

Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum

NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Welcome to the September 2023 issue of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter.

After the summer holidays many organisations in our community are now planning their autumn programmes which many Purbeck folk can take advantage of.

The range of activities covered is once again outstanding, illustrating the area's abundance and variety of community life throughout our beautiful 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. We ask you once again to please pass this newsletter onto your colleagues, friends and neighbours.

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Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust



WOMEN of Note

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FEMALE COMPOSERS

Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel | Clara Schumann,
Cecilia McDowell | Helen Ostafew | Eleanor Daley

COME & SING WITH US!

We are offering 2 free taster sessions to new singers.

Our first rehearsal for the Autumn term will be on

Thursday 7th September 2023

For more information contact Liz on 01929 481419 | purbeckchoir@gmail.com
www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk

Purbeck Arts Choir September 2023

WOMEN OF NOTE

The choir are celebrating 200 years of female composers with music by –

- Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel (sister of Felix) & Clara Schumann (wife of Robert)
- A Prayer of St Columba by Cecilia McDowell
- Helen Osterfew's Requiem for Humanity
- Eleanor Daley's Requiem

Grace Lovelass will be our Soprano Soloist for the concert.

If you have not sung with us before or have not been for a while, we would be delighted to welcome you for two **taster sessions** at the beginning of term which starts on Thursday 7th September at 6.30 pm at St Mary's School, Swanage. We are a friendly and supportive group of singers - no auditions, just come along for the pleasure of singing in a SATB choir.

Our concert is on Saturday 25th November.

Please contact me for more information:

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Wellbeing Mini Retreat on Swanage Pier

Join us for a special 'Creative Mini Retreat' on the beautiful Swanage Pier on Saturday 16th September 2023.

Helen and Heidi will guide you through a restorative morning of gentle yoga practices and meditative mark marking - simple yet powerful tools that will support you to connect to your breath, body and creative nature. The morning will also include a delicious lunch at the 1859 Pier café. The morning is open to all levels of experience. Just bring yourself, your mat and a sense of curiosity.

The morning will begin with a guided breath awareness and yoga movement practice on the pier with Helen. We will then have a short break and drinks after which Heidi will guide the group as you explore your own unique creativity through the medium of meditative mark making. All art materials will be supplied. No previous drawing experience is required. After lunch at the Pier Café, we will come together on the Pier for our finishing circle and an opportunity for questions.

Come along and enjoy a morning in this beautiful unique location that is Swanage Pier.
£65.00 per person (includes morning drink and lunch)

To book visit - www.swanagepiertrust.com/events



**Wellbeing Mini Retreat
on Swanage Pier
Saturday 16th September
2023**





TV star Nadeem Perera will be the big draw at this year's Planet Purbeck Festival. The wildlife presenter – recently seen on Springwatch and David Attenborough's Saving Our Wild Isles – will be at Swanage's Mowlem Theatre to front a lavish **Celebration of Purbeck** night. Nadeem, regarded as the biggest up-and-coming talent in wildlife broadcasting, will talk about his passionate drive to make nature accessible to all, particularly young disadvantaged people, and his groundbreaking birdwatching group Flock Together.



Sue Western (photograph by Tony Kerins)

Continuing the TV theme, the evening will also feature the premiere of a film called **Purbeck: Let's Go Wild** especially made for the occasion by BBC and Netflix filmmaker Sue Western. She has been interviewing scores of people in the area, from five-year-olds to 85-year-olds, to find out what the word "nature" means to them. Sue said: *"I have been especially blown away by the children and young people I have met. They have been so honest and wise and funny, with a clarity that is both refreshing and extremely hopeful."*



Nadeem Perera

The free-ticket Mowlem evening, on **September 23rd**, is the centrepiece of the ten-day festival during which Planet Purbeck will continue its twin aims of bringing people together to help nature thrive and keeping pressure on the powerful to tackle climate change.

Other highlights among a host of events to be held across the peninsula from September 15-24 include a "camp-out" at Burnbake with live music and food; a mini festival within a festival at Sandy Hill Arts in Corfe Castle, a welly-wanging competition at Norden Farmers Market and a shoreline safari at Kimmeridge, along with the traditional autumn equinox swim at Studland's South Beach.

Festival organiser Luke M Luke said Nadeem's presence and Sue's film are part of Planet Purbeck's drive to attract a wider following, particularly among young people. He added: *"We are extremely excited to have Nadeem with us and I'm glad to say he was really drawn to the vibrancy and energy we are putting into the festival ... Sue's films are brilliant and we're confident there won't be a dry eye in the Mowlem when she shows her new one."*

Although many of the festival's events are familiar from years past, Luke is hoping for a greater emphasis on "mass" gatherings. He said: *"We want to work with our event hosts to help make new friends and connections that will ultimately play a part in Purbeck's nature recovery journey."*

Full details of the festival and a survey on Purbeck's rewilding are at www.planetpurbeck.org



EEK! A child comes face to face with a "beaver" at last year's festival



The festival's traditional autumn equinox swim



Planet Purbeck Festival organiser Luke M Luke

Wareham Area Men's Shed



A colourful new landmark has risen in Purbeck – a 14ft totem pole carved and painted by Wareham Area Men's Shed.

It stands in a picturesque glade at the Blue Pool near Wareham after a Scots pine tree was felled there for the purpose.

Twelve members of the Men's Shed stripped the trunk as it stood on chunky trestles before setting to work with chisels and gouges. Using methods pioneered by Native Canadians, they carved out stylised shapes reflecting the pole's setting at the renowned beauty spot. Over the space of three months, interpretations of an owl, grass snake, badger and sika stag gradually emerged from the wood along with a "sunshine" face and Wareham's town crest, while a sea eagle's wings and head were fashioned back at the Shed's workshop.

Once the elements were painted in traditional bright colours, and the eagle wings and head were attached, the pole was finally erected at the far end of the Blue Pool's Azalea Walk. It has already become a major attraction with most visitors stopping to take photos.

Project leader Chris Hockley said: "While we love making things for the community at the Men's Shed, such as planters and bird boxes, we felt the time was ripe for a bigger challenge – and they don't come much bigger than a 14ft totem pole!"

"I knew the Blue Pool was having to fell some pine trees as part of their woodland regeneration schemes so I cheekily asked the owner, Matt Jones, if we could have one to carve as

a special project for this summer. Matt responded brilliantly by giving us two – one for practice and one for the real thing.

"We were out of our comfort zone as none of us had ever carved before. And I suppose we should have practised more than we did. But in the event, spurred on by a book we bought appropriately called *Carve Your Own Totem Pole*, we more or less got straight to it. We have spent a truly enjoyable summer carving and painting together in such a glorious setting.

