

## Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

# NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome to the June 2023 issue of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum monthly newsletter. The range of activities covered is once again outstanding, illustrating the area's abundance and variety of community life throughout Purbeck.

Though we may inhabit different towns, villages or hamlets, we all depend one way or another on each other by often sharing facilities, services, activities and even problems.

We hope that this modest newsletter helps link the various communities across Purbeck and assists the many clubs, charities and public services in communicating with as many folk as possible..

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## News from Purbeck Coast 101.2FM

Thanks to all who attended our Spring Fund Raiser on 21st April at the Show Bar, Mowlem. The dance floor didn't empty! You were all so kind to our newbie DJ's Annabelle, Thelma, and Jackie, much appreciated. Also big thanks to Graham, Lex, Thomas, and DJ Paul Brady.

We are incredibly pleased to welcome several new presenters joining the existing team who bring more diverse subjects for you, the listeners. Purbeck Coast is a community asset able to provide a wider source of local information. Listen out for the voices of Caroline Gray, Paul Thompson and Paul Hutton-Cornish. All of which can now be heard on our Purbeck Coast Airwaves. Check out our schedule at <https://purbeckcoast.com/shows-schedule/>

The next few months will be busy as we endeavour to spread our wings and aim to be at most big and even small events in Purbeck. If you have ideas for new shows, things to report on, guests - or want to volunteer, get in touch and get involved.

*Michelle Langthorne, Purbeck Coast Station Manager*



## HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Hello everyone, and first off here's a big event at Harmans Cross but not much time to grab your tickets now ...

### HXVH Barn Dance - Saturday 3 June, 6pm - 10pm



We are having a good old Barn Dance at the Hall, with live music and calling from the [Black Sheep Band](#). Our local favourite pizza team - [Coastal Crust Pizzas](#) - will be on site selling fabulous wood fired pizzas. And the HXVH Bar will be open serving a wide range of refreshments, including locally-sourced ales - perhaps for those who prefer to drink and watch, rather than dancing?

Tickets are available via the HXVH website – go to the Special Events page at [www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk](http://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk). Tickets for adults are £10 in advance (£12 on the door if we have any capacity on the night) and £6 for under 18s

Following hot on the heels of the Barn Dance will be our next Movie Night ...

### Tuesday 13 June – The Outfit

Leonard (Mark Rylance), a master English tailor who's ended up in Chicago, operates a corner tailor shop with his assistant (Zoey Deutch) where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them: a family of vicious gangsters. One night, two killers knock on his door in need of a favour - and Leonard is thrust onto the board in a deadly game of deception and murder.

**Doors and bar open at 7.00pm, and the film starts at 7.30pm with admission still at the inflation-busting price of £5.**

And diary date for our next movie:

### Tuesday 11 July – Ticket to Paradise

That's all for now folks ... other than please mark **Bank Holiday Monday 28 August** in your diaries. We have commenced planning for the ever-amazing **Harmans Cross Annual Fete and Show**. We will have all the usual entertainment – more to come next month.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Alison and the HXVH Committee*





## FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

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

Those visiting patients in Stanley Purser ward will be aware that the long-awaited refurbishment is near to completion, giving the ward area a welcome "facelift". We thank the staff, patients and visitors for their patience during the inevitable disruption.

Recently due to unprecedented staff shortages within our MIU, when it has not been possible to deploy MIU trained staff from another hospital to cover our MIU, it has been necessary to "close" the unit for the day. In order to avoid any delay in assessing/treating your symptoms please do use the 111 system *before* travelling to the hospital.

However, we are being advised by members of our Community that sometimes they are still not being given the option to attend our MIU even though it is "open" so when you do call the 111 service please do still ask to be seen at Swanage Hospital. We shall be keeping a close eye on the situation as we move into the busy summer months.

We are still getting reports that patients are not being offered the choice of Swanage Hospital for their Outpatient appointment so below is a list of Outpatient clinics which are available at the hospital, the list has also been sent to our local GP surgeries. Please be aware that some appointments – at the clinicians' discretion- may be by telephone rather than face to face.

We hope to see many of you at our Summer Afternoon Tea and Stalls on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2 - 4pm when the beautiful garden will be in full bloom.

Take care

*Deirdre Selwyn*

*Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital*

**Swanage Hospital**

# Afternoon Tea

In the hospital car park and garden  
(Subject to cancellation if rainy!)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
2pm – 4pm

### Clinics running from Swanage Hospital (Jan 2023)

AAA screening

Audiology

Cardiac tests 24 hour ECG \*\*

\*\* (ECHO temporarily suspended due to lack of qualified provider)

Cardiology

Child health

Diabetes

Diabetic Eye Screening

ENT

Footcare

General surgery

Glaucoma review

Gynaecology

Haematology

Heart failure

Lewis Manning breathlessness service

Ophthalmology

Orthoptics

Orthotics

Parkinson's disease

Older people's mental health

Physiotherapy

Podiatry & Biomechanics

Purbeck Community Mental Health Team (CMHT)

REACH (drug and alcohol service)

Respiratory DAIRS nursing team

Respiratory DAIRS physio

Respiratory medicine

Rheumatology follow-up

Spirometry testing

Steps to Wellbeing

Stoma clinic



## Message from the Mayor of Swanage Cllr Tina Foster

It is now 12 months since I took on the position of Swanage Town Mayor, starting off last June by lighting the beacon for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

My year has been rounded off nicely with the Coronation of our new King and I was proud to be wearing the chain and accompanied by the Deputy, Chris Moreton, when we processed with a parade of other Mayors to Sherborne Abbey. The dignitaries of Dorset joined together to celebrate the new King and the sun shone on a pageant of robes and regalia to almost vie with those in Westminster Abbey. I can now relate that I was in the Abbey wearing my jewels for the Coronation but keep quiet about it not being the right Abbey.

One of my greatest pleasures was the distribution of the Coronation spoons to all the primary school children in St Marks, St Marys and Mount Scar Schools. Who knew a spoon could be so exciting! Or the "Big Necklace"!

A few months into my mayorship I had the perhaps foolish idea, to resurrect a Mayor's Ball. With the help of many others it resulted in a wonderful night sparkling with ball gowns, diamante and smartly dressed revellers dancing the night away. And we raised the magnificent sum of over £2,100 for the Heroes Haven Charity.

Being Mayor is a much bigger job than I had ever imagined. The public face of wearing the regalia and cutting ribbons is enjoyable and interesting. I love meeting people and sharing in their community efforts but there is another side to the work and that is being the Chairman of the Town Council. The responsibilities are many and various and as we look forward to a local election next year I hope that we have such a committed Town Council as I have worked with this year.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Councillors and employees who make our town so special. Not the biggest town but one with a huge heart.

