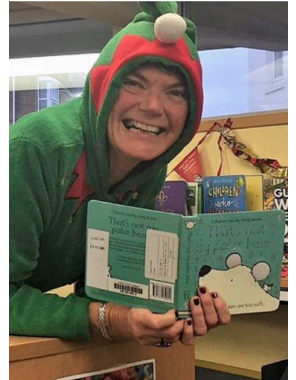


SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome all to the December 2022 / January 2023 issue of The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter. This issue illustrates once again a whole range of activities that our local community groups organise during the Christmas and New Year period. When you sit down to read this newsletter, I suggest that you sit down with a drink (the choice is yours) as the sheer number and range of events could well make you feel giddy. What a brilliant reflection on the enthusiasm, dedication and imagination of the Purbeck communities.

Season's Greetings to you all, particularly the wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to the wellbeing of our towns and villages.

The next issue will be the February issue.

Mel Norris

Trustee Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Chair of The Swanage Area Forum
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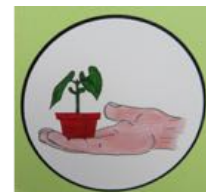
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Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust

Greengage Community Garden

Latest News



What a great year we are having, with various events and craft workshops that have taken place in our garden and our large greenhouse facility. We are also proud of our new signs, a feather flag, a food bank store and a new gate and porch.

We had a busy and eventful summer where we set up our stall at various events. The first was a Garden Open Day at White Cliff Manor not long after followed by Swanage Cottage Hospital to help celebrate the opening of a new garden social area. Then at Kingston Garden Open Day at the invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Fry who later presented a very generous cheque for £1000 from their proceeds to our chairman Bob Walters at Greengage.

FOOD BANK STORE

Our new food bank is used to donate what we grow for groups like the Salvation Army and others – it's a way of helping the community in these hard times.

CO-OP PRESENTATION CHEQUE

We hope to use the Co-op's very generous gift to put up a building on site that can be used as a classroom for school parties or therapy groups, or just as a place to relax and take breaks from gardening activities.

This gift will also go towards the purchase of a new shed, which will hold the craft bench, and enable the large greenhouse to be used for its primary purpose



PLANET PURBECK WEEK 16th - 25th September

On Friday 23rd Sustainable Swanage set up their stall on the green that borders Greengage Community Garden. This was the ideal day to have our new sign, including the new back gate and porch officially opened by the cutting of tape, by Bob Foster, Chair of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust.

GREENGAGE SPONSORS CHRISTMAS TREE

We will be decorating a tree for display over the weekend at St George's Church, at Langton 3rd to 5th December. Free Admission.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 9th December, 11-2 at Greengage

Come and see the worlds only Reindeer Raffle!

Lovely hand made wreaths, lots of Christmas goodies, games and much more

Please check out our new website: www.greengagecg.co.uk

We aim to encourage gardening for wellbeing, and for people to come along for a chat with us or just to enjoy the garden

Derek Keller, Greengage Media Co-Ordinator

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



Don't Forget These Dates for your diary ...

Tuesday 6th December: Friends of Durlston Seasonal

Celebration: A chance to socialise, share a meal and have a bit of fun. Expect quizzes, performances, and a song or two. You are welcome to offer to do an act or organise an entertainment, otherwise you will be left to the devices of the Rangers! A drink or two will be provided but will ask you to bring a plate of food to share.

Tuesday 3rd January: Friends of Durlston Annual General Meeting: All welcome. Of course, there will be committee business as well as a summary of sightings and achievements and memorable moments from 2022 and an insight into what is in store for 2023.

Tuesday 7th February: "The Jurassic Coast: A walk through time" by Julian Sawyer. Julian is known for his photography. In recent years he has been giving talks to young people hosted by Cumulus Outdoors for the Jurassic Coast Trust. Tonight, he shares such a talk with us! Enthusiasm, fossils, and wonderful images guaranteed!

FILL IN THE GAPS!

Counter Volunteers Needed

There is no better time to start at Durlston than in the winter as the bustle and hustle of the summer has calmed down and our volunteers can take some time to get shown the ropes! Volunteers on the Counter will always have the company of a Ranger who is there to assist at any point! We still have gaps on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, but even if you only have a spare hour, it will be brilliant to have the spare hands-on deck! Duties will include taking money for shop items, directing visitors around the castle and the park and being an all-round happy face for visitors to talk to on arrival! Full training on the till will be provided. Give us a call or drop us an email.

Winter in the Gallery

Tuesday 6th December until Sunday 8th January. Victorian Durlston Exhibition Finishing off the year we will have an exhibition exploring the history of Durlston, George Burt and John Mowlem. Make sure to pop up and have a look or spend a few minutes hiding from the rain!

A Face Returning to Durlston

We welcomed back Martin Cooke (who was heavily involved in the original Castle Project) to Durlston, but this time as a Castle Volunteer. He has been joined by his son Joey Cooke. Together they have been a very welcome addition on Sunday mornings. Martin has been a proactive visitor greeter. He released our occasionally used British Sign Language Tablet which has several sign language trail videos on it. This enabled some deaf visitors to make the most of their visit. The duo has stepped into the Sunday

morning slot that had been covered for many years by Margaret Elshaw whom recently passed away after being an FoD for over two decades. Indeed, she did the last ever Learning Centre Counter duty and first ever Castle counter duty!



Hereford Cattle News

Some of you may have noticed the absence of the cattle. Well, they have been grazing Jack Baiss Meadow which has no public access and is adjacent to the Dorset Wildlife Trust's Townsend Reserve. Six cattle currently on Townsend will join the Durlston herd bringing the total to 45 cattle. This has enabled us to make progress in tackling a water trough associated leak. Tom is leading on these investigations, with support, and two additional stop cocks have been installed. Soon the cattle will be grazing the reclaimed landfill site and adjacent meadow. Eventually we will bring them onto the Warren, but as usual we will keep them off the public footpath by installing a temporary electric fence. Hopefully, we will not need to have them grazing Lighthouse Field until the new year.

WE DID IT!

As the Pleasure Grounds Project draws to a close, after 4 years we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone (volunteers, Friends, staff past and present, contractors, funders and partner organisations) who have made it such a success!

Said **Project Leader Ali Tuckey:** "The wonderful Friends of Durlston, volunteers and the local community have done an incredible job giving this special landscape the love it deserves. We are so grateful to everyone who has supported this project."



Councillor Ray Bryan, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment said: "We have been overwhelmed by the level of support for this project. Durlston is a place of national importance in terms of wildlife and heritage and represents an amazing resource for Dorset Council to benefit the people of Dorset. The project is a great example of partnership working and I would like to thank the many individuals and organisations, large and small who made this happen!"

Helen Wheatley, Senior Investment Manager for the National Lottery Heritage Fund, paid tribute to Friends, volunteers and staff and said: "Exceptional places like Durlston demonstrate how nature and heritage can improve the lives of people and communities and we are proud to have supported this project."

For further information Tel: 01929 424443 or email: durlston@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Swanage Food Bank



At This Festive Time...

The mild November weather has been a great blessing to us all as we have been able to save on our energy bills for heating, but still the costs are high for cooking, and Swanage Food Bank is pleased to have the finances to top-up gas/ electricity for clients referred to us by official agencies for this help.