"I hope people who see the end result will think it spectacular. I know that, personally, I am knocked out by it and can only thank some of my Shedmates who are far more skillful than me."

The Blue Pool's team of woodsmen provided logs for the eagle wings and head to be sculpted, and helped the Sheddiers raise the pole. Matt Jones said: "We have been delighted to work alongside Wareham Area Men's Shed and their project has been a pleasure for us, too. It was a wonderful proposal for us to receive and we are thrilled with the result.

"Totem" is derived from a word meaning 'kinship' which could not be more appropriate for this truly inspiring group of friends."

For more information on the Men's Shed go to warehamshed.org.uk



BEACH GARDENS SPORTS PARK awarded the coveted GREEN FLAG AWARD as it is officially recognised as one of the country's best parks

In a record-breaking year Beach Gardens is raising its prestigious Green Flag Award!

Today, Swanage Town Council is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for the Beach Gardens Sports Park. The news that Beach Gardens has achieved the accreditation - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces - is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Council's teams that care for the green space so that everyone can enjoy it.

Councillor Chris Moreton, Chairman of the Town Council's Environment and Green Spaces Committee commented:

"This award would not have been possible without the tireless, amazing teamwork of the Council's Grounds Maintenance and Information Centre Teams. Working closely with Swanage Tennis Club and Swanage Bowling Club, a comprehensive management plan has been developed for Beach Gardens, setting out the Council's vision, priorities and objectives for continuing to improve and maintain the area for many years to come.

"This unique, very accessible park offers so much, and appeals to all age ranges; putting, basketball, bowls, tennis, table tennis, and plenty of seating so that everyone can take a moment to sit down and enjoy the wonderful planting, trees, and fantastic views of the hills and bay. There are also public toilets, including disabled facilities

"I would encourage everyone to come and see the new, accessible decked area at the 'Tea on the Green' café, and enjoy some light refreshments whilst taking in the view - where there is a good selection of Fairtrade products available.

"The Town Council is very proud of what has been achieved at Beach Gardens, the importance of these facilities cannot be over-estimated, and I know that the Council's teams, and the Clubs, look forward to welcoming the local community and visitors throughout the year.

"I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Mrs Gail Percival, Assets and Compliance Manager, Mr George Roman, Grounds and Estates Manager, and the Grounds Maintenance Team for how beautiful the town is looking, and for the many compliments we receive from members of the public about this, you are all a credit to the Council."

The Green Flag Judges were impressed with what Beach Gardens has to offer, and commented...

"Beach Gardens is very well run and managed, with a clear programme of improvements that can be made within the site. It is a relatively small park, but every effort is being made to make the most of the space, ensuring it continues to be enjoyed by locals and visitors to the area. The team should be commended for their efforts in making Beach Gardens such a pleasant site to visit."

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager Paul Todd MBE said:

"I would like to congratulate everyone involved at Beach Gardens in achieving a Green Flag Award. Beach Gardens is a vital green space

for the community in Swanage, bringing people together and providing opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles. The staff and volunteers do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award and everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Congratulations and well done all!

If you would like further information about Beach Gardens, its history, and to view a copy of the Management Plan 2023, please visit the Council's website:

<https://www.swanage.gov.uk/BeachGardensTea.aspx>

If you would like to join or find out more about membership or bookings for Swanage Tennis Club and Swanage Bowling Club, please visit their respective websites and/or Facebook pages below:

• Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SwanageTennisClub>

https://www.facebook.com/swanagetennisclub/?locale=en_GB

• Bowling Club

<http://www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Swanagebowlsclub/>

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Niki Clark

Planning and Community Engagement Manager
Swanage Town Council

A full list of Green Flag Award-winning parks and green spaces can be found via the following link:

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/.../Winners%20List...>

<https://www.facebook.com/DorsetCouncilUK/>

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Keep Britain Tidy is a leading environmental charity. We set the standard for the management of parks and beaches, inspire people to be litter-free, to waste less and live more sustainably. We run campaigns and programmes including the Great British Spring Clean, Eco-Schools, Love Parks, Eco-Schools, the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces and the Blue Flag/Seaside Awards for beaches. To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, our campaigns and programmes please visit: www.keepbritaintidy.org

Any green space that is freely accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag Award status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups. Green Heritage Site Accreditation is judged on the treatment of the site's historic features and the standard of conservation.



Photographs provided by Mr Matthew Snowdon, Assets and Compliance Support Officer, Swanage Town Council.



Message from the Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

After a very pleasant two weeks holiday in France my Consort and I landed back in Swanage for a busy summer. However the weather had other ideas and we have endured the wettest July in 100 years. But did that spoil the Swanage fun; not at all.

There were plenty of meetings to attend to catch up some of the serious business of the Town Council but with the attendance of the committed Councillors some hard decisions were made. I am always grateful to the members who give up their time to not only turn up but to read the pages of documents necessary to discuss and formulate these decisions.

The Deputy Mayor, Chris and I were very proud to attend the prestigious award day in Southampton to collect the Green Flag for Beach Gardens. With other awardees from all over the South of England we enjoyed a delicious tea and stepped up to receive the Green Flag plaque from the Sheriff of Southampton. As you can see in the photograph.



And then on to the Carnival. My husband and I were very honoured to be part of the procession in the lovely old car which is, in fact, older than me. What an amazing atmosphere of joy and happiness was felt during the whole parade through our splendid town! Thanks you to all the Carnival team for their hard work and enthusiasm. It is an amazing occasion for Swanage, and we can be justly proud of all those who give their energy and time to continue the tradition and increase the events each year.

One final piece of good news is that the Police Office has re-opened at the Town Hall. Hopefully the two days a week will increase so that we can use this opportunity to report the crimes that blight our enjoyment of this town.

Cllr Tina Foster

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership

Keep the heart of Swanage beating



When we set up SCDP eight years ago we brought together a partnership of four like-minded people who wanted to see an increase in the number of public accessible defibs in Swanage and who were also linked with other local organisations.

That partnership has sustained us through those years with the original four founder members still committed members of the Steering group. We have been delighted to welcome Mary Buck to the team and to have the benefit of her knowledge and experience within SCDP, with Mary now leading our successful Familiarisation sessions. More recently Stuart Macmillan Pratt has also joined us and is helping to ensure sustainability of this important community project by supporting the organisational infrastructure of SCDP and bringing in new ideas. We have also benefited in the past from the experience of Lisa Mattei who still maintains an active interest in SCDP.