*Cllr Tina Foster*

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## upgrading underway for new services in the Hospital

The garden at Wareham Hospital has been supported by the Friends for years and some 30 years ago it was landscaped creating a beautiful space which many have enjoyed as a visitor, an in-patient when the hospital had beds and now by the staff who provide and support the out-patient services.



Recently some of the trees have received attention and cut back where necessary to open up the garden making it much lighter and brighter.

The garden is to be part of the Britain in Bloom scheme as an 'improvement project' over several years and Friends' committee members are now actively involved in clearing weeds and generally tidying the area.

**We would welcome help. Please do contact us through the hospital or by email, [friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com) if you have some spare time and would like to join our small team. You will be made very welcome.**

We are looking forward to a visit from the newly appointed Chief Executive of Dorset Healthcare/Dorset County Hospital in June who hopefully will give us some positive news for the future of the hospital as an important Purbeck asset.

We are delighted that upgrading is taking place within the hospital to create more space for new services which we will highlight in future articles.

We are so grateful for the continuing support we receive from Friends members who help us to provide support for local services. *Thank you*

*Maggie Hardy, Wareham Hospital Friends' Chair*

*The work has begun! Jacqui Hall and Maggie Hardy working hard to 'make a difference'*

# Canzonetta

Music for a summer afternoon

with Emma Estridge (flute)



Sunday 25th June 2023

St Nicholas' Church  
Studland

BH19 3AT

An hour of music : free admission : retiring collection for the restoration of the Church Organ fund : join us for tea and cake afterwards

3pm

# SWANAGE TOWN BAND

Playing in the Bandstand  
Summer 2023\*

Wednesday 14 June 7pm

Saturday 24 June 2.30pm

Wednesday 5 July 7pm

Saturday 15 July 2.30pm

Wednesday 2 August 7pm

(part of the Bandstand Centenary Celebrations)

Saturday 19 August 2.30pm

\*weather permitting

## Purbeck Ukrainian Learning Hub Vodohray



Purbeck Connect Ukraine

Free of charge to Ukrainian refugees

### English lessons for adults

Advanced class - Fridays at 1pm

Individual and small group classes by arrangement

### Lessons in Ukrainian for children

Ukrainian language, history and culture

Maths tuition

Saturdays at 10 am

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

Supported by Dorset Welcome Fund

For more details, please contact:

[purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com](mailto:purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com)



## FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

Calling all budding young artists



Christmas Cards Competition of Swanage and Purbeck

We are inviting local school-aged children (aged 4 to 18 who live in the BH19 and BH20 postcode areas) to draw a design for a 2023 Christmas Card based upon the theme "Christmas in Swanage or Purbeck".

The winning entrant(s) will see their Christmas cards printed and available for sale from Autumn 2023 with sale proceeds going to the Friends of Swanage Hospital. Winners will also receive a framed print of their design.

A display of all the entries will be made at the Friends of Swanage Hospital AGM in October 2023.

All entries will need to be in by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Full entry details are available on our website

[www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk)

## Community Purse Open for Cost of Living Community Grants

Local organisations were determined to make a dent in the cost of living crisis in Swanage and undertook a Cost of Living Review to find ways to help ease the challenges. It included Swanage & Purbeck Rotary, and was co-ordinated by Wellbeing Swanage, a project of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust.

**The Community Purse** is one of the first new initiatives and will be held by the Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club to receive donations from individuals, including winter fuel allowances. In turn, Wellbeing Swanage will consider small grant applications from local groups/organisations/projects to meet the wish list of ideas set out in the Cost of Living report and cover, for example:

**Food** – expansion or sustainability of existing food projects, cooking workshops, reducing waste or warm lunches

**Energy** – sustainability of warm spaces, access to affordable clothes washing facilities (launderette offer)

**Travel** – provision of community transport, sustainability, or access to existing schemes

**Housing** – support for those in temporary housing – provision of cost-effective cooking equipment, warm bedding, and clothing

**Leisure** – accessible activities to encourage people into warm welcomes, or access to existing provision; support to provide low cost or no cost local activities for those on limited income. Upskilling support to re-use and repair.

<https://www.sandpdt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/SPDT-Cost-of-Living-Crisis-Final-Report-Feb-2023.pdf>

The Community Purse is open to take donations now. Please contact [chris@lefevreconsulting.com](mailto:chris@lefevreconsulting.com) of Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO or 07831 144819

The first grant applications will be considered on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Details and the application form are available from Collete on [spdtmain@gmail.com](mailto:spdtmain@gmail.com) or 07851839968

Chris Lefevre, President of Swanage and Purbeck Rotary CIO said: “We are delighted to be able to participate in the Community Purse initiative as part of our continuing role in supporting the people of Swanage and surrounding villages. The ability to match local donations to a wide range of local projects should help to make a real difference.”

Kim Gallagher Chair of Wellbeing Swanage said: “We are thrilled to bring together so many organisations to find ways to support our community through the Cost of Living crisis. We look forward to receiving applications to support local people, as well as further generous donations to continue to make these projects feasible.”

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**2<sup>nd</sup> May** – We had a very enjoyable **introduction to pasta making** by Giuseppe from the Olive Tree Cooking School. He showed us how to work with the basic ingredients of flour and water and then using his simple machine make the different shaped long strands or using pastry cutters making bows/butterflies etc. How many of us will actually spend the time doing this or just buying our usual dried shapes is debatable! He said that most Italian families do the same except when entertaining, which was encouraging.

**Spring Bank Holiday Mon - May 29<sup>th</sup> – Corfe Castle May Fair**  
Aquarius will be providing the refreshments at the Village Fair in the Castle Grounds from 10.00am until 5pm. Come and visit us and enjoy our lovely sandwiches, cakes and drinks while sampling the other local stalls that are available.

**6<sup>th</sup> June** – For all the green fingered amongst us a talk by Roger Hiron on **gardening**.

**4<sup>th</sup> July** – Alan Neal giving us an insight into **radiation** from his experience at Winfrith.



**Come and join our Ladies Group  
held at Corfe Castle Village Hall**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 club, 2 book groups and a textile group. We also try to fit in occasional trips to places of interest.

Visitors £3 per meeting or £22 for the year

**Come and meet us and have a great afternoon**

Email: [2008aquariusladies@gmail.com](mailto:2008aquariusladies@gmail.com)

# Fairy crafts for children

Join us as part of the Swanage Fairy Festival and make your very own lollipop fairy!



