

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome to the April 2023 issue of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum monthly newsletter. As in previous issues, we carry articles, news items, reports and details of future events from many of the area's volunteer led organisations. The range of activities covered is once again outstanding, illustrating the area's abundance and variety of community life.

However one report stands out to me which shows the exceptional work of one of our local volunteer groups and that is the unglamorous and low profile work of the rubbish spring clean team led by Frank Roberts. This team has restored our countryside verges from the litter dumps that they were fast becoming to the pristine condition that our beautiful area deserves. Gone are the days when local authorities had the money to keep our countryside roads clear of litter, so the work that this group of volunteers does should be applauded by all.

Mel Norris

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for contributions to the May 2023 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023



Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust



The last few weeks have seen several changes at Wareham Hospital which have been welcomed by the Friends as they show investment and development in the Hospital to promote and extend Purbeck services:

- Reorganisation of clinic rooms to provide the Podiatry service on the ground floor
- Re-modelling of rooms on the first floor to provide a clinic space for a children and young people's eating disorder service
- Work on rooms for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Crisis liaison service
- Plans are progressing to recommence Covid vaccinations for over 75's and those immunosuppressed from early April 2023 for an eight week period
- The start of a new Breathlessness Clinic run by Lewis Manning hospice care**
- A post-Covid syndrome service is hoping to start face to face clinics in the near future

Also we are delighted that the newly appointed CEO of Dorset Healthcare /Dorset County Hospital, Matthew Bryant, who officially starts his new role in April has already made plans to visit the hospital and meet with the Friends committee in the near future which we trust will be a positive time.

Please do help us to support and promote Purbeck Services by joining the Friends. We can be contacted by email friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com or by 'phoning the hospital on 01929 557550

Maggie Hardy

Chair, Friends of Wareham Hospital



The launch of the new Lewis Manning Breathlessness Clinic on March 15th 2023 which the Friends have been pleased to support.

THE MOWLEM

Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

Announcing Our New Patron

The Mowlem is excited to reveal its first ever Patron, Edgar Wright, the award-winning English filmmaker best known for his comedic Three Flavours Cornetto film trilogy *Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*, and *The World's End* as well as cult classic *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, action movie *Baby Driver*, music documentary *The Sparks Brothers*, and the psychological horror *Last Night in Soho*.



On accepting the position of Patron, Edgar Wright told Trustees:

"I was born and raised in Dorset and lived in Swanage until I was seven. The Mowlem was one of the first cinemas I ever attended, and it was partly responsible for a film fandom that continues to this day. Some movies I saw there in first release with my parents and older brother Oscar included the Ralph Bakshi animated 'Lord Of The Rings', 'Watership Down', 'Star Trek: The Motion Picture' and 'Clash Of The Titans'.

"I returned to Swanage for a break last summer and was thrilled that the Mowlem was still showing movies. Standing in the auditorium again was a very pleasant experience, and I hope to be down again soon. I am proud to be a patron; I'm a film director now, but I never stopped being a film-goer. Keep up the great work."

The appointment of a Patron for The Mowlem Theatre was an aspiration stated in our 2022 Business Plan but not one we imagined would be fulfilled so quickly. Finding a Patron with an incredible catalogue of work and a genuine connection to Swanage and The Mowlem goes far beyond what we had envisaged.

We are very grateful to Edgar Wright for agreeing to become our patron and look forward to working with him to continue our work to make The Mowlem Theatre not just the cultural hub of Swanage but also a destination for visitors from across the region and beyond.

The Mowlem Trustees



**SWANAGE
JAZZ
MACHINE**

Steve Dumble (bass) Andrew Cannon (piano) Rob Mills (tenor sax)

Next Appearances:

CHARITY FUND-RAISING CONCERTS:


Sun 05 Feb 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand"	Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 12 Mar 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand"	Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 02 Apr 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand"	Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 07 May 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand"	Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Sun 04 Jun 2023	A	"Jazz At The Grand"	Grand Hotel, Swanage.	2.00 pm
Tue 06 Jun 2023	B	Charity Concert,	Newton Manor Hall, Swanage.	2.00 pm

Venue A: **GRAND HOTEL** Burlington Road, Swanage BH19 1LU
Afternoon Tea available 3 – 5.00 p.m.

Venue B: "M.U.S.I.C." Charity event at **NEWTON MANOR HALL**,
170 High Street, Swanage BH19 2PF (opp Cow Lane) Free tea/coffee and cookies!

SUMMER MONTHS 2023 – JAZZ WORKSHOPS AND VARIOUS FESTIVALS
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Free of charge to Ukrainian refugees

English lessons for adults
Basic class - Mondays
Advanced class - Fridays

Lessons in Ukrainian for children
Ukrainian language, history and culture
Maths tuition
Saturdays

Held at:
Emmanuel Baptist Church
160 Victoria Avenue
Swanage
BH19 1AZ

For more details, please contact:
purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Easter Holidays at Durlston

No Need to Book

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Have you tried our Play Trail?



M.U.S.I.C. CHARITY EVENTS

(Music Unlimited for Swanage Independent Charities)

VENUE: NEWTON MANOR HALL (170 High Street)**

(free tea/coffee and cookies, in return for a donation to Charity!)

DATE	TIME	CHARITY FOR THE DAY
TUE 04 APR	2 – 5 pm	Forest Holme Hospice
TUE 02 MAY	2 – 5 pm	Friends of Swanage Hospital
TUE 06 JUNxx	2 – 5 pm	xx Can Care

xx Special Guests: Swanage Jazz Machine trio

**** ENTRANCE ON HIGH STREET, OPP. COW LANE. NOT THE MANOR**

Andrew Cannon





Radio: It Does You Good

In today's fast-paced world, where we can all feel alone and in need of company, many research papers suggest it can relieve stress, isolation, enhance knowledge, entertain and keep you socially connected. The charity Mind says "Researchers found that music releases dopamine, the feel-good chemical in your brain. It also found that dopamine was up to 9% higher when volunteers listened to music that they enjoyed. It may be obvious to us, but it is strong evidence for the link between music and mental wellbeing."

For your dose of radio tonic be sure to tune into us here at Purbeck Coast Radio on 101.2FM or stream us from our website purbeckcoast.com

And look and listen out for news of our next Purbeck Coast FM Fundraiser, with your favourite DJs, coming very soon!

Michelle Langthorne
Purbeck Coast Radio Manager



The Defib at Cauldron Barn Park in Swanage



This cabinet and appliance in Ridge have been kindly donated by Ali Patrick and her family.