We benefited from an 'extended partnership' when we were able to borrow Defibrillator mascots from Durham Elvet Rotary Club in the North east. Sparky and Casey travelled down by courier to join us for the Swanage Carnival Parade in late July and helped us to promote SCDP and Rotary, by highlighting the role of defibrillators and their use in a fun way. Our sincere thanks to Tom Sharples from Durham Elvet who arranged delivery of the mascots but who had also had them made for promotional use – Sparky and Casey are often seen on Facebook!

On Wednesday September 13th we will be holding our Annual Meeting at 7pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church when we aim to bring together members of the SCDP team including our very important group of Defib Guardians who regularly support the monitoring and maintenance of our devices and whose support is so gratefully received.

Please do join us ,

Maggie Hardy, SCDP (and Swanage & Purbeck Rotary)





News from Corfe Castle Parish Council

August Meeting: During the July meeting, a recommendation was put forward to not hold a full council meeting in August. After a discussion this was agreed with the proviso that should any urgent item or controversial planning applications come in then a meeting may be called. Please check our website for meeting date updates.

Correspondence: Recently the Parish Council have received correspondence regarding issues that we have no legal power to act on, or any control over. If you have any issue and do not know who to ask for help, please refer to our website www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/useful-links. On there you will find a link to report a **missed bin collection**, report a **non-injury collision or near miss**, or report an **overgrown hedge** causing issues on the Highways / Rights of way.

Possible Pre-School merger: Corfe Castle Parish Council was made aware of a possible merger between Corfe Castle Primary School and the Corfe Castle Community Pre-School. The Parish Council has raised a number of issues in response to the consultation with the aim of ensuring that if this merger goes ahead, it will not have a detrimental effect on the community or any of the parties involved.

Highways: As you know Corfe Castle Parish Council created a “Wish List” of Highways related issues from around the Parish including signage, drop down kerbs and yellow line markings. Unfortunately, a response from the Dorset Council Transport Planning Team was not in our favour. However we hope our persistence has paid off as the Dorset Council Highways Team have offered to help. The Highways Team budget is small in comparison to the Transport Planning Team’s, so work will be slow, but slow and steady wins the race!

Male Incontinence: This is not a subject many will be comfortable talking about, but a subject which should not be taboo. In a recent national survey across men of all ages, it was found that more than 51% of the men surveyed, have experienced symptoms associated with urinary incontinence at some time in their life.

There is no statutory duty unlike sanitary waste bins for women, however Corfe Castle Parish Council have decided to lead the way by installing incontinence bins for both sexes within the toilet facilities.

Caretaker: Corfe Castle Parish Council have employed a Caretaker now for just over 2 years. During this time along with many other duties the Caretaker has undertaken maintenance work ensuring the longevity of our Parish Assets. However we need your help, if for example you notice a broken bench please send a quick email to the Clerk clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk stating the location along with a brief description of the item / issue and where possible please attach a photo.

Waste Bin Location: Corfe Castle Parish Council during the July meeting welcomed 3 members of the public, who raised a concern over the location of a waste bin. The Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks after listening to the concerns, agreed to investigate the issue immediately.

Planning application & Treework application update: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council.

Application No: P/FUL/2022/07181, **Location:** Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum Norden BH20 5DW, **Proposal:** Removal of substandard storage units and provision of welfare cabin. **Recommend** This is an application we have already commented on (Feb ‘23) with a comment of “No objection.”. This application was escalated to be approved by Committee rather than an officer, and therefore Corfe Castle Parish Council were invited to add further comment if so wished. The most recent recommendation is still “No objection as this is for the removal of old storage containers and their replacement by a new welfare cabin. The cabin will be set on concrete pads and hence permission is required. The proposed cabin will be bottle green and therefore will blend into the surrounding vegetation.”.

Application No: P/ESC/2023/03598, **Location:** Wellsite Arne G, Wyth Farm, Wareham, **Proposal:** Request for EIA Screening Opinion. **Recommend:** In 2012 Perenco were granted permission to continue operations until 2027. Part of the 106 was that they would produce a decommissioning, restoration, and aftercare plan. This is that plan for wellsite G. Wellsite G is in Arne Parish and only a very small part of the pipeline connecting to the gathering station is in our parish. The plan looks very thorough. 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>

Save the Date: 6 June 2024 - The 80th anniversary of D Day is next year, and we have been asked to support the event. We will be discussing with local organisations how the Parish can take part but please make a note in your diary.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 11th September 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: *(Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)*

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk



Nicky and Mrs Diane Keir who has been receiving treatment since 2019

Our Summer months have passed with good news and bad news, the latter creating anxiety and upset for those patients who have been attending Wareham Hospital for their Chemotherapy treatments. With very short notice patients were told that the Wareham clinic, run by University Hospitals Dorset (UHD) was to close upon the retirement of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Nicky Hagger, on August 11th.



The Friends have supported this clinic from the outset by providing set-up funding and coordinating community fundraising to buy clinic equipment so were very disappointed that neither the hospital or the local GPs were told of the closure in advance. We have written to UHD (and local MPs) to request reinstatement of this very important local service which provides care for patients at their most vulnerable time. UHD has said that it will review the situation when recruitment and training has taken place and will hope to restart the clinic within the year but along with many others we will continue to highlight the need for a Purbeck service, saving the need for patients to travel to Poole Hospital.

Our good news is that our Garden Project received positive encouragement from the South and South East Britain In Bloom Judges and we have been invited to attend RHS Wisley in late September for an awards afternoon.

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 19th September at 7pm at the Masonic Hall, Wareham when our speakers will be representatives from the Purbeck Hub who provide us with community services. PLEASE DO JOIN US

We are holding a Fundraiser on Saturday October 14th at the Corn Exchange, Wareham when we will be entertained by 'Ball and Socket', well known in the area. At this event we will also be drawing our raffle which will run in the hospital from late September.

The Friends continue to work hard to support Wareham Hospital and our local services and would welcome new members to the Friends and or to the Committee.

We have successfully recruited some new members at the Wareham Carnival but a stronger voice is essential as we face so many changes in local health services. .

We can be contacted by [email:friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com) or through the hospital 01929 557550

Maggie Hardy, Friends Chair



The garden and judges from South and South East Britain in Bloom



HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

After all the work and excitement of our Annual Fete, September is a bit of 'rest and recovery' at the Hall with all our usual weekly groups returning and just our September Movie Night to focus on:

Tuesday 12 September – The Lost King

In 2012, after having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley, whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics.