## Swanage Library

Wednesday 31 May  
11:00am - 3:00pm

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

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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 [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries)

# The Mystery of Operation Alphabet

The Mystery of Operation Alphabet: Author Elaine Glover will be discussing her new book on the loss of the HMS Acasta, Ardent, and Glorious.



## Swanage Library

Friday 2 June  
2:00pm - 4:00pm



Booking available via Eventbrite.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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# Fishy fun-time at Swanage Library

Join us for some fishy fun-time at Swanage Library to celebrate Swanage Fish Festival. Will you create a goldfish, jelly fish or even a shark?



## Swanage Library

Saturday 17 June  
11:00am - 12:00noon

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

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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# Dino Day!

Join us at Swanage Library for a roarsome day of Dinotastic Fun! Drop-in for stories, crafts, 'fossil' finding, and more. Suitable for children aged 3+



## Swanage Library

Saturday 24 June  
11:00am - 2:00pm

Free drop-in event.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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

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## A Mid-May Arts Update from The Mowlem

Purbeck Art Weeks 2023 runs from 27 May - 11 June and we're hosting two portraiture events and two exhibitions. We also have a very special ArtsReach event taking place in The Showbar soon, and our series of NT Live screenings continues!

## Welcome to PAW23!

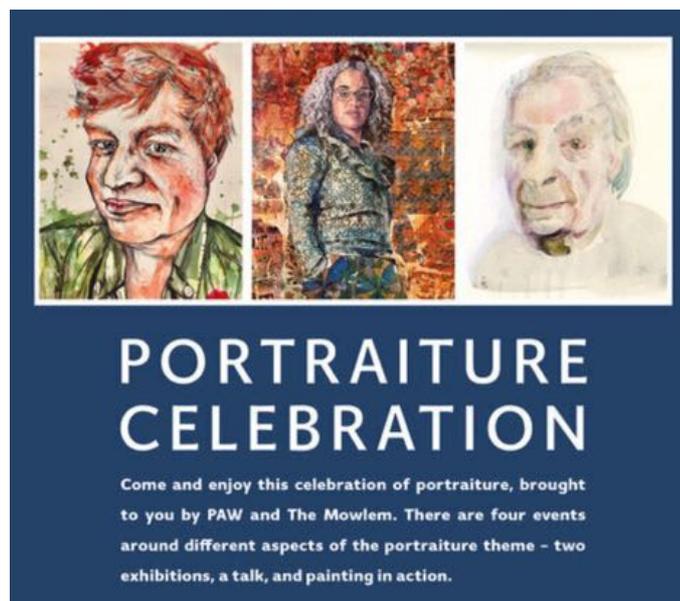
**PAW artists** are looking forward to welcoming you to their **Open Studios**. **Rollington Barn** (near Corfe Castle) hosts our exciting and eclectic collective exhibition, where you will also find the **PAW Pop Up studio** with demonstrations by various artists. In the adjacent Byre, we have a show of work by **Purbeck's Young Artists**. The Courtyard Café offers delicious light lunch, coffee and indulgent cakes, and is a great place to start your art trail.

Check out our **Portraiture Celebration** at the Mowlem, with exhibitions, a live painting event, and a talk on The Trials and Tribulations of doing Portraiture in Public Sculpture by Philip Jackson, PAW President and internationally renowned sculptor.

In the evening you can relax and listen to music performed by world class musicians such as the award-winning **Gesualdo Six** who will sing some of the finest vocal consort works, and choral group **Tenebrae** performing music by William Byrd and others. **Voice** explore the compositions of 12th century visionary Hildegard Von Bingen, and **Helen Charlston** and theorbo player **Toby Carr**, perform 17th century stories of women in war. There is also an evening of **poetry** to enjoy.

Tickets available from our website, [www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk)

**The dates for your diary are 27th May - 11th June, we look forward to seeing you there!**



### Philip Jackson: Talk and Discussion

Curious about how portraits are done? Join us for a talk by internationally renowned sculptor Philip Jackson CVO DL MA FRB, on The Trials and Tribulations of doing Portraiture in Public Sculpture, followed by a panel discussion entitled What Makes a Good Portrait? which includes artists Sophie Jenkins, Suzy Wright, and Tim Edgar.

Community Room, Thursday 8 June 6.30 – 8pm

### Portrait Artist Of Purbeck – Live Art Event

Portrait Artist of Purbeck is a compered live event, in which leading Dorset artists Jack Dickson (painter and Sky Portrait Artist of the Year 2020), Tony Kerins (artist/illustrator), and Suzy Wright (textile artist) paint a local notable character in front of an audience – do come and see some great artists in action!

Community Room, Saturday 10 June 2 – 4pm

Tickets £5 for each event or £8 combined (Students Free)

[Book Now!](#)

### Exhibitions During The Festival

'Family' is an exhibition by textile artist and Sky Portrait Artist of the Year finalist Suzy Wright. This takes place in The Mowlem's visual arts space on the first floor. Free entry.

Shown alongside this is an exhibition of portraits submitted to PAW's Portraiture Competition by young people from schools across Purbeck. Winners will be announced at 4pm on Sat 10th June in the Community Room. Free entry.

### Exhibition Opening Times

Daytimes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturdays) 11am – 1.30pm

Evenings (Monday – Saturday) – 6 – 9pm





## New FareShare larder!

### Save money, reduce food waste

Starting **Wednesday mornings from 7 June, 9.45-10.30**, outside the Children's Centre on Chapel Lane. FareShare recycle surplus good quality supermarket food.

The larder will be here 52 weeks of the year.

#### How does it work?

You become a FareShare member - contact me and I can drop off or email the membership form to you, and verify your ID for FareShare. When you visit the larder, you pay £2.50 (single person), £3.50 (two person household) or £5 (3 or more person household). You can expect to get £10 - £15 worth of food, depending on household size.

#### Who can become a FareShare member?

Anyone can. Given the housing costs in Purbeck, and rises in fuel and food costs, we expect this food to make a real difference to our community. If you haven't got access to a car, or can't get to the larder when it's open, we can offer some deliveries. Might joining FareShare be of help to you, or to someone you know?

#### Helping our community

FareShare members help reduce food waste. To show that bringing food to Swanage is a good use of FareShare resources, we need to take up the 50 food bags every week. If you'd like to volunteer on the larder once or twice a month you'll be warmly welcomed.