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



Going from Strength to Strength

Reminder: Dates for your Diary

As recipients of this year's Co-op Community Fund we will be attending the Swanage Co-op foyer on

Thursday 11th MAY and Thursday 14th SEPTEMBER from 10-12 to demonstrate the use of a defib and answer any questions.

We are also holding an Open Meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church on **WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER from 7pm** to update on the work of the Partnership and again demonstrate how to use a defibrillator. Please do join us!

If you would like to be involved, you can join existing familiarisation sessions by contacting Corbens in Station Road (422284) or by emailing us: info@swanagedefib.co.uk.

As you will see, we are delighted to say that a new defibrillator has recently been installed at Cauldron Barn Park adding to the SCDP fleet of appliances. Our thanks and congratulations to the local residents who raised funds for this new cabinet and defibrillator, with thanks also to Berkeley Parks who installed the cabinet, its power and use of electricity to keep the defib. at the correct temperature.

Maggie Hardy for SCDP

A Silver Saturday Celebration

Swanage and Purbeck Rotary were delighted to host their annual Silver Saturday event at the end of February, celebrating the older members of our very special community.

A gathering of over one hundred people, including guests, Rotarians and entertainers, assembled at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Victoria Avenue, our usual venue for this event. They were able to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea, with sandwiches, cakes and other goodies a-plenty, all prepared by Rotary's expert catering team and helpers.

Entertaining those present was renowned local magician and entertainer Kevin Burke, a maestro of sleights of hand, and the URC Ukelele Band, playing many of their favourite tunes.

We were delighted that Swanage Town Mayor Tina Foster was also able to join us and cut the cake celebrating the 118th birthday of the Rotary movement. Town Crier Andrew Fleming was also on hand to ensure that everyone knew what was happening.

Generous donations amounting to over £320 were collected from the attendees, which will go towards local good causes supported by Rotary.



Honouring "Local Heroes"

Every year Swanage and Purbeck Rotary holds a Presentation Evening to recognise those people and organisations who have helped us and supported our activities, and those we have supported through donations and other forms of assistance.

This year's event took place at the Mowlem on Wednesday 15 March with Rotarians past and present, local dignitaries including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and representatives from many of those organisations and good causes.

Following a brief overview of the work of Swanage & Purbeck Rotary we reached the main highlight of the evening. This is the presentation of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowships (PHF), the "gold medal" of Rotary, to some of the many individuals who go above and beyond in their service to our local community. We were delighted to present PHFs to:

- **Darren Strong** - for his many years of hard work with Swanage Regatta and Carnival
- **Beryl Mitchell** - for her support of many local charities including 'About Face' (Head & Neck cancer charity)
- **Mel and Gerry Norris** - both work tirelessly for many local causes and facilitate the monthly Forum newsletter which is widely distributed and updates on community projects and issues.
- **Nigel Dragon** - quietly supporting many community initiatives in Corfe Castle and beyond.
- **Rachel Helfer** - many years of raising charitable funds by opening her beautiful garden in Knitson.

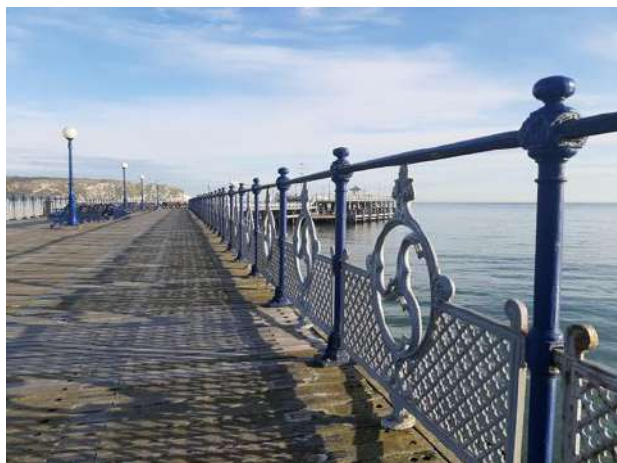
The following week, at the end of the Swanage Town Band's rehearsal session, we were delighted to present a PHF to **Moira Purver**, sculptor of the inspirational Trevor Chadwick memorial statue that was unveiled in Swanage last year.

Chris Le Fevre

President, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary



Eggciting Times at Easter on Swanage Pier



This Easter there is plenty of fun activities to get involved with on the Pier. Take part in our amazing Easter Trail, where the Easter bunny and his friends are hiding along the Pier, find them all, collect the words and arrange them into a rhyme to earn your reward.

There will be a **children's history walk on Tuesday 4th April**, where you can learn about the history of the Pier, including hearing about pirates, smugglers, sunken treasure and shipwrecks.

If you are looking for fun crafts and activities to enjoy, come along to the Pier on **Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 12th April between 11.00am and 3.00pm**. You will be able to make your very own Easter bonnet, bunny and chick, and try your hand at pinning the tail on the bunny and egg rolling!

No need to book for any of the activities, just turn up and have fun.

For full details on all our events please visit – www.swanagepiertrust.com/events

Amanda Bell
Volunteer & Events Co-ordinator



Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

I seem to have spent a great deal of time in meetings this past month. This is a very busy period for the Town Council, with lots of planning underway and decisions to be made about far-reaching policies to take us into the next few years.

You will all have the opportunity to comment on proposals in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Seafront Masterplan over coming months, and it is essential that local residents contribute to formulating the best way forward for our town.

The Town Council will keep you informed of our progress and publicise opportunities for you to get involved, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please ask the Council by telephone 01929 423636 or via the website www.swanage.gov.uk.

Outside of the Town Council I have been busy attending other events .

A small group of councillors and officers went to Lyme Regis to compare notes about their beach hut and tourism services and we gained some useful knowledge.

The Mayor's Consort and I attended the presentation at Chapel Lane relating to the Family Hub; the Angling Club AGM where I presented some trophies; the Purbeck Business awards where I shared the ceremony with the delightful Mayor of Wareham; and the Silver Saturday Rotary tea where I cut the cake. I have never eaten so many sandwiches in 3 days, but they were all delicious.

On a more serious note, the Town Clerk and I attended the South-East Purbeck Parish and Town Clerks' and Chairs' meeting at Studland and will be working with a group of other Parish Councillors to discuss how to manage the effects of tourism on the Isle of Purbeck.

