2021.

Help and support is on offer from partner agencies and local organisations, including Dorset Healthcare (<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/access-mental-health>) - and [Dorset Mind \(https://dorsetmind.uk\)](https://dorsetmind.uk).

Housing Register – The new Dorset Council Home Choice system has been set up and anyone already registered who wishes to remain on the register must re-register before 1st December. If you don’t, you will be removed from the Dorset Council register. To re-register go to <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/housing/re-registration-process>.

Local Heritage Location – Land use consultants have been appointed to manage the Local Heritage list campaign which will allow communities across Dorset to nominate local buildings, sites, monuments and features to be included on the new Heritage list. Further details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Keeping Warm and Energy Bills - Dorset Council is looking at ways to help residents keep warm in the colder months and different ways to reduce their energy bill. Dorset Council is working with the Local Energy Advice partnership who offer free advice and have access to energy saving devices to those that are eligible. A list of eligibility is listed on the Dorset Council website. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/financial-help/heating-and-insulation-grants>

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATES

Quinquennial Repair Works – The National Trust are in the tender stage and inviting contractors in over the next couple of weeks. The National Trust have identified some areas of the castle that need some urgent attention, and this has been prioritised for completion ASAP. Work should start as soon as weather, and contractor workforce allows. There is no danger to visitors even in the areas that we have identified.

High Rope Inspections – The National Trust had High Rope inspections completed last week by Sally Strachey Historic Conservation Ltd, the National Trust are waiting for the report to be finished and sent back but in general the team are happy with the conditions on the top of the high areas. These are mainly the Keep and South West Gate Houses.

Santa's Grotto – The National Trust have been in contact the Festivities Committee and have agreed with the team that once again they will be able to use the Tea-Room to host Santa and friends on 4th December. The National Trust will be turning on the castle lights the same evening once the village Xmas lights has been illuminated. They will remain on throughout the evenings of December and set to turn off roughly at 11pm.

Village Welcome Map – The National Trust is hoping to produce a Welcome Leaflet for the Village, with a focus on the local businesses and points of interest in and around the village – places to eat, model village, pubs, town museum, train station etc. There will be no cost to the businesses in the village, The National Trust will be sending out letters / emails, over the next month or so, to the local community to gauge their levels of interest.

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS – Cllr Steve Clarke



“After decades of visiting family in Purbeck we moved to Corfe Castle over 10 years ago. My wife Chris and I run the Gallery at 41 in East Street which is part of our house. My career was in education as Deputy Director for Surrey, then Chief Executive of a public/private partnership and lastly as a school regeneration consultant. I am a governor of The Purbeck School and a trustee for the Corfe Castle Town and Sports Trusts.

Hobbies include playing golf (erratically) at Purbeck Golf Course, sport and travel.

I think Corfe Castle is one of the greatest places in the world to live and we must constantly strive to keep the village affordable for all and retain its marvellous community cooperation.”

Steve is currently Chairman of the Council.

Contact Steve email sclarkecorfe@gmail.com

Next Council Meeting – Monday 8th November 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.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

Clerk – Michelle Harrington, Telephone 01202 670105, email corfecastlepc@aol.com or write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>

Website - <https://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk>



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Wellbeing Swanage



Our vision is for a connected and empowered community, where people can access, engage in and develop the resources and services they want or need, to live a healthy and happy life.

We want to:

- Help safeguard community assets - buildings, services and spaces - for community use
- Map out all the fantastic groups and resources in our area and help people to access them
- Identify where there are gaps in provision and work with the community to develop solutions
- Draw more resources into the area by building relationships with service providers and advocating for the community
- Grow community connections and tackle social isolation, loneliness or alienation
- Cultivate a connected up vision, a new model, of how health services, community groups and individual community members can work together

Over the past year we have been working to build a directory of the groups and services that enhance wellbeing in Swanage and the surrounding towns. We have built a website to host this, that people can use to find what they need. We have developed our "Community Connector" workshops which all of the community will be welcome to attend so that they can begin signposting their friends, families and neighbours to the resources that might be helpful to them. Our community hub at Herston Hall is also being developed, starting with our very successful Seahorses Playgroup and our Youth Club. We aim to have a regular community cafe space running out of this space soon and we are in talks with Dorset Council to facilitate a similar community led space based at the Chapel Lane site.



Herston Village Hall



Community Cafe

Mondays - starting 1st November
10am - 12pm

Come along for a cup of tea and a slice of cake! We want to open up Herston Hall to wider community use, helping create more community connections and a cosy space to relax! A selection of toys will be available for children and food and drink items will have a "suggested donation" price to cover the cost of the ingredients and to contribute towards the hire of the hall. The space will be well ventilated and mask wearing is welcome.