*Cllr Debby Monkhouse, Secretary, Food for Thought Purbeck  
07960 391357, debmonkh@aol.com*

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Our update is much of the same as last month's. We still find that demand exceeds donated supplies in spite of our community's generous giving. But this is not an issue peculiar to Swanage. Trussell Trust's senior spokesman recently stated that whereas in pre-2023 times, they were mostly dependent on donations for their clients' emergency help, now they are having to use their charity funds to supply their needs – and they only give food for 3 days whereas we give enough for a whole week.

**Swanage  
Food Bank**



Like SFB, Trussell Trust are lacking in donated tins of meat and fish, and though they specify (as we do) what current needs are, priorities are not always targeted by would-be donors. We're grateful for whatever is given for our clients' food and personal requirements (toiletries/household products), but many of our clients do not have cooking facilities or perhaps the confidence to 'cook from scratch'. Bearing in mind how expensive electricity and gas cost, it's more economically viable for them to resort to ready-meals which may be quickly heated up.

So needs at present include tinned meats and fish; tinned fruit, ready made custard, microwaveable sponge puddings, tinned rice and instant whip desserts; quick cook rice, noodles; jars of pasta sauce (and pasta other than spaghetti, which we have in large quantities); tinned mac cheese, vegetarian tinned meals, tinned sweetcorn and tomatoes.

We are very grateful for home - or allotment-grown vegetables and fruit (who doesn't like fresh rhubarb and soft fruit?) and be assured that we first check with clients to confirm that they can make good use of them.

So let's all look forward to warmer weather as we roll into June.

*Pauline Werba (Swanage Food Bank Chair)*

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**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**



## Greengage Community Garden

*We're so grateful for our wonderful volunteers!*

It's been a very busy and productive time with our greenhouse full of tomatoes, veg plants, bedding and more!

Our herb garden continues to expand and our cut flower bed is set to be a real picture this summer.

We have had both Cubs and Beavers visiting us for an evening where we organised a tour of the garden, a number of practical tasks and a prize quiz!!

We have also helped run a workshop at the library and we have been asked to help plant their beds with herbs.

We are also supplying the town council with herbs for their beds, planting hanging baskets for a number of organisations in the town and planting out our own beds with beans, leeks, brassica, courgettes and much more...and all carried out by our amazing team of volunteers!!



Come and see us on Fridays. 10.30am - 4pm. You will be very welcome.

*Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden*



## CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN Free Lunch but donations welcomed

### Soup 'n Pud



**Sat. 3rd June '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**

Well, what an amazing Coronation Lunch! It was enjoyed by about 105 people including the volunteers, in wonderful surroundings with an awesome community spirit. So many people have thanked and congratulated us on making it so special.

The hall was decorated appropriately and the big screen functioned as planned, managed by Peter Smith from the Village Hall Trustees and assisted by his daughter Holly.

Folk started to arrive from 9.30 am and were supplied with coffee and biscuits while being able to see the whole event projected on the big screen until after the fly past at 2.30pm. There was total silence through the Ceremony in Westminster Abbey as all present were spell bound by the solemnity.

We held Lunch back until this finished at about 1.00pm then everyone enjoyed the choice of Coronation Chicken or Nut Roast accompanied by hot jacket potatoes with a choice of Pesto Pasta, Couscous, Rice, or Mixed Leaves Salads. The desserts were wonderful Union Jack Cakes or Sherry, Cherry Trifles with cream. There was also the choice of red or white wine to make it an even more special occasion.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for helping to make this such a memorable event by both helping making and serving the food, and decorating the hall.

Our Lunch complemented the screening in the school, which was also a part of the very successful Corfe Castle Coronation Weekend.

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**



## Purbeck's clay heritage springs back to life

May has been a busy time for Purbeck Mining Museum, with regular wagon movement demonstrations on the 2'0" narrow gauge railway adjacent to Norden station. The museum's narrow gauge railway recreates the historic tramways which once crossed the Purbeck heaths and features the 1935 Ruston and Hornsby engine with a number of clay V-skips. Seeing the former clay lines brought back to life proved to be of particular interest to visitors attending the Swanage Railway Diesel Gala, earlier in the month.

A new children's activity trail has also been launched and younger visitors can now be seen scouring the museum for answers to questions about the area's clay mining industry.

Volunteers at the museum also hosted a special fact-finding visit from executives based at the local Furzebrook office of Imerys. A world leader in mineral-based specialities, Imerys was the previous owner of the Norden No7 mine building and many of the other artefacts in the Purbeck Mining Museum. The company has shown interest in supporting the ongoing work of volunteers at the museum, including an assessment of the work to repair, rebuild and reopen the underground mine, so visitors can once again experience the subterranean world of the Purbeck clay miners of yesteryear.



The narrow gauge clay railway at the Purbeck Mining Museum in Norden was in operation throughout the Swanage Railway Diesel Gala

The Purbeck Mining Museum is always keen to welcome new volunteers and can be contacted via its web site <https://purbeckminingmuseum.org/contact-us/>. The website also includes full details on the Museum's opening times and demonstration days.



**A project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust**

The updating of the Wellbeing Swanage webpage is taking shape, we are still looking for community groups and activities to be placed in the directory - it hosts information about low or no cost groups, 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](mailto:spdtmain@gmail.com)

[www.wellbeingswanage.org](http://www.wellbeingswanage.org)

Are you a member of the Wellbeing Community Response page? We are changing how we use Facebook slightly, now working from a public page opposed to a closed group; the aim is to enable anyone to be able to share their information about wellbeing in Swanage and the surrounding villages easily, making it easily accessible for more people. Please head over and like our page <https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingswanage.org>



This is a great place to find out about local activities and services, share your local information and advertise your wellbeing events.

## Studland Snippets



**Studland Parish Council** - The Parish Council is considering adding three benches to the Studland Playing Field. Discussions will be taking place to explore where electric vehicles charging points could be located in the village. Existing charging points can be shared under a Charge.Co scheme whereby owners receive a fee for allowing others to rapidly charge their electric vehicle. The four National Trust Car Parks would seem to be a starting point.

The Parish Council are examining the case for and location of adult exercise and recreation equipment.

Local Councils have the opportunity to register new and previously used footpaths in their areas with Dorset Council. A government decision not to extend the 2026 deadline for path registrations may encourage Local Councils to apply .

Additional yellow line designated parking restrictions are being suggested for Beach Road. These appear to be because of obstructions by cars at the eastern end of Beach Road. Any restrictions on Beach Road and the Ferry Road will lead to an over-spilling of cars to other parts of the village. Long term strategic thinking and planning are both needed to address the problem of Studland filling up with cars.

**The Purbeck Society** - The Bollards in Swanage are being surveyed by Dorset Council. These heritage assets are important in terms of ownership and value to the community. A statement as to where heritage assets fit within the emerging Swanage Neighbourhood Plan would be appreciated. Likewise more public engagement in the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan would demonstrate engagement especially in the value of our place in Purbeck.