The Deputy Mayor and I left the Isle of Purbeck to enjoy the environs of Kingston Maurward for the Dorset Council networking conference where we learnt a lot, shivered a lot, but also enjoyed the lunch a lot! It is very useful to hear the problems that we all face in our communities, and how we can better work together within local government to overcome them.

I also visited St George's School in Langton Matravers with Cllr Bonfield to present a certificate to the winner of the Coast Forum logo competition, which was a joy.

Don't forget the Mayor's Coronation Ball on 28 April. There are still some tickets available at Oliver Miles Estate Agents in Institute Road. All proceeds are going to Heroes Haven holiday home in Swanage.

Cllr Tina Foster



All hands to the mine!

The engineers have been fine-tuning the locomotives and greasing the points, the collections team has been reinstalling and cataloguing exhibits, the electricians have been testing the display equipment and the decorators have been sprucing up many of the buildings. All of the volunteers at the Purbeck Mining Museum have been working hard to prepare the venue for the 2023 season which looks set to be the busiest year yet.

The museum's full 2023 opening schedule begins on **Good Friday (7th April)**, but the venue will also be open on the **24th-26th March** to coincide with the influx of visitors during the Swanage Railway Steam Gala. This will provide visitors with demonstrations of engine and wagon movements along the reinstated narrow-gauge railway as well as the opportunity to see all of the exhibits and displays in the main museum building. Further demonstration days are planned throughout the summer season – full details will be available at <http://purbeckminingmuseum.org>.

As well as clearing scrub and weeds along the narrow-gauge track bed, the Museum's team of volunteers has also been preparing for the installation of a new welfare facility adjacent to the restored clay mine and clearing undergrowth for new nature trails through the 25 acres of woodland around the museum. This work follows confirmation of grant funding to enable visitors to enjoy a leisurely walk around the rewilded area adjacent to Purbeck Park.

Footpaths and interpretation boards will be constructed through the woodland, that has remained untouched for over half a century. Viewpoints looking towards Corfe Castle and across Blackwater Lake are also being created as well as a small number of picnic areas to enable visitors to spend an enjoyable day at Norden finding out more about the area's industrial past and spotting local wildlife along the woodland trails.

The Purbeck Mining Museum is extending opening times this year and is always looking for new volunteers with a wide range of skills who have an interest in local history and the local ecology and who enjoy meeting people. For further information on volunteer opportunities at the museum please visit <http://purbeckminingmuseum.org/join-us/> or come along to Norden and meet the team at one of the museum's 'Volunteer Fridays'.



The Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden, features a recreated clay mine and periodic demonstration days on the restored narrow gauge tracks.



Volunteers play a central role in all activities at the Purbeck Mining Museum - including woodland and landscape management.

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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:

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“As a family, through ‘Nature Tots’, we fell in love with Studland” says Mum



“Both my daughters and I attended the first ever ‘Nature Tots’ session on Dunes Day 2021 and the second session during the Planet Purbeck Festival in September 2021, both ably led by Julia Galbenu and her team of volunteers. By the time regular sessions started up on Monday mornings in October 2021, my daughters and I had fallen in love with Studland and attending ‘Nature Tots’ were an absolute must in our weekly routine.

“When the need arose, I found myself leading a session or two. At Julia's suggestion, I have since become a National Trust volunteer and I have led and will continue to lead ‘Nature Tots’ sessions on a rotary basis with 3 brilliant volunteers: Katherine, Pam and Christine.



“As a family, attending the Nature Tots sessions has encouraged a wonder and appreciation of our local area. Walking through the woods is fun throughout the year and we love observing the changes in nature through the seasons. The crafts we do are always interesting and really help the kids engage all their senses and get their hands into nature.

“We love the unique variety of habitats that Studland offers and I love the challenge of choosing what to do on the sessions I will lead. In Winter, if it is sunny we are on the beach, building sandcastles, stacking stones, playing hide and seek in the dunes, marking the tide as long as the dogs leave our stick in the sand alone! If it is wet and/or windy, into the woods we head.

We generally forage natural items for a set purpose, for example, to make different sounds with; to build dens; to create mud faces, fairy potions; to make nature bracelets, crowns, wands, homes for little woodland folk. It is fascinating watching the kids imagination run free. The adults have a lot of fun too! It is a lovely hour or so where we can get away from the bustle of parenting and just enjoy the great outdoors with our little ones. My daughters and I more often than not stay in Studland after the sessions are officially over which greatly helps us with our 1000 hours outside challenge. We have enjoyed many adventures in Studland and created some really special memories.

“We all love that Nature Tots is free and open to all little ones and their parents or guardians. Getting families into the great outdoors and encouraging a love of nature is vital if we are all to play our part in nature conservation. Nature Tots is hugely significant in getting kids into nature from a very young age.

“As an individual, Nature Tots at Studland has given me new friends, another way to bring nature into my life, an opportunity to give back as a volunteer and is helping develop my self confidence as I lead sessions. Nature Tots at Studland has taken me and my family, on a journey we never anticipated but will always be grateful for. Vasi Pillay

Julia Galbenu is the Engagement Officer at Dynamic Dunescapes



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Easter Crafts

Please join us in making Easter egg suncatchers and Easter bunnies to decorate the library (or to take home). Drop-In craft sessions.



Swanage Library

Saturday 1 April, Monday 3 April and
Wednesday 5 April
10:00am - 3:00pm

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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Georgia and the Iceberg

Can you imagine spending your holiday in Antarctica? Or becoming best friends with a penguin? Join us for a brrr-iliant adventure filled with puppetry, jokes, and a heart-warming original story. For Ages 7+ years.



Swanage Library

Wednesday 12 April
2:30pm - 3:30pm



Booking available via Eventbrite.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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Art for all - springtime still life drawing

Join us for
art in the
library, all
are
welcome



Swanage Library

Wednesday 26 April
2:00pm - 3:30pm



Booking available via Eventbrite.

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Come and make a Seed bomb!

Come and make a Seed Bomb! Come and swap seeds and introduce your children to the fun of gardening by making seed bombs, paper pots and other crafts! No need to book.



Swanage Library

Saturday 15 April
11:00am - 3:00pm

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

Mary Sparks is our new archivist, and is making links with the Swanage Museum team and the Dorset Museums Advisor to work out how to take forward the process of digitising and rationalising the archive.

She is hoping to find a group to help her with this task: if you think you might be interested or able to help, please contact her on marywdsparks@hotmail.co.uk

On 23rd March, Mary Sparks explained how the entire village of Worth Matravers came to be sold (twice!) by auction in 1919, and about the changes which followed. The talk "For Sale: Old World Village" was very well received. She explained how and why the little Victorian village school at Worth came into being, and what happened after it closed.