We are very grateful for the generous donations so far given to us and other Food Banks in recent months, especially so that we are all well-resourced for the winter ahead.

And so many are now contributing items of food and drink with special thoughts of the coming Christmas. Wonderful!

As usual, we intend to supply clients with seasonal treats (as well as basics and fresh food as requested):

- shop-bought Christmas puddings
- alternative sponge puddings
- mince pies
- Christmas cake
- chocolate yule logs
- stollen cakes
- mixed sweet biscuits
- assorted savoury biscuits and snacks
- chocolates and sweets for adults and children

Contributions of these items will be very happily received by our clients who think perhaps that they can't afford such luxuries this year.

For Swanage Food Bank, its Helpers and Trustees, I wish our Swanage community a very peaceful and safe Christmas filled with joy and love whether celebrating with family or friends or alone.

Pauline Werba, Chair SFB

SWANAGE TOWN BAND IN CONCERT

**Wednesday 30 November
7.30pm**

Swanage Methodist Church

**FREE ADMISSION – retiring collection
for band funds**



CAROLS ON THE BANDSTAND

Wednesday 14 December 6.30pm

If wet we will play on Saturday 17 December at 5.30pm

Collecting for Swanage Food Bank

follow us on facebook for details

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**

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



Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage



@ebcswanage



Supporting
The Swanage
Lifeboat and
Swanage
Foodbank



Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas with Rotary in Swanage and Purbeck



Christmas Market

As ever, you'll find Rotary's bustling Christmas Market in Swanage Town Centre on Saturday 3 December. We'll be in Station Road, starting at 10.00 and finishing by 4.00. There will be sackfuls of Christmas gifts, festive music, food and drink, and the unmissable Santa's Grotto for children.

Christmas Mail

We can also deliver your Christmas cards to local friends and family. You can find our postboxes at Harlees Fish & Chips in Station Road, Swanage; Corfe Bakery; Trevor's Deli in Langton; Studland Stores; and Ballard Stores. We're open daily between 11 and 4, from Friday 2 to Friday 16 December.



Christmas Shop

Fingers crossed, we're hoping to have a Christmas Shop again in Station Road in the run-up to Christmas. So keep a watchful eye out for us. Who could resist our home-baked puddings and cakes?



Santa Sleigh

In just a few days' time, Rotary's legendary Santa Sleigh will once again be delighting children and adults as it weaves its merry way around the streets of Swanage, Langton, Worth and Corfe. There will be Christmas carols (of course), sweets for smiling children, and big waves from Santa Claus as well as from our pointy-hatted elves with their collecting buckets. Come to the kerbside and join in the fun — whether you're in your onesie, your workday clothes or have just thrown a warm coat over your jim-jams !

Light up your street by wishing the neighbours a happy Christmas, and give generously to Rotary's charities. Locally, your donations will help support our community's pre-schools and schools, organise the Silver Saturday Tea for our more senior citizens, develop the sporting and musical talents of Purbeck's young people, and assist the Food Bank.

Here's a day-by-day summary of where the Sleigh will be (weather permitting):

SWANAGE

Saturday 26 November

Switch on Swanage 3 pm • Town Centre

Thursday 1 December

High St • Jubilee Rd • Shirley Cl • Bell Street • Marsh Way • Ash Cl • Priest's Rd • Purbeck Vw • Quarry Cl • Panorama Rd • Hillview Rd

Friday 2 December

Kings Road W • Locarno Rd • Argyle Rd • Hanbury Rd • Court Rd • High St • Princess Rd • Howard Rd • Linden Rd • Cecil Rd • Morrison Rd • Hendrie Cl • Findlay Pl • Aigburth Rd • Ancaster Rd • Herston Cr • Kings Rd W

Saturday 3 December

Christmas Market Station Rd

Monday 5 December

High St • Townsend Rd • Richmond Rd • Manwell Rd + Dr • Osborne Rd • Cobblers Ln • Queens Rd + Mead • Mount Scar • Gordon Rd • Priests Rd • Hoburne Rd • Foxhill Cl • Mariners Dr • Cowlease

Tuesday 6 December

Ulwell Rd • Whitecliff Rd • Moor Rd • Parsons Cl • Hill Rd • Redcliffe Rd • Ballard Wy • Bay Cr + Cl • Streche Rd • Ballard Rd • Gainsborough Care Home • James Day Md

Wednesday 7 December

Victoria Av • Whitecliff Rd • Smiths Farm • Prospect Cr • Rabling Rd • Northbrook Rd • Walrond Rd • De Moulham Rd • Rempstone Rd • Cranborne Rd • Ilminster Rd • Gilbert Rd

Friday 9 December

Days Rd • Holmes Rd • Sydenham Rd/Bay Vw • Casterbridge Cl • Higher Days Rd • Shaston Cl • Shottsford Cl • Sandbourne Cl • Benlease Wy • Kingswood Cl • Alderbury Cl • Anvil Cl • Leeson Cl

Saturday 10 December

Swanage Co-op, 10 am-4 pm

Monday 12 December

Bell St • High St • Steer Rd • Newton Manor Cl • Hillsea Rd • West Dr • South Rd • Newton Rise • Newton Grange Cl • Cow Lane • High St

Tuesday 13 December

Dolphin Ct • Cauldron Barn Rd • Cauldron Cr • Cauldron Meadows • Cauldron Barn Park • D'Urberville Dr • Anglebury Ave • Northbrook Rd • Greensands Wy • Brickyard Cl • Wessex Wy

Wednesday 14 December

Burlington Rd • Victoria Rd • Ulwell Rd • Seaward Rd • De Moulham Rd • Bonfields Ave • Northbrook Rd • Battlemead • De Moulham Rd • Cauldon Ave • Beach Gardens • Gannetts Pk • Vivian Pk

Monday 19 December

Herston Yards (provisional, not yet confirmed)

LANGTON MATRAVERS

Thursday 8 December

Capston Fld • High St • Tom's Fld Rd • Old Malthouse Ln • Durnford Dr • Gypshayes • The Hyde • Steppes • Lower Steppes • Nine Barrow Vw • Steppes Hill • Serrells Md • Three Acre Ln

CORFE CASTLE

Friday 16 & Saturday 17 December

in conjunction with Crazy4Corfe

WORTH MATRAVERS

Thursday 22 December

Carol Singing, 7-8.30 p.m.

For any changes to Santa's schedule: www.swanagerotary.org



Stunning community event 'Candles on the Beach' is arriving in Swanage!



Lewis-Manning
Hospice Care

Join Lewis-Manning Hospice Care at 5pm on Saturday 10th December, on Swanage Beach, to reflect, celebrate and remember everyone we love and care about with a spectacular display of candles on the sand, music from local musicians and a reflective reading to those we have lost.

Fundraising Manager, Vicki Gray advised: *"We are really excited to bring this hugely popular event to the amazing community of Swanage. It's free for all to join, so tell your friends, neighbours, colleagues, and family to come along to this spectacular evening. It will be a memorable and meaningful celebration where families and friends can come together to reflect, remember and celebrate loved ones."*

"Music will be performed by local musicians and a short reflective reading will be given by Lewis-Manning Hospice Care. Volunteers will place the candles on the sand to create a magical display of lights."

