

SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome all to the October 2022 issue of The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter.

Once again, we have a wide range of reports and programmes from many of our local community organisations. Some cover entertainment, hobbies, sports and countryside activities, while others address worries such as the cost of living crisis and wellbeing concerns.

The coming period is certainly going to be a time of worry and turmoil for many folk. The ability of our community organisations and general populous to aid those most vulnerable in our communities will be tested.

Can you help by keeping an eye on your relatives, friends or neighbours to see if they are struggling, or even better can you volunteer to assist the organisations (many in this Newsletter) that can really help? In a period when overstretched health and social care services are increasingly struggling, your small contribution could make a positive difference.

Take Care.

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HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Autumn News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

We had an astonishing day for our August Bank Holiday Monday Fete at the Village Hall. Visitor numbers were up 15% on last year, with over 2,200 adults paying through the gate, plus all the children free ... and all the dogs !! Thank you everyone for coming – we hope you enjoyed the day. And a huge thank you to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to manage the queues, pour the drinks, flip the burgers, serve the cream teas, sell the raffle and tombola tickets, display the books, bric-a-brac and jewellery, entertain the children, and refill the water bowls for the dogs. It's always a brilliant community effort and we hope everyone who came enjoyed our Helpers Party which we held recently to celebrate and say thank you properly.

It was a record-breaking year, and we are delighted to be presenting a cheque to our raffle charity for the year, **Will Does**, for £750. The bulk of the proceeds of the Fete come back to the Village Hall, to invest in many of the planned 'upgrades' to the Hall and field over the coming months. We are having solar panels fitted so please bear with us whilst the scaffolding is up – this is scheduled from 23 September to 6 October. We will also be fencing in the playground area and exploring options for some items of play equipment for younger children.

The Hall remains very busy, both with our regular users but also with a number of forthcoming events:



LIVE MUSIC NIGHT FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER THE ABBA SHOW



Just to help us all celebrate the Fete and let our hair down (for those of us who still have some !!), we welcome back to the Hall the amazing **Abba's Angels** who performed last September – see the pictures and video on the website at <https://www.harmancrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music/>

The same link to the website will allow you to book tickets online for just £14.00. It's a brilliant night – sparkly costumes and platform heels are optional but encouraged. Further details are available from Bob Bunyar on 01929 289209 but please book early to avoid disappointment.



October is a big month for movies at the Hall, as we host not only our own monthly movie night – Phantom of the Open – but also 2 films on behalf of the Purbeck Film Festival.

The Phantom of the Open tells the heartwarming true story of Maurice Flitcroft (played by the brilliant Mark Rylance) - a dreamer and unrelenting optimist.

Maurice was a humble crane operator from Barrow-in-Furness shipyard worker and amateur golfer who took up the sport in middle-age. He practised on the beach and became known for cheekily entering the British Open golf championship in 1976 as a self-declared professional, thus circumventing the handicap requirement for amateurs. He found himself competing with the likes of Seve Ballesteros, but chaotically chalked up the worst score in the tournament's history, to the spluttering rage of the puce-faced, blazer-wearing gentlemen in charge. They tried to ban him but he kept on gatecrashing competitions with wacky disguises and fake names.

Doors and bar open at 7pm with entry just £5 on the door.

Our two Purbeck Film Festival films are:

Sunday 23 October – Respect -biographical music drama of the life of Aretha Franklin.

Thursday 27 October – The Railway Children Return

Entry to Purbeck Film Festival films is £6.50, or £5.00 for students and under 25s. All proceeds from entry go to PFF.

A final reminder of the next couple of dates for **Church at HXVH**, which will be Sunday 16 October and Sunday 20 November. These is a lovely, informal services, commencing at 6pm.

That's all for now. All the best,

Alison and the HXVH Committee





As a sub-group of Swanage Action for Refugees, Purbeck Connect Ukraine supports Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Purbeck.

Throughout the summer, a variety of activities and social events have been held for our Ukrainian guests in the Purbeck area. A trip to Lulworth Castle proved very popular. One of our guests wrote the next day:

'We had a wonderful day yesterday! We forgot about the problems that worry us at home, did not watch the news about our cities. We are very grateful to you for your help... We are very interested in learning about your culture.'

On Ukrainian Independence Day (24 August) some of the Ukrainian families enjoyed putting and tennis at Beach Gardens. On the August bank holiday Monday, a number attended the unveiling of the statue of Trevor Chadwick in Swanage. That same day, Purbeck Connect Ukraine had a stall at the Harmans Cross fete. At the beginning of September, we organised a trip to Corfe Castle and the model village. Regular English lessons are being provided at Emmanuel Baptist Church. We also continue to facilitate access to clothing and other support for those in need.

Ukrainian refugees are still arriving in Purbeck, although fewer than at the beginning of the war in Ukraine. Some families already here are having to seek alternative accommodation. Hosts who signed up for the Homes for Ukraine scheme committed to providing accommodation for at least six months. As the six months come to an end, some hosts are willing to extend this period but others, quite understandably, are not. This means there is still a need for new accommodation as the war persists. We would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to host Ukrainian refugees.

The next meeting for volunteers and anyone who would like to know more about the work of Purbeck Connect Ukraine will be at All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell, Swanage on Thursday 20 October 2022, at 7 pm.

Email: purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com



Come along to our fun quiz night and raise money for Swanage Pier!

Arrive 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £5 per person

Teams of up to 6 people

BOOK NOW

Amanda Bowden, Volunteer & Events Co-ordinator, Swanage Pier Trust

Tel: 01929 425806 - email activities@swanagepiertrust.com

Website: www.swanagepiertrust.com Twitter; @SwanagePier

Music by the Sea Concert in Prince Albert Gardens

It was a glorious sunny day on 4th September, when hundreds of people, of all ages, came along to pay tribute to Henry Searle and Will Paddy; two young lads who tragically died very young. It was a repeat of last year's magnificent Memorial Concert, organised by Vicki and Jonathan Searle, Henry's parents, with music from all the many bands and singers who took part last year - plus many others. A wonderful day was had by all the happy audience and the diverse musicians and singers too. Something for everyone.



Vicky Searle asked the Swanage & Purbeck Paramedic Car Campaign co-ordinator, Swanage Town Councillor, Debbie Monkhouse, if she would speak to the crowds from the stage, letting the community know the latest news - as Henry had often used the Paramedic Car, and it had brought much relief and comfort to him and his mum and dad too. So Debbie was delighted to oblige and here's what she said:

'The Swanage & Purbeck Ambulance Car-Where are we now?'

'The Town Council heard on the 8th March, from the health authority, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, that the 24/7 emergency response Paramedic Car would not be withdrawn. This was a huge step forward, following a two year battle. However, as there had been a plan to withdraw the Car since early 2020, by this March there were only 2 staff on the Car, not the 5 needed to staff it 24/7, and we had seen the effect of this in the increase, way beyond safe targets, of the emergency response times for Swanage and Wareham, putting hundreds of lives at risk.

'As a community we need hard evidence that the Car is back to full staffing and the Car Paramedic is able to attend the number of Swanage and Purbeck call outs they did before the Car was under threat. To give some context - there were just under 1900 Ambulance Car call outs to Purbeck in 2019, 1000 of which were to BH19 – Swanage and villages. This is the level of Swanage and Purbeck call outs that we expect to see again.

'The Town Council has asked for 6 monthly reports to ensure that we have the data to monitor the situation. For the Car to be truly saved it needs to be:

- 1) properly staffed, with staff not pulled off at the last minute
- 2) attending a similar number of local call outs to the number attended in 2019
- 3) enabling target Isle of Purbeck emergency response times to be better met
- 4) properly supporting the Swanage, Corfe and Wareham GP's

'So still a way to go – but I don't want to take away from the fantastic news this March that the Car was not going to be withdrawn, after a two year campaign. I think what stopped the Car from being withdrawn was the number and persistence of our community voices raised to save the Car, and the money raised by last years "Music by the Sea" tribute concert may have helped tip the balance – so a big THANK YOU to everyone!

'On 1st March, the week before we heard the Car was safe, the campaign raised a freedom of information act request to Dorset Council. Dorset Council had made a number of decisions that did not support the retention of the Car, despite having a statutory duty to stand up for residents, particularly where changes to services would put lives at risk. The campaign asked on what basis these decisions had been made, making it clear that when we received the response we'd seek a Barrister's opinion on the legality of the decisions.

'The money from the Music by the Sea tribute concert in 2021 meant that we could afford to seek a Barrister's opinion. In the event we have not yet needed to do this, as we heard on 10th March that the Car was saved - but it is very helpful to know that we have the funds to seek a Barrister's opinion - if needed.

'The campaign also used money from last year's event for a website facelift. The website is an essential campaigning tool. 6 year old Everly Collins, whose life could be at risk if the Car is withdrawn, has become the 'face' of our homepage.'

Can you help? Please sign and share!

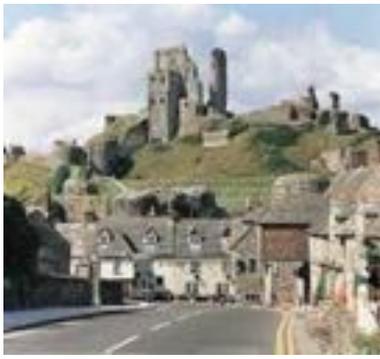
We are very close to the 5,000 signatures needed should we have to ask Dorset Council to act. So please help us reach our target by signing our petition.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/dorset-council-save-swanage-ambulance-car-1>

Cllr Debby Monkhouse, Save Our Ambulance Car Campaign



A view of the "Music by the Sea" Concert on 4th September. Photo by Chris Brady.



Latest News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

“All in Corfe Castle will receive the news of the death of Her Majesty with great sadness. She has been our head of State for all of our remembered lives, and we have shared all our key national events with her.

“She embodied all the qualities one would wish of a head of State. She had enormous integrity, diligence, selflessness and calmness and what changes she has presided over! In her reign the United Kingdom transitioned from the end of Empire to the creation of the Commonwealth, a multi-cultural association of democratic independent nations across the World, a change she championed. She was held in enormous respect by all countries across the World.

“She presided calmly over similar tremendous change and periods of internal conflict in our country but leaves a nation, which has embraced huge political and social change. She said:

“I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short will be devoted to your service.” How lucky we have been that she had a long life of exemplary service to us all.

“This year the Parish celebrated and commemorated the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with a series of events including an enormous turnout for the lighting of the Beacon, a measure of how much respect with which she was held.”

Statement released by Corfe Castle Parish Council

Road Closure West Street – Please see below the notice from Dorset Council:

“PROPOSED WORKS IN YOUR AREA - West Street Corfe Castle. To enable us to carry out maintenance work, we plan to close West Street Corfe Castle on 1st November 2022. It will be closed daily between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00. During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available. Parking restrictions will be imposed to prevent waiting or parking on the roads stated above. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been towed the owner will need to contact our towing contractors Bride Valley on 01305 889421.

“Vehicular and pedestrian access will be maintained for residents, however there may be a time where they are asked to wait depending on the current activity on site, there will be a Traffic Management Operative on site to aid traffic.

“In the current financial climate, the highways service has had to focus its budget on targeting the most damaged sections of road and areas with safety issues. The area to be resurfaced is from The Square to Hollands Close.”

Dog Fouling: Council have been made aware of a particular issue concerning dog fouling within the Parish. Dog fouling laws are in place because dog faeces are unsightly and unpleasant. They also represent a serious health hazard. *Toxocariasis* can cause serious illness, leading to blindness. It is caused by a parasite which lays its eggs in the soil. If they are ingested by someone, for example a small child, they may hatch into larvae causing toxocariasis. So, the child doesn’t necessarily have to pick up dog faeces in order to become infected – they could just be playing where the soil still contains eggs.

We very much hope that this article will highlight the anti-social consequences of not clearing up after your dog. Dog owners need to be aware that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allows local authorities and communities to create bylaws relating to dog mess and issue dog control orders against individual owners for offences including allowing their dog to foul in a public space. Councils can issue fixed penalty orders and serious cases can result in prosecution. If you witness dog fouling the best place to log the incident is with the Dog Warden at Dorset Council via <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service.aspx>

Reporting Non-urgent Crimes and Police Issues: There are sometimes occasions where anti-social behaviour, suspicious activity or minor crimes go unreported. In order for the police to establish the extent of the problem and act accordingly, it is important that these instances are reported every time with as much detail provided as possible. If the police can establish any kind of pattern then it can inform future patrols. To report any non-urgent crimes to the Police, you can call 101 but you can also report online: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online. Or you can email Dorset Police: 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

Planning Application & Treework Application update: The following applications has been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see Dorset Council website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

P/ADV/2022/04493 - The Castle Inn 63 East Street Corfe Castle BH20 5EE.

Working Group Recommendation: No objection to the new signs, but object to the change of colour of the front of the building and check whether this needs LBC.

P/HOU/2022/04977 - Greensands Little Woolgarston Road BH20 5JE

Working Group Recommendation: No objection.

6/2020/0321_1 – Swanworth Quarry. Corfe Castle Parish Council have submitted a provisional comment of No Objection given the short deadline issued by Dorset Council. The Council made a comment of no objection when the

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application was first made in 2020 provided a number of changes were made. However, the Council have requested an extension in order to be able to consult with residents and then to re-submit a comment if necessary. The issue will be discussed at the October meeting.

P/HOU/2022/04838 – 91 East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EE. Working Group Recommendation: No objection, but check the removal of three trees is necessary.

You can make a Difference: Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. Council's need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve. In May 2024 Dorset will be holding the next local elections where your Parish Councillors will be elected. If you want to make a difference to your community, why not think about standing? You will need to start becoming aware of issues in your local area; what your local council is doing about these issues; come to a few of our meetings, and if you feel you could make a difference, think about standing.

Next Council Meeting – **Monday 10th October 2022, 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 clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or
write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ
Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>
Website - <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk>

SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB

Charity no: 1133375



Happy Summer Memories

The Swanage Disabled Club Charity was able to enjoy a Jubilee stall in June, plus 4 sea-front stalls during August, giving a total of over £1,400 raised to help with our buses upkeep, but mainly to subsidise any outings etc. for our members.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible, (see attached photo of some willing volunteers) - exhausted after these beautiful days on Swanage sea-front.

We would not be able to have these stalls or run the Club so successfully without their help. Thank you all.

We are now back to our weekly meetings at All Saints Church, so if anyone is interested in joining us, please do get in touch. We can also provide transport to and from your home on our specially adapted buses - it's a great way to meet new people, make new friends and probably meet up with some 'old' ones. We are a friendly group with amazing caring drivers/escorts, always there to help you, any way they can when you are coming to the meetings.

For your information we do have a smaller vehicle which takes just 1 wheelchair and/or a couple of passengers, for appointments locally and also to Bournemouth/Poole/Dorchester Hospitals or any other trip within the area that requires this type of special transport.

Please call Robert/Sue Payne 01929 423729 for booking information. This service must be pre-booked (sorry it's not a Taxi service) and donations are gratefully received.

For any further information regarding joining the Club please contact Daphne Saville 01929 425241.

Daphne Saville, Hon Sec, Swanage Disabled Club



Some happy Swanage Disabled Club volunteers

Message from the Mayor of Swanage Cllr Tina Foster



1926-2022

I am writing this contribution at a time of great sadness. The death of our beloved Queen has overshadowed everything, and I find it difficult to bring to mind other events of the last month.

However, her Majesty was a shining example of “getting on with the job” and would not allow grief to hold up business. Our King has shown the way with his stalwart commitment to his duty, and we should all follow his example.

One of the highlights of my life will surely be the privilege of reading the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III to the people of Swanage at the Bandstand on 11 September. My thanks go to the Councillors who supported me, the marvellous Town Council staff and all those who attended.

Although we are facing a difficult and testing winter ahead, we are fortunate to live in such a beautiful place with lots of opportunities to get out and about and enjoy our wonderful countryside.

As the articles in this newsletter show, we are also blessed with a caring community with many voluntary organisations who can help when times are hard. There will also be information available at the Swanage Library.

Cllr Tina Foster



Mayor Tina Foster, reading the Royal proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III

Who Are We?

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

We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

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

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

Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group



What's On in October

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

Live Shows:

- **Sleeping Lions** - A play about love, denial, courage and scotch eggs. Warning, there is strong language and some upsetting themes.
 - Friday, September 30th at 7.30 pm
 - There will also be a post-performance Q&A with the Actors and Director.

Movies:

- **See How They Run (12A)**
 - Saturday 1st October through to Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 3rd October at 2.30pm
- **Ticket to Paradise (12A)**
 - Saturday 8th October through to Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 10th October at 2.30pm
- **Mrs Harris goes to Paris (PG)**
 - Monday 31st October through to Thursday 3rd November at 7.30pm
 - Monday Matinée on 31st October at 2.30pm

Clubs & Societies:

Monthly

- The Making Memories Dementia Friendly cafe is Tuesday the 4th and 18th of October. There are no movies for October.
- The Flower Club will meet on Thursday 20th October at 9.00am in the Community Room.

Weekly / Bi-Weekly

- **Health Qui Con Community** meets every Wednesday at 1.30 pm in the Community Room.
- **Egyptian Bellydance** classes every Tuesday at 5.30 pm in the Community Room and run weekly.

Swanage Arts & Crafts Market back every Saturday and Sunday outside the Mowlem to October.

Purbeck Film Festival 2022

The Mowlem Theatre are really excited to be hosting a number of this year's movies forming the 27th Annual Purbeck Film Festival listed here. More information and the 2022 brochure can be found on the [Purbeck Film Festival website](#) and tickets are also available at the Purbeck Shorts Competition on Friday 21st October at 7.15pm

Purbeck Film Festival Movies:

- **Wild Men / Vildmaend (15)**: Friday 14th at 7.30pm
- **The Artist (PG)**: Saturday 15th at 6.00pm
- **Cinema Paradiso (12A)**: Saturday 15th at 8.00pm
- **In the Heat of the Night (12A)**: Sunday 16th at 11.00am
- **Adaptation (12A)**: Sunday 16th at 7.30pm
- **Flee / Flugt (12A)**: Monday 17th at 7.30pm
- **Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy / Gûzen to sôzô (15)**: Tuesday 18th at 7.30pm
- **A Chiara (15)**: Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm
- **Parallel Mothers / Madres paralelas (15)**: Thursday 20th 5.30pm
- **The Good Boss / El buen patrón (15)**: Thursday 20th at 8.00pm
- **Song of the Sea (PG)**: Saturday 22nd at 5.30pm
- **The Worst Person in the World / Verdens Verste Menneske (15)**: Saturday 22nd at 7.30pm
- **Paris, 13th District (18)**: Sunday 23rd at 7.30pm
- **A Miniscules Adventure / Les mandibules du bout du monde (U)**: Monday 24th at 5.30pm

Let's Celebrate! New Upgraded Tennis Facilities in Swanage



SWANAGE TENNIS CLUB members have just celebrated their latest achievement of upgrading the tennis courts at Beach Gardens in Swanage so that there are now three floodlit Astro-turf courts as well as the three tarmac ones. All courts are available for hire and are now some of the best public tennis facilities in Dorset.

The club welcomed the Swanage Mayor, Cllr. Tina Foster, to officially open the new upgraded court. Joining her were club President Judy Longman, Cllrs. Chris Moreton and Bill Trite together with past club Chairs Helen Knight, Sam Christmas and Sue Tindale, Mike Angel, and Tony Saunders together with present acting Chair, Deborah Miller.



Swanage Mayor, Cllr Tina Foster officially opened new upgraded tennis court

Swanage Town Council agreed to include the project on their capital programme for the 2021/22 financial year and make a financial contribution towards the works of £6,000. This sum, together with the very generous grant of £4,000 from Dorset Council and donation of just over £8,000 from the Co-op ensured that the project could be completed.

The celebration was part of a weekend of competitive and entertaining tennis by club players who had reached the Club Championships Finals. Oscar Mann and Josh Titley displayed skilful tennis in the 14&Under competition. Equally entertaining was the Ladies Doubles Plate final between Susie Eatwell, Gillian Humphries, Liz Lovibond and Leonora Stephen. Jamie McDonald triumphed over club coach Paul Marchant to take the men's Singles title with Jo Kiddell and Jane Langstaff beating mum and daughter pairing Maisie and Becky Gate to take the Ladies Doubles title (all photographed below).

Deborah Miller thanked all for supporting the court upgrade project, especially as it "will ensure that the quality of tennis facilities continues to be improved and maintained to a very high standard, especially for our future generations".

Anyone interested in learning to play tennis, picking up a racket once again, joining the junior coaching classes or adult fitness sessions should contact Ryan Trickey the Club Coach at justplaytennis@hotmail.com or visit the club website at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/swanagetennisclub

Photographs by Jonny Powell of JKR Powell Photography





SWANAGE MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

The Square, Swanage BH19 2LJ - www.swanagemuseum.org.uk

The Swanage History Centre, based on the Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, is the research arm of Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre at The Square. It houses the collection of artefacts belonging to the museum that aren't on display at the Heritage Centre. It is also home to the archives relating to Swanage and the Isle of Purbeck, including a growing photographic collection and a family history section. A small group of volunteers have been slowly and painstakingly working over the last few years sorting, listing and cataloguing the artefacts and paperwork.

In April The History Centre acquired the adjacent two units and have been able to expand and put the new space to good use. We will now be able to hang a lot of the growing collection of works of art that have been donated or bought by the museum over the years.

A local family has donated one such important addition to the collection. This is a large oil painting by M. Wood (we have no information about him or her and if anyone can through any light on them we would like to hear from you) and is a copy of a postcard produced by the Hildesheimer Company in 1904 titled by them 'On the South Coast near Bournemouth'. The painting had been in a local family's collection for a number of years. The family's mother has recently passed away and they were trying to decide what to do with the painting, as it was a large one. It shows a view of Swanage Bay from Whitecliffe Farm with the harvest in full swing.

Their mother bought the painting around 1949 from an antique dealer in Parkstone who told her it had come from a house sale close to Swanage. She brought it home on the pram holding her elder son. At the time they were living in a tiny rented house, so the picture must have taken up a lot of space. It had hung on the wall of the various houses the family lived in over the years until it came back to Poole.

The family have agreed to loan it to the Museum during the lifetime of their father who is 102 and in a care home. They then say: *When he has passed away we will donate the painting to The Swanage Museum with the proviso that it is exhibited with a memorial plaque to Mum and Dad and that a legal covenant is in place to ensure that it always stays with The Swanage Museum or, if said museum were ever to close, that it is transferred as a donation to another Dorset museum complete with memorial, and not sold privately for profit.* It is a great addition to our collection and already has pride of place.

If you would like to see this painting and others in the collection we will be having an Open Weekend at the Swanage History Centre on the 5th and 6th of November to allow people to come and explore the archives for family or personal history, or for general interest and to view the art collection.

Robert Field, Swanage Museum Research Group

bobfield@btinternet.com





There is lots going on during October in Swanage Library - so be sure to pop in and join us for one of our events. So, note them in your diaries:

We are celebrating **Libraries Week (3rd-8th)** with some FREE have-a-go activities for adults such as ancestry on Wednesday 5th <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-your-ancestry-tickets-414218417437> and crochet on Saturday 8th <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-a-go-at-crochet-in-swanage-library-on-saturday-8-october-tickets-418094250157>

On Monday 10th October, Livewell Dorset will be offering our community a 'drop-in' health MOT between 10am-2pm. 'Spend 20 minutes with Livewell to discover how making small changes can make a big difference to your health and well-being'. That same afternoon we are very lucky to have **the author Neil McLocklin** in at 2pm for a talk. FREE tickets for this can be booked at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-nation-in-ruins-author-talk-with-neil-mccllocklin-at-swanage-library-tickets-394244414657>

Wednesday 12th October 11am-3pm Friends of Swanage Library Event

If you, like many people, are worried about the cost-of-living crisis, come along and find out how you can cut bills and find support. See full details from the Friends on this page.

On Saturday 15th October 2pm Recycled Craft event

(postponed from September 19th -this was part of Planet Purbeck Festival). Come along and have fun making craft from recycled items! Book your FREE place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recycled-crafts-at-swanage-library-tickets-421723023917>

Monday 17-29th October: Royal Knitting Display

Why not come in and see what the talented RVS knitters have made?

Friday 28th October: Fire and Firework Safety with Dorset Fire Service

There will also be stories and fun activities to do too! Book your FREE tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/swanage-library-presents-fire-firework-safety-with-dorset-fire-service-tickets-415257876487>

As always, we look forward to welcoming you.

Nathalie Carter, Library Manager

Worried about the cost-of-living crisis?

Come along to Swanage Library

Wednesday 12th October, 11am – 3pm

Find out how you can you cut bills and find support

Swanage Library Friends have organised this free event to support our local community in unprecedented times in terms of inflation.

We will have information and some free gadgets to help with the following:

- Saving fuel
- Keeping warm
- Saving water
- Where to find help with paying bills
- Saving on food waste
- Repairing and renewing clothing
- Sources of support with food



Please do come along and see what is on offer – if we don't have the information you need we will find it for you.

Jude Evans, Friends of Swanage Library

Swanage's Frank Roberts receives the BBC 'Make A Difference Award' for Environmental Volunteering

Chris Packham, of BBC radio and TV fame chose our own Frank Roberts for the Environmental Award, for collecting litter for six years across Purbeck at the 'Make a Difference Awards 2022' held at the Guildhall in Portsmouth on 20th September.



In Frank's own words:

Soon after Midsummer's Day, I received an email from the BBC in Southampton informing me that I had been nominated for the 'Make a Difference Awards' and would I be available on 20th September to attend the Guildhall in Portsmouth?

I was proud enough to have paid my respects to Queen Elizabeth at 0130hrs on Monday morning 19th September in Westminster Hall, so on the day after Queen Elizabeth was laid to rest, the chance to visit the Guildhall in Portsmouth was a most pleasant experience.

Once there, I quickly became aware that the hall was filled with very keen and passionate volunteers and we heard many stories of how people in the South help others. Then the Environmental Award came up and before I had grasped my breath, Chris Packman was on the screen saluting me for my litter picking efforts. I was shocked, as all I deal in is rubbish! It's rare that I'm lost for words, but for those who saw my off-the-cuff BBC South Today interview behind one of the side doors, you may well have seen the state I was in! Shocked and Stunned of Swanage!



Photos by Andrew P M Wright

Anyway, It was a wonderful experience and I have been delighted and moved at the sheer numbers of lovely supportive messages that have followed. Thank you all.

Many others have highlighted the breadth of volunteering which I undertake, so I am taking take a moment here to see if others would like to join in.

Litter Free Purbeck. A number of us lead small groups across Purbeck who litter-pick in our local community. There are two groups in Swanage, with the Beach Buddies undertaking sterling work all summer. I urgently need volunteers, and most importantly a deputy to assist me, so **our team can push on with litter-picking across our lovely parish.**

Swanage Army Link - Dawn Patrols. Picking up litter along main 'A' and 'B' class roads in Purbeck, where drivers pass at the national speed limit, is not for the faint hearted. Last spring we picked up litter along *34 miles of vergeside*, bagged it up, and handed it over to Dorset Council. I have completed the industry recognised safety course for such work, and I am proud that our small team is able to succeed where others have given up. **Are you able to get up in the middle of the night, provide your own Personal Protective Equipment and join us?**

Remembrance Sunday. Many of you know that I have led the arrangements for events on Remembrance Sunday in Swanage for well over a decade. For many years I also encouraged family members of those who have gone before us to represent their family members on our Swanage parade. Whilst the Royal British Legion forms a major part of this civic event, it is sponsored by Swanage Town Council, and we are looking for a few keen people who are willing to assist the road marshals this year - **would you help ensure this year's parade is as safe as reasonably possible?**

Swanage Railway. For almost 40 years I have encouraged soldiers to support the Railway, and in more recent years the town. In the early years this work supported the installation of a cable communications network, and since 1997 a small team known as "Team Herston II", has looked after the station at Herston Halt. Indeed, as part of the unveiling of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Pond on 22 July this year, we formally launched Herston *Community* Halt, an initiative to

encourage members of the local community and veterans to volunteer at the Halt or on Swanage Railway. **Would you like to join our team of volunteers, or indeed assist us to celebrate 40 years of support from the Royal Corps of Signals planned in June 2024?**

Jubilee Flags. Whilst The Queen's Jubilee is now but a distant memory, we are proud of the events that took place in our town at the beginning of June. **We will need lots more flags for the Coronation of King Charles III – and some help to put them up!**

We are blessed to live in such a strong community - it is so strong as a result of the community which supports it. So if you'd like to help, please contact me at

frank@herstoncross.co.uk

Frank E Roberts



Frank Roberts, to the left of the Mayor at the unveiling of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Pond at Swanage Railway on 22 July this year

With winter approaching and the on-going cost of living crisis, many people are increasingly worried about how they are going to pay bills, heat their home and put food on the table.

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck would like to remind residents to seek help early on and that we are here to offer free advice and support.

Experienced advisers are available to provide support about a wide range of issues including, debt, energy advice, employment, benefits and housing. There is a range of support available particularly to low income households which many residents many not know about.

Advice is provided through multiple channels including telephone, email, video conferencing and face to face from our offices in Wareham and Wimborne and from outreach services including Swanage and Herston. Home visits are also offered to those more vulnerable people who are unable to access these services.

Free Carbon Monoxide Monitor

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck are offering free Carbon Monoxide Monitors. Please speak to an adviser for a chat about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and a free monitor will be ordered for you.

Drop-in Locations

Local residents can call into one of the drop-in sessions at the following locations. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary:

- Swanage Town Hall - Wednesday 10am-2pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage - First Monday of each month 10am-12noon
- Wareham Citizens Advice - Thursday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday 10am-12noon

- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:

Swanage Library, Bovington Hive, Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council, Upton Library & Verwood Library.

For details of all of our outreach and drop-in locations visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person

For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline freephone 0800 144 8848** (Textphone: 0800 144 8884), 10am-4pm weekdays or visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk



Pop in to



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 

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



Time to Celebrate as Project approaches 8th Year!

At our SCDP Open Meeting on Wednesday 14th September, we were delighted that the Swanage Mayor, Cllr. Tina Foster and her Consort were able to join over 20 of us, to celebrate our successful community project, now approaching its 8th year!

The Mayor kindly thanked the whole SCDP team for supporting Swanage and the surrounding villages with 40 public access Defibrillators across the area. The meeting provided the opportunity to thank the committed team of Defib Guardians who regularly check the cabinets and defibs and to acknowledge with sincere thanks the many people who have generously supported the project by funding defibrillators and other life-saving equipment and by providing funding to maintain the SCDP fleet. Defibs have been deployed to 128 incidents - 33 times this year to date.

The challenge now for the steering group team is to SUSTAIN this important project. As members of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust it has been possible and necessary to insure SCDP equipment (a defib went missing from its locked cabinet for over 3 months before being anonymously returned) and we are grateful to the Carnival Committee for naming SCDP as a beneficiary this year and to the Coastwatch team at Peveril Point, who organised a Tea and cake event for SCDP - all proceeds will support our monitoring and maintenance and help us to provide defib. familiarisation sessions to the community.

The steering group would welcome volunteer support; we can be contacted through Corbens, Station Road, Swanage.

With our most grateful thanks to all our supporters.

Maggie Hardy , SCDP



Members of the SCDP Steering Group: Ian Brown, Dave Corben, Mary Buck, Kyle Hickman, Maggie Hardy

Swanage JAZZ CLUB
IS PROUD TO PRESENT



SPATS LANGHAM TRIO
TICKETS £10 - Licensed Bar
Tickets from:
Swanage Jazz Club Treasurer,
22 Streche Rd, Swanage BH19 1NF
Cheques made out to Swanage Jazz Associates
(for full details Tel 01929 426127) or email
melvyn.norris@icloud.com

**AT HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL*
SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER - 7.30PM**
**Licensed Bar opens at 7pm
Music starts at 7.30pm**

TOM "SPATS" LANGHAM plays in a wide range of styles and rhythms from the Hot Jazz of the 1920s to the swing of the 1930s/1940s. His virtuoso guitar and banjo playing, singing and humour have made him immensely popular in the jazz scene. He's played all over the world as a soloist and with famous names, including Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and the Pasadena Roof Orchestra. Spats will be accompanied by **Mike Piggott**, one of the best violinists on the British Jazz scene whose roots are very much in the black blues tradition and by his regular partner, **Danny Blyth** on guitar, mandolin and clarinet.

***Harmans Cross Village Hall is in Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB, 2 miles outside Swanage. If coming from C. Castle, take a right turn opp. garage in centre of Harmans Cross village**

PLENTY OF PARKING ON SITE

Studland Snippets



Studland Parish Council

Some of the intrusive A Boards have been removed now the main tourist season is closing. The parish council will be discussing whether to form a local speed watch group similar to Langton. The value of such a group rests in the potential for speeding road users to slow down, as well as to supply evidence to support the case for a 20mph speed limit on the Studland roads. There is ongoing concern about road safety at the top of Woodhouse hill coming into the village and at the cross roads opposite Studland Stores. If there is to be some form of road crossing near Studland Stores, mainly to address seasonal traffic and safer pedestrian road use, then it is perhaps pertinent to note that in Switzerland, pedestrian crossings are on raised road surfaces and without flashing lights. Apparently, this is widespread - and works. Something for Dorset Council and its members to consider?

The parish council has yet to consider whether and how to respond to the government consultation on holiday lets, Airbnb's and second homes. The last two sales of former council houses by the housing association has led to two more second homes. If villages like Studland are to remain sustainable, then such matters need to be addressed by the relevant authorities.

As the evenings draw in the cries of the foxes, the mating calls of the deer and the hooting of the owls increase. Some new residents fear such cries, whereas those who have long lived in rural areas, welcome the return of these seasonal activities and recognise that night time should be for the animals and various birds.

The Purbeck Society

The next meeting is on **Friday 14th October in the community room of the Mowlem Institute at 14.30pm**. The speaker is a local diver, who will share photographs and experiences of the underworld paradise associated with our coast. Please tell others about this event.

One of the activities of the Purbeck Society is to keep an eye on buildings, both old and new. Should the bandstand be registered as a listed building? It is the only one in Purbeck. Such unique structures may benefit from a degree of protection. Dorset Council are completing (via Edinburgh-based consultants) their review of heritage assets in the county. The survey of the non-listed heritage assets in Swanage has been submitted to Dorset Council. It is understood that the ten best examples of heritage assets will be recognised by Dorset Council. Even though the time for registering heritage assets with the consultants is coming to an end, there will be ongoing opportunities for registering heritage assets in the future. The town of Swanage and the surrounding parishes of Langton, Worth, Corfe Castle, Studland, Church Knowle and Arne may be interested in such registration. A comprehensive list of heritage assets for south Purbeck would seem to be a worthy goal.

The Countryside Charity, CPRE

There will be an update in the November edition of this Newsletter.

Peter Bowyer



Photograph by Dai Hounsell

HISTORIC MAPS EXHIBITION - GREAT SUCCESS

It was a delight to welcome not-far-short of 200 people to the informal map exhibition on 16th and 17 September at All Saints Church Hall. There were so many interested, interesting and appreciative viewers, that the initial hushed exchanges (as though we were in some hallowed institution) were quickly replaced by a buzz and lots of animation. It was lovely that a few people brought along interesting maps of their own to show.

With over 30 maps dating from c1250 to 1900 and covering the World, Britain and Dorset, my request that people should nominate their favourite map as they signed the visitors book, was met with one of two responses “*No contest*” or (much more often) “*Impossible!*”

Those of you who were there might like to know that **Urbano Monte’s world map of 1587**, with its wonderful creatures and fascinating history, won by a fair margin. **Gough’s Britain (c1400)** took silver. In truth, of course, they were all winners.

Our wonderful visitors donated in excess of £750 (including Gift Aid) to Swanage Action for Refugees and we are extremely grateful - and also to Rotary Inner Wheel who donated £100. Blessings abound.

Gwenda Yeomans



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Swanage Food Bank



As a grim winter approaches, we will need your generous support more than ever

Autumn has arrived, summer is over, and our nation is just emerging from a period of national mourning, so there is a general feeling of loss. For those already struggling with food poverty exacerbated by rising prices and high energy costs, there is the added uncertainty of how they will survive winter.

Fortunately, Swanage is a wonderful community, supporting its poorest members, which is reflected in all the generous giving to Swanage Food Bank. We are grateful for the Harvest donations including fresh produce from gardens and allotments. The number of clients continues to grow, so stocks plummet rapidly, in spite of our weekly on-line

delivery from Morrison's and our fresh supplies from local stores. But if giving, this is a guide to what we are most likely to need:

- tins of meat, fish, baked beans, soup, and fruit; packets of sugar, rice, and dried pasta;
- jars of instant coffee, pasta sauce and marmalade.
- desserts and shop-bought cakes are always welcome, as are biscuits whether sweet or savoury.

SFB gives thanks to all our donors on behalf of our many clients who often refer to the Food Bank as a 'life saver'.

Just a note to anyone who has kindly donated to SFB by bank transfer or who would like to do so, we have recently changed our Bank account. Please contact our Treasurer, Ian Bandy, for details of our new Bank account. Ian's email is: ian.bandy@gmx.com - he will be very pleased to update you!

Pauline Werba, Chair SFB

The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Thurs 8th-Sat 10th Dec. 10am-6pm

Free entry & parking. Cafe open.

Lights of love Remembrance Service
Sun 11th Dec 4pm

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



Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage



@ebcswanage



Supporting The Swanage Lifeboat and Swanage Foodbank



HAVE YOURSELF A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We are pleased to announce that the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival is back this Christmas at Emmanuel Baptist Church from **Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th December** and booking forms to sponsor trees are available from the end of September. We hope this wonderful event will be well supported by both sponsors and visitors and so we are starting early to get everyone on board who wishes to participate. Please see our poster here for contact details and phone number.

All the usual things will be there, musical items, café open, children's activities, stories in the stable and a wonderful walk amongst the trees.

The idea is that sponsors, that is, charities, businesses, clubs, associations, schools and individuals pay for a tree, then decorate it to highlight their particular focus and take it home at the end of the festival to enjoy over Christmas.

This year all donations raised will go to Swanage Food Bank and Swanage Lifeboat.



Latest news from Friends of Wareham Hospital

As I write this update I am also considering my report to the Friends at our AGM to be held on 26th September.

The year has been an emotional roller coaster with 'up and downs' and uncertainty for Wareham Hospital / Purbeck community staff, and for us as a Friends Group with promises broken and hopes dashed.

Having been advised not to challenge the closure of in-patient beds at Wareham Hospital in 2018 as it could affect the promise of an Integrated Purbeck Community hub we were *so* disappointed, when having given full support to the Hub plans, the Trust scrapped them stating that the Coronavirus had identified different ways of working and the new hub was no longer necessary.

As a Friends Committee we wrote to the then Chief Executive requesting more information about this change – sadly we have yet to receive a reply! We believe this decision is very short-sighted as the Hub would also have provided a much improved working environment for community staff and hopefully supported retention and future recruitment of staff

However, we are now told that Wareham Hospital is to remain and the Trust has indicated that it will invest in the hospital building and support the development of

local services in Purbeck. As Friends we will maintain our strong interest and support for the hospital whilst also supporting community services, enabled by our change of Constitution some years ago. We are hopeful that there will now be better utilisation of the hospital building by relocating community staff from the current work area in Bonnets Lane where staff have limited facilities. The site also offers opportunities for improved parking which we would support as a benefit to patients attending the hospital, staff and local residents.

It has been indicated that the Purbeck Vaccination Centre at Wareham Hospital will be in place for a further 3-5 years. The facility has proved to be a great asset to the locality and I feel privileged to still be part of the vaccination team. The organisation of such a successful service has been massive with frequent guidance changes often coming at short notice, but all credit to a very committed hardworking team led by Rafael Mata who working with local practices and very importantly a strong and dedicated team of volunteers, Purbeck has been provided with a local Covid vaccination service.

The Volunteers are the 'unsung heroes' who work in all weathers inside and outside the centre and whose work the Friends wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude and say a big "Thank you" to all.

Whilst we have faced disappointment we are heartened with new opportunities presented for closer working together across the area and are pleased to have welcomed the Chair of Swanage Hospital Friends to two of our recent meetings.

Our commitment to the support of Purbeck services remains very strong and we would welcome support. We can be contacted through the hospital or by email :

friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy , Friends Chair

Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



Unveiling of the Trevor Chadwick Memorial



A very special and poignant day took place on August Bank Holiday Monday, when a bronze statue to local unsung hero Trevor Chadwick was unveiled by his grandson Samuel, on the Children's Recreation Ground overlooking Swanage Bay.

Trevor was instrumental in saving the lives of 669 refugee children at the outbreak of the Second World War, arranging their removal from Prague to the UK. Trevor's story had remained untold for some 80 years until local Councillor William Trite discovered some documents relating to Trevor's extraordinary exploits.

The ceremony took place in brilliant sunshine with around 300 guests and attendees present. The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell, the High Sheriff of Dorset, Ms Sibyl Fine King, Richard Drax MP, and Councillor Val Potheary, Chairman of Dorset Council attended.

The Trevor Chadwick Trust's Chairman, John Corben, said:

"The statue is an outstanding tribute to a person who has become known as 'The Purbeck Schlindler'. It is situated in a prominent position at the children's playground (now renamed Trevor Chadwick Park) and overlooks Swanage Bay to the Lifeboat Station where Trevor served as a crew member for a number of years.

"This was the culmination of two and a half years of hard work from a team of dedicated people whose commitment and dedication has enabled the project to be successfully completed on time. Not forgetting, of course, the many incredibly generous financial donations that made it all possible - and our very own Sculptress, Moira Purver, who created this amazing life-size statue."





Rotary: always here to help

Shelter Boxes for Pakistan

In response to the devastating flooding in Pakistan Swanage Rotary has provided funding for three Shelter Boxes. This Rotary inspired disaster relief charity has sent a response team to the country that is working with Rotary Clubs in Pakistan to ensure the aid gets to where it is needed most. The first of the boxes, which include tents, water filters and carriers, mosquito nets and solar lights, will be arriving by mid-September.

Harman's Cross Fete

After a group of willing helpers from Harmans Cross provided invaluable help with our fete we were able to return the compliment at the end of August at the Harmans Cross Fete. Swanage & Purbeck Rotarians helped with various tasks including setting up, car park stewarding and the barbecue.

Autumn Events

We have a busy programme of events planned for the next few months. In addition to talks from a series of inspiring speakers our social activities include a Cornhole* challenge, plus supper at the Village Inn and a guided tour of Swanage Pier. We will be holding a fund-raising prosecco and tea party to celebrate World Polio Day on Saturday 22nd October (see <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>). This will be held at the All Saints Church Hall starting at 3pm.

Christmas Programme

We are working on our Christmas shoebox project again for children overseas. As ever we are most grateful for all the support we receive from schools and the local community. We would welcome donations of suitable items before the end of October. Typical items include toy cars, balls, jigsaws, colouring books, pens, crayons, scarf, hat, fluffy toys skipping rope, games and dolls.

We are also starting to plan for our ever-popular Christmas programme which will include the Christmas Market, a pop-up shop, the charity Christmas mail service and, of course, Santa's Sleigh. If you are interested in joining in with these events get in touch! More details are on our website <https://www.swanagerotary.org/> or send an email to president@swanagerotary.org

President's Charity

Each each year the incoming President choses a charity that the club will support which includes allocating all the donations made through the Rotary Wishing Well on the sea front. I am particularly keen to support younger people in the area and have selected the Purbeck Youth Community Foundation as this year's charity.

Chris Le Fevre

President, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary

**The Cornhole game has grown from its original base in the US to become hugely popular in many countries across the globe. <https://cornhole.co.uk/>*



'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



PIONEERS SHOW HOW WE CAN SAVE ENERGY IN THE HOME WITH LAUNCH OF THIS YEAR'S DORSET GREENER HOMES

With fuel prices soaring, this promises to be a hard winter for people struggling to pay their bills. There is a wealth of advice on how to save energy in the home, from switching lightbulbs to LEDs to unplugging devices which draw electricity on standby.

But can a home be made more energy efficient? Where to start when insulating your house? Over two weekends at the beginning of October sixty homes across Dorset will be open to visitors to give practical help on how you can use less energy and resources.

Colin Tracy, one of the organisers of Dorset Greener Homes, says "Much of the available advice on insulating your home comes from people who are trying to sell you their own product. By visiting private homes where the owner has installed insulation or heat pumps, visitors can learn from their experience in an unbiased way."

The homes range from new-build EcoHomes with heat pumps and ventilation systems to simpler and cheaper approaches to making a home greener. This is the ninth year the Open Greener Homes event has taken place, but this year has a record number opening – 60, including several new ones. For the first time these include a *Passivhaus*, built to a scientifically developed standard to minimise heat loss; a self-built home with ground source heat pump; a church which has installed solar panels and a heat pump, a village hall and a youth club. In one of the homes the owner has installed internal insulation on the walls using natural materials such as sheep's wool to ensure that the home is not only warm but avoids problems of damp.

The homes are spread over all of Dorset and open at different times. Some require booking in advance. Sam Wilberforce, co-organiser says: "it would not be possible to visit more than a handful of these homes, and it will be worth visitors deciding what features they are interested in and picking those houses which have installed them. The more popular ones will be booked up quite early. As they are spread over a the whole of the county some planning is essential".

More details of the homes, opening times and how to book can be found on the website: <https://dorset.greenehomes.net>



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Friends of Swanage Hospital Committee were pleased to welcome Dawn Dawson, Acting CEO Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust, (DHUFT) to our meeting in September to establish how it's envisaged that Swanage Hospital will – post Covid – return to "business as usual".

Dawn explained that DHUFT is working to the Governments' latest initiative of "care closer to home" which should avoid unnecessary admissions to, and facilitate a speedier discharge from, the Acute Hospitals and sees Swanage Hospital - due to its unique geographical position - being ideally suited to deliver this initiative and become the centre for our local health and social care services.

We discussed at length the importance of having an "Open access" for our much-valued MIU and highlighted that often, when using the National 111 service our local community are

not offered the option of an appointment at Swanage Hospital. We were assured that the issue with the 111 service would be speedily rectified and that anyone presenting at the MIU with an *urgent medical condition* suitable for treatment in an MIU would be seen and assessed.

I was pleased, at the invitation of Maggie Hardy, Chair of Wareham Hospital Friends, to be able to join the Wareham Hospital Friends meeting in August and establish that many of the queries and concerns raised were very similar to those of Swanage Hospital Friends; we are very excited to be working more closely together to achieve services "closer to home" for our respective and combined local communities.

So, in anticipation of returning to "business as usual" we hope to see many of you at our **AGM, which is reverting to an afternoon meeting, on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 2:30pm in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, BH19 1AZ**

Another date for your diary, and not to be missed is our **Autumn Fayre on Saturday 19th November 2022, Venue to be advised.**

Finally, if you are visiting the Hospital and have the chance to visit the Garden, please do so as the Autumnal colours are superb.

Deirdre Selwyn
Chair, Swanage Hospital Friends



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

“I like to think that to one in sympathy with nature, each season, in turn, seems the loveliest”
- Mark Twain

Another summer nearly over... and it was different. It was hot and dry. But with less visitors than the previous two years in the Purbeck area. 1976 was used a lot as a reference point, and perhaps it's good to reflect that whilst there were plenty of fires this year, there were none quite as catastrophic as the one on Hartland Moor 46 years ago. It's been heartening to see so much support for a ban on disposable BBQs... here's hoping that their use in our landscapes continues to diminish. There are a few other changes since 1976... in Purbeck heathland is more extensive than it was then. It means the habitat as a whole is more resilient, and will be even more so with the introduction of beavers and rewetting of some of our peat bogs. These sponges are not only greater sequesters of water and carbon, and important for many rare species – they also act as great fire breaks. The work of our fire brigades is so impressive, and the coordinated way we all manage the landscape to reduce the impact of any fire is down to many people's hard work.

We've been working in a number of different ways with the Swanage community. My colleague, Alex, has coordinated the wonderful community partnership to work out what support we can collectively provide to the current (and soon to be worse) cost of living crisis.

We're continuing our work with **The Swanage School** – and hosting most of the school for its annual Healthy Minds Day. Last year it was brilliant to see so many of the pupils thoroughly enjoying themselves in a place that not all of them go to as often as you may expect. We're working through the various reasons (and it isn't all about car parking) and coming up with long term solutions – the information the pupils are providing to us, is critical to this.

Finally (Alex again) is working with **St Marks School**, with some funding from *Nature Heals*, to see how we can help more pupils make better use (for their own health and wellbeing benefit) of the fantastic landscape of Purbeck. It's early days, but we're already thinking about how we can maintain a long term relationship with the school.

Writing this on the equinox, it definitely feels like autumn – I hope you enjoy the changing of the seasons as much as I do.

Tom Clarke, National Trust, Studland and Purbeck



Purbeck Coast 101.2fm



A community radio station for Purbeck in Dorset, broadcasting to Swanage and the surrounding area.

Listen anywhere on purbeckcoast.com

Email: hello@purbeckcoast.com Tel: 01929 425806 Website: www.purbeckcoast.com

We need to know how we are doing, so we can improve what we do. This is an essential part of our remit as a community radio station as we need to be sure that we are meeting the needs of all our listeners in Swanage and across Purbeck.



Innovative technology for car parking at Durlston

As many of you may know, over the summer we have had a number of issues with the car park machines. So we investigated a new and different system involving ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Amazing!

On arrival, your registration number will be recorded by the camera and upon leaving, you will need to put your registration number into one of the two new machines and pay for the time period of your visit.

The system will be able to automatically recognise 'Friends of Durlston' and the Volunteers' number plates, enabling the special rates to be applied. It will be operated by an outside company, which will reduce the burden on the Rangers. And should ensure everybody takes part!

This incredible upgrade should be up and running by December, but hopefully, sooner.

Stay as long as you like

So ... Not knowing how long you would like to spend at a countryside site and having to buy a pre-paid parking ticket, can mean shortening your visit before you are ready to leave. The new, ticketless system being installed allows you to pay at the end of your visit.



So, if the seabirds are entertaining you for hours, or the magic of the bluebell carpet keeps you captivated, then relax – there's no need to dash back to your car and renew your parking. Or, if you suddenly decide to grab refreshments or lunch from our onsite café, or visit the shop for some gift ideas, you can do this stress free. When you decide it's time to head for home, you can pay for your time on site, by card, cash or online.

Dates for the diary

Our '**Friends of Durlston Evenings**' are on the first Tuesday of the month and start at 7.30pm at the Learning Centre. Talks tend to last up to one hour; we also have Park News and refreshments.

Tuesday 4th October

'Living with Trees' with Robin Walter

Robin, a Forester/writer/speaker says: "Living with Trees: is a cornucopia of practical information, good examples and ideas that will inspire, guide and encourage people to reconnect with the trees and woods in their community, so we can all value, celebrate and protect our arboreal neighbours."

Tuesday 8th November

'Reptiles in Durlston' by Ray Hamilton

An exploration of Durlston's reptiles, including Wall Lizard, Slowworm, Adder and Grass Snake. Learn more about some of our misunderstood wildlife!



Volunteers: We Need YOU!

We have some regular gaps in the Castle Volunteer rota that now need filling. So, if you are free on either of the following, please do let us know. A great time to start Castle Volunteering is in the winter, when the castle is quieter and we can show you the ropes. We need the following shifts covered and it would be wonderful if you'd like to help.

Tuesday afternoons, 1.30 - 5pm (4pm in winter)

Thursday afternoons, 1.30 - 5pm (4pm in the winter)

Full training on providing information and using the till is provided – we could not function without our brilliant volunteers!

Volunteering at Durlston

For more information please get in touch by email durlston@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call the Rangers on 01929 424443.

<https://www.durlston.co.uk> > [volunteer](#)





Welcome to The Purbeck School

This month, we have welcomed a new cohort of Year 7s who have begun very positively. Pictured above are just a few of them, demonstrating our core values: respect, aspiration and perseverance.



Everyone at the school has benefited from a range of new and improved facilities and services that have been developed over the summer months. These include rooftops of solar panels, giving us green energy, another state-of-the-art Science laboratory, wonderful exhibitions of A Level Art and refreshed canteen suites. The canteen, by the way, serves a range of delicious meals and snacks, not just the wonderful pastries that Massimo is presenting!



Additionally, a group of twelve students have been hiking and camping in the local area as they work towards gaining their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Mostly, the weather has been dry!




The Purbeck School Sixth Form

The Purbeck VI Form – growing together

Following record value-added results, we were really pleased to welcome many Purbeck School students back to join the sixth form, and also students from neighbouring secondaries such as The Swanage School, Poole and Bournemouth and as far away as Bangalore.

This year we have introduced a stronger focus upon two key areas of post-16 growth: the academic, as you would expect, and the experiential. Not only have our students been introduced to a whole range of additional subject-based enrichment tasks, such as webinars and extra-reading activities, they have benefited from early input from colleagues at the University of Bath.

We have celebrated the growth initiative by investing in a number of house plants and, thanks to the generosity of Holme for Gardens in Wareham who donated two hundred plants, each student in Years 12 and 13 has been given a small houseplant of their own. We hope that 'Watering Wednesday' will mean that the plants are nourished and thrive in the same way our students do! Evidence of the students' green fingered care can be found bottom right – you might spot that one didn't quite make it...:



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And finally, if you'd like to come and visit us and learn more about the work of the students and the school staff, join us at our open evening on Thursday 6th October.

Simon Holmes

The Purbeck School Open Evening:
Thursday 6th October from 5.30pm



Join us and learn more about our school's excellent, unrivalled facilities, broad and challenging curriculum and caring staff
Open Evening Thursday 6th October from 5.30 - 8pm
www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk
Consistently one of the country's top 20% performing schools
The Purbeck School: respect, aspiration, perseverance



The Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library invite you to an evening of entertainment in aid of Ukrainian refugees

Ball & Socket

An evening of gently satirical comic songs with a local and topical flavour, by Flanders and Swann and others.

Saturday 8th October 2022, 7.30pm

Bar, Snacks and Raffle

'Stars for Ukraine' for sale

Furzebrook Village Hall, Wareham BH20 5AR

Tickets £12

from Corfe Castle Village Stores, online at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-c-c-library>
Telephone reservations 01929480123 (Alison)



VOLUNTEER VILLAGE

30th September - 8am -12pm
Swanage Market

Give a Little, Gain a Lot

Would you like to: make a difference, use existing or learn fresh skills, meet new people, have fun and be proud to know that you have helped keep Swanage great?

Local organisations, who need volunteers, have joined together to bring all their volunteering opportunities into one place. From one-offs to regular opportunities

Pop along and meet our friendly Volunteer Champions and local organisations to find out more.

The Bureau is open every Friday (term time), 10.30-12.30, at the Library

Contact swanagevb@gmail.com for more information



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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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MONDAY 17th OCTOBER