Another Date for your diary:-

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

The Museum at the Coach House, St George's Close, Langton Matravers opens for the season. This 'lovely museum tracing the history of Purbeck stone and the local people who worked in the stone industry.' It also features temporary exhibitions related to the social history of the Parish of Langton Matravers. Opening times to follow.

Mary Sparks, Daryle Pearson,
Publicity and Communications for LMLHPS
www.langtonia.org



Langton Matravers Parish Council News

A meeting of LMPC was held on Thursday 9th March in the village hall. Present: Cllr Knight (in the chair), VC Christie, Cllrs Pearson, Sutton and Golob.

National Trust Report

Following the recent increase in visitor numbers the National Trust are to keep the overflow carpark at Spyway open. The National Trust have worked to get Beryl Bikes (the flexible bike hire in BCP) to cover their four carparks at Studland. This has been funded by the Wytch Farm fund.

Public Participation

A member of the public thanked the council for their part in the affordable housing at Spyway, where he and his young family have recently moved.

Planning Matters

Application No: P/LBC/2023/01015

Location: 1 Acton Vale, The Lane, Langton Matravers. BH19 3JU

Proposal: Internal alterations and fit out. No objection.

Bus Shelter

Following long-standing member of the community Linda Kirby's move from the village, there is currently no-one responsible for maintaining the flowerbeds alongside the bus stop. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please contact the Clerk.

King's Coronation

Acton is to have a lunch party to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Littering/flytipping

It has been noted that there has been a recent spate of littering in the village, resulting in the litterbin next to Reginald Saville's bench now being used as a planter. The council are in the course of investigating this and possible solutions to littering in the village. The Parish Council has also been in contact with Dorset Council about the overflowing dog bins.

Finally, although it might not feel like it spring is in the air!

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held at 7 pm on 13th April in the village hall.

Jenny Marshall, Parish Clerk





What's On in April 2023



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

LIVE SHOWS and MUSIC:

- **Eddie & Ellie** - Allsort'd C.I.C. and friends are thrilled to present a modern-day version of Shakespeare's classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. Eddie and Ellie live in the scenic coastal town of Swanage. Family feuds make these two young people unlikely friends, not to mention their chosen paths in life. But despite the odds, Ellie and Eddie reunite their families without a drop of blood being lost. An original story told through dance, songs, and narration supported by Signalong for those who may have communication difficulties.
Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm
- **National Theatre Live: GOOD** - David Tennant makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most potent political plays. As the world faces its Second World War, John Halder finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences. Olivier Award-winner Dominic Cooke directs C.P. Taylor's timely tale, with a cast featuring Elliot Levey and Sharon Small. Filmed live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London.
Thursday 20th April at 7.00pm
- **Cabaret with Claws** - Charlie Bicknell and Louise Innes return with a veritable petri dish of stunningly irreverent and ballsy songs. Twisted takes on familiar themes, such as Tim Minchin, Phil Nichols and Bonnie Tyler influencers thrown in. The unexpected has rarely been so expected
Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

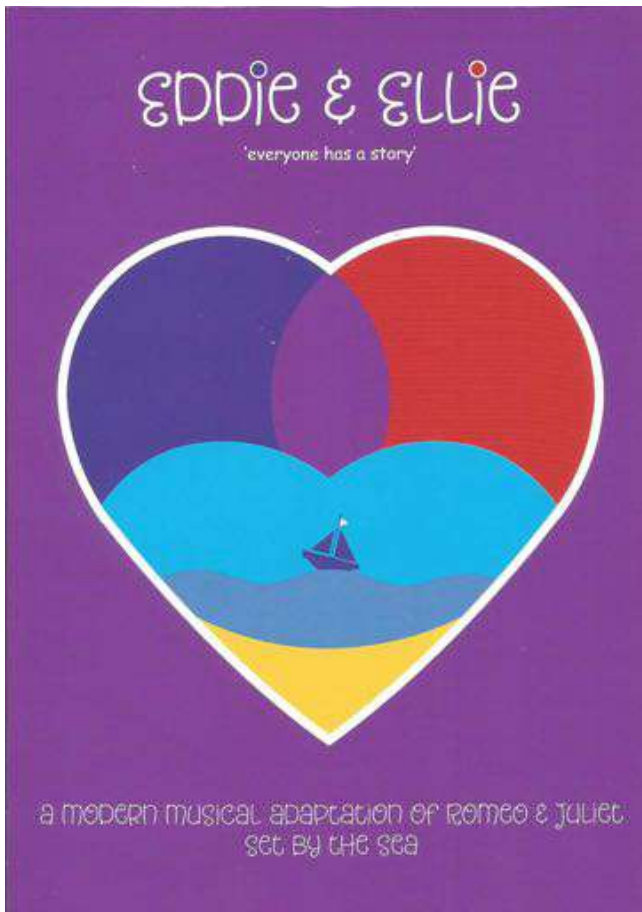
- **'Shifting Edges'** - The next Visual Arts exhibition is from Fran Quinlan, a visual artist based in Dorset whose work encompasses drawing, print, performance, sculpture and installation. Fran is an Alumni of Arts University Bournemouth and delivers participatory workshops across various institutions and public settings. Both nature and humanity are in a constant flux of movement and change. To embody this state, she immersed herself in the ephemeral nature of light and the sea, drawing with the traces they momentarily declare in the physical world.
The exhibition will be free to explore from 24th March to 23rd May

MOVIES

- **Allelujah (12A)**
A warm and profoundly moving story about old age. The threatened closure of a geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital stirs an uprising from the local community. Starring Dame Judi Dench, Bally Gill, Jennifer Saunders and Russell Tovey.
Friday, 31st March through to Thursday, 6th April at 7.30 pm (excluding Wednesday 5th April)
- **Epic Tails - Argonuts (U)**
Tells the story of a super smart mouse Pattie and her feline friend Sam, as they embark upon an exciting adventure of paw-some proportions through Ancient Greece. Featuring the special guest voices of Rob Beckett, Giovanna Fletcher and Josh Widdicombe as the many Gods of Mount Olympus
Saturday, 1st April through to Thursday 6th April at 11.30am
- **Heathers: The Musical (15)**
Based on the 1989 cult classic film starring Winona Ryder and Christian Slater and recorded live in its original London home, The Other Palace, this award-winning musical follows Westerberg High student Veronica Sawyer, whose dreams of popularity finally start to come true when she's taken under the wings of the three beautiful, yet impossibly cruel Heathers.
Friday 7th & Saturday 8th April at 2.30pm, Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Monday 10th April at 7.30pm
- **Matilda The Musical: sign-along (12A)**
A musical comedy-drama in which a gifted girl uses her intellect and powers to stand up for herself and her friends. Sing your heart out to Matilda's greatest hits, from 'When I Grow Up' to 'Revoltin' Children', 'Naughty' to 'School Song'; you can enjoy the Matilda experience like never before.
Monday, 10th April through to Thursday 13th April at 11.30 am
- **Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG)**
When Billy Batson and his foster siblings, who transform into superheroes by saying "Shazam!", are forced to get back into action and fight the Daughters of Atlas, they must stop them from using a weapon that could destroy the world in which they must travel to make peace with the Gods because of Billy taking their powers for granted. Starring Zachary Levi, Asher Angel and Jack Dylan Grazer.
Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 14th April at 7.00pm
- **Till (12A)**
A biographical drama based on the true story of Mamie Till-Bradley, an educator and activist who pursued justice after the murder of her 14-year-old son Emmett in 1955. The film stars Danielle Deadwyler as Mamie Till-Bradley, with Jalyn Hall, Frankie Faison, Haley Bennett, and Whoopi Goldberg in supporting roles.
Friday, 14th April through to Wednesday, 19th April at 7.30pm (excl. Sunday), Monday Matinée on Monday, 17th April, at 2.30pm
- **She Said (15)**
American biographical drama based on the 2019 book by reporters Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey. Starring Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan and follows their New York Times investigation exposing Harvey Weinstein's history of abuse, sexual misconduct against women. Patricia Clarkson, Andre Braugher, Jennifer Ehle, and Samantha Morton co-star, with Ashley Judd appearing as herself.
Monday, 24th April through to Thursday, 27th April at 7.30pm, Monday Matinée on Monday 24th at 2.30pm

CLUBS and SOCIETIES:

- **The Making Memories Dementia Friendly** cafe is Tuesday 4th & 18th March, at 10.00 am in The Showbar.
- **The Flower Club** will meet on Thursday 20th April, at 9 am in the Community Room.
- **Health Qigong Fitness** with Penny meets every Wednesday at 2 pm & 3.30 pm during April in the Community Room.



Allsort'd & the Signalong Choir presents

Eddie & Ellie

Featuring special guests

Karen Grant, The Phoenix Rock 'n Roll Band, The Swim Group and The Memory Cafe

on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7pm

Ticket Prices £10 Adult / £7 Child

Box Office Open Monday-Saturday 10.30am - 1.30pm

Box Office Number 0333 666 33 66 calls at standard rate
lines open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

All proceeds to Will Does, The Memory Cafe and
Allsort'd .org

For more details follow allsorted.org on social media



Every Thursday

during term-time

10am—11.30am

run by volunteers from

Emmanuel Baptist Church

160 Victoria Avenue BH19 1AZ

www.emmanuelbc.org.uk

01929 427706

We ask for a £1 donation per family
to cover costs

Starting 12th January 2023



Warm Space

Every Monday from 10am to 1pm

at Pop-In

**at Emmanuel Baptist
Church**

160 Victoria Avenue



SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB

Charity no: 1133375



**Swanage
Food Bank**



Appeal for Your Help Please

The very busy Robert Payne of the Swanage Disabled Club has a couple of important points to share with you. He says:

“There is a considerable expense to keep our buses running and tested according to Government & DVLA requirements, so are really grateful when able to receive donations to help towards us continuing to serve the community, which we so readily do and enjoy. All our volunteer drivers/escorts are fully trained, and we are always looking for more help there, in order to lessen the work load. If you enjoy meeting people and could give some spare time to help us, then please contact me.

“We are still able to offer two of our buses to the community and a smaller vehicle especially for one wheelchair and a couple of passengers, for door to door appointments or necessary transport locally and to any hospital, Bournemouth, Poole or Dorchester. This is on a booking system, it's not a taxi service and donations are gratefully received. Please contact Robert Payne 01929 432729.”

Robert then went on to say:

“We will have fundraising stalls on the seafront in August (watch out for dates), and are applying for various Charity donations from different organisations this year and will update when/if we get accepted for any.

“If you are interested in learning more, or wish to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please ring me, Robert Payne, on **01929 432729**. Thank you.”

Daphne Saville who co-ordinates the Swanage Disabled Club says:

“We meet at All Saints Church Hall, Swanage every Monday and the club is growing. On the second Monday of every month we have a speaker, other Mondays are spent, crafting, playing cards, dominoes, scrabble etc. New members are always welcome. Would you like to know more? On our Facebook page so far, 51 members have signed up with an interest. Watch out for any further updates about the club. Then please contact me for further information. Would love to hear from you.”

Contact Daphne Saville on **01929 425241**

Thank you for all your support as our community gives generously of all that we have - but we still need more help

April will soon be upon us, but March 'madness' is still our everyday experience at Swanage Food Bank with record numbers of requests for food aid. We shouldn't be surprised with the inflation of food prices peaking at unprecedented highs, but more families than ever are 'feeling the pinch' and needing assistance. Our shelves are filled and emptied as quickly, as we continue to give generously of all that we have. But, yes, we need more help, too. from our supportive community.

Our current needs are for tinned meats, easy-cook rice, desserts of all kinds, savoury crackers and snacks (those packed school lunches require them!). With Easter coming shortly, we welcome gifts of Easter eggs. It was delightful to hear from Hannah, a trainee Youth Worker, that a group of young people had decided to make Easter eggs for their project, and will be bringing them to us at the start of the Easter holidays. A big thank you to them in advance.

As always, we thank Swanage for every donation which enables our work to continue, whatever the need. We appreciate donated re-usable bags for life (not the flimsy sort) and small egg boxes for 6's. We aim to recycle where possible. We also try to give healthy food (always fresh dairy, veg and fruit), but are aware that obesity is a national disease which is often an outcome of food poverty. At least, our clients have a wonderful area for cost-free outdoor exercise with all its health-giving benefits.

So we wish everyone a healthy and happy Easter.

Pauline Werber, Swanage Food Bank

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



Greengage Community Garden

Even though it's been only 3 weeks since we reopened after the Winter break, our amazing group of volunteers have been very busy in so many ways!

A complete sort out of our greenhouse and garden has transformed the place we work in. The greenhouse is already full of seed trays full of seeds of all types and the garden plots have been manured, re-edged and weeded and our overwintering beans, garlic and onions are in good health. We are also working hard to renovate our fruit growing area where there are raspberries, gooseberries and more.

Our lovely new native hedge is now in place and the daffodils around the site are now in their prime and looking wonderful!

We are planning, along with our vegetable and fruit growing, on becoming a garden which grows a wide selection of herbs and cut flowers so 2023 should be our best season yet.

We will advertise our open days so you can come and see what we are doing.

We already have new volunteers joining us and we are open every Friday from 10-3 if you would like to come and see us – you will always be very welcome..

Our website is now live - here's the link:

<http://www.greengagecg.co.uk/>

Bob Walters

Greengage Community Garden



Citizens Advice is coming to you!

Mobile Advice Bus

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck has a new mobile advice bus which will soon be out and about providing vulnerable 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 for those who cannot easily access outreaches, local libraries or are digitally excluded.

The mobile advice bus is planning to be on the road beginning of April and will visit Swanage, Corfe Castle, Wool, Colehill, Corfe Mullen, Verwood, West Moors, Bovington



Hive. Keep an eye on our website for dates and locations www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

We are an independent charity and rely on funding and grants to operate. If you're a local organisation who is interested in sponsoring the bus please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you! Email giving@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Volunteers are welcome at any of the bus locations. If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering with us email sue.bristow@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Drop-in Locations in Purbeck

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

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

For more information about Citizens Advice services visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or to speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline Freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.



News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

Notes from our March meeting: During the public half hour, one member of the public came to stress his concern about the introduction of 5G and its possible effect on health. A second member of the public wanted to draw the Parish Council's attention to the proposed road repairs in West Street in May as there was a lot of concern on the community Facebook page.

The notification of the West Street works came too late to be included on the agenda, but the Parish Council has arranged a delivery to every affected household. The issue was raised with Cllr Cherry Brooks our DC representative and Cllr Brooks was asked about the lack of notification to residents by DC. She agreed to investigate. Residents who are concerned should contact Dorset Council on the phone number or web link shown on the letter.

Other projects: The Parish Council had 8 reports from Councillors on projects they are involved in on behalf of the Council. (Southeast Parish's Meeting; Purbeck Community Rail Partnership; Kings Coronation; 20mph speed limit; Environment Group; Cost of Living Support; Litter Free Purbeck; Purbeck Heaths NNR Sustainable Transport Meeting.)

The Council wanted to give special thanks to the litter team and the Swanage led team which had removed rubbish from the A351, and the Kings Coronation project team who have produced a great programme described elsewhere.

Good progress is also being made on the cost-of-living help scheme. The Environment group has had a well attended programme and more talks are planned.

The Council will express its concern to Swanage Railway over the proposed high fares on the new train service to Wareham. The return fare from Corfe to Wareham is £10 and £25 from Swanage to Wareham. Currently until 30 June the bus fare on the no 40 is only £2 for a single ticket. The Council is worried that the pilot scheme will be deemed a failure.

The Council received a highly satisfactory report from its internal auditor for the last quarter.

Dorset Council Report: The main headline is that Dorset Council was able to use the savings from the merging of the six councils four years ago to safeguard services and remain financially stable. The precept for its own services is going up 2% compared with inflation of 10% and is a lower increase than permitted by the Government.

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 22nd May 7pm, in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, main hall. This is your chance to hear what your Parish Council has achieved over the past year, and through your questions and comments help set the agenda for the Parish Council for the coming year. We will also have short presentations from some of the village organisations on current projects.

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

Application No: P/FUL/2023/00702, Location: Castle View Information Centre A351 St Edwards Bridge to Norden Roundabout, Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5DR

Recommend: No objection. This application is part of the National Trust's zero carbon policy. There are no visual aspects as the machinery is close to the building and cannot be seen from the castle.

Application No: P/FUL/2023/01023, Peake House, Valley Road, BH20 5HT.

Recommend: No objection. Corfe Castle Parish Council strongly support the application. Peake House was originally built in the early 20th century as a domestic property for family use. In 2005 it was converted to bed and breakfast use and in 2007 it became a boarding house for Purbeck View School in Swanage. The Council objected to this change of use and the PDC Planning Officer recommended refusal. However, the application was approved by the PDC planning board. The present proposal will return the house to its original domestic use. We strongly support returning it to domestic use as this has been its function for the far greater part of its life.

Application No: P/CLP/2023/00948, Location: 25 East Street, BH20 5EE.

Recommend: No comment as we do not feel we are qualified to make comment.

To submit a letter to Dorset Council planning department requesting: given the age of the original application (1987) that the application be revisited, as it is believed the application would not be approved today.

It was noted the loading bay which has been installed since the original application was submitted does not show on the plans.

It was stated as the General Store now has a Post Office facility within the shop, the shop owners who live in the flat above, are not able to access the store once the store has closed. Due to this the only way to exit the building is through the storage area / garage; if there were to be a fire in this area there is no alternative fire exit.

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

Invitation to Tender: Notice is hereby given inviting contractors to tender for the contract to clean the West Street Toilets, Corfe Castle.

Contract Description:

- To clean and maintain the Toilets at West Street Corfe Castle.
- Toilets to be cleaned once a day.
- To carry out a deep clean at least twice a year.
- To supply and replenish consumables and remove general waste. (sanitary waste to be disposed of by a third party.

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For an information pack containing the Information for Tenderers, a detailed Specification of the Work required and Conditions of Contract, please contact the Parish Clerk, clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01202 670105. Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelopes and posted to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ. Tenders cannot be submitted by email.

Procurement timetable;

Information & Instructions for Tenderers Available 1st March 2023

Deadline for responses 28th April 2023

Contract Award 15th May 2023

Contract Commencement 1st June 2023

All submission must be received by mid-day on the 28th April 2023 any received later will not be considered.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 17th April, 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. The meeting is a week later than usual because of the bank holiday.

Parish Council contact details:

Clerk: Michelle Harrington,

Telephone: 01202 670105,

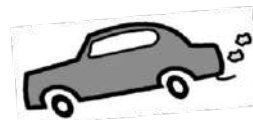
Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ,

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

HAVE YOU JUST HAD A NEAR MISS? REPORT IT.



Reporting Non-Injury Collisions or Near Miss Incidents involving motor vehicles to Dorset Council

If you have been involved in or witnessed, either a non-injury collision or a near miss incident involving a motor vehicle, it is important to ensure that it is correctly reported and recorded.

This will enable the Parish Council and Dorset Council to assess if changes are required to how traffic is controlled within the Parish.

Dorset Council have recently improved their online process for reporting Non-Injury Collisions or Near Miss Incidents involving motor vehicles, which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety>

If you are unable to access the internet, you can report a non-injury collision and near miss incidents involving motor vehicles directly to the Parish Clerk by telephone (01202 670105) and a report will be submitted on your behalf.

It's Official: The Downs is now a Local Nature Reserve!

As mentioned in our previous article, The Downs is now officially a Local Nature Reserve and we are excited to be hosting a special launch day together with Swanage Town Council this spring on **Saturday 15th April** giving people a chance to find out more about the area and celebrate its value to the people of Swanage.

Drop in any time between 11-3pm but don't miss our official launch ceremony at 2pm with guest speakers from Swanage Town Council, Durlston Country Park and the National Trust. For more details, please check out the poster or visit our website. We have some great guided walks on offer and activities to help you get more out of your visit on a self-guided trail.

As a greenspace close to the town, the area has exceptional local interest and educational and community value. Becoming an official nature reserve recognises the sites value and ensures protection and enhancement of this special natural heritage. Helping to build sustainable communities, it creates new spaces and focus for education, enjoyment and recreation and preserves links with the local community's past. We discovered some fascinating stories about the area during our surveys and research and can't wait to share them with you. There is more to discover however, and we would love to hear of your memories, stories and see photos too!

Since the spring of 2020 Swanage Town Council, supported by Sustainable Swanage have been preparing to dedicate the area as a nature reserve by carrying out public surveys, habitat surveys and writing a detailed management plan. We are looking for people to join the 'Friends of Peveril Point and the Downs' group who can get involved in wildlife surveying and educational activities. More information about the opportunities can be found on the day, come and chat to the Swanage Town Council representatives.

Please don't forget also our **'Picnic in the Park'** event at the old St Marks School playing field on **1st May** in conjunction with Swanage Town Council and the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust.

See you out there!

Sarah Spurling, Chief Officer of Sustainable Swanage

<https://sustainableswanageUK>



RUBBISH SPRING CLEANS

Litter Free Purbeck, together with all of its constituent groups, is now well established. The groups focus on local areas, usually parish by parish. There are two groups in Swanage; the Beach Buddies, and Swanage Landers which tries to look after the urban areas. We are desperate to recruit new volunteers for Swanage Landers; which meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at 0915hrs and at other times by arrangement. Please contact swanagelanders@herstoncross.co.uk For general information please look at the Litter Free Purbeck website

Litter picking on roads with a national speed limit requires a separate Safety Management System, led by Swanage Army Link, with increased measures to mitigate the risks. These include: full Personal Protective Equipment (full orange clothing), very early starts (anytime after 0200hrs) or at weekends, signage, beacons & bollards, and small well briefed teams who know our local roads - who understand the bend & dips which reduce visibility. For example we know that the most dangerous stretches of the A351 are Castle - Norden, @ Halfway, Nursery rail bridge - Ponderosa (on approach to Harmans Cross).

During that past month Studland - Ulwell, Swanage - Stoborough roundabout and Castle - Ulwell Rd (Studland) have all been covered - both sides of the roads. I hope we can cover Langton - Corfe inc Worth before the grass gets growing. Items that we pick up can be surprising, and it's staggering that tossers can be out littering within hours of our voluntary efforts. Yesterday Lara M-B and I did Currendon Hill; within 4 hours there were 8 items of litter on the tarmac...



Our wonderful crew at a recent audit of spring clean litter

As a general reminder Dorset Council, have almost totally withdrawn from litter picking. In Wareham there was an employee called Charlie who covered the town centre for many years. He retired last year, and has not been replaced (unfortunately he also passed away a month after finishing work, which was extremely sad news at the time)

There are almost no professional teams picking up litter in Purbeck with the exception of staff provided by parishes, including those Swanage, Wareham and Corfe Castle, the NT, staff at Durlston Country Park.

The solution: STOP TOSSING LITTER, and report those who do to Dorset Council (home page) / Bins recycling & litter / Street cleaning & litter problems / Report litter on the pavement, highway, or thrown from a vehicle. Please do report the litter tossers.

Kind regards,

Frank

Frank E Roberts MCIRO
Swanage in Dorset
07850 970026



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

IS PROUD TO PRESENT
**Mike Denham's Elite
Syncopations**



FRIDAY 19th MAY-7.30pm

Licensed Bar from 7pm

TICKETS £10 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*

FRIDAY 19th MAY - 7.30pm

Doors open for Bar - 7pm

The band's music spans the era from the 1020s to the early 1950s when jazz and popular music shared an audience. It ranges from ragtime to swing, by way of blues and boogie-woogie. Expect to hear numbers by Scott Joplin, Sidney Bechet, Fats Waller, Benny Goodman and sparkling vocals from Bessie Smith to Ella Fitzgerald. It's a great fun band.

Mike Denham - piano

Trevor Whiting - clarinet, saxophone

Ali Whiting - vocals, violin

Keith Hall - guitar, banjo

Mike Denham is a Dorset-based but nationally popular pianist and organist, whose bands and solo sets have graced many jazz festivals and venues.

Trevor Whiting is one of the most in demand reed players on the British Jazz scene. He has shared the stage with many visiting American stars, recorded with Clare Teal, and toured with Chris Barber's band. Today he works frequently with the UK's top jazz musicians.

FRED LINDOP

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

AMPLE PARKING

Come and join our Ladies Group

held at Corfe Castle Village Hall

1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm.

We have a good selection of interesting speakers every month and our satellite groups include a walking group, stroller's group, lunch group, 2 book groups and a textile group.

Visitors £3 per meeting or £22 for the year

Come and meet us and have a great afternoon

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com

Or Tel me on 01929 480007

Christine Kemp



Programme for April '23 – March '24

4 th April 23 WORLD OF BALLET Natasha Tobin	2 nd May 23 HOW TO MAKE PASTA Giuseppe from Olive Tree Cookery School	6 th June 23 YEAR ROUND GARDEN The Plant Doctor Roger Hirons	4 th July 23 RADIATION Alan Neal
1 st August 23 SUMMER LUNCH BBQ	5 th September 23 FLORAL DESIGN	3 rd October 23 LOCAL HISTORY Louise Haywood	7 th November 23 OOH MATRON! A History of Carry On Steve Dimmer
5 th December 23 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	January 24 TBA	February 24 TBA	5 th March 24 AGM



A project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

We are progressing with the updating of the Wellbeing Swanage webpage, an email request has been sent to all groups, activities, and services currently on the directory, so please check your junk mail to see if you have received one. Returning them to Collete as soon as possible please.



If you are a community group, activity or a service that supports the local community please get in touch so we can add your information to the directory. It will host information about low or no cost groups (under £10 a session), services and support in Swanage and local area, as well as information about regional and national organisations across a broad spectrum of subjects. If you are a local group or service and would like to be included, please email us at spdtmain@gmail.com

Community Connector Refresh Thursday 27th April 2pm Herston Village Hall

Already a community connector, join us for our second refresh session, a great opportunity to share all things local. An email invitation will be sent out again to all registered connectors, join us for an opportunity to find out about what is happening locally and share information. If you would prefer to join us online please let me know and we will send you a zoom link.

Please check your junk mail; if you have not had an email by 6th April please let us know spdtmain@gmail.com

Herston Village Hall is offering great weekly events – updated on the Herston Village Hall Facebook Page

Monday 10am – 12pm Community Cafe offering a warm welcome to all. The **Community Pantry** where the war on waste food continues each week, locally donated waste food is collected from the shops and cafes to stop it going to landfill. Available to all – bring a bag – reduce waste – no charge but a donations welcome. (what is on offer is advertised on the Swanage Community Pantry Facebook page, as some weeks this is no waste to offer) **Citizen's Advice** is on hand to offer advice on a weekly basis.



Wednesday – is the fabulous **Seahorse Playgroup** open to all parents and carers of under 5s. **9:30 am till 11am** – sometimes there is a pop-up pantry for the parents also.



Friday – **Swanage Youth Club** meet offering sessions for Yr 6 to 10 – the team offer a variety of events across the weeks and holiday sessions (Free for those with a HAF code) for more information and how to register to attend please contact Su or Louise the Youth Leaders on youthclubswanage@gmail.com

Check the Herston Village Hall Facebook page for information about other events on offer, including jumble sales, craft circle (1st Saturday) and community events. Contact spdtmain@gmail.com for more information

The hall is available to hire for community events, birthday parties, meetings, wakes, fitness sessions please contact Tania.leighspdt@gmail.com for more information.



Photograph by Dai Hounsell

Wool Home Library Service volunteer honoured for 15 years of service

Eileen Osgood from Wool was honoured for 15 years of volunteering for the Royal Voluntary Service's Home Library Service at an event this month. Eileen, who originally joined with her husband and who also volunteers for Wool Community Library, was presented with the WRVS Long Service Medal for 15 years of service (see picture).

Eileen says: *'I have enjoyed every minute of it! I have met so many interesting and*

fascinating people over the years, and being able to continue volunteering has helped me too. The volunteer team here at Wool Library are fantastic, and it's great to be part of both the library volunteers and the Home Library Service's team.'

The Home Library Service is provided by Dorset Library Service and delivered by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers. Books and talking books are chosen individually for each person and delivered every 3 weeks, providing not only fresh reading materials on a regular basis, but also a visit by a trusted volunteer. If you are unable to get to the library and would like to receive a regular free delivery of books, please get in touch with us by phoning the RVS office on 01305 236666 or e-mailing maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk, or speak to a member of staff or a volunteer at your local library.



CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Free Lunch

Soup 'n Pud

Sat. 1st April '23 12.30pm Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

A choice of 2 Soups, plus a roll, followed by Puds and custard



Another successful 'Soup 'n Pud' was held in the Village Hall after the Coffee Morning on 4th March. There were 37 diners plus 8 supporters. The soups this time were both largely from donated ingredients – the tins of tomatoes and pumpkins, being an excellent way of using up food that otherwise would have gone to waste. We had various assorted puds either from our own kitchens or donated. It is really wonderful how many people have got the idea and are helping out with making these and giving us spare ingredients from their cupboards, gardens and allotments. Please keep them coming!

As our lunches are gaining in popularity, more help is required. So can we please put out a plea for more volunteers to come forward to help at the lunches? This does not commit you to every month, just as and when you are available, so that we have a bigger group to draw on when holidays and ill health sometimes leave us a bit short. Also if anyone has any dessert/soup bowls they feel able to donate, we would be pleased to receive them.

Once again thanks to our serving gang for their help and to the Village Bakery for the bread rolls.

We have a few more jars of our apple and pumpkin chutney left, at £2.50 a jar and as with any financial donations we receive, these funds get ploughed back into future meals.

On Coronation Day, Sat. May 6th we are hoping to provide a lunch (main course and pud), appropriately themed of course, in the Village Hall! This will complement the screening of the event in the school and will be by free ticket. 90 will be available, on a first come first served basis, at April's 'Soup 'n Pud' and from various places around the village. More details will appear in the May CVN.

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

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

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Latest News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

HXVH Playground

We are looking to provide more play opportunities for children in the age group 1 to 5 years, and we are canvassing views from users of the playground area as to preferred equipment. It is envisaged to site the new equipment in the area of the existing adult exercise equipment which is old and will be removed. Considering cost (funded by HXVH) and space constraints it is not expected to be able to accommodate more than 3 items but we will do what we can. Please go to our website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/News/HXVH-Children-s-Playground-Equipment/> to review the suggested options (or suggest others) and comment by emailing website@harmanscrosshall.co.uk



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HXVH Annual General Meeting – Friday 21 April

The Annual General Meeting of Harmans Cross Village Hall Management Committee will take place in the Hall on Friday 21st April at 6.30 pm. Please come along to find out what has been happening at your village hall over the past year. The meeting will be followed by a cheese and wine social from 7.30 pm. (A suggested donation of £5 per person will be requested on the evening for the cheese and wine event.) All Harmans Cross residents are welcome.

To book a place at the meeting contact Kathy Furlong on: secretary@harmanscrosshall.co.uk and indicate if you wish to stay for the social event.



Diary Dates for our next Movies

Tuesday 11 April **Where the Crawdads Sing**

Tuesday 9 May **Mrs Harris Goes to Paris**



Coffee Junction

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).

Church at HXVH

There is a friendly, informal service held at the Hall every 3rd Sunday commencing 6pm – everyone welcome.

Thank you for reading and all the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee



DEADLINE

for contributions to the May 2023 issue
of the Newsletter

MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023

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