The apparent unregulated growth of camping in the area is adding to over-used areas and placing pressure on existing infrastructure.

The next visit will be to 'Field Honey 'at Rempstone on 14th June at 10.30am. There will be a demonstration of the honey making process and opportunities to buy honey from the heathlands.

**CPRE, the Countyside Charity** - It is not clear how the emerging Dorset Local Plan aims to enhance and increase the Natural Capital in the county area. A huge attraction of Dorset to residents and visitors is the Natural Capital of the resources of nature. Environmental charities are generally of the view that Natural Capital should be carefully managed and increased.

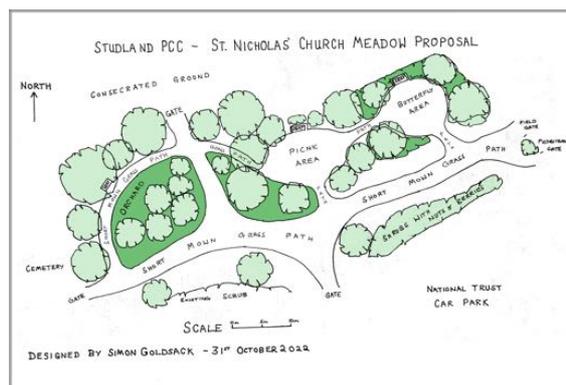
CPRE are of the view that the proposed National Development Management Policies undermine the opportunities of Local Planning Authorities to control by rules based arrangement planning in their area. CPRE regard this approach by government to be a power grab that reduces local democracy.

The South West Gateway Project appears to be being restored into regional plans for the area. This project previously included a north/south route from the M4 to Poole Harbour. Potential east/ west communications involving faster and new roads are ideas that seem to be gaining support. CPRE is concerned about the impact and costs of roadworks.

Water is becoming a more important scarce resource. There is scope in the emerging Dorset Local Plan for this to be a key consideration when deciding on the location of housing and any new settlements.

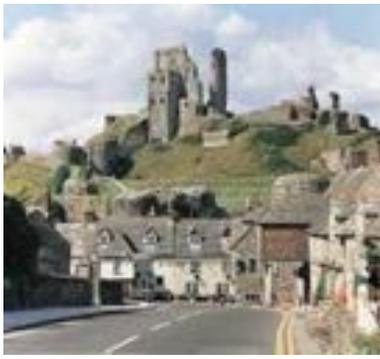
*Peter Bowyer*

### *St.Nicholas' Church, Studland* **Church Meadow Project**



The field east of St Nicholas' churchyard in Studland is envisaged as an amenity for all to enjoy: a place to take time to be at one with creation, surrounded by its wonder. The Meadow is intended to be a place for contemplation and the healing power of nature. It will be a place where memories can be cherished and revived, a place to pray and to receive blessing. The planting of carefully selected trees and shrubs will provide a haven for insects, butterflies and birds, as well as seasonal fruits which will be free to pick for individual use.

On 14 May 2023, the Church Meadow was dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne. Planting of the trees is planned to take place in this autumn.



## News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

What a month! 3 bank holidays, a Coronation, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, which is one of the essential meetings as it is the meeting where the Councillors nominate and vote in a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Civic Year, and then to finish it off the Annual Parish Meeting, although at the time of writing this the Annual Parish Meeting has not happened!

**Elections:** The first item of business during the May meeting is always the nomination and election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Civic Year. Corfe Castle Parish Council is again fortunate this year that both Cllr Clarke and Cllr Dru Drury agreed to the nominations from Cllr Parish & Cllr Haywood respectively and were both elected to the role of

Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

### The Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23

During the May meeting Councillors were presented with an end of year financial report along with a copy of the AGAR. After a discussion Councillors approved the Chairman, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to sign the documentation ready for submission to the external auditors. A copy of the Notice of Public Rights can be viewed on our website at [www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Jubilee Bench** – Have you seen the new bench? If you haven't, I would highly recommend you take a stroll to the Playground area near the Youth Shelter and you will see a beautiful new stone bench which was commissioned for the late Queen's Jubilee. The Parish Council repeats its thanks to 'Crazy 4 Corfe' and the Jubilee Committee for organising its installation and all who sponsored the bench.



**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/HOU/2023/01886, Location: Corfe Castle Camping and Caravanning Club Site Church Knowle To St Edwards, BH20 5PQ - Recommend No objection.

**Application No:** P/VOC/2023/02049, Location: West Lynch Farm, Kingston Hill BH20 5LG. Recommend No Objection

**Application No:** P/VOC/2023/02149, Location: Ailwood Cottage, Corfe Castle BH20 5JA. Recommend No objection but request a certificate of lawful use be applied for.

**Application No:** P/HOU/2023/02481, Location: 16 Braeview, Battlemead Corfe Castle BH20 5ER. Recommend No Objection

**Application No:** P/PAAM/2023/02536, Location: Wytch Farm Gathering Station, Thrashers Lane, Corfe Castle, BH20 5JR Recommend No Comment requested, however Corfe Castle Parish Council, to submit a comment asking for confirmation that this application, falls in line with the new environmental requirements.

**Application No:** P/TRC/2023/02297, Location: Spinney Hill West Street Kingston BH20 5LH. Recommend No Objection Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

**Dorset Council Procedure and Communication.** This month the Parish Council was disappointed with Dorset Council regarding the lack of communication to residents concerning both West Street & East Street road works. As a result we will be writing to Dorset Council to request they revise their procedures on temporary road closures.

**Dorset Council Planning for climate change consultation.** Cllr Dru Drury on behalf of Corfe Castle Parish Council will make comment on the Dorset Council Planning for climate change consultation. This consultation is open to the public and we would encourage residents to respond. You have until the 8<sup>th</sup> June to respond! <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-for-climate-change>. Unfortunately, one of the Parish Council comments will be that the consultation documents are not in plain language and are too difficult to understand!

**Better bus services this summer:** We are pleased that there will again be a half hourly service from Wareham to Swanage via the village on services 30, 35 & 40. There is a new service three days a week from Purbeck Park, Norden to Arne bird reserve on service 2RN operated by Dorset Community Transport. The government is funding a maximum £2 fare on all local services until October.

**Next Council Meeting** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 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.

