

SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Welcome to the June Newsletter of the Swanage + Purbeck Development Trust/Swanage Area Forum. Looking through this issue, you will see just how much our diverse Purbeck communities have been doing to help each other in these extraordinary times. You will also see from the multitude of events organised, that there really is something for everyone to rejoice about in what is planned for the summer season - not just for ourselves, but for the many tourists who will undoubtedly flock to our beautiful Isle of Purbeck to share our joy.

Looking back over the past few years when the dreadful Pandemic was at its height, the number of local people - from all walks of life, of all ages, from the many organisations and clubs (and volunteers of all descriptions) - came together to show how much they cared, helping folk in every way possible to lead as normal a life as possible. They brought friendship and compassion, helping put a smile on many a face. We are also very proud that the residents of Purbeck have reached out to give homes to those Ukrainian refugees and families fleeing their terrifying war-torn country.

Because, like so many of you, we want to participate in the wonderful events coming up with our families and friends, we are going to have a 'double issue' for July and August, so we would be grateful if you could note the deadline for your contributions - which we really must try and keep to.

Mel Norris

Trustee Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust and Chair of The Swanage Area Forum
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DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 17th JUNE

Gerry and Jenny of our little team would really appreciate receiving your newsletter contributions before the 17th June





Hello again everyone,
Just to remind you that we have the following events
coming up on the Pier in June:

Platinum Jubilee Crafts

Wednesday 1st June from 11.00am - 3.00pm

Underwater Photograph Exhibition on the Pier

Wednesday 1st - Sunday 5th June

Yoga on the Pier

Wednesday 15th June

Join local senior yoga teacher, Helen McCabe, for a weekly Wednesday morning yoga session starting on Wednesday 15th June

Fish and Chip Cruise

Saturday 25th June

Enjoy an early evening boat trip with City Cruises to Poole, with fish and chips served at Poole before heading back to Swanage.

Bookings can be made online or for any queries please telephone 01929 425871

Best wishes,
Amanda Bowden, Volunteer & Events Co-ordinator, Swanage Pier Trust
www.swanagepiertrust.com/events



SWANAGE MUSEUM

FROM BAYSWATER TO DORSET

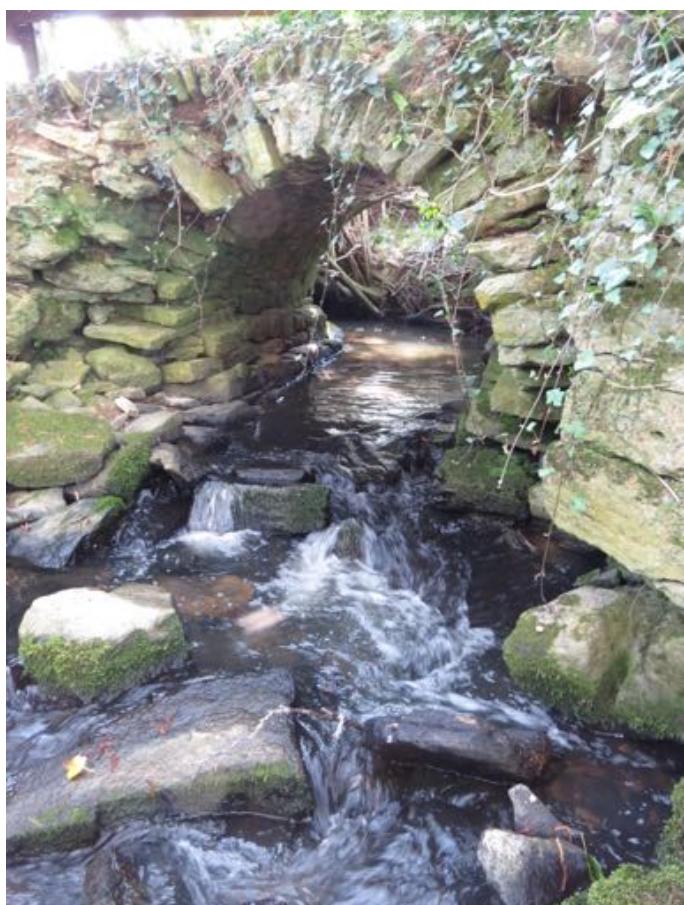


THE VICTORIAN ARTIST GEORGE WILLIAM JOY IN SWANAGE

A talk by Robert Field
Friday 10th June 2022

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME
The Loft Community Centre, Commerical Road
Light Refreshments at 7.00pm, Talk at 7.30pm
Museum Members £4.00 - Non-members £5.00

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'Moving along nicely' - Trevor Chadwick Memorial

Work on the Plinth starts 20th June

Donations continue to be received and it has now been scheduled for the plinth of the statue to be installed on the recreation ground close to the Chadwick Play Park from the 20th June. Work is expected to take between 10-14 days.

RBL Quiz Night 14th July

We are delighted to announce that The Royal British Legion has generously offered to sponsor a Quiz Night on Thursday 14th July in aid of raising additional funds for our project, for which we are very grateful.

Gala Concert at The Bandstand 16th July

The Trust are happy to announce that there will be a special Gala Concert at the Bandstand on Saturday 16th July which will be hosted by singer/entertainer, Karen Grant and a number of other local artists.

Official Unveiling of Life-size Statue end of August

Once the plinth has been laid, it is anticipated that the statue will be erected during August with an official unveiling at the end of the month. Further details soon.

Further information can be obtained from our website <https://trevorchadwick.uk>

John Corben



Moira Purver with her model from which the statue will be cast



Which? Scam Alert Service

Fake energy bill rebate scheme

It's not taken too long for scammers to jump on the back of soaring energy bills. Emails using the logo of energy regulator Ofgem claim to offer an 'energy bill rebate scheme' worth up to £450 per household. The links direct recipients to a fake online portal where victims are urged to share personal and payment details in order to claim their refund. The fake website was registered just days ago but has already prompted urgent warnings from the genuine Ofgem. [We have screenshots of the email and website to look out for.](#)

Santander impersonation text scam exposed

Most of us receive dodgy texts but it's always worth knowing the latest one doing the rounds. This scam begins with what appears to be a warning text from Santander about so-called suspicious activity on your account. The warning is then meant to lure you into clicking a URL to notify Santander if it wasn't you. [Our investigation video shows you step-by-step how this works](#) and the red flags to watch out for.

Bombarded by phoney 'market research' calls

A member got in touch to tell us they've been receiving at least one call a week from a 'market research' company requesting personal data. The aim in this initial call is to gather enough information about you to attempt further scam calls. It's likely these would take the form of a fake alert 'from your internet service provider', claiming you have a virus on your computer or a problem with your broadband. [Read more about scam call centres](#) and what to do if you believe you've been targeted.

There's now a much easier way to make us aware of scams directly with our [scam sharer tool](#). Tell us your experiences of phishing emails, fake texts, cold calls and other types of fraud.

Which? Scam Alert team

PS Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbours – anyone who may find it helpful. Alternatively, they can [sign up here](#) to receive this directly to their inbox.

Friends of Wareham Hospital Latest News



Recently I was invited to meet with the Acting Chief executive of Dorset Healthcare, Dawn Dawson.

Dawn has many years of nursing experience and we had a very open and direct conversation. I was able to raise concerns about the poor communication, depletion of services provided from our community hospitals in Purbeck and, of course, the proposals to scrap the plans for the 'promised' integrated community hub in Wareham.

Sadly, Dawn confirmed that it is very unlikely that there will be any change to the new hub proposals and the recommendation to the Trust Board on 1st June will stand.

Such a missed opportunity for something exciting and special for our area and such a 'let down' for those who have campaigned for so many years.

Wareham Hospital will remain and to that end we, as Friends, will continue our support of the many out-patient services in the hope that they can be extended to ensure better utilisation of the hospital building.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 2ND JULY

AFTERNOON TEA/MINI FETE/RAFFLE

The Friends will be holding an afternoon tea / mini fete and raffle in the hospital grounds. Please do join us.

**We would greatly value your support.
Further details next month**

The Friends can be contacted through the hospital in Streche Rd, Wareham.

Tel 01929 552433

Or by email :

Thefriendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy Friends Chair

Charity Number 252073



'Aquarius', the club based in Corfe Castle, held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Village Hall, is a very lively gathering of ladies from across Purbeck but mainly from the village and its surrounds.

At our May meeting we enjoyed an informative talk from Deb Fullbrook on 'Hearing Dogs'. Of course Elmo, her black Labrador, stole the show when he demonstrated the tasks he helps Deb with. Unfortunately he couldn't assist her with the technological glitches experienced but she coped admirably! Who knew that so much time and money was involved in the training, to get to the point when a dog can team up with someone and change their life and also that of her husband.

Also during the meeting our specially created Jubilee Mugs were on sale and plenty of money and goods changed hands at Stella's Stall our monthly bring and buy opportunity.

June is, of course, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are involved with the extensive programme of events in Corfe Castle over the weekend, but particularly with serving teas and coffees at the Village Picnic at the Millennium Sports Ground on Sunday June 5th and sharing out the cakes that will have been made by residents for the Bake Off Competition.

Our June Aquarius meeting will not be, as might be expected, a Jubilee celebration, as we are saving that till August when we will reminisce about Queen Elizabeth the Second's 70 year reign by bringing along photos, patterns, dresses, recipes and anything else of interest from the last 70 years; we may even dress up accordingly!

Instead, at our June meeting we will hear from Dr. Barbara Smith a world travelled entomologist and then in July enjoy our annual summer lunch which this time will be at the lovely venue of Scoles Manor, in a marquee in the garden, where we will enjoy the wonderful views up the Corfe Valley from half way up Kingston Hill. This is all by kind permission of one of our Committee members.

Our satellite groups of walkers, strollers, book clubs and lunch club have all continued with their monthly meetings and provide an additional source of camaraderie amongst members.

We, of course, always welcome new members, so If you are interested in joining us in the future, please email 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com

or contact me on Tel: 01929 480007

Christine Kemp



**Saturday 28 May to Sunday 12 June
A Celebration of Artists and Musicians
to Welcome the Summer**

Saturday 28th May, 6.30pm, The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

A Bach Celebration: Gabrieli players and soloists

Tickets: £25, £2 students

Monday 30th May, 7.30 – 10.30pm, The Globe Inn, Swanage

Purbeck Poets Performing: An open mic poetry evening

Tuesday 31st May, 7.30pm, Harmans Cross Village Hall

Mike Bizley, a Purbeck sculptor: An illustrated talk by Pennie Denton

Tickets: £10, £2 students

Saturday 4th June, 11.00-12.00, 1.30-2.30 Shore Road and Gardens, Swanage

Autin Dance Theatre: Out of the Deep Blue

FREE

Saturday 4th June, 6.30pm, St James' Church, Kingston

The Madrigal Reimagined: The Monteverdi String Band with Hannah Ely

Tickets: £25, £2 students

Monday 6th June, 6.30pm, The Methodist Church, Swanage

Inner City Brass: 10 musicians in concert

Tickets: £25, £2 students

Saturday 11th June, 6.30pm, The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Bach, Victoria and MacMillan: Tenebrae

Tickets: £25, £2 students

Tuesday 12th July, 6.30pm, The Mowlem, Swanage

A Jubilee Celebration: Young Purbeck musicians in concert

Tickets: £5 family ticket, students free

Tickets for all events can be purchased from the events section of our website

<https://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk/events/>

Last chance to visit local historic manor's glorious summer gardens

Whitecliff Manor Farm Gardens opened to the public in May for the first time this year, under the National Gardens Scheme. This is your last chance to see the spectacular summer gardens of this Swanage Grade II listed building, with magnificent views too. The tulip collection should still be in full bloom and the many roses should be blossoming; as well as countless shrubs and trees.

All proceeds to go to the National Garden Scheme (www.ngs.org.uk) and local charity the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust (www.sandpdt.org.uk) and their projects. Tickets are £4 per adult, children free - and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome too!

Sat 4th June - from 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Sun 5th June - from 2.00 - 5.00 pm

There will be refreshments ranging from coffee/tea and home baked treats to a luxury Prosecco Afternoon Tea. Also, there will be many stalls, including plants, books and objets d'art.

The postal address is: Whitecliff Road, Swanage, BH19 1RL. Tel 07780 704195 for more information or full details are available on the NGS website.



Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust





Herston Community Café. Mondays 10am -12 (term time)

I am loving Monday mornings at **Herston Village Hall**, creating a friendly, safe space for anyone who pops in.

The morning starts by putting the kettle on ready for a welcome brew to go with delicious homemade cakes that Diane or another super baker has made: then setting out the hall so that we can all chat cosily, with plenty of fresh air wafting through. If the weather is fine, we can also set up in our little front garden where the sweet-smelling lavender and other bee and butterfly-loving plants are starting to bloom.

Next, we welcome our guests for the day. Every week, **Swanage Community Pantry** opens its doors to all folk, to take home groceries that are past their sell by date (but are within use by limits) to reduce food waste. We have seen quite a few bananas, some of which have been made into yummy banana cake for the café. On the first Monday of the month **Citizen Advice** advisors deliver a drop-in session to give information and advice on legal, debt, consumer, housing and other problems; very welcome in these challenging times.

Purbeck Coast Radio host the café on the third Monday of the month, where you can catch up with your favourite presenters and make requests. They also make a mean cup of tea and bring very tasty cakes! Our newly-trained Wellbeing Swanage Community Connectors also drop in regularly to help signpost and spread information on how we can support each other as a community.

Time to welcome the community - hanging out our café sign so you know we are open! So, what have we talked about over our cups of tea and cake? Here's a taster: getting through Covid to the new normal; ways of supporting friends and family through daily trials and tribulations; celebrating happy events and small victories, such as a successful school run; organising the jumble sale, planning the Pantry and making new friends. New friends are always welcome and we would love to see you soon.

Kim Gallagher



Studland Snippets



Studland Parish Council - There are two triangles of grass in Beach road; one at the top by the junction with the ferry road and the other opposite Beach Cottage near the car park. Both are attractive features for the village. Unfortunately a growing number of A boards have appeared at the top of Beach road. These boards advertise local businesses. The boards are a distraction for drivers and a potential hazard recognised by the police and the highways authority. Recently a driver has been eroding the grass area at the top of Beach Road by driving across the triangle to attend to a sign. Many residents whilst wanting to support local businesses regard the A boards as unwanted and needing removal . In fact the A boards here are illegal. Let's think about how the Parish Council can improve the natural attractions of a small coastal village. Does this mean less signs?

In the last year more signs have appeared around the village e.g. private road, no rights of way, private, passing place. These signs have no legal status and appear to encroach upon historically established routes including some well used footpaths.

The Parish Council has completed its project to repair and re-instate three fingerpost signs. You can see these at Currendon Bottom, Beach Road and at the top of Watery Lane by the Church Cross. Other fingerposts have been restored beyond Studland at Rempstone and on the way to Bushey. Like some Swanage Town Council members, Studland is concerned about proposals for an incinerator at Portland. The fallout from any incinerator is likely to adversely affect every community in Purbeck. Particle damage in the atmosphere is a hidden danger to humans and the environment. Objections to this proposal can be made to Dorset Council.

Work is ongoing into a potential local byelaw to prohibit portable barbecues with the Parish of Studland. This may take some time. Please consider supporting this idea.

The Purbeck Society - There is concern that the absence of completing details for Coastal Change Management Areas in Swanage and Studland will leave these areas devoid of plans for fully addressing coastal change. There is more to this matter than the seasonal concrete blocks and a future recharge of the beach in Swanage. There is an opportunity for the communities of Swanage and Studland to press Dorset Council to address this important matter.

The PS June visit will be to a former Lyme Kiln at Corfe Castle on Wednesday 22 June. This visit will be guided by a former officer of the National Trust. To find out more please go to: www.facebook.com/PurbeckSociety

The Countryside Charity - This is the new name for the former Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisation cares about nature and landscapes, better places for people to live, farming, sustainable transport, plus climate change and energy.

The Dorset branch are keen to find volunteers for hedgerows and ecology. If you know anyone who can help then please contact info@dorset-cpre.org.uk

Biodiversity Net Gain is the process of compensating for developments that are harmful. Biodiversity Net Gain is a new and controversial idea. It is likely to feature in many planning applications throughout Dorset. There is scope for training events and information sharing so as to increase public awareness of this idea. Whilst sounding attractive, the idea of mitigation of nature's loss and harm, many would ask why was the harm not avoided in the first place. Are we not collectively the stewards of our environment ?

Peter Bowyer

SWANAGE TOWN BAND

**PLAYING IN THE
BANDSTAND THIS SUMMER**

WEATHER PERMITTING

Wednesday 15th June	7.00 pm
Saturday 25th June	2.30 pm
Wednesday 6th July	7.00 pm
Saturday 16th July	2.30 pm
Wednesday 10th August	7.00 pm
Saturday 20th August	2.30 pm

SWANAGE TOWN BAND

In December 2021 the magnificently restored Swanage bandstand played host to the band's first public outing in nearly two years with a very well attended carol concert and the band members are eagerly looking forward to playing there throughout the summer.

The Swanage Town Band has over 40 players of all ages and has grown from a small group of 8 musicians brought together by Eric Gosney and Eddie Wright in 1995. At the moment they are rehearsing in the Swanage Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings and a warm welcome awaits any new players.

**If you are interested in joining, please contact
Dave Cook on 01929 422909.**

All donations raised at our concerts go to worthy charities.

**For all other enquiries, please phone Liz Roberts
on: 01929 481419**

**Swanage Community
Defibrillator Partnership**
Keep the heart of Swanage beating



**SCDP Fleet now approaching
40 Defibrillators**
**Thanks to the generosity of our
communities**

Since last writing we are delighted to give news of two more public access defibrillators joining the SCDP fleet which is now approaching 40 devices across our local area.

This is a really impressive number and represents the generosity of our local community who are so supportive of the project.

We are sorry there has been a delay in fitting the defibrillator at Burlington Chine - especially as the ladies did such a wonderful job fundraising for it, but we hope this will be installed soon and there should be little delay in placing the two new planned devices , one at the Mowlem and the second in the centre of Ridge.

Maintaining this fleet remains a priority for SCDP and we are so grateful to the carnival committee for nominating us as a beneficiary this year.

We would like to thank all our supporters and volunteers for helping us with this important project .

Maggie Hardy , SCDP



Emmanuel Baptist Church

every Monday between

10 am and 12 noon



join in a game, do a jigsaw

or have a drink, a cake and a chat



No charge





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Summer News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Greetings again from Harmans Cross Village Hall. There's lots going on here over the summer so we hope to see you at some of the following events:

PICNIC IN THE PARK – SUNDAY 5 JUNE – To Celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

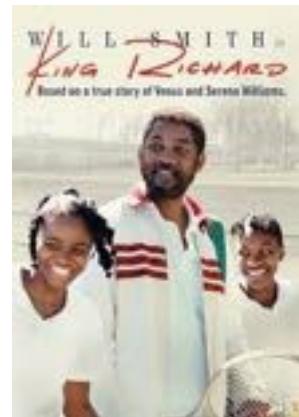
Bring your own picnic or visit our Café and Bar to help celebrate this special event between 2pm and 5pm. Loads of free parking, free entry, music, playground and plenty of space for whatever impromptu games you fancy – cricket, rounders, football ... and with music from 1952-2022 to keep you entertained (and no doubt guessing who sang that and when!!)



KING RICHARD – TUESDAY 14 JUNE

As I'm sure everyone knows by now (given the furore at this year's Oscars), Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor this year for his astonishing portrayal of fanatically focused and demanding Richard

Williams, renowned father of Venus and Serena Williams. This is the man who, by sheer force of will, took his daughters and the rest of his family straight out of Compton and into the sunlit uplands of multimillion-dollar pro-sports triumph, along the way battling snobbery and racism. Hmm ... Remember - Wimbledon starts on 27 June ...



BELFAST – TUESDAY 12 JULY

Writer-director Kenneth Branagh tells a semi-autobiographical story about growing up during the Troubles. It's 1969 and North Belfast urchin, Buddy (Jude Hill), is obsessed with football, dragons, comics and his brainy, dainty classmate, Catherine.

Buddy's family live in a "mixed" neighbourhood and our hero is playing in the street outside his house, when suddenly Protestant gangsters march through and smash every Catholic household's windows, rip up the paving stones, and drive everyone, Catholic and Protestant alike to refuge. Soon the British Army is setting up occupation of the street, as the neighbours help each other, and Hill's immense extended family, presided over by grandfather (Ciarán Hinds) and grandmother (Judi Dench) seem to take everything in stride. A loyalist enforcer then demands that Buddy's father (Jamie Dornan) either "join the Catholic-bashing or face terrifying retribution". While full of (cracking) jokes, Belfast is incredibly tense. What's taking place is ethnic cleansing and what makes it so confounding is that the lovely, Protestant families on Buddy's street are complicit in the process.

JAMES BOND – NO TIME TO DIE – TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

Does this film need a review? I don't think so – it's simply the best Bond film ever made ... well that's my opinion but come along and see it (probably again) and make up your own mind. Our new sound and projection system will make this a real cinema experience.

To book your tickets in advance go to: www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/

FETE AND SHOW – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 AUGUST

Last but by no means least, the annual Harmans Cross Fete with the Flower and Produce Show will be a great place to be on August Bank Holiday Monday. The amazing *Tuba Libres* will be back entertaining along with *Jamie Jigsaw*. All the usual added extras – bar, BBQ, café, bouncy castles, Purbeck ice cream, stalls galore and of course the Show itself – please get growing, making and baking!

Donations of jewellery, scarves, bags, books and bric-a-brac are always welcome so if you are planning to de-clutter a bit, then we can help you out. And the whole event cannot happen without our amazing helpers so please get involved – we offer free refreshments, a great atmosphere, our gratitude and a free helpers party as a big thank you. If you can donate your time or some of your no longer loved stuff, then please let Richard know at Richard.purchase@btinternet.com

That's all for now everyone – thank you for reading and look forward to seeing you at the Hall over the summer.

Alison and the HXVH Committee



Together, we can create a Wilder Dorset!

Wildlife populations are at an all-time low. Their drastic decline means we're heading for a future where once-common species are lost forever. Over 400 species which have been recorded in Dorset in the past are now thought to be extinct; these include the pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly, shrill carder bee and chough.

Nearly 3000 species in Dorset are protected, threatened, rare or scarce. That includes over half the bee species and 42% of our butterflies. Recovery is possible; for example Dorset Wildlife Trust is helping to restore populations of the ladybird spider, but we need nature back everywhere, not just intensive care for wildlife on the edge of extinction.



The Environment Act was passed into law in 2021, making it a legal requirement for current and future governments to protect and improve the natural environment in England. This incredible win for wildlife was made possible thanks to fantastic supporters like you. Now you have the chance to help again.

[Sign our petition](#)

The UK Government is currently proposing legally-binding targets for the next 20 years to help achieve its legal commitment to nature's recovery. But the proposed targets could mean we have less nature 20 years from now. This will not create the wilder future we all need, and deserve.

The UK Government is only consulting on these plans until 27 June. It's incredibly important that as many people as possible tell them that they must prioritise nature's recovery now. **All you need do is add your name.**

Thank you very much for your support.



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



Your donations giving fresh hope

The only difficulty in updating some 15 days ahead of the publication month is that it will be slightly outdated when readers view our Swanage Food Bank news. But as we are, the situation doesn't change for the better in that financial

pressures continue to victimise the poorest in our community and there is no hope of lower costs of food and energy for the near future.

So our Food Bank is much needed and we try to meet demands with kindness and generosity whilst discouraging over-dependency by a minority of clients who may be unwilling to access budgeting/ debt management support from Agencies we signpost them to (such as Turn 2 Us, and Citizens' Advice). Self-referrals for fuel top-ups are not accepted, and this aid can only be accessed through referral from a professional Agency.

For unemployed clients, there is seasonal work available in Swanage, especially in the hospitality industry, but many are already in work but still can't 'make ends meet'. It's good news when a mother of a large family told us recently that her husband has used his redundancy to re-train and has now qualified to work in a Poole business. She thanked us for supporting them in their need, and now hopes that she'll be in a position to contribute to SFB. Another client has offered his carpentry skills as he has had his shoulder injury operated upon so will soon be back to work after over a year of forced unemployment.

As I have been typing this, I've been contacted by Bob Walters who is co-ordinating the giving of fresh produce from the Greengage Community Garden Allotment Project to SFB. We're expecting a bumper harvest this year!

But our staples are still the dried and tinned foods, the majority of which are donated so generously by this community. Certain items go out as rapidly as they come in, so our list of current needs is likely to be reflected in June also:

Spam, ham, corned beef - Tuna, sardines, pilchards - Chicken in white sauce, minced beef in gravy, stewed steak - Pasta sauce jars - Baked beans and all tinned veg. and pulses - Tinned fruit and desserts of all kinds - Savoury snacks and chocolate treats - Toiletries - toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo and hair conditioner - Household - washing powder, toilet rolls, washing up liquid.

Be assured that SFB is grateful for every donation within the 'Best by' date and every household helped by your giving has cause for fresh hope. Thank you.

Pauline Werba (Chair SFB)

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

**Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group**

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



More News on Ukrainian Refugees in Purbeck

Three months after the invasion of Ukraine, a steady flow of Ukrainian refugees are finding their way to Purbeck. Families are settling into their host accommodation and children are enrolled at local schools. Some of the adults have been able to find employment, while others are seeking work.

Purbeck Connect Ukraine is a voluntary organisation, a sub-group of **Swanage Action for Refugees**. The goal of the organisation is to provide assistance to our Ukrainian guests and support for host families.

The Ukrainians are entitled to various types of benefit, such as Universal Credit and Child Benefit. The application process can be complicated, particularly for those who do not speak English, and there may be long delays between arrival in the UK and the receipt of any benefit. Purbeck Connect Ukraine has been able to provide help and advice with this, and is forming an emergency fund for those who find themselves in financial difficulties shortly after arrival. We have established contact with Swanage Foodbank, who have been extremely helpful in providing supplies to Ukrainians in need.

After arrival, the Ukrainians have to apply for a Biometric Residence Permit, and must attend an appointment in Southampton, Bath or London to finalise this. It is essential that this is done within ninety days of arrival in the UK. Purbeck Connect Ukraine is willing to assist in this process.

We have been compiling useful information in Ukrainian for our guests, such as information about the Army Ranges, and safety on the cliffs and beaches. We have also been able to refer hosts who are receiving Ukrainians to online sources of advice and support.

We are planning to organise social events for Ukrainians in the area. Some of the Ukrainian mums in Swanage have formed a social media group, enabling them to chat, share info, do school runs together, and so on. The JustPlayTennis group at Swanage Tennis Club have kindly offered free tennis sessions to Ukrainian adults and children in the area.

Purbeck Connect Ukraine has a variety of voluntary tasks open to those would like to support our Ukrainian friends, and will be happy to provide more information about this. We also welcome contact with those hosting Ukrainian refugees in Purbeck, so that we can pass on information to them and their guests, and provide support if needed.

We would be glad to hear from any potential hosts who would appreciate assistance in establishing contact with Ukrainian refugees, or who would like guidance with the visa application process.

Email: purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com



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A farewell message from the Mayor of Swanage, Councillor Avril Harris

Summer is definitely with us! Recent weekends have been noticeably busier and Swanage is getting ready for what we hope will be another busy summer season, helping to keep our local businesses on their feet. There is a lengthening list of events, including various sporting events and competitions, in the town which helps to lengthen the visitor season. Early May saw the May FESTival on Shore Road, which had a mixed reception. As with other events, this will be reviewed by the Town Council and a decision taken about a similar future event. A very different new venture is a Fairy Festival taking place on Sandpit Field on the last weekend in May. Sadly, the Fish Festival is cancelled – I believe due to not enough suitably strong volunteers helping.

However, the “big one” in June is going to be the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including a huge Street Party and associated events on Friday, 3rd June for which the Lower High Street will be closed. I hear the 600 Street Party tickets are already sold out! All this has been arranged by a committee of volunteers – what a great amount they and all the many other volunteers, high and low profile, offer to our community. After all the excitement and partying to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, the fitting finale to the weekend of celebration will be a special Choral Evensong open to all on Sunday, 5th June at 6.30pm in St Mary’s Church, with settings and music from the Coronation.

On 24th April I attended the service at St Mark’s Church when the Bishop of Sherborne presided and preached on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. Built of Purbeck Stone by local craftsmen, St Mark’s in Bell Street is often called the Quarrymen’s Church. One of Swanage’s gems, it is open daily for visitors.

Another event I attended, also on 24th April, was the Classic Car Rally, organised for nearly 30 years by Jenny Lazenbury – another volunteer! Apparently, it was the biggest ever with over 100 cars on display, a fitting tribute to Jenny’s organisation over the years. I’m pleased to say that the event will continue as a new organiser has come forward.

Having participated in a radio programme on “Purbeck Coast FM” in April, I was invited to take part in another in mid-May. The whole way a programme is put together is fascinating. There are lots of “live” programmes and the station broadcasts 24/7 from the pier, where their studio, looking out across Swanage Bay, must have the best view of any radio station!

Something very different was an invitation to attend a Floral Design demonstration at the Mowlem Theatre, in celebration of Purbeck Flower Club’s Diamond Jubilee – a club still going strong after 60 years! The 2-hour demonstration of floral design, by a leading NAFAS demonstrator, was truly magical – a feast of flowers with an emphasis on garden flowers and those British-grown.

I’m saying farewell to this column as I won’t be mayor by the time you read this as I’m being replaced – I’m Labour and it’s a case of “party politics” and with 2024 elections on the horizon, it will be a mayor with a different coloured ribbon writing the next column. I have lived in Swanage for nearly 43 years and I love the town. To have served a year as mayor has been a great privilege and honour.

Cllr Avril Harris

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Choral music from Rutter to the Beatles
Plus popular classics for Wind Ensemble to include music by Grieg, Bizet & Tchaikovsky

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AT 5PM



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FREE COME & SING

A SURE REFUGE

Thursday 9th June

6.30-8.30pm

Swanage Methodist Church

Join local composer and Musical Director of the Purbeck Arts Choir David Fawcett for an evening of musical voyage and discovery, exploring his new Arts Council funded cantata, 'A sure refuge', which tells the story of the Pilgrims who set sail for the New World aboard Mayflower in 1620.

Full details on www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk or www.davidfawcettcomposer.com/a-sure-refuge



Come and join us for

Platinum Jubilee

CHORAL EVENSONG



Sunday, 5th June at 6.30 pm

St Mary's Parish Church

Swanage, BH19 1HU

Director of Music – Simon Lole

Organist – David Fawcett

Introit: O Taste and See – Vaughan Williams

Responses: Ayleward

Canticles: Wood in D

Anthem: "I Was Glad" – Parry

Organ Voluntary:

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 – Elgar

Everyone welcome!

Come and sing

A sure refuge

Thursday 9 June, 6.30-8.30pm

Swanage Methodist Church

Join members of the Purbeck Arts Choir and composer, David Fawcett, to explore his new cantata, telling the story of the Mayflower Pilgrims

There is no charge and no need to prebook

Visit purbeckartschoir/news.html for more information



www.davidfawcettcomposer.com/a-sure-refuge



Exciting Opportunities at Swanage Lifeboat Visitors Centre

- Are you interested in volunteering for the RNLI?
- Have you ever thought about joining the Swanage Lifeboat team?
- Do you like engaging with and meeting new people from all over the world?
- Have you got 4 hours spare one afternoon a week and looking for an opportunity to support the local community?
- Are you outgoing, enthusiastic, young at heart and keen to try something new?

If so then you are exactly the type of person we are looking for.

We are currently recruiting for members to join our acclaimed Swanage Lifeboat Visitor team. The primary role of a Visits Team volunteer is

- To welcome visitors to the Swanage Lifeboat Station and visitor centre
- To inform them about the day-to-day operations of the RNLI and in particular Swanage Lifeboat
- To answer any questions, they may have about our Lifeboats, shouts, history or just about the RNLI in general
- To host organised group visits (Adult groups and Schools) to the station
- To encourage, when opportunity arises, donations to Swanage Lifeboat through providing visitors with an excellent and informative visitor experience

No prior experience is needed – just a willingness to learn, be over 18, and have a passion for engaging with members of the public. If that's you and you are interested to find out more, please send us an email to....

Roger Murphy
Swanage Lifeboats Visits Officer
Email: whey13@sky.com

And we'd be happy to give you a call back to tell your more, or simply pop up to the Lifeboat station any Monday to Friday afternoon between 13:00 and 16:00 to chat with us.

We look forward to hearing from you



IMPORTANT ADVICE FROM YOUR LOCAL NHS

Do be aware that scams around coronavirus continue to circulate and are designed to get you to provide financial information and/or purchase a test you don't need and which may well not turn up. The Government's Test and Trace scheme has ended. This means you will no longer be informed if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus and/or its variants. If you receive a message on your phone or computer, delete it immediately. It's a scam. If you do have the virus, you are encouraged to tell people you have been in contact with yourself.

Joseph Calleja comes to Wareham

By DAVID MELLOR

Opera Critic of the Mail on Sunday and Classic FM presenter

I'm thrilled that Joseph, the world's finest lyric tenor, is singing in Lady St Mary Church in Wareham on Wednesday 29 June; a full recital, with popular arias, including of course Nessun Dorma, and also some of Joseph's favourite songs such as his trademark La Vie En Rose and some of my Mantovani favourites from his recent Decca album of Mantovani's biggest hits.

Joseph has visited the Purbecks with us a good deal, and he wanted to do something to celebrate Penny and I acquiring our new home near Corfe. If only every housewarming present was so generous. He is donating his services to benefit restoration work at Lady St Mary Church.

Great also to have a superb pianist in Stephen Barlow, who is conducting La Gioconda with Joseph this summer, so they'll have plenty of time to rehearse. As well as being a first class opera conductor, Stevie is a renowned accompanist, for instance in times past toured extensively with the great Kiri Te Kanawa. Stevie and his wife Joanna Lumley are also great friends of ours, and it's a joy that he is also donating his services to the cause

Tenors come in all shapes and sizes vocally, as well as physically. Some tenors are built-up baritones. They have the notes but their voices do not have the wonderful honeyed finish of the real thing. Singers like the late lamented Luciano Pavarotti had it, and so does Joseph. The sheer beauty of Joseph's voice will be a knockout when he is singing, not in a huge opera house, like the Metropolitan Opera in New York where he is a great favourite, but in the much more

Joseph has tried out the acoustics at Lady St Mary, and thinks they are very fine. He can't wait to do a proper recital rather than just a few acoustic tests.

As I say, we see a lot of Joseph. He's not only a massive talent, but a really warm-hearted and generous man. So the fun of this evening will not only be his singing, but also the warmth of his personality. If you possibly can, please beg borrow or steal a ticket for what, I promise you, will be arguably the finest concert ever put on in Wareham. Certainly one by the most internationally renowned artist to have visited us so far.



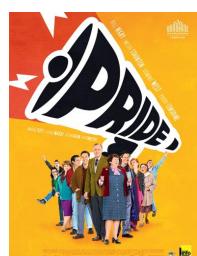


PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL OUTDOOR SCREENINGS

The 2022 Purbeck Film Festival is being launched with a number of outdoor screenings of films including a Disney animation, an American musical classic, the latest James Bond thriller, and a truly incredible story from the 1984/85 miners' strike.

National Trust's Corfe Castle and **Durlston Country Park** are among the venues, offering stunning backdrops for cinemagoers to enjoy a feast of entertainment. The season opens at Durlston:

Tuesday 31st May - Disney's 2021 film **Encanto**, which tells the story of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a charmed place called an Encanto. Every child in the family is magically blessed with a special gift, except one, Mirabel, but when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is in danger, she decides that she might just be her exceptional family's last hope.
(Durlston)



Wednesday 1st June - The 2014 film **Pride** will get pride of place, again at **Durlston**. It tells the real life inspiring tale of how a group of gay activists in London decided to fundraise for a mining community in South Wales during the year long miners' strike. In the film, former Labour MP Siân James is depicted by actress Jessica Gunning as being one of the most passionate supporters of the group's efforts. Siân, who was a housewife married to a miner in the Swansea Valley when the strike began, started by volunteering to help other mining families, eventually helping feed 1,000 families a week across the Welsh valleys.

Other outdoor screenings include:

- o **Thursday 28th July** - 2018 American post-apocalyptic horror film **A Quiet Place** (**Durlston**)
- o **Friday 29th July** - The fantastic 2016 American drama **Captain Fantastic** (**Durlston**)
- o **Bank Holiday Friday 26th August** - 2021 American computer-animated jukebox musical comedy **Sing 2** (**Corfe Castle**)
- o **Saturday 27th August** -The latest daring mission for James Bond in the 2021 spy thriller **No Time To Die** (**Corfe Castle**)
- o **Sunday 28th August** - 2021 version of the classic American musical **West Side Story** directed by Steven Spielberg (**Corfe Castle**)

Information/tickets are available on the festival website www.purbeckfilm.com



Purbeck Coast Radio will be hosting a Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at **Stoborough Village Hall**, on the 4th Monday of every month - ***Do come and say hello!***



Swanage Rotary President Deirdre Selwyn presenting the cheque to PYCF

Rotary Support for Purbeck Youth + Community Foundation

During May Swanage & Purbeck Rotary was very pleased to present a cheque to the Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation (PYCF). PYCF support youth clubs, outreach, services for young people and the local community throughout Purbeck. The donation from Rotary will be used to support their work in schools and the PYCF young people's group.

Helping out at Whitecliff Manor Farm Open Gardens

The early May Bank Holiday weekend saw Swanage and Purbeck Rotary supporting the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust at Whitecliff Manor Farm Open Garden. These spectacular gardens were open to the public for the first time under the National Gardens Scheme. Rotarians and other volunteers helped with collecting the entrance fees as well as providing refreshments - including a luxury Prosecco Afternoon Tea!

Rotary Summer Events

At the beginning of June, we will again be working with the Friendly Food Club at Herston Village Hall. We will help run and fund a half term cookery session for those youngsters who would normally have free school meals. The FFC is supported by Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust with funding from Swanage & Purbeck Rotary.

Finally, we have begun preparations for our Summer Fete and Craft Fair to be held on Sandpit Field on Thursday, August 11th. This will be the first time we have been able to hold the event since 2019 so we hope for a bumper occasion! If you are interested in getting involved, either as a volunteer or a stall holder, please contact us at secretary@swanagerotary.org.

More details are on our website. <https://www.swanagerotary.org/cio>

Deirdre Selwyn, President Swanage + Purbeck Rotary



'Artisans at the Market' is held on the first Friday of every month from 1st April to 7th October from 8.00 a.m. until approximately 1.00 p.m. in Main Beach Carpark in Victoria Avenue, Swanage

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of lovingly crafted items on sale including jewellery, ceramics and furniture



On Midsummer's Day 21st June
The Mowlem and Diverse City present a Free, Live Event -
SW!M

A Live Event on Midsummer's Day (Tuesday June 21st) performed by **Swanage Swimmers** in **The Mowlem** and **on the Beach** for everyone in the community, with
Words, Dancing and Music

SW!M is created, performed and directed by the community of women who met through swimming in Swanage Bay and consists of -

'**In Our Own Words**' from 6.00pm in The Mowlem using recorded conversations to relate the stories and experiences of these intrepid women

and '**In Our Element**' from 6.45pm on the beach and in the sea

A choreographed extravaganza performed by 50 women swimmers

Tickets are FREE for both performances

Secure your place at the **MOWLEM Box Office** open Mon-Sat - 10.30am -1.30pm
in advance - or on door from 5.00pm on the day - 21st June.

The performances will be accompanied by an exhibition of specially commissioned work by young Swanage Photographer, Milly Haines, in the Mowlem, and photographic images from the past in the Swanage Museum. There will be further opportunities to listen to the original recordings and see a repeat performance of '**In Our Own Words**' in the Swanage Library in July.

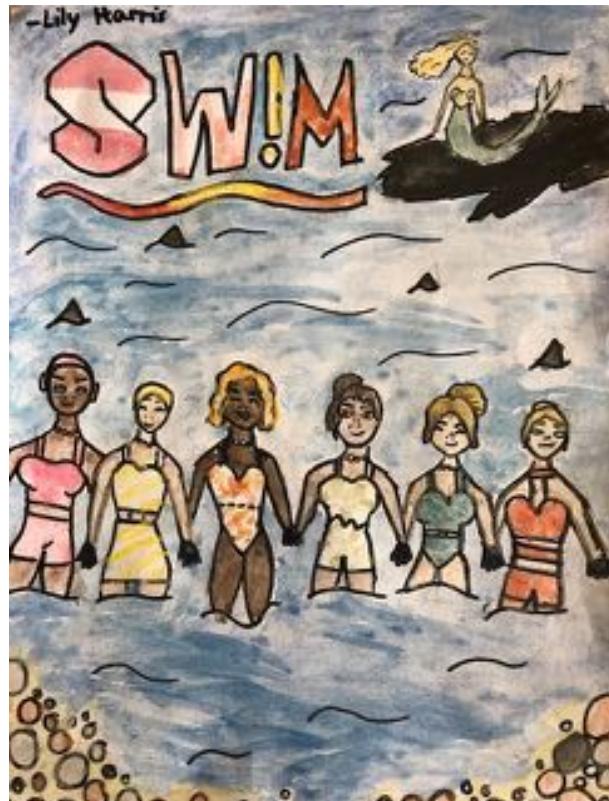
A dedicated 'anthem' for the shows will be a professionally produced piece by the winner of a competition for local under 25 Swanage musicians (announced 6th June).

Original artwork is by **Year 6 at Mount Scar School**, and publicity material has been produced by **Year 9 students at The Swanage School**.

SW!M is the brain child of directors Deborah Paige and Claire Hodgson MBE

Deborah has previously been artistic director of the Sheffield Crucible and has directed EastEnders, Holby City and Judge John Deed for BBC TV.

Claire is artistic director of national performing arts companies DiverseCity and Extraordinary Bodies and is a fellow of the Clore Foundation.



Year 6, Mount Scar school workshop: artwork by Lily Harris

This event has been made possible by funding from the Arts Council Let's Create Jubilee Fund and Dorset Community Fund

Cows back at Studland Bay

Towards the end of May, Red Devon cattle will return to graze the dune heath at Studland Bay. The cows did a fantastic job last year of grazing and trampling over the vegetation and creating spaces of bare ground for rare species. As such, this year they are back and better than ever! We have introduced a few more cattle to the group and are slightly expanding their range.



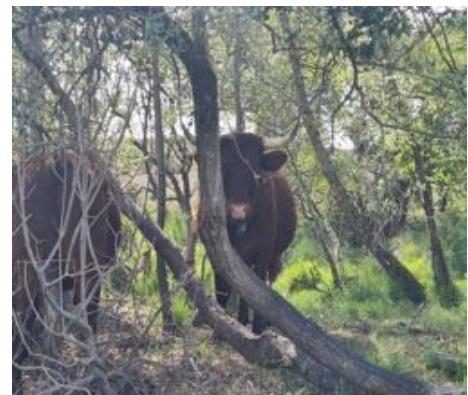
It is still unlikely you will see a cow, as they are grazing a large area and tend to spend their time in the wilder spaces, but if you do, please remember to act in accordance with your own and the cattle's safety. Maintain a safe distance, keep dogs on short leads, do not approach the cows and make sure to clear up any rubbish. If a cow is approaching you and your dog, the best thing to do is let your dog off their lead and move away from the cow.

The cattle will again play their role as wild herbivores on the dunes. Cropping and trampling the vegetation, opening up new areas and creating a mix of different habitats. Looking at the image, you can see the effect cows have on the land. To the left, the cows had been grazing the site for a week and to the right they do not have access. Imagine the changes that can occur through annual cattle grazing!

For more about cattle reintroduction and the Dynamic Dunescape project, check out the webpage: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay/features/cattle-grazing-returns-to-studland-heath>

The reintroduction of cattle grazing at Studland Bay also ties in with the wider Wild Purbeck grazing project happening within the Purbeck Heaths NNR. By knitting our spaces together, working collaboratively with different landowners and thinking across a landscape, we allow habitats and ecosystems to function more naturally.

Purbeck Heaths NNR now has a new website, which will be the digital hub for visitors and residents alike: <https://purbeckheaths.org.uk/>



Community Action Network (CAN) have been commissioned by Dorset Council to be the local infrastructure training and support organisation for the voluntary and community sector.



What does this mean for voluntary and community sector organisations in Dorset?

If you are a voluntary or community sector organisation and work within the Dorset Council area, we are here to help you.

Join CAN today for free – it only takes 5 mins and you'll be able to access lots of online support, advice, templates etc.

Need to speak to a person face to face or online?

We offer free one to one bespoke advice through our expert team.

What sort of advice or training does CAN offer?

Whether it is free one-to-one bespoke advice or through our expert discounted training and free webinars, we are here to support you to adapt, grow and thrive.

We've gathered insights into what training and information you need and will be delivering:

- Our popular 'Meet the funder' sessions
- Start-up advice and business planning; Monitoring and evidencing impact
- Writing a good funding application; Financial governance; Trading as a charity
- Being a Charity Trustee; Safeguarding; Essential policies and documents, including health and safety and GDPR

Check out our website for our new programme and to register your interest in upcoming sessions.

Do CAN offer help with applying funding?

We can help you identify the best sources of funding for your project or service, and ensure you have the right information needed for an application.

Plus through CAN's 'Meet the Funder' series, we will also be looking to put organisations in direct contact with folks responsible for making grant and funding decisions. Through these, they'll explain how they can help you and the best approach to increase your chance of success.

Who are CAN?

We want to see communities that are healthy, diverse, vibrant and flourishing. We provide expertise, support and development opportunities for the sector to help achieve our aim.

Take a look at our website today, see what we can offer you, why not join as a member. CAN membership is completely free to any organisation that is part of the Dorset voluntary & community sector.

How can we get in touch?

You can find out more on our website:

www.can100.org

or get in touch via email at hello@can100.org and telephone on 01202 466130.

Avril Atkins VCS Development Lead (Dorset)

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THE MOWLEM

Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms



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Tickets: 0333 666 3366



LIVE SHOWS

- **SW!M Celebration on 21st June (see separate article)**
 - **SW!M in Our Own Words** at 6.00pm - **Free Entry** No Tickets required, limited capacity.
 - **SW!M in Our Element** at 6.45pm on Swanage Beach - No Tickets required.
- **Regents Opera Present Bizet's Carmen** - [Tickets](#)
 - 26th June - 7.30pm

MOVIES

- **Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore (12A)** [Tickets](#)
 - 1st + 2nd June - 7.30pm
- **The Lost City (12A)** - [Tickets](#)
 - June 1st, 2nd + 3rd June - 2:30pm
- **Downtown Abbey 2: A New Era (PG)** [Tickets](#)
 - Every day from Friday, 3rd June to Thursday, 9th June at 7.30pm
 - Monday, 6th June matinee at 2.30pm
- **Top Gun Maverick (12A)** [Tickets](#)
 - Every day from Friday, 10th June 1 to Thursday, 16th June 1 at 7.30pm
 - Monday, 13th June matinee at 2.30pm
- **Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (12A)** [Tickets](#)
 - 18th + 19th June - 7.30pm
- **Benediction (12)** [Tickets](#)
 - Monday, 20th June then every day from Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th at 7.30pm.

Box Office open Mon-Sat - 10.30am -1.30pm

Ticket Source on 0333 666 3366 (std rates apply) lines open 9am-5pm www.themowlem.com

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Monthly

- **Tuesday, 7th June - Making Memories** (*Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Group*) meets in the Show Bar cafe for coffee and cake from 10am with a movie showing of **Showboat (1957)** from 11am.
- **Tuesday, 21st June from 10am - Making Memories Dementia Friendly Cafe** (*no film showing*)
- **Thursday, 16th June** - The monthly Flower Club meets in the Community Room from 9.00 am through 5.00 pm.

Weekly/Bi-Weekly

- **Health Qui Con Community** meets every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Community Room.
- We welcome **Swanage Arts & Crafts Market** back every Saturday and Sunday outside the Mowlem to October.
- **Slimming World** is back every Thursday, meeting at 6.00pm in the Community Room.
- **Baharah Dance** meets in the Community Room from 6.45 pm Wednesday 1st, 22nd and 29th June.

Kristian Wingfield-Bennett

PR & Marketing Director

PURBECK PCN CARERS WEEK EVENT

Wednesday 8th
June 2022

Carers Week

GP surgeries in Purbeck, working together

Carer's information event
at The Springfield Hotel, Wareham

Drop in between 2pm and 4.30pm
on **Wednesday 8th June**, to join us, and a
range of organisations who are eager to share
with you the resources and support available
to unpaid carers in Purbeck.

Tea and coffee provided
Goody bags (subject to availability) kindly supplied by:
The Leonardo Trust

Helping People Who Care For Others

Event supported by: **Carer Support Dorset**

For more information visit carersweek.org

+ 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of National Carers Week

opening times 2-4.30pm (please see poster attached for more information). Leonardo Trust are kindly providing goodie bags for carers.

As well as thanking carers we already know of and for whom your service may already be known, we are hoping that this event will encourage carers to come forward to seek out information and advice and make themselves known to ensure they are getting any help that may be relevant to them.

Please see the above poster attached and spread the word to unpaid carers

There is also a Facebook event if you would be able/willing to share on your social media - <https://fb.me/e/2r3omdXnD>

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**

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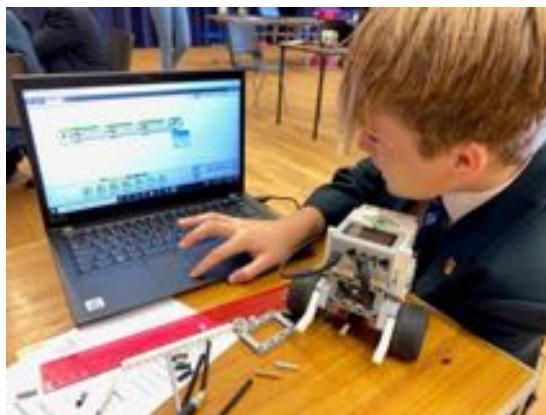


Newly Refurbished Science Laboratory

We are pleased to announce the opening S1, of our newly refurbished science laboratory. This now takes us to **12 fully equipped specialist laboratories** to ensure students can access the highest possible standard of science education at key stages 3 – 5. Year 12 Biology students were among the first to enjoy the new space, and can be seen here using microscopes to observe human cheek cells. It is no wonder that so many students leave our school to read science at top universities or pursue science-related higher level apprenticeships.

Robotics Workshop with Bournemouth University

At Purbeck, university life is experienced from the very beginning. This month, Year 8 students participated in a Robotics workshop with Bournemouth University. The session combined design, engineering and programming with team work and problem-solving skills. Students worked in small teams to program and customise LEGO® EV3 robots and complete a series of tasks. This workshop focused heavily on the skill shortage in the UK surrounding subjects related to computing, engineering and cyber security, and our students demonstrated they have the amazing abilities that can only benefit society in the future.



Year 12: Young Enterprise Company Programme DORSET FINAL

Likewise, this month the fantastically talented Purbeck School team, Team Tidal, impressed with their future-facing skills as they progressed on to the Dorset finals for the last stage in their Company Programme journey.

The team did an outstanding job: they had to present their trade stand to a panel of judges, present once again in front of all the direct competition, the other Dorset School teams, and were even presented with another selling opportunity, to parents of the students.

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Ethan, Eva, Erin, Anthony all shone, delivering a slick, confident business presentation that really did demonstrate their passion and commitment to business and the whole experience.

All students should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.

Instagram: tidal_purbeck



And finally, Purbeck students in Years 10, 11 and 13 have all begun external examinations in a very positive frame of mind. They have worked hard over what has been a testing time for everyone, not least during lockdown. As always, we are proud that our students have again embraced the support and guidance from their teachers and also taken responsibility for their independent work. We wish every one of them every success and look forward to sharing their stories with you in the autumn.



Our advisers can provide a better understanding of welfare benefit entitlements, how to apply for charitable grants and information on any other discretionary help which may be available. We can also provide debt advice.

Details of other participating Dorset libraries can be found on our website at www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/specialist-advice

*General Advice Drop-in Sessions

We hold drop-in sessions at a number of locations across Purbeck and East Dorset including:

- Swanage Town Hall, 10am-2pm, Wednesdays – **Drop-ins restarting 8th June**
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage, 10am-12noon, first Monday of each month
- Wareham Office, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Matravers Library, Fridays 10am-12noon

No appointment is needed. See www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk for full details of all drop-in locations and opening times.

*Talk to an adviser on Dorset Adviceline

For free, confidential advice and support, call Dorset Adviceline on Freephone 0800 144 8848 Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

We are able to help most people either by phone or by email using our website form, and a face-to-face appointment can be made if necessary.

***Visit our website for a wealth of online help and support: www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk**

Citizens Advice Update – June 22

*Money Management Advice Session in Swanage Library

The increase in the cost of living, combined with spiralling energy prices has resulted in many people struggling with everyday expenditure.

To meet this need, Citizens Advice has reopened face-to-face money advice sessions in local libraries thanks to Dorset Libraries and with funding from Dorset Council.

- **Citizens Advice Money Management advisers are at Swanage Library on Mondays for booked appointments**

These income maximisation sessions are led by specialist advisers who can advise on a range of money-related topics to help people to budget and manage their finances more confidently.

Anyone who is struggling with their day-to-day spending can contact Citizens Advice to book an appointment at a participating library, including Swanage Library. Income maximisation sessions must be pre-booked by calling the **Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848**, or you can be referred by a Citizens Advice adviser or member of library staff.