"We encourage supporters to make an online donation for a candle(s) prior to the event to avoid any disappointment, alternatively candles will be available on the night. If you would like to add a personal dedication to your candle, facilities to write your own message will be available. We are asking people to make a suggested donation of £5 per candle. If three people donated this amount, it could cover the cost of a one-hour telephone call or visit, providing support to a grieving family."

All candles will be safely placed on the sand so as not to affect wildlife or causing damage in the area. All the flameless candles are collected at the end of the evening by dedicated volunteers to ensure there is no litter and will also be reused for subsequent years.

To find out more about this fantastic free event please visit: <https://lewis-manning.org.uk/candles-on-the-beach/>

Candles on the Beach

Place a candle to reflect, remember and celebrate loved ones.

Saturday 10th December
Swanage Beach, 5pm - 7pm

Make a donation for your candle on our website today.

lewis-manning.org.uk

Registered Charity No.1120193

FREE EVENT

30th ANNIVERSARY
Lewis-Manning Hospice Care

About Lewis-Manning Hospice Care

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care is in its 30th anniversary year, providing extraordinary care to patients and their loved ones facing a life-limiting illness across Poole, Purbeck and East Dorset. We offer a range of free hospice care services aimed at helping people to live well through their illness, closer to home. These include:

- Day hospices, virtual and in person
- Creative arts & wellbeing support
- Lymphoedema clinic
- Breathlessness clinic
- Bereavement & family support
- Complementary therapy

lewis-manning.org.uk

Registered charity no. 112093

Friends of Wareham Hospital



Having worked for the majority of my long NHS career in Purbeck, I have seen many changes - some have been positive and some not so, but I have always been proud of our local services in Purbeck and have been keen to see them preserved, recognising that change and adaptation are essential elements for our future.

As a Friends committee we have agreed to put the disappointment of the scrapped plans for the Integrated Hub behind us and concentrate our time and energies on supporting Wareham Hospital and its many services whilst also supporting the work of the Purbeck Integrated team, based in Wareham, who work across the whole area including Swanage.

We have been delighted to hear from the Friends of Swanage Hospital that, whilst maintaining autonomy, we will all be working more closely together in the future to support

Purbeck services, working with the local NHS Providers and Commissioners.

It may not be known that Wareham Hospital provides over 30 out-patient clinics and of course is also the 'home' of the Purbeck Vaccination Centre.

The clinics, provided in the main by Dorset Healthcare, are wide ranging and include for example:

Audiology • Chemotherapy • Chronic Fatigue • Mental Health Support • Continence • Dermatology • Diabetes • ENT • Heart Failure • Clinical Psychology • Learning Disabilities • Leg Ulcers • Memory Service • Musculo Skeletal • Pain Services • Sexual Health • Physiotherapy • Podiatry • Post Covid Service • Speech and Language Therapy • Stoma Care • Pulmonary Rehabilitation • Respiratory Support

We would welcome new members to the Friends and can be contacted through the hospital in Streche Rd, by email; friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com or through Facebook. Together we can all achieve more and we look forward to a positive New Year supporting our local Services and our committed staff in Purbeck.

Sending every best wish for Christmas and 2023

Maggie Hardy, Chair

Library Friends Christmas ELFstravaganza!

**Meet the library Elf and get a FREE gift!
Free tea and coffee and Christmas craft activities too!**



Swanage Library

Saturday 10 December

10:30am - 1:00pm



Swanage Library Friends is part of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust. Registered Charity No: 1162662

For more information ☎ **01929 423485**

@DorsetLibraries DorsetLibraries



dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

Books and More Welcome's All to a Seasonal Cafe

Come along for a tea or coffee, and a chat about what we do as a group. It may be something you would like to join in with in the New Year. Available will be a range of Christmas themed books.



Swanage Library

Wednesday 14 December

10:30am - 11:30am

For more information ☎ **01929 423485**

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A typical morning in the life of the Community Café Wellbeing Swanage (Herston Village Hall), Mondays 10-12

Monday mornings start with a smile and greetings as we set up for our ever-growing Community Cafe. Put out the tables/clothes, chairs, and titivate the area to look warm and friendly. *"Who's brought the cake today?" "Yum, bread pudding made from bread in the Community pantry". "Dave, you know you are on a diet". "Oh, just one slice, sure it's part of my 5 a day!"*.

Then the sell by date food and produce arrive with tasty recipes discussed and images sent out hurriedly on Facebook on what is available that day. *"Oh, and have you met Paul, the new Community Pantry Co-ordinator. Did you hear he is ordering a big fridge with a grant we got so we can save more food from landfill and get it out into the community."*



"Sue, did you bring some of those beautiful blankets you and others have knitted, for anyone struggling to keep warm at home. What, you've knitted over 80, and you can get them from the cafe"

And here's the lovely lady from the drop-in Citizens advice session, who is here weeks one and three, giving advice and information to folk. *"She was telling us about Household Support Vouchers for pensioners who are struggling last time"* *"Would you like to wait here in the café, how about a cup of tea, or have one when you come out, you're welcome"*.

Rabbit, rabbit, "more tea, vicar", chat, chat, " you can roast beetroot, with other veg and garlic- makes a great soup",

"how do you do that again", "do you know, Frank?" natter, natter "I can give you a lift home, see you next week.....Byeeeeeeeeeeeeee".

" Oh, I almost forgot to tell you that Wellbeing Swanage have been chosen as a Swanage Coop Local Good Cause and if you could possibly support us with your Coop Membership card, we would be thrilled"

Café, Pantry, blankets will be running until and including 19th December and will return 9th January. Depending on supply, we may announce some pop up Pantries in the holiday (see Swanage Community Pantry Facebook page)

Kim Gallagher
Wellbeing Swanage





Sustainability Project: Would you like to help?

One of the original aims of our Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership in 2015 was to ensure SUSTAINABILITY of the project.

Regular monitoring and maintenance of all the equipment, including the cabinets and defibrillators is undertaken on a fortnightly basis by our team of Guardians, reporting back to a central point, with defib batteries and pads being replaced when required. With our now extensive fleet of defibrillators (almost 40) replacement costs are expensive. We are therefore very grateful to the Swanage Carnival Committee who chose SCDP as a beneficiary from this year's successful carnival week and awarded the project £1000. SCDP has also been chosen as one of the 3 Co-op local Community Funds to benefit in the next twelve months.

This support will also be welcome as we are required to update some of the defib. devices which have been recalled for software modification. As we have so many devices we have been able to request the attendance of a Medical engineer to the area who will be visiting in late November to do the work with Ian Brown and Kyle Hickman, both Founder SCDP members and who have taken leave to undertake the tasks -thank you both. The work may mean that some devices are taken out of service temporarily but the local Ambulance trust will be advised.

The whole SCDP team works hard to maintain this much needed service and ensure its future viability. Thank you to everyone involved.

If anyone feels able to support our project in any way, please do contact us through Corbens in Station Road, Swanage, or Tel: 422284.

Maggie Hardy, SCDP



Ian Brown receiving the kind donation from the Carnival committee from Kevin Langdon

'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.

We were very lucky to have a visit from local artist Eddie Burrows in November. Eddie is very much involved with Purbeck Art Weeks and the Artisan Yard in Wareham. He gave an entertaining talk and demonstration, beginning with all the members having pencils at the ready to copy a picture of a man's head. Not so bad I hear you say, but the picture was upside down. This makes you draw what you see rather than what you think you know. The results were variable but they did all look like a man's head so that seems to prove that observation is the key.