### Parish Council contact details:

Clerk: Michelle Harrington,

Telephone: 01202 670105,

Email: [clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk),

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC](http://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC),

Website: [www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## BBC TV's Springwatch hosted live in Purbeck

Starting at the end of May, Springwatch is being hosted at RSPB Arne and will give us three weeks of Purbeck's fantastic natural wonders being shown to us up close. It'll be interesting to see how much we all learn about our wild neighbours, and how seeing it all on the telly makes us feel. I mean, we know Purbeck is special for nature, right? But hearing other people talk about how special our place... people we hear talking about other places that are special... it may give us a greater sense of, er, being special! Whatever, hopefully it will enlighten us all a little or a lot.

Another 21 eco-moorings are being installed in the next week or two in Studland Bay... the partnership are a third of their way to the 100 they aimed for last year. Read more here: <https://www.dorsetcoast.com/projects/studland-bay-marine-partnership/>. Using the eco moorings reduces the scouring of the seagrass beds, seagrass is great for storing carbon and is also a fantastic habitat for seahorses and other important wildlife.

This year has been great for orchids – with plenty of people remarking how many they are seeing!

*Tom Clarke, Senior Volunteering and Community Manager  
National Trust Purbeck Estate*



Cotton grass on the heaths

### New Hosts for Ukrainian Refugees are urgently needed in Dorset

There are around 750 Ukrainian Refugees currently seeking refuge here in Dorset, with more Ukrainian families due to arrive.

Some Hosts in Dorset are not able to continue hosting beyond their initial six months, and Guests are having to look for new Hosts, or on some occasions move into emergency accommodation.

If you have a spare room, annex, or even a vacant property that you could offer, you could make a real difference. We are especially keen to find more Hosts in or near to towns, who have 2+ bedrooms.



### What support is on offer for you?



Hosting brings many wonderful rewards and benefits, here are just a few:

- Monthly financial support from the UK Government of £350, as a 'thank you' payment, for up to twelve months, starting from when your Guests move in with their primary Hosts in the UK
- An additional £250 per month for Hosts from month 7 to 12 from Dorset Council
- A £500 winter fuel payment for Hosts can be applied for in February 2023
- Support from a wide network of local organisations, as well as from other Hosts and Guests across Dorset

Plus you'll have the opportunity for

- Making new friends
- Learning a new language / culture
- Celebrating different cultural events
- Making a difference

We regularly hear wonderful stories from Hosts about how rewarding the Homes for Ukraine scheme is. And several have hosted further Refugees once their first Guests have moved on to live independently.

### Useful things to consider

Hosting a refugee family or sharing a home can be challenging but there is lots of support available.

We have many resources on our website to help you to think about Hosting, and plan for welcoming Guests into your home. You'll also find links to videos and webinars that can help with thinking about the practicalities of becoming a Host.

And if you want to talk in person, please get in touch.

### Lots of support is available for Hosts and Guests in Dorset

Contact #HelpAndKindness to find out more about Homes for Ukraine in Dorset. Our Refugee Support team is on hand to listen to your ideas, and answer your questions. Our details are overleaf.

You can also find support on the Dorset Council website, and via their Ukraine Response team.

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)  
01305 221000

You can also use this QR Code





Dear Friends

We are sincerely grateful to you for supporting our country, for supporting Ukrainians in England!

We will always remember how much you have done for us during these difficult times. We will always be infinitely grateful to you for the help, care, kindness and love you have given us.

With love and respect,

Ukrainians in Purbeck

## Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



### Co-op chooses SCDP as one of its charities this year

When we set up the Defib Partnership in 2015 we were determined that placing defibs in strategic places around the town would not be our only objective; we would also ensure good maintenance of the equipment and sustainability of this community project.

We therefore review the project on a regular basis, making changes, if needed, to defib positions and replacing pads (after use or if out of date) and batteries (renewed every 3-5 years) when required to ensure that the kit is always service ready.

We have noticed recently that some defibs have been removed from the cabinets and not returned either for cleaning or for use by others in an emergency situation.

Each defib does carry a 'phone number so that SCDP can be notified and if necessary a replacement made. We do hold spares which are included in our running costs which thankfully are topped up with generous donations and fundraising.

For this reason we are so grateful to the Co-op for choosing SCDP as one of its charities this year and for allowing us to have a stand in the shop entrance in May and September. This has given us a great opportunity to highlight the project and show shoppers how to use a defib.

Attending the Classic Car Rally was also a successful event for us and we will continue to offer defib familiarisation sessions to local groups and organisations. This year, so far, 187 people have attended sessions and since 2015 the defibs have been deployed 164 times - sadly more in the last few weeks!

As always we wish to thank our committed team of defib guardians who help us to keep this project active and viable and all those who support this important project in any way.

Maggie Hardy, SCDP



At the Co-op (above) and the Classic Car Rally (below)



## Events coming up on Swanage Pier

### Swanage Pier Big Summer Raffle

As part of our Summer Raffle this year, we have some fabulous prizes including an original painting by the local artist 'Lucy's Farm'.

We are delighted that Lucy has agreed to undertake this commission. Known mostly for her 'Moo Selfie' paintings, she is inspired by our beautiful coast and countryside as well as its curious four-legged residents! Lucy created the 'Moo Selfie at Swanage Pier' to help raise vital funds for supporting the work of the Swanage Pier Trust, the original painting is done in Oils and depicts the view of the pier from The Downs, looking out across to Ballard cliffs, with Lucy's signature photobombing 'Moo' and a rather cheeky Seagull.

Other fabulous prizes include:

- Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden Voucher
- Athelhampton House and Garden Voucher
- Baboo Gelato Voucher
- City Cruises Family Ticket
- Friends of Swanage Pier Membership
- Fishing Trip with Swange Sea Fishing
- Pierhead Watersports Voucher
- Sculpture by the Lakes Voucher
- Swanage Railway Family Ticket



Tickets are just £1 each, on sale at the Pier gate and shop, at Lucy's Farm Shop and [www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com](http://www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com)

All proceeds raised go towards the ongoing maintenance of Swanage Pier.

**The Draw will take place at midnight on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**



**History of the Pier** - Back for a second year it's at the end of the Pier from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May until the beginning of July. The photo exhibition takes you through the history of the 'new Pier' through the last 125 years. From paddle streamers to anti-invasion precautions, to storm damage in 1997 to the restoration of the Pier, through to the present day and the Pier lit up for our 'Lighting up Lives' event.

We also have our popular **fish and chip cruise** back on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and **yoga on the Pier** returns on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June for the summer.