When Philippa (Sally Hawkins) reads a biography of Richard that highlights the disconnect between his reputation (a deformed, wicked usurper) and his "true" self (none of the above), she resolves to set the record straight, despite her ME having left her feeling shunned and ridiculed, her marriage to John (Steve Coogan) close to collapse and her job at risk. So, after a couple of pub meetings with fellow Ricardians (self-described oddballs and misfits), she's banging on the doors of the establishment, seeking funding to dig up Richard's bones, which she has become convinced lie under a car park in Leicester.

The trailer can be found on our website at

<https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/>

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

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

Alison and the HXVH Committee

RECOGNITION AT WAREHAM AND SWANAGE CARNIVALS

We said, 'We've had a busy year let's put our feet up over the summer.' 'Not likely' said our Chairman Mike Bonfield, 'I want floats entered in the Wareham and Swanage Carnivals!'

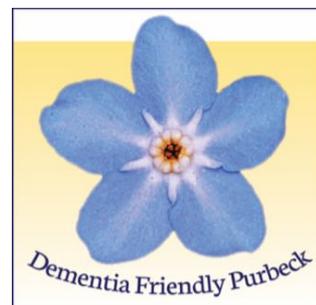
The team accepted the challenge and *rocked in Wareham* to second overall; in Swanage we *dived successfully under the sea* in a yellow submarine, coming second and judged to be the most comical float!

A BIG thank you to all who took part help build the floats and participated in the parades; well done!

A special thank you to Karen Grant who sang 'Rock and Roll' songs from the back of our trailer on both parades. Also, a special thank you to Jonathon who built our yellow submarine; completed emergency repairs when it rained on Sunday morning and became a human clamp to make sure it did not blow away in the strong winds on the parade.

THE PURBECK RALLY 10th, 11th and 13th AUGUST

Off to the rally we went with our gazebo, heaps of information and some books. The weather gods were kind and kept the rain away although strong winds tested the gazebo at times. I'm confident that we positively promoted Dementia Friendly Purbeck and helped a number of people wrestling with the challenge of supporting a loved one living with dementia or on the cusp of a diagnosis.



4th July Alan Neal ex head of Winfrith Nuclear Site. **Radiation - Uses and Abuses**, This was of general interest, non-technical and looking at the early pioneers who discovered x rays and radioactivity. It covered some of the past, often quirky uses (abuses?) of radiation. Alan also informed us of modern uses and the paradox that radiation causes cancer but is also used to detect and treat it, plus the myths associated with radiation.

1st August Summer Lunch BBQ After much thought by the committee, it was decided to abandon the idea of erecting the marquee in the village hall grounds, due to the weather forecast, which was not brilliant. Instead, the committee, along with husbands and members erected two rows of long tables in the village hall for our meal. Toby Woods did a marvelous job and provided us with a fantastic array of BBQ food, including chicken, salmon and prawn kebabs, veggie kebabs and the best tasting sausages. An assortment of cold dishes, including salads and bread accompanied the BBQ items. This was followed by a variety of delicious desserts from Cook at Dorchester plus fresh fruit, cheese and biscuits. It was wonderful to see 66 people, including members, partners

and friends enjoying the fare and company. The committee had also arranged a raffle to follow the food. There was a real buzz in the hall and the committee was delighted to receive a series of emails, thanking them for all for our hard work. Thanks once again to Toby.

5th September Floral Design This will be a workshop style meeting which Carole Lehman has organised and should be very interesting, to give our ladies a few good ideas for their floral displays. Carole would like us to bring the following: vase, reel of thin sellotape, a range of foliage, a mixture of small and larger leaves, plus some different plant materials of a minimum of five flowers, some with longer stems than others, secateurs/kitchen scissors and a selection of pebbles for the bottom of the vase. Carole will not be using oasis as it is not biodegradable.

New Members – we are a friendly lot so come and join us!

Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and we have a fun and sociable afternoon. Visitors welcome at £3 per meeting

We have a good selection of interesting speakers and our satellite groups include walkers, strollers, lunch club, 2 book groups and a textile group.

Email: 2008aquariusladies@gmail.com or telephone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at the Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local health services.



The Group is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to get involved. We meet every two months - and we are always looking for new members!

The PPG last met on 11 July 2023, when Kim Gallagher updated us on Wellbeing Swanage and their exciting plans for a new Wellbeing Hub. We were also pleased to hear that Dr Gavins will be joining the Practice.

You can find more information about the PPG, including our Terms of Reference, our current Membership and Minutes of our meetings, on the Practice website: www.swanagemedical.org.uk. The PPG was also featured in Swanage News on 5 June during PPG Awareness Week.

Follow Up Patient Survey

In April 2023, PPG members undertook a Follow Up Patient Survey at the Surgery. The full results were published on 12 July, together with the Practice's response - see: [Follow Up Patient Survey and Practice Response](#).

Overall, the results of the Follow-Up Survey were much better than those of the National GP Patient Survey, undertaken in January 2022:

- 77% had found it either very easy or fairly easy to get through to the Practice on the phone
- 95% were satisfied with the appointment they were offered
- 92% described their experience of making their appointment as either very good or fairly good
- 91% felt their needs had definitely been met - and another 8% felt their needs had been met to some extent
- 96% described their experience of the Practice as either very good or fairly good.

The Survey identified a number of issues that need to be addressed and the PPG made a series of recommendations for the Practice. The Practice's response sets out the actions they are now taking - or have already taken - to address the PPG's recommendations.

Practice Newsletter on Making the Best Use of Services offered by the Practice

The PPG has also worked with the Practice to produce an updated newsletter on making the best use of the services offered by the Practice - see: [Practice Newsletter on Making Best Use of our Services](#).

The aim is to ensure all patients can access the services they need by providing information about all the sources of support and advice available. The newsletter includes advice and information on:

- How to keep yourself well
- How to manage a minor or self-limiting illness or health condition - often referred to as Self Care
- How to choose the right NHS service to best meet your needs
- Where to seek to help if your child is unwell
- Local services you can refer yourself to.

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com.

*Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Dr Margaret Guy)
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG
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Who Are We?

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

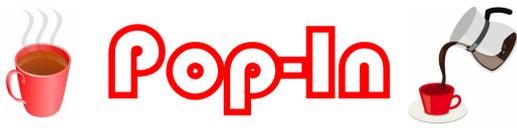
We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

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

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

Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group



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



Singing for Pleasure
Every Thursday 2pm



Supported by
Dementia Friendly Purbeck



All Welcome



Help with School Costs

"My children are starting new schools in September, one is in primary school and the other secondary. Between uniforms, PE kit and knowing they'll need to catch the bus each day the costs are adding up. I'm already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these extra outgoings. Is there any help I can get?"

A new school year can put pressure on lots of people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

A good place to start is the Citizens Advice website where you'll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. The full list is available on the [Citizens Advice website](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

You mentioned concerns about travel costs. If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority if your children can't walk because it's

dangerous or too far. Your Local Education Authority is part of your local council that deals with education in your area, you can find yours on GOV.UK. Contact it directly to find out exactly what support it offers.

If you're on a low income, your Local Education Authority may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. You're likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. In some places there are also local charitable schemes that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist.

A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs and you're not alone.

Advice Bus

A reminder that the Advice Bus is at Swanage Market every Friday, 10am-12pm. It is also calling at Corfe Castle Village Hall car park every third Friday of the month 15th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, family, housing and legal. If you're struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you're on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential. Visit our website for our bus stop locations www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus

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



Greengage Community Garden

We have continued to sow, prick out and pot the hundreds if not thousands, of plants we now grow, both vegetables and flowers.

We attended a gardens open day at Kingston and Langton allotments open day both lovely occasions. Our working days have been well attended.

We have been very pleased to see a number of new volunteers joining us on Friday. Our plots are full of herbs, flowers, vegetables and fruit and we are picking more and more, either shared amongst the volunteers or made available to others

Our cut flower area has been particularly popular with our visitors and our wildflower patch and pond have been wonderful attracting dragonflies and other insects!

We are now in the process of clearing the old raised beds prior to their replacement

We are open every Friday and, during the summer on Tuesday afternoons. September 22nd will see us opening the garden as part of the Planet Purbeck Festival. There will be plants, tea and cakes and the late afternoon session will have activities suitable for schoolchildren.

Please come and see us. You will always receive a warm welcome from our lovely volunteers..

Our website can be found at GREENGAGECG.co.uk

Bob Walters, Greengage Community Garden



Langton allotments open day



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



Swanage Linking Lives provides two services to the residents of Swanage and the surrounding villages:

- A befriending service to those lonely, isolated and primarily older residents whereby one of our volunteers visits them at home, usually for about one hour per week, and/or has regular telephone contact with them
- A Place of Welcome (POW) at 103 High Street, Swanage on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 12 noon where anyone is welcome for a cup of tea and a chat or to play some board games

We are a small charity reliant on our volunteers to keep going. We currently visit 16 residents, with our home visitors all being DBS checked, and have a further three referrals awaiting a befriender. Our POW is also staffed by volunteers and can have about 10 – 16 visitors per session. Swanage Linking Lives also hold community lunches, open to all, with our next one on the 10th September at Swanage Cricket Club. We do not charge for our activities but ask for donations – as a small charity we do need to fundraise to ensure our services can continue.

If you would like any more information, please visit our facebook page or contact Sarah Bamber on 01929 423851 or Helen McDavid on 07726460209 or email slivolunteers1@gmail.com.



AMY ROBERTS' QUINTET



SAT 28 OCT - 7.30PM
TICKETS £14* - BAR

cheques to Swanage Jazz Associates at
22 Streche Rd, Swanage BH19 1NF
or BACS details are available for easy
payment.

Full Ticket booking details:
Tel 01929 426127

AT HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL*
SAT 28 OCTOBER-7.30pm
Licenced Bar opens at 7pm
Music starts at 7.30pm

AMY ROBERTS is a winning saxophonist, clarinetist and flautist. Over the past 10 years she has featured regularly in the British Jazz Awards, winning Rising Star category in 2009 and many other awards. A charismatic performer renowned in the UK and Europe, she has toured with some of the world's best musicians.

Amy grew up in Cornwall, appearing many times at **Bude Jazz Festival** before going to the Royal Northern College of Music, when in her final year **Chris Barber** head-hunted her to star as the first female musician to play with his band and for 4 years they toured Europe. Amy then branched out and formed a quintet with partner **Richard Exall** and also her new quartet with **David Newton**. In 2016 She was hand-picked by US master trumpeter **Terence Blanchard** to play flute in his Inner City Ensemble.

Swanage favourite Amy leads an all-star band playing the popular jazz dance music of the 1930s and 1940s. Expect to hear the best-known tunes by Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other top bands of the swing era.

The band features **Richard Exall** on saxophones, **Craig Milverton** on piano, **Ashley John Long** on bass and **Nick Milward** on drums. – **FRED LINDOP**

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



Swanage Museum
& Heritage Centre



Be prepared for a whole series of surprises as famous Cambridge researcher

Dr Phil Judkins of Purbeck Radar Museum Trust

(Cambridge University and Purbeck Radar Museum Trust) explains

The WW2 Naval Convoys and Purbeck's role in protecting them

Friday 29th September 7.30pm • St Edwards Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage BH19 1AH
Doors open at 7pm - Refreshments available • Tickets: £4 - members £3

Britain is an island and, during both World Wars, food, raw materials, weapons, and troops had to come and go by sea, most in convoys of merchant ships. The convoy battles raged from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean, and were hard fought with mines, bombs, guns, torpedoes and even missiles, guided and unguided. Dr Judkins will tell the whole story, from the British coastal convoys carrying coal, through the Atlantic convoys of food and weapons, to the Russian and the Malta convoys and the biggest convoy of all, the invasion fleet on D-Day. He will discuss Enigma code-breaking, and emphasise the huge local role played by the scientists at Worth and Langton Matravers – many billeted here in Swanage - in developing the radars which helped defeat the U-boats. Over 100,000 lives were lost in this massive struggle, which Prime Minister Winston Churchill said was “the only thing which really frightened him” – come and hear the full story, from the first to the last day of the Second World War.



What's On in September 2023



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

LIVE SHOWS and MUSIC:

- **Seann Walsh – Back From The Bed** – Described as “the best observational comedian of his generation”. Last few seats remaining! Saturday 9th September at 7.30 pm
- **An Evening With Ken Wharfe** – An entertaining first-person account from the former protection officer to the most famous woman in the world, Diana Princess of Wales, and to her children, Princes William and Harry. Friday 22nd September at 7.30 pm
- **Planet Purbeck** – A captivating programme of local & national guest speakers & short films. Free tickets available directly from planetpurbeck.org Saturday 23rd September at 7.00 pm
- **Pop-Up Bowie** – David Bowie's greatest hits from every decade of his career, accurately and passionately performed by front-man Paul Antony and his band. Saturday 30th September at 7.30 pm

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

- **Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (PG)** – The thrilling, audacious and witty production which shattered convention, turned tradition upside down and became the longest-running ballet on the West End and Broadway. Saturday 16th September at 7.30 pm and Monday 18th September at 2.30 pm

MOWLEM VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

- **'The Dreaming Lens'** - Paul Jefferis offers a personal perspective on the landscapes of Purbeck, using close-up photographs or unusual forms of lighting as a way of revealing small imagined dramas in the natural world. The exhibition runs to 17th October, Monday – Saturday 6 – 9pm and whenever the theatre or The Showbar are open.

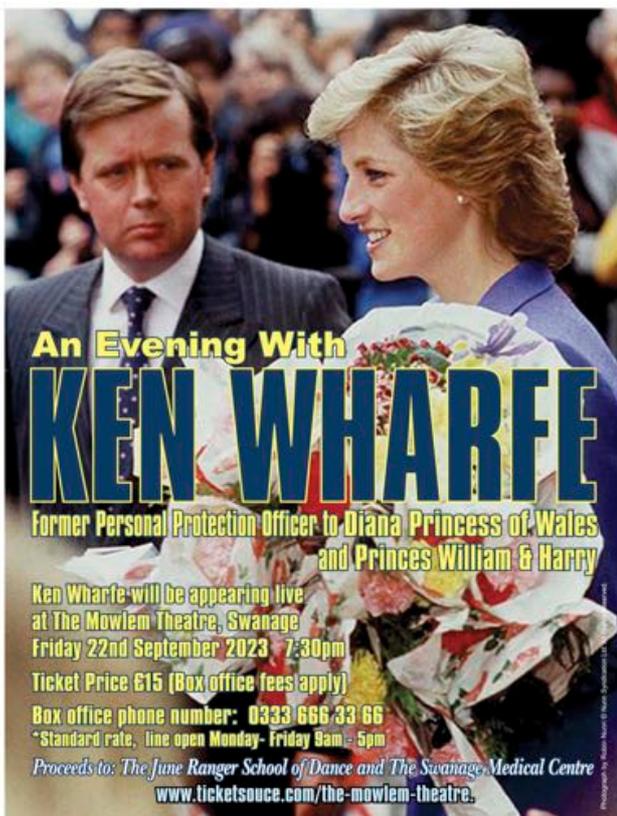
MOVIES

- **Oppenheimer (15)** Epic biopic telling the story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb, directed by Christopher Nolan. 1st & 4th – 7th September at 7.00 pm 4th September at 2.00 pm
- **Asteroid City (12A)** A world-famous playwright travels with his family to remote Asteroid City to compete in a junior stargazing event, only to have his world view disrupted forever. Written and directed by Wes Anderson. 8th & 11th - 14th September at 7.30 pm 11th September at 2.30 pm
- **Barbie (12A)** Another opportunity to enjoy the year's biggest movie! Barbie and Ken leave the seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land for the joys and perils of life among humans. 15th & 18th – 21st September at 7.30 pm
- **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (12A)** Join the Portokalos family as they travel to a family reunion in Greece for a heartwarming and hilarious trip full of love, twists and turns. Opa! 23rd – 28th September at 7.30 pm 25th September at 2.30 pm

IN THE SHOWBAR:

- Friday 8th September – **Live music with Sundrunk**. Free entry, bar open from 6pm, music starts at 8pm
- Wednesday 27th September – **Oscar's Quiz Night**. £1 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won! Doors open 6pm, quiz starts at 8pm

The Showbar is open Friday & Saturday 6pm – 10pm & Sunday – Thursday 6pm – 9pm and later for events.



KEN WHARFE MVO

[Former Scotland Yard Elite Royalty Protection Officer to Princess Diana, the Princes William and Harry and The Duke of Kent](#)

Ken Wharfe was born in Canterbury Kent and joined the Metropolitan Police Service as a special cadet at the age of 17. He attained the rank of Inspector before being selected to join Scotland Yard's elite Royalty Protection Department.

The SAS trained officer was chosen to head up the security for the Queen's grandchildren, her apparent Prince William and Prince Henry who as children, affectionately called him 'Uncle Ken'. A year later in 1987 he was appointed as Personal Protection Officer to the Princess of Wales. Princess Diana trusted him with her innermost secrets during the most traumatic years of her marriage to Prince Charles and he was at her side as she plotted to escape from what she believed was the gilded cage of the Royal Family.

His resignation in November 1993 made headline news. Just weeks later the Princess announced she was withdrawing from public life and then axed her Scotland Yard Protection, a decision her former 'Top Cop' as the British press referred to him – believes ultimately led to her death.

Just months after Princess Diana's death in Paris on August 31 1997, Inspector Wharfe was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace and made a Member of the Victorian Order.

Until his retirement after 35 years of exemplary service with the Metropolitan Police, nearly half in the Royalty Protection Department, he was Personal Protection Officer to the Queen's cousin, The Duke of Kent.

His book 'Diana – Closely Guarded Secret' was a Sunday Times and New York Times best-seller. His second book 'Guarding Diana – Protecting the Princess around the World' was published in 2017.

Since his retirement from Scotland Yard he has entertained audiences across a broad spectrum of venues throughout the UK and abroad. Combining recent and highly relevant first hand experience of security issues, he offers credibility and independence on the highly topical subject of security.

The summer has been a strange one (not just the July weather), but I've been largely out of action after two falls resulting in a cracked hip and extensive bruising, a second cataract operation with its post-operative restrictions, and another Team Member recovering from serious surgery, with another Member having a much-awaited joint replacement last month. Not only has this put quite a strain on others in the Team, but they are taking on new responsibilities at a time when we continue to be busy. They really are community heroes, as well as good friends!

And then the freezer 'conked out' with a waste of all its contents. This was no great surprise as it was an ex-Besom freezer, so more than helped us out when we acquired it during lock-down, and has served many of our clients with frozen veg, fish fingers, and desserts (no fresh meat) and stored bread at times. We were kindly offered a replacement by Besom, but felt it better to invest in a new, frost-free tall freezer of similar size to the previous one which would have a guarantee and be delivered to us directly, installed, and the old one taken away for us.

Frozen food is purchased by SFB, and has greatly benefited clients with large families especially for whom multiple small tins are not practical. Also, households of 1 or 2 are able to use

Swanage Food Bank

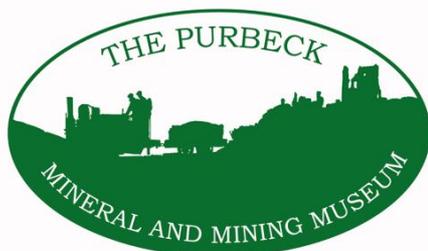


proportions suited to their needs without waste. We are always pleased to enable clients to eliminate waste to help the environment.

So when donors ask what costs they may contribute towards (besides food and drink and household goods/toiletries), our new freezer might well be a suggestion. Food-wise, our urgent needs remain the same : tinned meat, fish, pasta sauce, savoury crackers, biscuits, desserts of all kinds and fruit juice. We're grateful for all donations, as are our clients. It's lovely to receive fresh produce from allotments, gardens, and Greengage Nursery.

And may we all enjoy an Indian summer to keep winter a step further away.

Pauline Werba, Chair, Swanage Food Bank



Dorset's "Hidden Gem" is no longer so hidden

It has has been quite a summer at the Purbeck Mining Museum near Norden. Not only have visitor numbers and donations far exceeded previous years, it has also featured in a national TV programme. The visit of the Owen family from Stoke-on-Trent earlier in August saw the number of visitors so far this year top 4,000. The family (pictured below left, with Brian Biles) were delighted to hear fascinating stories and first-hand insight about life in a Purbeck clay mine from the latest member to join the growing team of volunteers at the Museum.

Brian Biles spent more than a decade working in the mines and joined the Museum's team following his earlier involvement with filming for Channel 5's recent 6-part series 'Dorset: Country and Coast'. Brian was interviewed at the Purbeck Mining Museum for the programme alongside fellow miner Micky White (pictured below right), who spent nearly forty years working at the mines, and Peter Sills, the Museum's chairman.

Previously described as a 'hidden gem' among the many visitor attractions across Dorset, the Museum has certainly benefitted from this year's print and broadcast publicity, longer opening hours and the unwavering commitment of volunteers like Brian. This heightened profile even led to Peter Sills being featured as the 'Mystery Guest' on BBC Radio Solent a few weeks' ago!

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.





It seems we have missed the last issue, June and July was a busy month, but back with a brief update here. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, rain or shine!

The last few months has been counting wildlife and holding events which has been a lot of joy working with and learning with the community. The new Friends of the Downs group has developed really well with now around 20 active members, we have been busy recording plants and other teams have been out recording butterflies too. We held our first event together which was a great success, the 'Bioblitz' which is where we counted as much wildlife as we could in a day starting with birds in the morning and bats at dusk! Many more new species of insects in particular have been recorded for the site. There is something for everyone to join in with so please get in touch if you would like to learn about identifying wildlife.

A big highlight of the summer for us was engaging with the local primary schools in mini 'bioblitzes' working with around 300 pupils, it was busy and fantastic, the children were so enthusiastic and great at focussing and finding things, we found many exciting things including Stag beetles!

Coming up we have another 'Don't ditch it' Clothing event, on Sat 16th September 10-12pm at the Mowlem community room. It is a lovely community event with a clothes swap, textile repair and advice and tea and cake. Do drop along.

We will also be holding events during Planet Purbeck Festival including a guided walk so do look out for details on their events page.

Sarah Spurling

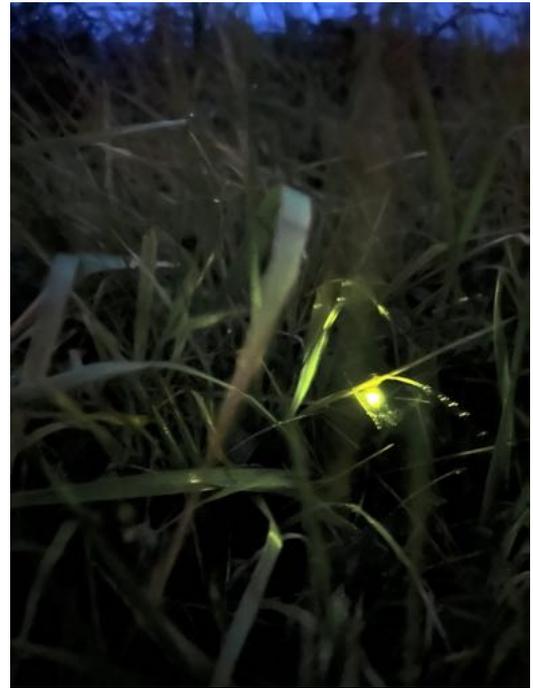


Meadow Brown Butterfly

A Glowing Report!!

The magical sight of glow-worms lighting up the fields and hedgerows was once common across the country. But populations of this fascinating beetle have seriously declined in recent years, especially in the south.

To better understand why glow-worms are declining, and improve the habitat so they can recover, the National Trust ran a monitoring programme this summer. In conjunction with Durlston Country Park and the Purbeck Natural History Forum, we began the first step of mapping out where glow-worms are. Volunteers were each allocated a transect where they recorded sightings of both male and female glow-worms. Their findings are now being collated.



I was lucky enough to join the volunteers in Worth Matravers who were doing a transect along Winspit Road. We had to wait until it was fully dark – around 10pm, then walk the route without torches. This made it easier to spot the glow-worms, but harder to walk without stumbling on the rough track! The darkness also played tricks on our eyes, making us see things that weren't there. We only spotted three females, but one of these was with a male – she'd obviously found the light of her life!

While working on this project, I've learned lots of fascinating facts about glow-worms. The larvae can live for up to three years, feeding on snails. But the adult beetles only live for a few weeks and don't feed at all – all their energy is spent on mating. Although the eggs, larvae and adult males all glow, it's the adult females who shine the brightest. They crawl up vegetation on warm evenings and emit their yellow-green light to attract males.

I'm looking forward to the next stages of the glow-worm project. As habitat loss and the use of pesticides are the most likely causes of their decline, we're hoping that by working with our tenant farmers and partners to manage the land in Purbeck without chemicals, these amazing creatures will have a chance to recover.

Cathy Lewis, Senior Marketing & Communications Officer, the National Trust

Concerns about the restructuring of our Health Services

Were you able to attend the NHS Dorset public engagement event at the Mowlem on 29th June? The event was a good opportunity to speak with staff representing Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset County acute hospitals, and Swanage Hospital, and it was good to hear about the plans. However concerns about the loss of A&E, Maternity and Children's services from Poole have not gone away, and it seems to be difficult to maintain the local services we have: the Swanage based 24/7 Ambulance Car, and the Cottage Hospital Walk-in Minor Injuries Unit, where service hours have been reduced from 8am-8pm to 9am-6pm.

Poole A&E is to be downgraded to an Urgent Treatment Centre, and we are being advised to continue to go there. However the Royal College of Emergency Medicine reports that 85% of people attending A&E need to be there, for treatment, or for A&E level diagnostics to clarify what the problem is. Due to ambulance waits, we increasingly take ourselves to hospital - how will we know where to go?

In 2019 there were 1,403 emergency admissions from BH19 postcodes (Swanage and villages) to Poole Hospital, and 1,365 emergency admissions to Poole from BH20 (Corfe, Wareham and wider Purbeck). There will be no emergency admissions to Poole Urgent Treatment Centre, and patients will face longer emergency journeys.

Questions

The Town Council, and residents, have raised a number of questions, detailed below, and the Town Council has been promised a written response.

Emergency Care

- 1) Will ambulance emergencies (adults, mums-to-be, children) be able to access daytime critical care back up at Poole Hospital once Poole A&E closes? For example, if in-hospital resuscitation is urgently needed to save life, will ambulances be able to stop at Poole?
- 2) When the new BEACH centre opens at RBH, will Swanage and Purbeck ambulance emergencies be taken there, or will they be taken to Dorset County Hospital (Dorchester)?
- 3) When will the new Emergency Department, Critical Care and Maternity services open at Bournemouth? Will Poole A&E remain open for two years after that, as previously stated?
- 4) Will the new Dorset County Emergency Department & Critical Care units be opened before A&E services close at Poole?
- 5) With Poole Maternity going, will Dorset County Special Care Baby Unit be able to support mums-to-be going into labour at 28-32 weeks, as they were able to do prior to 2017?
- 6) What support will be offered to enable South West Ambulance Service Foundation Trust to move nearer to achieving emergency response target times, including in rural areas?
- 7) How will the emergency admission system cope with no access to beds at Poole?

Where to go - Urgent Treatment, Minor Injuries and Outpatients

- 1) How will local people, who are taking themselves to hospital, know whether to go to Swanage Minor Injuries, to Poole Urgent Treatment, or to A&E in Bournemouth/Dorchester?
- 2) What will be done to return our Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit Walk-in service to 8am-8pm, and to enable more outpatient clinic appointments to be held here?
- 3) What can be treated at Poole Urgent Treatment Centre that cannot be treated in the Swanage Cottage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit?
- 4) Will Poole Urgent Treatment Centre be Dr or Nurse led once Poole A&E closes?
- 5) Will any cancer treatment continue to be offered at Poole?

Cllr Debby Monkhouse, Co Ordinator Defend Dorset NHS Residents Group

Would you like to share your experience of services? Please email me: debmonkh@aol.com

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

Great Fete Date

This year's Rotary Fete was a magnificent success. The chosen date of 10 August proved an ideal choice, with plenty of sunshine to bring out the smiles and an array of colourful stalls to delight and lots of games for fun and entertainment.

With a later start time this year of 12 noon, there was more time to ensure that everything was well-prepared and ready to go thanks to superb organisation by Helen Hardy, taking charge for the first time, and with able assistance from Fete Chair Mike Bonfield.



There was a new layout for the Fete on Sandpit Field, creating richer opportunities for Fete-goers to check out the numerous stalls, to mingle and chat, and to stop for a quiet cuppa and a bite to eat while they tapped their feet to a lively music programme provided by acts as varied as the Allsort'd Choir and Jurassic Rock'n Roll. This year's Fete also gave greater prominence to local community organisations and charities, with opportunities for them to fund-raise as well as talk about their work in Swanage and the surrounding villages.

A donation by Rotary of much-needed first aid equipment was also made to our local Community First Responders, who play a vital role given how distant we are from Dorset's major accident and emergency hospitals.

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO would like to thank everyone who came along and spent their hard-earned money in support of the many good causes we are helping this year. We are also, as ever, grateful to our Business Partners, who generously donated a tempting assortment of raffle prizes, and last but by no means least, to the many wonderful friends and helpers who gave their time and energy to ensuring an enjoyable as well as successful Fete.

Honouring distinguished community service

At the Swanage Bandstand on Saturday 19 August, two townspeople were honoured by Swanage & Purbeck Rotary for their invaluable contributions to the wellbeing of our community.

One was Alan Houghton, who has led with great energy and thoughtfulness the appeal for funds to restore the Bandstand to its former glory. The Bandstand, now meticulously renovated in its original Edwardian colours, has become once again one of the iconic sights of our seaside town, and fondly cherished by the local community.

The other was David Cook, highly accomplished leader and conductor for many years of the acclaimed Swanage Town Band, which brings together talented local musicians of all ages. This summer, as in previous years, the Band has performed a series of public concerts on the Bandstand, regularly attracting large and appreciative audiences.

Both men were presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship, an international Rotary award for distinction in community service.



Durlston New Parking System - Now Live

Our new parking system has gone live.

- Please, remember to PAY FOR PARKING ON DEPARTURE
- You will need to enter your vehicle registration number into the parking terminal.
- It should:
 - o Calculate your parking fee based on your length of stay.
 - o Apply discounts to registered Friends of Durlston FoD vehicles.
- If you have a significant problem, do report it to the duty Ranger / Counter Volunteer at the castle.

Regular (fixed day(s) of the week) volunteers vehicle registrations should be recognised by the Number Plate Recognition System. Occasionally, volunteers need report to the duty Ranger / Volunteer to ensure no parking charge is applied on each day they attend. We are aware of the FoD discount not being as generous as it ought to be and are trying to resolve this with Park With Ease.

We anticipate some "teething problems" so please bear with us.

Hopefully, this will become an improved system, for all concerned once we all adapt to it.

Many thanks,

The Durlston Ranger Team, Place Services , Dorset Council

Dorset Climate Action Network has come together with Sustainable Dorset and Zero Carbon Dorset to host the first

Dorset COP 2023 - 9th September Dorchester Corn Exchange

This event is aimed primarily at the many groups and organisations across Dorset working in their communities to help protect, conserve and build a sustainable future for Dorset.

It is also open to all our members to attend so please secure a ticket if you would like to join us, we will have key speakers, workshops, opportunities to network and much more for what is shaping up to be a packed day to inspire us all. If you are involved with, or know of a group in your area that should attend please pass on this message or follow the link to register your own group - Registration is essential and tickets are limited so please secure your ticket as soon as possible!

Groups/Organisations wanting to register and individuals wanting to book their places (£10 a ticket) should do so at:

<https://dorsetcop.info/tickets>

Homes for Ukraine



Might you consider hosting a refugee from Ukraine?

As Russian attacks on Ukraine continue, requests are still being received from families forced to flee their homes because of the war.

In addition, many refugees from Ukraine who have been in this country for some time are now seeking alternative accommodation.

New hosts are needed under the government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, with 'thank-you payments' of £ 350 to £ 600 a month.

Other refugees are seeking private rental accommodation. Dorset Council are facilitating in this with regard to deposits, guarantees and payment of rent.

If you might be able to provide accommodation either as a Host or as a Landlord and would like more information about the possibilities, please contact Dorset Council at:

ukraineresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you would like informal advice about what hosting entails, please get in touch with Purbeck Connect Ukraine at:

purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Tel. 07506 837141

<https://www.facebook.com/PurbeckConnectUkraine>



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