He then proceeded to paint in acrylics, a picture of Lyme Regis harbour entrance with boats on the water. He told amusing little anecdotes while he worked and still managed it in just half an hour, amazing! We were all very impressed by the end result. His aim was to try and encourage anyone to pick up a brush and have a go and I am sure some of us will definitely do that. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

December 6th This will be our usual Christmas fun but with a very short presentation on the results of the member questionnaire when we should find out what activities are preferred, so that planning next year's programme can be enhanced to fit most peoples' preferences. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and festive cheer. Everyone needs to bring a ruler and a pencil as there will be something Christmassy to make. Festive outfits would be nice but are optional!

January 3rd 2023 Will see us learning the gentle art of Qi Gong as demonstrated by Penny Joussef and hopefully at the end feel both invigorated and relaxed. A great way to start the New Year!

Our satellite groups of walkers, strollers, book clubs and lunch club have all continued with their monthly meetings and it is hoped that the Sewing Group will return in January led by Sue Sedgley. These all 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



Latest News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

Budget 2023 / 24 – It is that time of year again when Corfe Castle Parish Council start to consider the future financial demands for the parish. This month saw a report presented to council which included a 0% increase in Precept. Corfe Castle Parish Council, understand what impact the cost-of-living crisis is having for some of our residents and therefore our aim is to not make times harder than they already are. A final report will be presented to Council in the December meeting.

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations – Following the adoption of the new Rules and Regulations document for Gods Acre Cemetery, Corfe Castle Parish Council will in early 2023, be carrying out a clearance within Gods Acre of any item which is deemed to be in breach of these rules. All items will be placed to one side near the pedestrian entrance in the new extension area for the

period of one month before being disposed of.

Bus Stop – Corfe Castle Parish Council, were recently asked to consider asking Dorset Council to move a bus stop in Kingston. The change in location to just outside the Kingston Courtyard Centre, would mean visitors and local residents working at the Centre, would not have to walk down the road, daytime or night-time, when visiting / going to work at the Courtyard Centre. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to support the idea in principle subject to a safe location being determined by Dorset Council.

Corfe Castle Youth Club – Corfe Castle Parish Council, approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation and the Parish Council which sees the Council assisting financially to enable the club to run for this academic year.

Civility & Respect – Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to take the **NALC Civility & Respect Pledge**. The pledge means: * Council agree that it will treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role. * Council has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff. * Council has signed up to Code of Conduct for councillor. * Council has good governance arrangements in place including, staff contracts, and Dignity at Work Policy. * Council will commit to seeking professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise. * Council will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens. * Council will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme & * Council supports the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

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

P/CLP/2022/06442 – Location: Old Dairy Cottage, Woolgarston Road, BH20 5JD. Recommend: No objection

P/HOU/2022/06603 - Location: Tapers Barn Tabbits Hill Lane BH20 5HZ. Recommend: No objection

P/LBC/20228/06040 & P/HOU/2022/05969 - Location: 18 West Street, Kingston BH20 5LH. Recommend: No objection

P/TRC/2022/06600 - Location: 77 West Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5HB. Recommend: No objection

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

Out of Hours Service. – In October Dorset Council changed the way they provide out of hours services. This service is no longer being contracted out to agencies and is being handled in-house.

West Street Road Works – The works planned for the 1st November 2022, were delayed due to health and safety reasons. Dorset Council is now considering if the works should take place at night.

Temporary Traffic Lights – The work being carried out between Castle view & the Norden roundabout is to replace a manhole cover by BT Open Reach. When BT Open Reach went to replace a manhole cover they discovered the chamber underneath had collapsed. Dorset Council have now requested BT Open Reach in daylight hours use manual stop-go boards so there should be better control of traffic.

Community & cultural organisation. – A new funding round for community and cultural organisations is open now. The focus for the funding is cost of living and warm spaces. Funding is up to max of £5,000. More details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Sofa sessions – Dorset Councillors have taken to the streets armed with a sofa to speak face-to-face with residents. Four 'sofa sessions' were held in town centres across Dorset to allow councillors and officials to hear what matters most within communities.

Local plan – The latest version has now been published and is on the Dorset Council website.

Cost of Living Crisis – For free, independent, and **CONFIDENTIAL** advice on cost-of-living help available to you, contact citizens advice either by calling 0800 144 8848 or by visiting www.citizensadvisedorset.org.uk.

Free School Meals - To find out if your children qualify for free school meals, complete the confidential checker at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals or Tel: 10305 221090

Next Council Meeting – Monday 12th December 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, email clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, Telephone 01202 670105,

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC> Website - <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Author: Michelle Harrington, Clerk



What's On in December

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

Live Shows & Music:

● **Karen G's Christmas Show** - Karen G and guests will take to the stage to sing all your favourite Christmas songs. There are a few surprises planned, so don't miss out!

Friday 2nd December at 7.30 pm

● Artsreach present '**Snow Angel**' a shamelessly festive cabaret show celebrating all that is Christmassy! Subversive, anarchic, and darkly hilarious, Snow Angel is a Christmas show that threatens to blow the cover off Elsa and Anna, The Snowman and a poor little drummer boy.

Friday 9th December at 7.30 pm

● **Santa Saves Christmas** - Join Jack, Dasher the Reindeer and Pompom the Penguin for this festive, musical, interactive adventure as they meet Father Christmas at his home at the North Pole and help Santa Save Christmas!

Friday 23rd December at 2.00 pm

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibitions:

● '**On Stage**' - Pantomimes, plays, ballet and concerts; local groups and professional companies – Tony Kerins has been drawing at live performances in The Mowlem Theatre since 1986. Our third visual arts exhibition will showcase Tony's work and be open to the public from Friday, 2nd December through Tuesday, 17th January 2023.

Movies:

● **The Banshees of Inisherin (15)**

- Saturday, 3rd through to Thursday, 8th December at 7.30 pm (excluding Sunday)
- Monday Matinée on 5th December at 2.30 pm

● **Living (12A)**

- Saturday, 10th through to Thursday, 15th December at 7.30 pm (excluding Sunday)
- Monday Matinée on 12th December at 2.30 pm

● **The Bishop's Wife (U)**

- Friday, 16th December at 2.30 pm
- Wednesday 21st through to Friday 23rd December at 7.30 pm

● **Matilda The Musical (PG)**

- Saturday, 17th, Sunday 18th and Monday 19th December at 11.30 am
- Tuesday, 20th December at 2.30 pm
- Wednesday, 21st, Thursday 22nd and Saturday 24th December at 11.30 am
- Tuesday, 29th through to Friday 30th December at 2.30 pm
- Saturday, 31st December at 11.30 am

Theatre Cinema & Function Rooms

Clubs & Societies:

● **The Making Memories Dementia Friendly Cafe** is Tuesday the 6th & 20th of November at 10.00am in the Showbar, On Tuesday 6th Dec there is a showing of 'Holiday Inn', 1942 musical film starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.

● **The Flower Club** will meet on Thursday, 1st December, at 9 am in the Community Room.