Full details on all our events can be found @ [www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com](http://www.swanagepiertrust.com/events.com)

### 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](mailto:nickviney@hotmail.com) or phone **01929 439121**, or Mary at [mary.ann.bevis955@gmail.com](mailto: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



YOUR PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

# YOUR PPG MEETS

Every two months  
At the Surgery

## OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON

11 July 2023 AT 6:30pm

**YOUR PPG CHAIR IS:**  
Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Dr Margaret Guy)

### Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group - About us

The Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to work with the Practice Manager and the GPs to help improve and shape local health services.

The PPG meets every two months. You can find more information about the PPG on the Practice's website - including our Terms of Reference, current Membership and the Minutes of previous meetings.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or the PPG at [ppgswanage@gmail.com](mailto:ppgswanage@gmail.com).

#### Some of the things we do

- Help improve communication between the Practice and patients registered with the Practice, as well as the wider community
- Talk to patients about their experiences of using local health services
- Feed back ideas and concerns to help shape local services and improve the patient experience
- Advise the Practice from a patient perspective
- Carry out patient surveys to find out what patients and their carers think about particular services
- Help organise health awareness events and meetings on specific topics of interest
- Raise funds to help improve the services provided by the Practice.



Margaret Broadhurst  
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG

#### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

- We undertook a Patient Survey at the Surgery on six mornings during April. Of those surveyed, 96% described their experience of the Practice as good. The full results are now being discussed by the Practice.
- The PPG last met on 16 May 2023, when we welcomed three new PPG members and were also joined by Dr Mark Law and Gill Foott from NHS Dorset. Minutes of the meeting are available on the Practice website.
- We will be attending The Big Help Out event on 26 May in the Main Car Park in Swanage and the Health Information Event hosted by University Hospitals Dorset at the Mowlem Theatre on 29 June.

To receive information about the Practice and the PPG by email, please ask to join the Patient Email Group at Reception.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ASK AT RECEPTION



Every Monday at Emmanuel

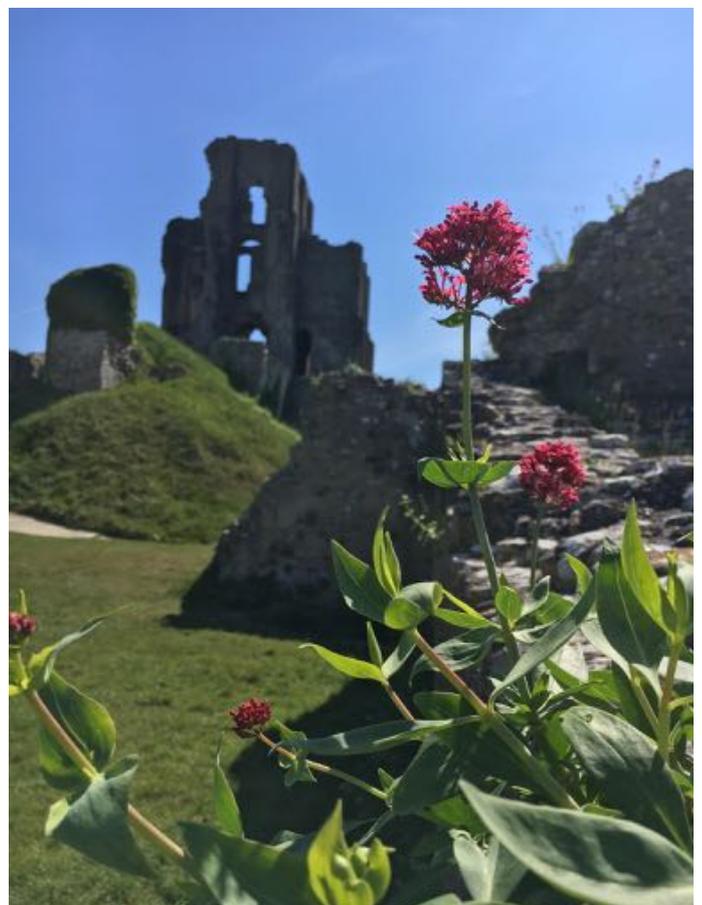
10.30am until 1.00pm

Especially for people who  
live on their own

including

hot drinks, games, jigsaws, crafty  
colouring, chat, donations only

and finishing with a light lunch



Valerian at Corfe. Photo: Tom Clarke

**SWANAGE DISABLED CLUB**

**Charity no: 1133375**



## Can You Help?

Swanage Disabled Club 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. 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 Robert Payne 01929 423729.**

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. I'm sorry, but the phone number in the March edition was incorrect. Please contact Robert Payne 01929 423729.

We meet at All Saints Church Hall, every Monday and the club is growing. On the second Monday every month we have a speaker; other Mondays are spent crafting, playing cards, dominoes, scrabble etc. New members are always welcome.

Contact Daphne Saville 01929 425241 for further information.

On our Facebook page so far, 51 members have signed up with an interest. Watch out for any further updates about the club, and their activities.

## Swanage Communicare - always ready to help

Covid-19 saw us taking well over 2000 people for their jobs and inoculations from Swanage to Wareham, and my, were we busy! Now, the various Hospitals around our Dorset and Hampshire Counties are slowly catching up on their postponing operations .... Shall we say slow but sure.

**Should there be any retired people who would be prepared to help us drive to any of our local hospitals, on an ad hoc basis or a regular basis, with a certain percentage towards their petrol/diesel ... please let the Director know on 01929 426644.**

**We would be so grateful and you would be doing a good turn to the Town and local people of Swanage into the bargain . You choose how much time you would like to spend on this very worthwhile job and we will have a talk and discussion on what suits you best.**

We have got new cards printed (a pale mauve colour this time) with our new volunteer "Links" updated telephone numbers.

Please ring either of them, and should a 'message service' be on their line, leave your name, telephone number and a few words saying it is a Communicare Job that you wish us to undertake, so we know it is not a scam call. The Ladies will ring you back a.s.a.p. to confirm that they have got your details so you know it will be taken care of !

Our **new mauve cards** will be in the usual places in our Health Centre, Churches, Corbens, Local Optician, Swanage Cottage Hospital, so you may pick up one, and keep it by your phone.

**Our new numbers are 427576. 480932. 422974. 427346. 427878. 288177. + a mobile of 07977-624684**

*Jenny Lazenby, Swanage Communicare*



Photographs by Gwenda Yeomans



# Sustainable Swanage update - June events!



Full of the joys of spring here, nature is blooming and we are excited about all our projects to help boost wildlife and improve habitats locally and to help people connect with nature around them. Our work at the moment is focussed on the Town's greenspaces and surveying wildlife. The recent Picnic in the Park event on 1<sup>st</sup> May at the old St Marks School playing field (new name needed!) was a huge success. A recently opened public greenspace - where over 250 people joined us in having a lovely day in the park with picnics, games, nature activities, yoga, Zumba and live music.