BOARD GAMES
CARD GAMES
JIGSAWS

Herston Village Hall Games Group
All welcome!

Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 7 - 9pm
November 16th, January 18th, February 15th

Please do bring your own favourite games, jigsaws, cards! We all love learning new ones! Children are welcome but those under 16 years must have an adult with them.

Suggested donation £2 to cover hall hire and refreshments

If you have any questions contact Sarah at
seasilverton@gmail.com
or call 07939612982



Gradually Getting Back to Normal

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary are gradually getting back to normal and resuming many of our activities. We held a successful Presentation Night on 29th September in The Mowlem to recognise those people and organisations who have helped us and supported our activities, and those we have supported through donations and other forms of assistance.

We are also planning to provide some festive cheer and raise much-needed money for Rotary-supported projects this Christmas.

- The popular **Christmas Market** is to be held Saturday 4th December. It will include a wide range of stalls and attractions with the focus on Christmas, including Santa in his grotto. The market gets more popular each year and is well worth a visit.
- The **Rotary Christmas Shop** was a huge success last year and with the generous support of the shop owners, it will open again at 10 Station Road during November and December, selling Christmas crafts and produce, bric-a-brac and second-hand books.
- The **Christmas Charity Mail** provides a valuable service to those wishing to send cards locally. Cards are 25p each and you can send your cards between 1-11 December.
- **Santa's Sleigh** is ready to travel the streets of Swanage, Langton Matravers and Corfe Castle. It is an established part of Christmas celebrations, with both children and adults waiting to hear the sound of carols as it enters their road and see Santa waving from his sleigh. Routes and times will be included in the Purbeck Gazette in December and via social media.

To find out more or get involved please visit our website <https://www.swanagerotary.org/>

Deirdre Selwyn, President, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary

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HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

News and Dates for your Diary

It feels like we are pretty much back to normal now at Harmans Cross Village Hall. Let's hope that it stays that way with winter around the corner, but inevitably there will be more bugs circulating with coughs and colds. There is plenty to look forward to over the coming months, so hopefully some of the following dates can find their way into your diaries.

Movie Nights are back on and we have two great films for November and December.

On **Tuesday 9th November**, we are screening **Wild Mountain Thyme**, starring Emily Blunt. The headstrong farmer Rosemary Muldoon (Emily Blunt) has her heart set on winning her neighbour Anthony Reilly's love. The problem is Anthony (Jamie Dornan) seems to have inherited a family curse and remains oblivious to his beautiful admirer. Stung by his father Tony's (Christopher Walken) plans to sell the family farm to his American nephew (Jon Hamm), Anthony is jolted into pursuing his dreams in this comedic, moving and wildly romantic tale.

Then on **Tuesday 12th December**, we will be showing **To Olivia**, the story of the tumultuous marriage between actress Patricia Neal and renowned writer Roald Dahl (Hugh Bonneville).

Tickets are £5 on the doors, which open at 7.00pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. The bar will also be open.

Coffee Junction re-started in October. For many years we have been welcoming Harmans Cross residents and visitors to a coffee morning, on a fortnightly basis. This is non-profit making - we just ask for a small donation to cover the cost of room hire. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as our regulars on **4th, 18th, November and 2nd, 16th, and 30th December**. Please call Pat Wright for more details on 01929 421864

We have a 'pre-Christmas, **Stalls at the Hall** on **Saturday 27th November** with lots of fantastic produce, craft and gifts available from a wide range of local stallholders. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available. For anyone interested in having a stall, please contact David on 07769 826994 to book a table (weekdays 9.30 am to 7.00 pm please) or email to bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk

In addition, we have all our usual activities back, including amongst others:

Mondays – U3A Table Tennis; Pins & Needles; Yoga with Cathy

Tuesdays – Yoga with Cathy; Art with Judy Robson

Wednesdays – U3A French Class; Harmony Rocks Choir

Thursdays – Post Office outreach; U3A Patchwork Quilting; Yoga with Cathy

Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall



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Swanage + Purbeck Paramedic Car STILL At Risk

Our thanks go to all the local churches who have been promoting the Save Our Ambulance Car campaign by displaying posters and banners. Here's a clip of James Davis of Emmanuel Baptist Church speaking to members of his congregation about how important it is to sign our NEW petition to Dorset Council: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alrs56aGr-Y>

Could you help us by signing? All that's needed is your name, email address and postcode. 5,000 signatures would mean that a meeting of full council considers our petition. We currently have just over 3,000 signatures.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-swanage-ambulance-car>

Why is it important to sign the petition asking Dorset Council to help?

We are expecting Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group to launch a public engagement on the future of the Swanage based Paramedic Car. We will keep you posted about this, and about how to make your voice heard.

If Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group later decides to withdraw the Car, we will look to Dorset Council to enforce the promise that the Clinical Commissioning Group made that, in the light of the loss of Poole A&E, Maternity and Paediatrics, Swanage based ambulance resources would be fully maintained. We will also look to Dorset Council to refer any plan to withdraw the Car to the Secretary of State as this is a matter of life and death. The Car attends over 400 calls per year where there is risk to life - in Swanage alone.

Our thanks also go to the many other individuals, shops, businesses and organisations in Swanage & Purbeck who support the campaign to Save Our Ambulance Car.

If you or your venue/event would like to further publicise the campaign please go to our campaign website and click on the "What YOU can do to help" button:

<https://saveswanageambulancecar.org>

or email us at:

swanageambulancecar@gmail.com

Save Swanage Ambulance Car Campaign



United Reformed Church, High Street



All Saints Church, Ulwell



St Mary's Parish Church



MOVING our Place of Welcome to 103 High Street has been quite a success. The slightly larger premises have enabled us to welcome a few more people and there is more room for 'games'. Both dominoes and cribbage remain firm favourites whilst the generous gifts of home-made cakes from visitors and helpers aid concentration!

One of the most interesting aspects is hearing history at first hand from some of our visitors. Descriptions of their lives as far back as the late 1930s to the present day and the changes they have seen and experienced are fascinating, even to an oldie like me.

We are pleased to welcome a new employee, Helen McDavid, who is already working hard and joining in with enthusiasm. Helen has taken over from Roger Seaman, who will be sadly missed but hopefully give us the benefit of his wisdom and experience if we get stuck!

We've had a few 'social' events over the summer to raise awareness, have fun and - with luck - raise funds. Our teas at All Saints at the end of July went down well, a picnic at Durlston was also popular as we were able to explore quite extensively using the wheelchair-friendly paths. We've also visited Margaret Green Animal Rescue where we had a private tour with the boss followed by a picnic.

A 'community lunch' using local produce is planned for the 7th November at Herston Hall, do join us! A Christmas Day Lunch is also planned at All Saints Church Hall. Look out next month for details.

We continue to try to 'match' friends for home and phone visiting. We are in the process of enrolling two new members and continue to receive requests for help from a variety of organisations. We always need new volunteer visitors so please give it a thought, it can be very rewarding, interesting and good fun.

Sarah Bamber, Chair Swanage Linking Lives

sarahmbamber@gmail.com



'Aquarius', the ladies club based in Corfe Castle, held on the first Tuesday of each month, continues to thrive!

In August we held a wonderful BBQ lunch in the school field behind the Village Hall. This was open to all members and their partners and friends. It was a lovely day and Toby the chef did us proud with an amazing BBQ. The Committee excelled themselves with making delicious puddings and there was an amazing garden party feel to the whole event.

September saw us starting indoor meetings once more with plenty of circulating fresh air. We had a very interesting talk about the Shire Hall in Dorchester that has just recently been opened as a museum. It is not known whether Judge Jefferies actually presided at the court but we do know that the Tolpuddle Martyrs were held in the cells there and later tried. It appears even someone from Corfe Castle was incarcerated for a while for various misdemeanours!

In October we had an open meeting for guests and invited the local Probus Club to also attend. Lively debate followed the inspiring presentation by a member of the Parish Council's Environment Group on what was already in progress around the village and how we could get more involved with tree planting and the re-wilding of various sites.

Our Autumn Fayre in October also followed a similar theme with wild flower seeds being given to interested recipients.

We had many other interesting stalls including some booked by outsiders. Once again we were blessed with fine weather so the hall was well ventilated and most people bought delicious cakes and other craft and collectible items. We made over £700 towards our 2 local charities which was close to previous years, despite the present challenges.

We have been collecting large quantities of plastic bottle tops which we have supplied to the couple of fellows in Ferndown that will melt them down and turn them into full sized Lego type bricks for making well insulated houses in places like Nepal. This is a very sensible way of combining recycling with making something useful.

Our members' meeting in November is about Yoga and in December we will have some festive cheer to accompany our making of Christmas crackers.

If you are interested in joining us in the future please contact me on 01929 480007

Christine Kemp (Aquarius Joint Chair)

During the pandemic **The Friends of Wareham Hospital** committee has worked hard to further enhance the profile of the hospital and support Purbeck Community Services. We have met regularly by Zoom or more recently face to face and were delighted to see so many people at our AGM in September.



We continue to focus on local services provision and have raised concerns jointly with the Swanage Hospital Friends about the perceived reduction in services and planned changes across our whole Purbeck area.

For some time, we had requested an opportunity to tidy the garden at the hospital and were pleased to be able to do so ready for the Wareham Community Growers competition in July. Our efforts were rewarded with a Highly Commended Certificate which now hangs proudly in the reception area. We were very grateful to the Wareham Men in Sheds team who worked with us to refurbish the garden benches and helped us provide a lovely garden environment for Vaccination team members to enjoy at break times, along with those attending for Covid vaccinations; 50,000 vaccinations have now been given from the Wareham Hospital base - an amazing achievement for the Primary Care Network Team and the many fantastic volunteers who support the work and have done so since January '21.

As Friends we will continue to support the hospital with its many outpatient services and promote Purbeck community services as best we can; we would warmly welcome new members to help us and give us a stronger voice. We can be contacted through the hospital.

Maggie Hardy, Friends' Chair





Now over 35 Defibrillators across Purbeck

This year has been a rollercoaster for many, but with covid restrictions being relaxed back in the summer, the SCDP have been able to resume some form of business as usual. It has been nice to finally meet face-to-face, (albeit partially covered by masks) and seems a lot more productive meeting in person.

We had hoped to hold our AGM in November where all stakeholders and interested parties would have been welcome, but we have decided to postpone until the New Year in the hope that coronavirus levels in our area will have significantly dropped.

Like most organisations, fundraising has been difficult these past couple of years. We have all had to adapt to a 'new normal' way of operating. We have been very fortunate that the residents, businesses and community groups of Purbeck continue to reach out and help. Particular mention should be made of a local public house in Swanage High Street who gifted the Partnership - not just another defibrillator - but a cabinet in which to house it and some accessories. This takes our estate to over 35 devices across Purbeck and we are currently in consultation with third parties over siting it. This device is earmarked for North Swanage where we have an identified gap in coverage.

In October, we were warmly invited by Mr and Mrs Alan Fry to Kingston Country Courtyard where a fundraising event was being held. Members of the Partnership attended and spoke about our ongoing work and provided a familiarisation session on using the defibrillator.

Our devices continue to be deployed and utilised at emergency medical incidents across Purbeck, with early defibrillation part of the chain of survival in cardiac arrest. As we move towards the end of 2021, we will be reviewing our estate and discussing how we take the project forward, and warmly welcome anyone interested in offering their skills and support to the Partnership.

We can be contacted through Corbens Estate Agents, Station Road, Swanage.

Kyle Hickman
For SCDP



News from Swanage Library

Library life is slowly getting back to normal with more events being held again within the building. We have had a 2 week Family Learning Festival where children and their adults have been able to write and illustrate a mini size book; Dorset and Wilts Fire Service held a fun Firework Safety event in half term which helped families learn how to have fun safely on Bonfire Night; Jo & Penny took some spooky library fun to Swanage Pier where lots of children made ghosts, spiders and bats ready for their Halloween celebrations. We are also running weekly 'Rhymetimes' at 11am on Fridays and it has been so lovely to have pre-schoolers and their adults back in the library enjoying songs and stories!

What's coming up?

Peter is restarting the 'Books and More' discussion group on 17th November at 10.30am. Why not come along and talk about your favourite writers in a warm and friendly environment?

On the 27th November, our Friends group will be holding a fantastic Christmas event between 11am-3pm. Drop in and enjoy a tombola, seasonal refreshments, a quiz and a book sale!

During December we will be running a Christmas Storytime, make your own Christmas cards and decorations events – dates to be confirmed, so keep an eye on our social media as well as our 'poster' window in the library. Book your free place by phoning the library on 01929 423485 or through Eventbrite online.

We hope to see you in the library very soon!

Nathalie, Swanage Library Manager

FRIENDS OF SWANAGE LIBRARY

Early Christmas Event at Swanage Library

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 3PM

There will be a Book Sale, Tombola, Christmas Quiz
Served up with Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

STUDLAND SNIPPETS



Studland Parish Council

Behind the façade of this sleepy seasonal village, much is moving. The redevelopment of the Knoll House Hotel seems to be going forward. Maybe in the near future we shall see how many trees are to be felled, how many holiday units are to be built, where all of the cars will park, how many local jobs will be created, and how the concept of a resort associated with the hotel will sit beside such an environmentally sensitive area with international designation? An initial planning application indicated development, the like that Studland has not seen since the 30 Council houses built in 1947.

Increased coastal erosion is impacting on the cliff face below the wartime architecture of Fort Henry. Will Historic England designate this structure as an asset at risk? Will the National Trust break with their commitment of no intervention and create sea defences? Will there be consideration of a natural retreat and the recreation of the site using virtual reality? How will the views of residents and visitors influence decision makers, if at all?

Plans are being considered for more planting of bulbs and trees including a Jubilee Tree or two for 2022. In a few of years' time, will there be more and thicker hedges encouraging wildlife, especially birds, and screening some of the visual intrusion as seen from the road into Swanage? Shall we see the reinstatement of the Acacia, Silver Beech, Poplar, Sweet and Horse Chestnut trees much loved by Henrietta Bankes, or just a few more Oak trees? Conventional wisdom or Mediterranean species may create choices that will shape parts of the village.

The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from Dorset Council about an application for a group Tree Preservation Order for trees east of the Knoll House Hotel made in December 2019. The temporary Traffic Regulation Order relating to parking on the ferry road runs out. Has it been a success? Will it be renewed despite apparently uneven enforcement?. A Tranquility Garden is being created near to Manor Farm House - an area of peace and quiet for residents. Somewhat strange when there is so much tranquillity all around the area, even if it takes a little walk. Traffic safety concerns may lead to measures to reduce speeding vehicles, yet nothing to contain the cyclists who seem to race from Dean Hill to the Ferry Road. Maybe '20isPLENTY' should be applied through the village - its time has come, especially with demands for climate change actions.

The Purbeck Society

The survey of non-listed heritage assets in Swanage has now been produced. This will be soon on the website of the Purbeck Society <https://purbecksociety.co.uk> and the Dorset AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). The report is a call for action for all parish and town councils, as they can adopt similar approaches to listing and retaining their local heritage assets. The Purbeck Society is concerned with potentially unauthorised development relating to residential creep from a former farm and campsite in Swanage. In addition, the Purbeck Society is very concerned that Dorset Council no longer issue yellow notices and letters to neighbours when there are planning applications. The applicant is now required to do the job of Dorset Council. Surely this situation demands to be reversed in order to maintain confidence in planning in Dorset? Tree works application notices seem not to be sent from Dorset Council; interested parties have to find these details from the Dorset Council website - hardly democratic engagement.

CPRE Campaign to Protect Rural England

Dorset CPRE is analysing the responses to the consultation on the Dorset Local Plan. The AONB in Dorset is threatened by this plan. Far too many houses are planned for this designated area. Given current trends, most of these houses will not go to local residents, as the house prices will be beyond their reach. Seemingly, there are more than 90% of objections to the approach taken by Dorset Council to this plan. Developers are the

ones who favour the Dorset Council approach. Will this be a plan for the residents of Dorset, or for developers to carve up Dorset with unwanted market housing, out of reach of local residents? Watch out for future press releases on the consultation responses. Dorset CPRE and DorsetCAN (Climate Action Network) are planning to send a letter to every councillor in Dorset urging them to rethink the Dorset Local Plan. Any Local Plan must address the climate and ecological emergencies that face us all. Watch out for this in the media.

A scheme for local schools is being implemented, where a prize will be awarded for pupils and students whose work and interests reflect the natural environment of Dorset. The scheme is for post-16 schools and colleges. Dorset CPRE is keen to develop and renew the hedges of the county. Do get in touch if you can help. At info@dorset-cpre.org.uk you can find out more and even join this important organisation. New members are welcome to take part in the area meeting and the county activities. Please look at the Dorset CPRE website <https://dorset-cpre.org.uk> to see the latest edition of the Dorset Review.



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

A Successful Campaign

I am delighted to say that on Monday 18th October we heard our hospital front door was unlocked and local people can now choose to walk in and be assessed by an MIU nurse.

They might be treated immediately, asked to wait or to make an appointment. Dorset HealthCare would like people to ring 111 first to get help to know where best to go for treatment, but now we have a choice again.

Common sense has prevailed and our campaign, and that of other Friends around Dorset, has been successful.

So many thanks to all of you who took the trouble to write and tell us your experiences – I am sure your evidence played a vital part in getting our MIU walk-in service back.

So now we have other problems to face: we are worried about the effect on our hospital of having a part-time Matron; sharing her with Wimborne is far from ideal in our view. We are particularly anxious that services in the Day Surgery Unit should resume and the number of our Outpatient Clinics is expanded bringing care closer to home back in focus once again.

To show your support for us and the hospital do come to our Autumn Fayre on Sat 13th November at The Centre on Chapel Lane (behind the Day Centre) from 10am – 12noon. See the notice here for details.

Jan Turnbull, Chair



Swanage Hospital

OUR AUTUMN FAYRE



Sat 13th November - 10am-12noon
The Centre, Chapel Lane, Swanage BH19 2PW

As we are unable to hold our Autumn Fayre at the Hospital, we are very happy to invite you to join us at The Centre (behind Swanage Day Centre, High St) for all our usual delights; cakes, pickles, seasonal produce and other goods to buy.

Enjoy a tea/coffee and home-made cake!

SEE YOU THERE!



Swanage Pier: Going from strength to strength

Despite 2020 and the events surrounding Covid-19 (which followed us into 2021) we were able to fully reopen the Swanage Pier from April this year. No one could have anticipated what the season would bring to us. However, as it turned out we had a good number of visitors, using the boat services, enjoying the Fayre at the 1859 Café & Bistro, or just strolling, diving and/or fishing at the Pier. Undoubtedly this has been down to some gorgeous weather over the summer, but was definitely attributed to by the 'staycation' enforced on us all.

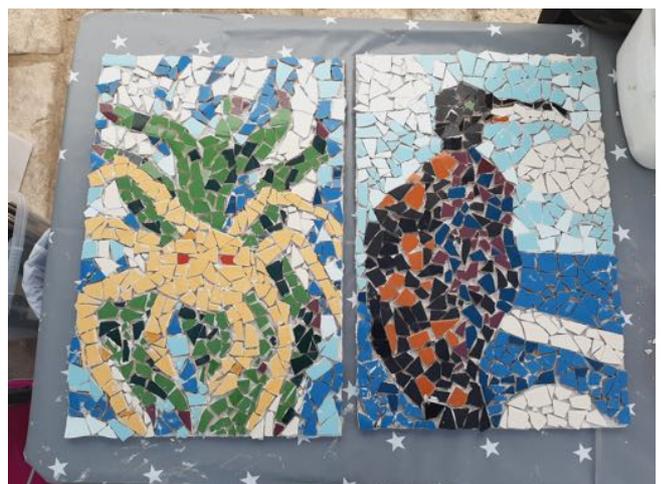
Our small but vibrant maintenance team have been busy over summer carrying out various tasks to keep the pier in good order, as well as much-needed emergency repairs inflicted upon the pier structure, by the sea! Our amazing staff and volunteers have risen to the challenge of the past eighteen months and are duly thanked by the Trust Board for all their efforts. For the future, some major repairs consisting of replacing some piles, beams and decking are planned to take place over the coming months.

Over the summer we had several activities, including yoga, mosaic workshops, crabbing, creative writing and the successful Under the Pier Show.

Look out for details of our **Pier to Park walk on the 20th November**, our monthly history walks, our Christmas raffle and do keep an eye out for our stall at the **Swanage Christmas Market on Saturday 4th December**.

For further information on all forthcoming events and activities please visit our web site <https://www.swanagepiertrust.com/events>

Frank Snart
Company Secretary, Swanage Pier Trust





SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER SWANAGE TOWN REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Swanage Town Remembrance Parade will gather in Shore Road by the Mowlem Theatre from 1.30pm, departing at 2.00pm for St Mary's Church, where the Remembrance Service will take place at 2.30pm.

After the service, the parade will resume and move to the War Memorial at the Recreation Ground for the wreath-laying ceremony at 4.00pm.

Any organisations or individuals wishing to reserve seats for the church service should contact the Branch Secretary, Swanage Royal British Legion, 150 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2PA.

The customary Remembrance Day commemoration will take place at the War Memorial at 11.00am on Thur 11th November.

***Cllr Avril Harris, Town Mayor
Dr Martin Ayres, Town Clerk
Mr Steve Churchill, Chairman
Swanage Royal British Legion***



THE MOWLEM

Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

Additional Trustees for The Mowlem Board

The Mowlem is entering an exciting new phase in its artistic development and in its engagement with the local community.

The present trustees would welcome further members to strengthen the profile of their group. Anyone interested in joining and working with us should be a proven team player with experience or interest in the arts. Most importantly we are looking for the enthusiasm, skills and commitment needed to help make The Mowlem a central part of Purbeck life.

The trustees are particularly looking for people with a background in any of the following areas: project and people management, marketing, fundraising, legal, building development, visual arts, music, outreach and experience of working with children and young people.

If you are interested, please complete a 200-word statement outlining the reason for your application and send with accompanying cv, if appropriate, to chair@themowlem.com



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

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 we still cannot safely meet face-to-face at the moment, but we find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Swanage & Wareham Depression Support Group meet weekly, on WEDNESDAYS at 7.00PM.

For those of you who have never used this new way of communicating in these lonely and isolated times, please do not be put off. We can easily set you up with a link through your email address. **You will be very welcome.**

Contact us with confidence

To get in touch please contact Nick on nickviney@hotmail.com. Or to find out more please call Nick on **01929 439121** or Mary on **01929 426896**

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



Scam Alerts Service

National Insurance Number 'compromised' cold call

We've been made aware that an official sounding voice usually claiming to be from the National Crime Agency or 'National Office for Serious Crimes' has been cold calling unsuspecting members of the public, asking them to call back urgently. Fraudsters will then try to manipulate you into handing over personal information using a web of lies and threats.

We've heard from dozens of people targeted by this scam over the past few months. Action Fraud data shows it is the most reported phone scam of this year so far, having received more than 1,000 reports.

One victim told us that when he returned the call he was falsely told that someone had been using his National insurance number (NINo) to claim Universal Credit. The scammer told him that if he didn't hand over his personal details so they could make a 'correction' he would be liable to repay thousands of pounds in fraudulently claimed benefits and could be sent to prison. At this point he realised something wasn't right and put the phone down, but the scammers continued to try and get in touch with him for more than a week.

Other victims have told us similar stories, all in which the scammers told them they had to hand over their personal information to be issued with a new NINO number.

Don't be pressured for your details

In reality, there's very little damage anyone could do with just your National Insurance number, even if

someone had access to it. But your other personal details, such as your name, date of birth, address and bank details are much more valuable to criminals. They could use this information to target you with more personalised scams, or try to gain access to your accounts.

No government organisation would ever pressure you to hand over sensitive information, and if you're uncomfortable or unsure, just hang up the call.

The National Crime Agency is unlikely to call consumers directly about their National Insurance numbers. Which? has contacted it about this cold call and will publish any response here.

If you have concerns about your National Insurance number you can visit www.gov.uk which offers contact numbers and web chat support.

How to protect yourself

If you've been tricked by this scam, don't worry. There are a few things you can do to protect yourself.

Contact your bank if you're worried that you've given away your bank account or payment details.

You can also sign up to Cifas. It's a not-for-profit fraud prevention service that monitors the use of your details to apply for bank accounts, credit cards or loans.

The Which? Scam Alerts Service can be found at: <https://campaigns.which.co.uk/scam-alert-service/>



Public Health update on COVID-19 in Dorset

Cases have risen again since last week and remain at very high levels. The South West region has recently seen very rapid growth in cases, however Dorset and BCP case rates are below both the South West and national average. There are some signs from the national data that regional and national cases are stabilising so we will continue to monitor this trend and assess the impact on our local situation. The number of people currently in hospital in Dorset with COVID-19 is 52. We know that our health and care system is extremely busy so we must do all we can to prevent any further increase in COVID-19 admissions.



SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB

Charity no: 1133375



WE RAISED £1,600 THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB would like to thank residents and visitors alike who came to our Sea-front stalls and supported us over five days in August. We were fortunate to raise £1,600 We were so lucky with the weather too!

WEEKLY MEETINGS

As mentioned previously, we are now meeting every Monday at All Saints Church Hall; new members would be very welcome and we can also offer transport from home and back again. Phone me, Daphne Saville 01929 425241 for details.

HELP WITH YOUR BOOSTER JABS TRANSPORT

Also we are back helping out with Booster Jab transport - please ring Robert/Sue Payne on 01929 423729 to book. Donations gratefully received.

CO-OP GRANT FUNDING AWARD

Now some very good news we have been chosen for Grant Funding through the Co-op Community Fund from 25th October 2021 - Oct 2022. So please, If anyone would like to support us, then always remember to swipe your Co-op membership card to help towards our final donation and tell your friends to think of us too.

We have been an organisation in the community for many, many years and take great pleasure in supporting the residents of Swanage and surrounding villages.

Many thanks

Daphne Saville, Hon. Sec. Swanage Disabled Club



PUBLIC MEETING ON USE OF ST MARK'S PLAYING FIELD + HARD COURT At EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SWANAGE

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 7PM

Swanage Town Council would like you to come along to help shape the future of St.Mark's Playing Field and Hard Court at Herston.

We welcome your input and suggestions for the use of this area and look forward to meeting you on 11th November.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions or raise queries regarding the potential use of this area.

Please register your interest in attending the meeting and if you are unable to attend in person, but would like to contribute to the discussion, please email:

admin@swanage.gov.uk

We look forward to welcoming you.

Please be advised that due to Covid-19 the meeting arrangements may be altered at short notice.

Cllr Chris Tomes, Sport, Leisure & Wellbeing Lead

Dr Martin Ayres, Town Clerk

01929 423636 - admin@swanage.gov.uk

www.swanage.gov.uk

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



Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust Prize Draw

Mowlem Theatre

Tuesday 9th November 7.30pm



A superb bronze maquette (limited edition) is the prize which will be drawn at the Mowlem Community Room on the evening of the 9th November at 7.30pm. The Town Mayor, Councillor Avril Harris, will be making the draw. *A cash alternative of £1,500 is offered.*

Until a few years ago, the truly outstanding and brave exploits of Trevor Chadwick, a local school teacher at Forres School (now the Purbeck View School) were virtually unknown. They were uncovered by researchers and members of the Town Council who discovered that Trevor was instrumental in saving the lives of 669 refugee children from certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

Initially Trevor was asked to travel to Prague in 1938 to bring back two refugee children so that they could be supported and educated at Forres. This he did, but whilst he was there, he was so moved by the plight of other children that he returned in December of that year and spent the next 6 months organising the rescue of 669 children bringing them back to this country to safety.



Amongst those rescued was Gerda Mayer. Gerda became a famous poet and the dedication in her 1988 collection of poems *A Heartache of Glass* is 'to the memory of Muriel Chadwick and her son Trevor Chadwick to whom I owe my preservation'. Also Alf Dubbs (now Baron Dubbs) who became a British politician serving in Tony Blair's Government.

When Trevor's exploits were uncovered it was thought fitting that the town should pay a tribute to an unsung local hero who played such a vital part with Kinderstransport.

A full life size statue has been commissioned which will be positioned on the newly named Trevor Chadwick Play Park. The town appointed locally-based, but nationally renowned, sculptress Moira Purver who lives in Langton Matravers to undertake the commission.

A small number of quarter-sized maquettes were also commissioned, one of which is the prize of the draw.

Swanage Food Bank



Can You Help Us Please?

We need volunteers to join our Home Delivery Team

As we 'look forward' to November and the coming winter, there is a general atmosphere of fear and pessimism especially for those on low income who may have seen a cut to their income with the ending of furlough and universal credit top-up payments. To add to their difficulties, there will be an increase in energy prices and cost of living. Meanwhile, Covid cases locally are on the increase.

So where does that leave the rest of us, and Swanage Food Bank in particular? Crisis times such as these create opportunities to show extra community concern for those amongst us who are suffering most. It may mean giving food items more generously in the SFB collection bins in stores when we are shopping for ourselves. For Swanage Food Bank (SFB) it will probably be an even busier time - although demands did not particularly dip in the summer months - and our food resources may be over-stretched at a time when shortages in shops make bulk-buying a serious challenge for us.

However, I am confident that all SFB's needs will be supplied as in the past. Even recently, Swanage schools, churches and individuals shared their Harvest-time gifts of much-needed food items so that empty shelves were replenished, however temporarily. A big thanks for such kind giving which enables SFB to alleviate food poverty. We also assist clients seriously struggling to pay their fuel for cooking and heating, though we are monitoring fuel top-ups closely so that clients will not become dependent on such help.

At present, we have a reduced Home Deliveries Team which means that we may not be able to offer that service to all of our clients. We are currently recruiting for more volunteer drivers (please ring our Admin if you are interested: 07713637208). Such help is invaluable, and we are so grateful to our SFB Home Deliverers. I am thankful too for being able to work with other Members of our Duty Team and Trustees who work so hard and willingly for SFB.

So, whilst acknowledging that times are difficult, I end with a note of heartfelt thanksgiving.

Pauline Werba (Chair, SFB)

The Friends of MS Purbeck are back

- A monthly social evening held at the Wareham Golf Club - a time for us to be together once again for a meal and fellowship.
- A committee meeting where we discussed the way forward with fund raising events, the Christmas party and the needs of our members – medical aids, transport, wheelchairs, emotional support, advice etc.
- A new light exercise class held at the Parish Hall the Quay Wareham every Wednesday morning.

Our grateful thanks were noted to a new sponsor for our bus: **B.F. Crew of Wareham**

New members are always welcome. For further details contact Carol Turner (Chair) on 01929 556761.



The Committee

(Back row) Debbie Dunford Welfare officer, Carol Turner Chair, Martin Barnes Committee Member, Gail Taylor Secretary.

(Seated) Colin Godwin Committee Member, Anne Poate Treasurer and John Smith Deputy Chair.