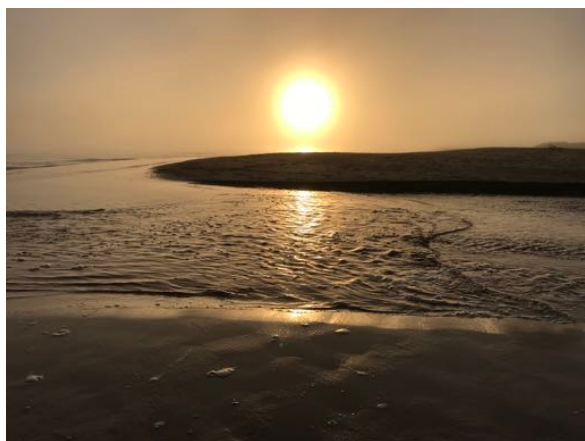
● **Health Qigong Fitness** with Penny meets every Wednesday at 2 pm & 3.30 pm in the Community Room.

Dance Classes at 6.30 pm on Thursday 1st, 8th and 15th December in the Community Room.

Balancing Access with Impact

The volumes of people wanting and needing to spend time in nature, whether they live in Purbeck, BCP or from further afield is plenty. The impact of these visits upon people who don't live here can be easily missed or dismissed. We forget that 250 years ago more or less everyone's ancestors (regardless of whether they were born here or abroad) lived rural existences - no doubt incredibly tough, but also lives lived within nature. The night sky, fresh air, wildlife and the communal experiences that came with them, were day to day. Now, for most people, they are lucky if they find the time within a week to have some time in nature. In the late Victorian times organisations such as the National Trust were born... as a way of providing urban folk access to their rural routes (often in a fairly patrician way too).

What is interesting is that as more recent studies try to measure connectedness with nature (see RSPB and National Trust studies) is that urban children are found to be more connected to nature than rural children. Proximity to nature doesn't equate to better access to it, or increased value of it.



In Purbeck, a place where so many come and have life-changing experiences in amazing landscapes, some of our children do not 'even' go to the beach. We need to try to change that. We also, at a time when there are so many other social problems negatively impacting individuals, need to recognise it isn't top of the hierarchy of needs. But it is close to the top as for many, going for a walk/cycle/swim doesn't need to cost much and is a tonic that helps them face up to those social problems directly.

There are many barriers between children and nature, and no one person or organisation can remove them for everyone, but we can be curious and start to make a difference. This year we're working with both St Marks School and MyTime Young Carers to help overcome some of the barriers that their cohorts face...

We also, of course, need to balance access with impact - everyone being everywhere all of the time won't be great for nature or people. The work to bring together the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve enables us to try to reduce the impacts of people upon nature (whether that is creating a fenced out enclosure for winter waders at Shell Bay or rationalising roadside car parking, through to ensuring there is a well-planned fire strategy so that as and when fires occur they are not catastrophic). It can also mean we can try to improve experiences too... white tailed eagles, ospreys, flocks of marsh harriers and spoonbills. Purbeck is becoming wilder, better for nature and hopefully better for people too.

Tom Clarke, National Trust, Studland and Purbeck



Scam Alert Service

Fake Santander email

Lots of people online have been flagging a fake Santander mobile banking email. The email impersonates Santander's branding and gives you a sense of urgency regarding your access to banking services, to pressure you into giving away data.

Over the past week, use of the search term 'Santander email scams' has increased by more than 5000%, showing the spike in people being targeted with this new scam.

[Know what to look out for](#) [Fake Santander email](#)

British Gas email scam offering a fake energy refund

Scammers are impersonating British Gas with fake emails tempting recipients to click a link to get a fake energy refund. Although the email looks legitimate, it addresses you by your email address and not your name. This is a potential giveaway that it's from a fraudster.

[See the scam email impersonating British Gas here](#) [Fake British Gas email](#)

Premium rate number scams

This scam tries to trick people who are searching online for telephone numbers of government advice services. It works by displaying an advert for the phone number of the relevant government advice line.

But the sting is that you'll be charged a premium for using this advertised telephone number – in some cases, as much as £20 or £30 a call. You are put through to the right advice line, but you pay a very high and unnecessary connection fee.

[Find out which phone numbers to look out for](#) [Premium rate number scams](#)

CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN aka 'SOUP 'N PUD'

We had a very successful first 'Soup'n Pud' event in the Village Hall following the Coffee Morning on 5th Nov, with 32 attendees plus 10 volunteers. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying both the food and the company and thanks to those that helped or provided puds. Thanks also to the Village Bakery that donated the bread rolls and the support we received from Corfe Castle Charity and the Village Hall.

Our next 'Soup 'n Pud' lunches are scheduled for Sat. Dec. 3rd at 12.30pm and Jan. 7th 2023 at 12.30pm, both in the Village Hall following the Coffee Morning.

The December one will be seasonally themed with the menu consisting of a choice of:-

Lentil Soup or Scotch Broth and the pud choice being Trifle or Mincemeat Tart with Custard.

We would love to have more Corfe and Kingston residents joining us, especially families. Remember this is a free event but donations, both of money or puds are always welcome. They will all get used for our lunches! In the future we also hope to use more local outlets for food and to use food that might otherwise go to waste such as gluts from your gardens or shops.

We are working on a simple logo that we hope to have sorted by January and will start using but in the meantime please look out for the posters etc advertising our next lunches.

We look forward to seeing you at our next 'Soup 'n Pud'.

Best wishes

Chris, Gill and Sue



Corfe Community Kitchen

Free 'Soup 'n Pud' Lunch

Saturday December 3rd 2022
12.30 - 1.45pm

Corfe Castle Village Hall

Come and join your friends for a simple lunch.
Families especially welcome.

A choice of
Lentil Soup or Scotch Broth
with bread rolls, followed by
Trifle or Mincemeat Tart with Custard

This is a new venture; to increase community spirit and help those feeling the pinch, while providing a healthy, filling and sustainable lunch, in a friendly environment for residents of Corfe Castle and Kingston.

It is supported by Corfe Castle Charity. If you wish to make a donation feel free but it is not obligatory.



Support our work this Christmas

Christmas is coming and our work is already ramping up. At our 650 centres across the UK, our volunteers and staff are working hard to ensure we're able to help as many people as possible who turn to us.

The Salvation Army works with communities to meet local need. We will be providing a safe and warm space with hot food for people experiencing homelessness, inviting lonely older people into our centres for a friendly chat and festive lunch, and gifting toys to children without any presents this Christmas. In everything we do, we'll be spreading joy and friendship.

Will you help us be there for as many individuals and families as we can this Christmas?

Support our Christmas Appeal

www.salvationarmy.org.uk



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Seasonal News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Christmas is coming and soon we will have our traditional Christmas tree up and decorated at the crossroads in Harmans Cross. The Hall will also have a festive feel, in readiness for our very special **Christmas Play and Carol Service** which is taking place on **Sunday 18 December starting at 6pm**. The play is a unique festive piece written by local resident David Nunn. It will be followed by a carol service with all our favourite carols, with refreshments to conclude. Everyone is welcome.

This year, we are also participating in the **Christmas Tree festival at St George's Church in Langton Matravers**. It's a lovely display so please come along and see all the beautifully decorated Christmas trees on display, including our Harmans Cross Village Hall tree.

Before Christmas, we have our regular monthly Movie Night. Our next film barely needs an introduction:

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER – DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

The much-anticipated return to the big screen of Downton Abbey reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa.

And just to get the date in your diaries, our first Movie Night for 2023 is:

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY – TOP GUN MAVERICK

It's 36 years since Tom Cruise brought us Maverick in the original Top Gun. Well buckle up, because he's back and little has changed. Maverick may be testing jets out in the Mojave desert, but he's still got the jacket, the bike(s), the aviator shades and (most importantly) the "need for speed" that made him a hit back in 1986. He also has the rebellious streak that has prevented him rising above the level of captain – showcased in an opening Mach 10 sequence. Maverick has in fact been called back to the Top Gun programme – not to fly, but to teach the "best of the best" how to blow up a uranium enrichment plant at face-melting velocity, a mission that will require not one but "two consecutive miracles".

The doors and bar open at 7pm for our Movie Nights, with the film starting at 7.30pm and admission is just £5 on the door.

COFFEE JUNCTION IS BACK

We welcome everyone to Coffee Junction every other Thursday morning from 10.30am in the small meeting room, HXVH. A chance to chat to other local residents sponsored by St Aldhelm's Parish (the new parish covering Langton, Worth and Kingston churches and Harmans Cross). Next dates are December 1,15,29

That's all for now. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

Purbeck Coast FM is a community radio station for Purbeck, broadcasting on 101.2FM to Swanage and the surrounding area. Connecting listeners to everything that is going on in the local community with a wide variety of chat, a mix of music from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today brought to you by our dedicated team of volunteer DJ's. Our specialist music shows, factual entertainment or our regular Breakfast and Drive Time shows are packed with original content, Purbeck Coast FM has something for everyone.



We have recently launched our new Purbeck Coast FM website, <https://purbeckcoast.com/> which is easy to navigate as well as having a listen live feature, enabling you to hear all your favourite shows on demand from your mobile device. Purbeck Coast FM is a community radio station, located in the community, for the community and relies on your support to exist. If you have a local event to publicise, a compelling story to tell or would like to advertise, then please get in touch hello@purbeckcoast.com



Studland Snippets

Studland Parish Council - The village is very quiet with no ferry and the closure of the road to Corfe Castle. The Parish Council has issued a press release expressing concerns about the impact of these events on elderly residents and local businesses. The latest on the ferry is that as it was being towed to Falmouth the prow was damaged. This may delay the return of the ferry until well after mid December. These events show how dependent geographically isolated communities are affected by closures.

The big beach café will be closing in early January 2023. Discussions are planned for a celebratory event to thank the café manager for more than thirty years of service to the community and visitors to the area.

It will be interesting to see if the coastal fencing at Shell Bay has any impact on the birdlife in Poole Harbour. The fencing measures are designed to protect winter visiting birds on the seashore inside the harbour from walkers and in particular, chasing dogs.

The Parish Council is continuing to manage road edges and leaf removal. These are duties for Dorset Council, 13th yet they seem unable to carry them out. The general view is that the proclaimed potential gains from the creation of the unitary Dorset Council have yet to occur.

The Purbeck Society (PS) - The December meeting will be on **13th December at 14.30pm**. Details of the location have been changed from Newton Manor. Please watch out for further details on the Purbeck Society website and Facebook page. The **January AGM will be held on Friday 13th at the Mowlem Institute**. Further details will be available via the Newsletter that will be e-mailed before the Christmas holiday. At the AGM, there will be a short talk on the countryside charity, the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Also information relating to the exceptional Dorset will be shared; those attending will hear something about Dorset that has never been shared before. *Please make an effort to attend this meeting.*

The PS will be responding to the Swanage Town Council draft Corporate Plan 2022 to 2025. This draft contains questions relating to heritage, sustainable tourism and plans for the area. Swanage and its associated communities need volunteers, vigilance and vitality to ensure that the area remains attractive for residents and visitors.

The PS will be making the case for a new conservation area in Swanage in the New Year. Questions: Firstly, why are the sea surfers not at work? Should there be a heritage week in the area?

The Countryside Charity, the Campaign to Protect Rural England has claimed a success with its campaign to ban fracking in England. In late November there will be a further meeting in Parliament about hedges. CPRE has probably done more about promoting hedges than any other environmental charity in England.

It is thought that the Investment Zones will be dropped by the government given the mixed reception to this initiative.

Civic Voice, the national organisation for civic societies has expressed concern that the reduction of local authority conservation officers puts more than 400 conservation areas under threat. Let's hope that Dorset Council maintains its complement of conservation officers.

The Dorset CPRE website contains details of various webinars for members along with the latest edition of the Dorset Review. It is a good read.

Living in rural Dorset has a high cost in terms of transport, housing and jobs. In 2023 we will know more about the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill and the Environment Act. The latter is likely to contain details on Biodiversity Net Gain. Most developments will require the demonstration of at least a 10% net gain via the planning process.

Finally, both the Purbeck Society and the Dorset branch of the CPRE will be increasingly asking in 2023 "who really cares about the Dorset countryside and its landscapes in times of climate change, biodiversity loss, war, and inflation?". To find out more please consider attending the Studland Parish Council meetings and even joining the meetings in Swanage and perhaps joining both organisations.

Peter Bowyer

Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster



Firstly, may I thank my Deputy, Cllr Chris Moreton, for carrying out the Mayoral duties so admirably in my absence and for being a strength and support in my incapacity. I am now home from hospital and well on the road to recovery; thanks to all who sent their good wishes.

There is plenty to get on with as we move forward with three major plans to be discussed, drafted and sent out for public consultation. The first is the Corporate Plan which sets out the Council's priorities for the next three years. A consultation document was sent to every home and business in Swanage and I am looking forward to reading your comments prior to considering a revised version of the plan.

The Seafront Master Plan should also be reaching fruition in the spring, and we are grateful to all those who have taken the time to be involved in the initial consultation which has been organised by Dorset Coast Forum over recent weeks.

The Swanage Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has now been set up and there will be plenty of discussions and opportunities for you to contribute to the content of the draft plan. A Neighbourhood Plan sets out the policies that are used to help make decisions about planning applications in the area; it is led by the local community and gives everyone an opportunity to have a say and help shape future development in the town. Throughout the process there will be both informal and formal community engagement, to seek the views of local residents and businesses alike.

This plan will go to Dorset Council to be considered as part of the legal planning framework of the county, and there will be a Swanage referendum prior to its adoption. Anyone who would like to be involved in the research and preparation of the draft plan should contact the Town Council on admin@swanage.gov.uk to offer their time and to find out more.

Some slight changes have been made to the Town Council's committees to help structure all the planning and work that will be taking place over the next few months. All at the Town Council are in for a busy winter!

This is not going to be an easy winter for anyone, but with the strong community support in our Town we are lucky to be able to offer help and assistance to those who may need it. In this newsletter there is information on groups who are able to lend a hand, so please ask if you are in need. But there is plenty of fun to be had too with the Christmas celebrations that will have taken place and hopefully some other events to look forward to in the new year.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thanks to all the Council's Officers, staff and Councillors, together with our town's many volunteers, who work so hard to make Swanage such a wonderful place to live.

Cllr Tina Foster



Swanage 'Warm Welcomes This Winter'



A group of representatives from various organisations in Swanage who already offer hospitality in some form recently met to:

- Discuss how we can work together to provide the maximum hours of a Warm Space and a Warm Welcome each week through this winter.
- Talk about our plans to extend what we already do and maybe add a bowl of soup or some extra advice for those who need it.
- Plan our publicity together so that everyone who needs support will know where to find it each day of the week, including the weekend.

The organisations who met included:

Wellbeing Swanage, Linking Lives, Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust, Swanage Library, The Loft and several of the churches in Swanage too.

This is a work in progress and we will be meeting again as things move forward. If you would like to be involved in this group, please contact by email nickviney@hotmail.com or 07766 352062

CALLING ALL MEN WHO LIKE TO SING IN HARMONY

Would you like to experience the joy of singing 4-part harmony in a men's chorus?



Music reading skills are not necessary.

**The Southern Union Chorus meet
at 7.30pm every Monday
at Ocean Academy,
Constitution Hill Road, Poole BH14 0PZ**

Three Swanage members of the chorus (Dave, Steve & Bob) regularly drive to Poole on a Monday and would happily give you a lift there and back, from anywhere in the Isle of Purbeck. If you would like to have a go, get in touch with us by phone or email :-

01929 427790, 07971 053590 or us@barn44.uk



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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**

**CAROLS FOR EVERYONE
CONCERT**

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
CORFE CASTLE**



**Thursday 8th
December
7.00pm**

Wareham Town Band

Singers from Corfe Castle Primary School

St Edward's Singers

Readings

BUT MAINLY

**AUDIENCE SINGING OF
FAVOURITE**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



FREE ADMISSION - NO TICKETS

RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF

D.E.C. Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

ENGLISH LESSONS

Purbeck Connect Ukraine



**Free English Lessons
for Ukrainian refugees**

**Weekly on
Mondays & Fridays**

at

**Emmanuel Baptist Church
160 Victoria Avenue
Swanage
BH19 1AZ**

for more information, contact
purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com



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 & Langton Matravers Folk Dance Club

Meets Tuesday evenings from

10 January 2023 in

Langton Matravers Village Hall

7.30 - 9.45 p.m.

FOLK DANCING

***New members and beginners very
welcome, with or without a partner!***

***Music, Movement and Gentle
Exercise for Mind and Body.***

Instruction given.

Contact:

Mike or Frances Walshaw:

**Tel 01929 421913 and leave a
message**

or email mhwalshaw@talktalk.net

Shop wisely this sale season and avoid getting less than you bargained for with top tips from Citizens Advice

With Christmas fast approaching, followed by the New Year sales, Citizens Advice offer the following top tips about how to shop safely online and avoid scams.

- 1. Do your research:** Before buying from a site you haven't used before, spend a few minutes checking it out. See what people have said about the person or company you're buying from by looking at reviews on different websites - don't rely on reviews the company has put on its own website. If you're worried that something you've seen online might be a scam, you can get help from the [Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#)
- 2. Be wise to scams in disguise:** If a bargain seems too good to be true, it probably is. If it's branded but a lot cheaper than it appears on the brand's website, it could be fake. It could be a legitimate 'look-a-like' product. Either way, it might not be the quality you were hoping for
- 3. Ways to pay:** Beware of a seller who asks you to pay by direct bank transfer. Bank transfers have limited protection if things go wrong, so avoid using them. You should only send and receive money through the online marketplace app or website using a debit or credit card, or via trusted methods of payment such as PayPal
- 4. Know your rights:** If you've bought from a retailer you might be entitled to a replacement product or a repair of your faulty goods. You can even claim a full refund if you can prove the goods are faulty. If you've bought from an individual, perhaps via an online marketplace, you have far fewer rights. In fact, you have no right to return, so long as the goods are 'as described'. Always be sure to take a screenshot of the description, and be sure to check and double check before you buy
- 5. When things go wrong:** Sometimes things just don't go to plan. If you've bought something that is broken, damaged, unsafe or not what you expected then contact the seller and give them a chance to put it right. If that doesn't work - reach out to the [Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#)

If you're concerned about a scam contact your local Citizens Advice office on 0800 144 8848, or call into one of the drop-in sessions. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary.

Drop-in Locations

- **Swanage Library, Wednesday, 10am-12noon** (except first Wednesday of each month)
- **Herston Village Hall, Swanage - First and third Monday of each month 10am-12noon**

- **Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12noon**

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

Citizens Advice Raise Funds for Crisis Support Bus

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck are raising funds for a Crisis Support Bus which will provide vulnerable Dorset residents with access to free advice and support.

The cost of living crisis has meant that many more people are in need of advice with some unable to access current services due to rural isolation, restricted mobility, cost of fuel or limited access to public transport. The mobile advice unit will deliver a service to rural areas and for those who cannot easily access outreaches, local libraries or are digitally excluded.

Katrina Ford, Business Development Manager, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck, said: *"We have seen a big increase in the number of people turning to us for advice and they are struggling to afford heating and pay bills. We are most worried about those on the lowest incomes including the elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged. Many of whom have the additional barrier of being rurally and socially isolated.*

"The Crisis Support Bus will be an easy to access, one stop shop for these residents, whilst ensuring accessibility to a diverse range of people, including those at a greater risk of disadvantage, detriment or harm."

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is an independent charity and relies upon grants and donations to fund their service and are looking for donations to help fund the Crisis Support Bus.

Katrina adds: *"We are hoping to have the bus in the local community early 2023. To help achieve this, we are looking for support from local businesses and individuals to help fund the on-going running costs of the bus. There are lots of opportunities for local businesses to get involved, including having a logo on our bus in return for a donation. If anyone is willing to help, we'd love to hear from you!"*

Donations to the Crisis Support Bus can be made on Aviva's Community Fund page www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/cost-of-living-crisis-support-bus. Aviva will match fund the amount raised. Alternatively, visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or email giving@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk for more information.

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

CHRISTMAS ON SWANAGE PIER

'Lighting up Lives' is back, bigger and brighter than ever!

'Switch-on' Event – Friday 9th December

Dedicate a light to someone special and visit Santa Claus this Christmas on Swanage Pier

For more details... swanagepiertrust.com/events



Christmas on Swanage Pier

This year we are in full festive swing. We have live music, Christmas donkeys, Christmas characters and a chance to visit the big man himself, there is something for everyone!

'Lighting up Lives' is also back. In 2021 the stunning display of Lights on the iconic Swanage Pier made it possible for hundreds of people to fondly remember loved ones and celebrate those around us. This year there will be a special lighting up ceremony and a display that promises to be bigger and brighter than ever.

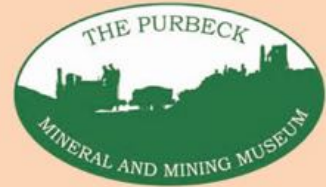
You are invited to dedicate a light to someone special or a group of people you want to show you appreciation to. Your light will shine brightly as part of a stunning installation on Swanage Pier throughout December and your dedication message will feature on our shine a light webpage.

For more information visit www.swanagepiertrust.com/events



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum



As local residents, how many of you are aware of the **Purbeck Mining Museum** and that it is part of the Swanage Railway Trust? Purbeck Mining Museum, adjacent to Norden Station, aims to preserve the heritage of the clay industry that once dominated this part of Purbeck. For decades Purbeck supplied the world's pottery industry, including Wedgwood, with the rare ball clay it needed. Clay mining narrow gauge tramways and railways were once commonplace across the heathland, and now form an integral part of the museum displays.

In addition, a further objective of the museum is preservation and development of the environment and wildlife within the 25 acres of former industrial land in which the museum is located. This area of Purbeck was once a barren landscape devoid of trees and wildlife as a result of this industry but is now a prime example of a rewilding success.

As a largely open-air museum, we're closed over the winter, but we have a number of projects in progress, in particular in looking after our woodland, for which we need willing volunteers. If you can spare a few hours on a Friday to help us out, please let us know via our contact form. Thank you...

<http://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/>



St George's C.E. VA Primary School Langton Matravers

Hello there from Langton

The date for our St George's School Christmas Fair is Thursday 8th December 3:30pm-5pm at the school. Do come along and see what's on offer in Langton.

We are also holding an evening Christmas Service at St George's Church on Monday 12th December at 5:30pm, which the local community are very welcome to attend.

Then as you will see from the Poster, on 8th January at 4pm, we have the talented local group, "The Mayday Singers" who are guaranteed to lift our winter gloom

Many thanks - looking forward to meeting you.

Katy

Mrs Katy Astle
Headteacher

Mayday Singers
winter celebration Sunday
January 8th
Relax for an hour on a winter afternoon in the company of this popular local group. Followed by tea and cake.
4 p.m.
St George's Church Langton Matravers
Tickets £8 on the door

Retiring collection for **Coping with CHAOS** part of **Diverse Abilities**
Dorset's Disability Charity
CHARITY NO. 282197

Do you provide support to a friend, relative or neighbour who would not manage without it?

Are you helping someone with everyday household tasks like shopping, cleaning, cooking, washing or dressing?

Do you provide transport to medical appointments, emotional or mental health support?

By doing these things you are considered to be a carer and there is support available in Dorset specifically for you.

The right support at the right time for you as a carer, is available in just TWO steps:

1. Tell your GP Surgery you are a carer
2. Contact your council area's carer support service

Dorset Council residents

Carer Support Dorset provides support to people of all ages who provide care and support to an adult living in the **Dorset Council area**. Contact **Carer Support Dorset**

☎ 0800 368 8349 ✉ admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk

🌐 carersupportdorset.co.uk

Young people living in Dorset Council area aged under 18 years who are caring for an adult should contact Dorset Direct

☎ 01305 221000 ✉ customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

The team will support young people to find the right help for them.

Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council residents

When the person you care for is over 18 years and lives in the **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council area** contact **CRISP**

☎ 01202 128787 ✉ carersupport@bpccouncil.gov.uk

🌐 crispweb.org

Young people living in BCP area aged under 18 years who are caring for an adult should contact Children's First Response Hub

☎ 01202 123334 ✉ childrensfirstresponse@bpccouncil.gov.uk

Coproduced with carers in partnership with Our Dorset ICS (Integrated Care System) – Your Local NHS and Councils Working Together.





FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Seasonal Greetings To You All

It was good to see so many of our Members at our AGM on 26th October where our guest Speaker, David Haines, spoke about the ongoing challenges facing our local GPs, as well as the NHS generally.

I was then (I hope!) able to assure those present that although we are unlikely to see all pre-Covid clinics return to the Hospital, we will see new services, to benefit our local community, coming into the hospital with the Hospital becoming the Centre for Community Healthcare (as well as other services, associated with general health) whilst maintaining the excellent standard of patient care on the Stanley Purser ward.

The Friends will be working closely with Dorset Healthcare to facilitate the development of new services over the coming months. Should you not already be a Member of the Friends then please do join us, application forms are on our website or available from the hospital reception. The more "Friends" we have the greater "voice" we have in discussion with both the Commissioners as well as Dorset Healthcare.

Our Autumn Fayre which took place in the Catholic Church Hall in Rempstone Rd was a great success with many attendees, having enjoyed a chat with friends over coffee and cakes, leaving the venue with bags full of "seasonal goodies". We thank all our friends who stepped in to help with this event.

Terry, our Treasurer, is still counting the takings which as always will contribute to supporting both services and staff at your Hospital.

Take care

Deirdre Selwyn
Chair, FoSH

BELVEDERE SINGERS
Charity No. 118918
Music Director Clive Watkiss

Ring Christmas Bells

10TH DECEMBER

St Mary's Church Swanage 7.30

tickets £7 - under 18's free
from choir members or on the door

Retiring collection for Purbeck Connect Welfare
Charity No. 118992

SWANAGE SAMBA

We are currently hosting some free for all taster sessions on Saturday 26th November 2022 and Saturday 7th January 2023 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Ave, Swanage BH19 1AZ. Please get in touch to sign up and find out times

Swanage Samba is a brand new band looking to recruit anyone and everyone from the local community with a desire to have some fun and create music all can enjoy.

With the help from Samba Panache, an experienced group from Bournemouth, we hope to create a professional yet exciting environment to perform the vibrant sounds of Samba.

Samba is originated from Brazil and is best known to be used within extravagant carnivals. The sound will surely get your hips moving and your feet tapping.

All ages, all experience levels, and all motivations welcomed. If you would like to get involved you can contact us through our social media or through the email address. In following these links you can directly message a member of the group who shall give you details for our sessions and shall sign you up to join us. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Please contact us through:
Facebook (through messenger): @Swanage samba
Instagram (through direct messaging): @swanage_samba
Email: swanagesamba@gmail.com

SWANAGE SAMBA

'Save Our Ambulance Car' - Review of 2022



The year started badly. The Ambulance Car service had been under threat of withdrawal for two years, and new freedom of Information Act responses showed that, despite the Ambulance Trust attending less emergency call outs to Swanage and Purbeck, emergency response times had doubled, putting hundreds of lives at risk, and that our Ambulance Car was staffed less than half the time, making it the Cinderella of the Ambulance Trust's Dorset fleet.

In February, the Town Council met the Ambulance Trust and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group. The campaign questioned some decisions made by Dorset Council, that did not support the retention of the Car, saying they would be seeking a barrister's opinion.

Then on 10th March a miracle happened - the very welcome news that the Ambulance Car was saved, and that the Car staffing would be addressed.

A Freedom of Information Act response to the Town Council for the period January-June 2022 looked at staffing, the number of Swanage and Purbeck emergency call outs attended, and our emergency response times. This was at best a mixed bag. Although the Car staffing had got worse in April/May, by June more than half the shifts on the Car were covered. 288 emergency call outs had been attended in Swanage and Purbeck, however, when the car was fully staffed, more than three times as many local call outs were attended in 6 months. Just over 60% of the Car's activity was in Swanage and Purbeck. Emergency response targets had been substantially missed. The category 1 response time improved to 12 minutes in June, however this is still well over the 7 minute target time that predicts survival for these critically ill patients.

The Town Council were told the Car would be fully staffed by September, and so we hope and expect the data for July - December 2022 to be much better.

In October the winners of the Swanage Community Awards were announced, it was great to see our Ambulance Car team acknowledged. Our particular thanks go to Martin Prouten and Russell Fox for keeping our Car going.

Good news! Support to protect residents access to NHS services

At Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual General Meeting on 19 November, a Swanage Town/ Corfe Parish Council motion passed with 87% support: for the Association to ask Dorset Council to use its statutory authority to challenge changes to health services that reduce residents access to health care, including in emergency, and require the new Integrated Care Board to produce a plan as to how it intends to deliver the improved access to health care promised as part of the Clinical Services Review.

Cllr Debby Monkhouse

Co-ordinator Save Swanage Ambulance Car campaign

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