More events coming up:

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> – Swanage Bike Day 10-3pm on Sandpit field.** Get your bike out the shed, dust it off and bring it out for a free safety check and minor repairs, try out E-bikes and meet local bike experts for tips and advice. A day all about bikes to encourage us all to get back on the bikes, all ages.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June -6.30 for 7pm** – Sustainable Swanage summer open evening all about Purbeck wildlife. With the spotlight on Purbeck wildlife with the upcoming Springwatch series being filmed at Arne what better time to celebrate local wildlife and how we can help. Hear from local experts and learn what is on your doorstep, look at fantastic pictures and find out how you can help and get involved. Emmanuel Church, Swanage.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Bioblitz** – spot it, name it, jot it! help us record wildlife at the new Downs Local Nature Reserve. Learn new species and be the eyes and ears spotting insects, birds and flowering plants, ask the experts. Drop by and have fun. Timetable will be on website soon.

See you all soon. Enjoy the sunshine and nature!

*Sarah Spurling. Sustainable Swanage Project Officer*



*Bird survey walk 2023*



## ***Making Memories***

**Dementia Friendly Café  
meeting at the Café Bar  
Mowlem Theatre, Swanage**



**from 10 am to 12 noon**

**on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.**

Meeting socially over a cup of tea or coffee and cake with occasional entertainment - a stimulating way to share memories and experiences with other people

and their carers

**Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday May 2nd**

**Tuesday May 16th**

**Tuesday June 6th**

**Tuesday June 20th**

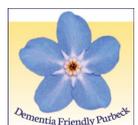
**Tuesday July 4th**

**Tuesday July 18th**

## Singing for Pleasure Every Thursday 2pm



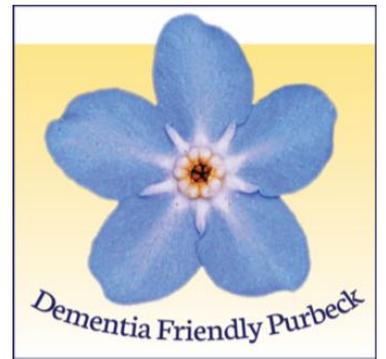
Supported by  
Dementia Friendly Purbeck



# All Welcome

# Dementia Friendly Purbeck

The long established dementia communities in Purbeck (Swanage and District Dementia Friendly Community and Dementia Friendly Purbeck – formerly Wareham and District Dementia Friendly Community) decided to merge to be one organisation supporting people living with dementia and their carers throughout Purbeck. The combined group opted to use the name Dementia Friendly Purbeck and Mike Bonfield agreed to be the Chairman. An event to launch the combined group was held in Swanage on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 attended by the Mayors of Swanage and Wareham, key professionals, carers and members of the public. See our newly created logo above.



The combined group will continue to be a project under the umbrella of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust.



## GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE:

Due to phenomenal community support raising money, working with Dorset Healthcare Trust and Dementia UK, we secured the first community Admiral Nurse for Purbeck (Dementia equivalent of a cancer care nurse).

## WHAT NEXT?

Dr Hildo Hayo, Chief Executive, Dementia UK has seeks to double the number of Admiral Nurses and appealed for 'urgent investment' from the Government. We are planning to meet with local reps from Dementia UK to discuss what options there are to increase cover in Purbeck.

## WHAT ELSE ARE WE UP TO?

Starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, we will have a gazebo at the Swanage market; first Friday in the month from 8 to 12-ish, weather permitting. We are there to promote ourselves, give out general information about dementia ie. Booklets and information sheets, also news about our Admiral nurse and activities available in our area. It's very informal, a chance to chat.

We have a price winning allotment in Bestwalls Wareham, a quiet tranquil place for reflection. We're seeking support to maintain the plot for people living with dementia.

**Making Memories:** this is a drop in centre in the Mowlem, Swanage (see Poster). We support a similar group run by Age UK at the Wareham and Swanage Rugby Club every Monday morning.

We also support an established singing group in Swanage (see poster) and helping to set up therapeutic singing sessions at Wareham Plus.

By joining the Happiness Programme we have the use of an interactive projector which is available for use in the day centres, the meeting groups and youth groups.

Later in the year we're committed to entering floats in the Wareham and Swanage Carnivals. We will also have stalls at the Wareham Carnival, the Purbeck Rally and other local shows/events.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact us through our webpage, Facebook page or [dfpurbeck@icloud.com](mailto:dfpurbeck@icloud.com)



## Citizens Advice Launch New Advice Bus

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck has launched a new Advice Bus which will provide vulnerable residents with access to free advice and support.

Officially declared open by The Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster and The Deputy Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Chris Moreton at Swanage Market, (see *photograph*) which is one of the weekly bus stop locations. The Advice Bus will deliver a service to those who cannot easily access existing outreaches or are digitally excluded.

The cost of living crisis has resulted in a big increase in the number of people needing advice. In 2022, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck helped over 5,000 local residents with advice issues and this number is expected to rise further.

*Katrina Ford, Business Development Manager, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck said: "The Advice Bus will visit locations across East Dorset and Purbeck reaching residents who are unable to access current services due to rural isolation, restricted mobility, cost of fuel or limited access to public transport."*

*Katrina continues: "We are most worried about those on the lowest incomes including the elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged with many struggling to pay every day bills. Our Advisers on the bus will be able to provide general advice and support which is free and there is no need to book an appointment. Other voluntary sector organisations will be joining us at some locations to provide additional support services."*

The Advice Bus will be stopping at the following locations on a weekly basis.

- Monday, 10am-12pm, Colehill Village Hall
- Tuesday, 10am-12pm, Verwood (The Hub)
- Tuesday, 1pm-3pm, West Moors (Parkway Car Park)
- Wednesday, 10am-12pm, Corfe Mullen (St Nicholas Church)
- Thursday, 10am-12pm, The D'Uberville Centre, Wool
- Thursday, 1pm-3pm, Bovington (The Hive)
- **Friday, 10am-12pm, Swanage Market (Main Beach Car Park)**

For more information about the Advice Bus visit

[www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus)

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is able to offer free advice and support on a range of different issues including debt, benefits, energy, employment and housing. To speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline on **0800 144 8848** or visit [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)



*From left to right: Cllr Chris Moreton, Deputy Mayor of Swanage; Helen Goldsack, Chief Officer, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck with Cllr Tina Foster, The Mayor of Swanage*



**DEADLINE**  
for contributions to the July/August 2023 issue  
of the Newsletter  
**FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023**

*Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans*