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NOVEMBER 2023 BULLETIN



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

For this November issue because of various private commitments we have produced a **Bulletin** of important information and dates for the coming month rather than the usual graphics based newsletter.

The December/January edition will revert back to the previous format of news stories as well as forthcoming events. If you wish to contribute to the December/January issue please send in your items by the deadline: **Tuesday 14th November**.

We thank you for your anticipated co-operation in distributing this issue to your contacts and friends and all the support you give to our community.

Mel Norris

Trustee Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust and Chair of The Swanage Area Forum
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Purbeck Film Festival

The annual Purbeck Film Festival is marking its 28th year with another programme of films old and new, certain to appeal to seasoned cinemagoers or anyone wanting a good night out. More than 80 films are being screened in over 30 venues across Purbeck from **October 20 to November 4**, ranging from popular cinemas the Mowlem in Swanage and Wareham's magnificent Rex, to village and church halls, Durlston Castle – and a tennis and croquet club. There are four Q&As with directors and film industry guests, two French evenings, a Spanish and New Zealand evening, one pre-view documentary, and some nostalgic English films, including Tony Hancock's *Punch and Judy Man*, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary. The patrons of this year's festival are Bafta-nominated screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, producer Andy Paterson and gifted actor and playwright Sir Mark Rylance. Their support gives a boost to the small group of volunteers who organise the festival.

For more information, visit the website purbeckfilm.com

Swanage Disabled Club

Swanage Disabled Club would welcome voluntary new drivers and escorts, to help with the ever increasing bookings for our two buses and smaller vehicle. Full training will be given for both drivers and escorts; the more we have spreads the load. We are a very friendly group and if you want to know more then please either contact the Transport Manager Robert Payne via scp.swanlodge@gmail.com or at daphne.saville@gmail.com

We also welcome new members to join our weekly Monday afternoon 2-4pm social meetings, and regular outings. Transport can be arranged for these days. Either call 01929 425241 or 07426928224 for further details.

Purbeck Connect Ukraine

This autumn, as the war continues, we are still in need of more host families to help more Ukrainians moving to Purbeck. Many manage to work once settled, but they have lost so much and still in great need. We have seen some lovely friendships develop and there is such gratitude from those who have received help from PCU. Also we urgently require more funds to meet the ongoing needs and to be able to offer essential support as necessary.

For further information on hosting, fundraising, or becoming a volunteer please contact the charity by **email** – purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Donations can be made to: Swanage Action for Refugees, Account no.68669260 Sort Code 30-90-91, ref Purbeck Connect Ukraine

More details in the December/January issue of the Newsletter

Purbeck Arts Choir Concert

“Women of Note”, Saturday 25 November, 6.30pm, at St Mary’s Church, Swanage

The Purbeck Arts Choir has something a little different planned for this year’s Winter concert. We are celebrating 200 years of female composers and are thrilled that the wonderfully talented Grace Lovelass will be joining us as our Mezzo-Soprano! As well as music by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Clara Schumann, Cecilia McDowell (A Prayer of St Columba) and Eleanor Daley’s Requiem, we will be singing some of the movements from Helen Osterfew’s Requiem which we were delighted to premiere in the UK in 2017. Our MD, David Fawcett will be keeping us all in order with Simon Lole on organ and piano and we will be joined by the younger voices of St Mary’s Church and School choirs.

TICKETS ARE ONLY £10 in advance - from Corbens, Choir members or Liz Roberts 01929 481419 – or £12 on the door. U18s and students are free. Retiring collection for Purbeck Youth Music.

For more details visit our website: www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk or email purbeckchoir@gmail.com

Swanage Town Band Concert

Wednesday 29 November, 7.30pm, at Swanage Methodist Church. Free admission with a retiring collection for Band funds.

The band are busy rehearsing for their annual winter concert on 29th November. They will be playing some old favourites and a few brand new pieces will be getting their debut performance! As in recent years this concert is where the band get to "shine", playing music that is not always heard on the bandstand.

There will be an opportunity to sing Christmas Carols on the bandstand on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm. More info in December's Newsletter!

For more information contact Liz Roberts 01929 481419/lizcat55@yahoo.co.uk.

Purbeck Coast Radio

Sadly, the future of Purbeck Coast FM remains uncertain due to a lack of funding. We need public and financial support to continue doing what we do best, and that is where you come in. Please send us a message about what you love about your community radio station. It might be the music, a favourite presenter or show, the things we do for and within the community, giving a voice to local issues, events, sports and news, welcoming varied and interesting guests onto the airwaves. We are compiling a list of appreciation for the station, share the love by contacting us on hello@purbeckcoast.com or go to our Facebook/Meta page and drop us a line.

We are back at the Co-op on Thursday 23rd November from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. fundraising for the station and we would be delighted to talk to you about what we do and the volunteering opportunities.

Swanage Pier

Details of our **Christmas programme** will appear in the December/January edition of this Newsletter

Our **Christmas Lighting up Lives** is back, over the last two years this magical event of lights up the Pier, has made it possible for hundreds of people to fondly remember loved ones and celebrate those around us. Make your dedication today and your light will shine brightly as part of a beautiful display up Swanage Pier along with featuring on our online ‘shine a light’ page. The Switch-On will be on Friday 8 December at 6.00pm. **Father Christmas** will also be returning to the Pier in December. Also look out for our stall on Saturday 2nd December at the Swanage Christmas Market; to find out about Christmas present ideas, enter our Big Winter Raffle and have a go on the tombola!

For full information on all events and how to dedicate a light visit - www.swanagepiertrust.com/events

Swanage Town Council Community Awards

Nominations for the Community awards are due to be sent out in the next few days and we hope you will take the opportunity to fill in the forms to nominate your local heroes or anyone you feel should be recognised for their work in the Town. Forms are available online through the council website (www.swanage.gov.uk) or on paper from the TIC. There are so many wonderful people who work so hard to make Swanage such a beautiful and safe place to live. Look out for the Awards night coming early next year.

Cllr Tina Foster, Swanage Town Mayor

Two Local Christmas Tree Festivals in Purbeck

2 – 4 December, **St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival**, St George’s Church in Langton Matravers. Plenty of entertainment and refreshments available from 10am till 5pm. This year’s event will be raising money for Mosaic and East Dorset & New Forest Motor Neurone Disease Association. Sponsor forms and further information contact Colin Garner 01929 424431 colin@gizimodo.co.uk or from <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

7 – 9 December, from 10am each day, **Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival** at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage. There is also a Remembrance Service called ‘Lights of Love’ at 4pm on Sunday 10th December. There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. There is no entrance fee, and any donations go to local charities. If you want to book a tree to decorate the closing date for Swanage is Monday 13th November apply for a sponsor form to Janet Norley at administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk or leave a message with your details on the church answerphone 01929 427706.

Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

The Museum is now closed for the winter:

Our talks for Autumn-Winter, are held in Langton Village Hall all at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) and are:

Thursday 26th October: **The History of Swanage Pier**, presented by Nick Reed.

Thursday, 30th November: **The Mortar Wreck – a 13th Century Ship**, by Tom Cousins.

In addition, we're trying out a new venture: two AFTERNOON talks. These talks will be a maximum of three quarters of an hour long, with tea and possibly even cake to follow! The first will take place on Monday 13th November at 2.30 in Langton Village Hall. It's an 'armchair guided walk round the Manor of Ailwood,' by Mary Sparks. It will be a chance for those of you who missed last summer's actual guided walk to learn more about history of the landscape of the area, told in maps and pictures. Put the date in your diary, and we'll look forward to seeing you then.

Aquarius

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

7th November - **Sheena Dearness – How to get started on writing your memoirs** . Sheena is a local author, who has written books, plus features in local papers and community magazines. She also runs Crossways (Dorset) a local writing group. She will provide a guidance sheet with lined paper, pens and clipboards.

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

The Mowlem Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

What's On in November 2023 - Tickets for live shows and movies are bookable from www.themowlem.com.

Live on Stage:

An Evening of Entertainment - Saturday 11th November 7:30pm. Swanage Drama Company are pleased to be back with this concert featuring songs, sketches, fun and laughter, in aid of charity.

Budapest Cafe Orchestra - Thursday 16th November 7:30pm. Evoking vivid images of Tzigane fiddle maestros, Budapest cafe life and gypsy campfires, The Orchestra play traditional folk and gypsy-flavoured music from across the Balkans and Russia

Andy Parsons Bafflingly Optimistic - Tuesday 18th November 8pm. A hugely successful and popular writer and performer.

Decatonics Show - Saturday 28th November 7:30pm. A powerful 8 piece skaband from Dorset whose vibrant live show has built up a great reputation for its high energy party atmosphere.

Purbeck Film Festival 2023:

Please see purbeckfilm.com for full details of the festival – tickets for the films showing at The Mowlem can be booked at themowlem.com

Polite Society (12) Wednesday, 1st November at 7.30pm

Vermeer: The Greatest Exhibition (PG) Thursday, 2nd November at 7.30pm

Close (12A) Friday, 3rd November at 7.30pm

Purbeck Shorts Competition Saturday, 4th November at 6.30pm

Movies:

The Miracle Club 6th November 2:30pm & 7:30pm 7th & 8th November 7:30pm

The Great Escaper 13th November 2:30pm & 7:30pm 14th & 15th November 7:30pm

Killers of the The Flower Moon 17th November 2:00pm & 7:00pm 21st & 22nd November 7:00pm

Past Lives 24th November 7:30pm, 27th November 2:30pm & 7:30pm 28th - 30th November 7:30pm

Events in The Showbar, upstairs at The Mowlem:

Friday 10th November – Hyper The band formerly known as The Hyper Vypers return! Live music from 8pm

Wednesday 22nd November – Oscar's Quiz Night £1 per person, up to 6 people per team, prizes to be won! Doors open 5.30pm, quiz starts at 8pm

Friday 24th November – It's Vinyly Friday! Jazz, Funk, Afro & Latin all-vinyl all-dancing from 9pm with DJ Paul Angel

The Showbar is open Monday - Saturday 5.30pm – 9.30pm and later for events.

Mowlem Visual Arts Exhibitions:

'New Worlds' - Lewis Peake is a Swanage based Artist and Illustrator working primarily with new media forms to construct futuristic narratives. The exhibition runs from 20th October to 12th December whenever the theatre or Showbar are open.

Citizens Advice Here To Help

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 17th November and 15th December.

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

Still got lovely Spring bedding..wallflowers, sweet williams..lots of garlic, chillies and herbs..Every Friday from 10, Tuesdays from 12.

Future dates for your diary:

Friday 1 Dec - **Greengage Christmas Tree** at Langton Tree Festival

Friday 8 Dec - **Greengage Christmas Fayre**..the worlds only reindeer raffle, lovely cakes and hot drinks, herbs, potted bulbs and so much more !! until 3.

Please visit our new facebook page Greengage Community Garden and our website GreengageCG.org.uk

Friends of Swanage Hospital

Our thanks to those members of our Community who braved the appalling weather to join the Committee for our Annual Members meeting. Unfortunately, our Speaker, Mathew Bryant CEO Dorset HealthCare University Foundation Trust, was unwell and not able to be with us either in person or by internet link. I hope that those present found the "Open Question" session beneficial – even if some of the answers were perhaps not as you had hoped. Mathew will be sent a copy of these questions to which he will respond with additional information which we will publish in our Annual Newsletter in January 2024.

Do remember that **Clinics are running at Swanage Hospital** but you, as the patient, have to specifically request to be seen in Swanage as the booking system automatically offers the next available appointment which may be somewhere else, as many of the Swanage clinics only run monthly. Please continue to send me information on how the cessation of the Rheumatology Clinic will affect you as your Voice is the most powerful "tool" that we have when discussion takes place with University Hospitals Dorset - Poole.

We hope to see many of you at our **Annual Autumn Fayre** - see poster below.

Deirdre Selwyn, Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital

Swanage Hospital
Autumn Fayre
Saturday 4th November
10.00 am to 12.00 noon
At The Catholic Church Hall,
Rempstone Road



Produce Cakes Raffle Tombola
Teas Crafts Bric-a-brac Books



WOMEN
of Note

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FEMALE COMPOSERS

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

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
6.30PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH, SWANAGE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CORBENS
£10 IN ADVANCE OR £12 ON THE DOOR

CONDUCTOR | David Fawcett MEZZO-SOPRANO | Grace Lovell

For more information and tickets contact Liz on 01929 481419 | purbeckchoir@gmail.com
www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk Charity number 1155013

Eco-friendly fun with crafts

Come and create your very own eco-friendly work of art all throughout half term. All ages welcome.



Swanage Library

Saturday 21, Monday 23,
Wednesday 25, Friday 27 October
11:00am - 3:00pm

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

Autumn crafts and Halloween Lego

Create scarecrow faces and autumnal leaf pictures, or have a go at building Halloween Lego characters. All ages welcome



Swanage Library

Saturday 28 October
2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

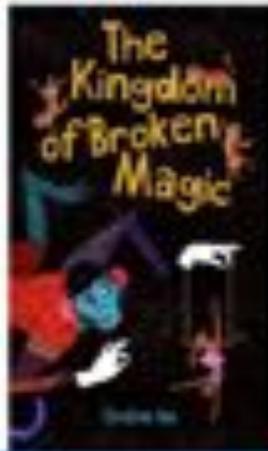
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Author visit

Author Christine Aziz invites you to perform your own magic, as illustrated in her new book 'The Kingdom of Broken Magic'. How do you fix magic when it breaks? Come along to our event and find out...



Swanage Library

Monday 23 October
4:00pm - 5:00pm



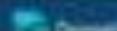
Suitable for ages 7 to 10 years.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Booking available on Eventbrite.

For more information ☎ 01929 423485

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Spooky crafts

Lots of spooky half-term crafts! Make a ghost, a bat and a skeleton.



Swanage Library

From the 23 October
until the 28 October
10:00am - 3:00pm

Suitable for ages 3 to 10, all welcome.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

For more information ☎ 01929-423485

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Corfe Community Kitchen Soup 'n Pud

A choice of 2 Soups and a Roll
Followed by Puds with Custard

4th November 2023

12.30 – 1.45pm

First Saturday of Each Month
Corfe Castle Village Hall

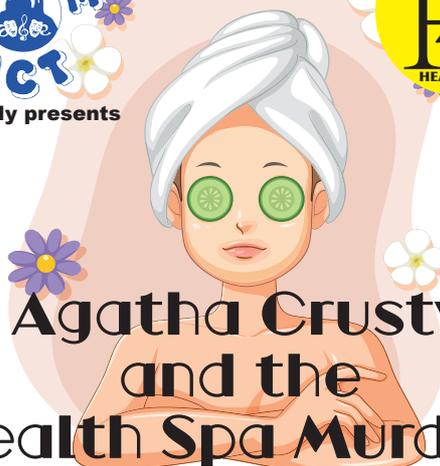
Come and join local friends for a simple, healthy, filling and sustainable **Free Lunch**.

This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents and aims to increase community spirit.

If you wish to make a donation, either financial or of surplus food, feel free, but it is not obligatory.



proudly presents



Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders

by Derek Webb

(An amateur production by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd)

Corfe Castle Village Hall

23rd, 24th & 25th Nov 2023 at 7.30pm

Matinee 25th at 2.30pm

Adults £10, Children £5

Tickets from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group
& Corfe Castle Village Stores

10% reduction for groups of 10 or more

DoubleActCorfeCastle

www.double-act.org.uk

SWANAGE TOWN BAND

CONCERT

Wednesday 29th November 7.30pm

Swanage Methodist Church

**FREE ADMISSION – RETIRING
COLLECTION FOR BAND FUNDS**



CAROLS ON THE BANDSTAND

Wednesday 13th December 6.30pm

**IF WET WE WILL PLAY ON SATURDAY 16th
DECEMBER AT 5.30PM**

**COLLECTING FOR PURBECK YOUTH
MUSIC & HERSTON VILLAGE HALL**

follow us on Facebook for details

The Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Thu 7th Dec to Sat 9th Dec 10am–6pm

Free entry & parking. Café open.

Lights of Love Remembrance Service

Sun 10th Dec 4pm

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



Emmanuel Baptist
Church Swanage



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Supporting:
Communicare
and National
Coastwatch
Institute



Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival



SWANAGE MUSEUM

A History of Swanage Pubs

A Talk by JOHN PATRICK
Friday 27th OCTOBER 2023

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME
St Edwards Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road
7.30pm
 Doors Open 7.00pm, Light Refreshments
 Museum Members £3.00 - Non-members £4.00

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

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



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

Durlston Country Park

November

Thursday 2 November, 11am - 12pm
Castle Tour FREE 🗺️📍CR
Discover the history of Durlston
Castle. Donations welcome.

Thursday 2 November, 7.30pm
**Purbeck Film Festival: Official
Competition (15)** 🎬📍FFG
A comedic drama following a
wealthy businessman as he hires
a famous filmmaker to help
make a smash hit film. Tickets
£8, under 25s and students £6.
Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

Saturday 4 November, 7pm
Stargazing 📍LC Saturn, Jupiter
and Autumn Constellations. Visit
www.durlston.co.uk to check for
cancellation. £4



Tuesday 7 November - Sunday 10
December, 10am - 4pm
**What if you just leave it?
Rewilding Unwrapped Exhibition**
FREE 📍FFG Photographer,
geographer and podcaster
Sam Rose 'unwraps' rewilding,
including images from West
Dorset and Purbeck.

Tuesday 7 November, 7.30pm
**Evening Talk: Printmaker
Robin Mackenzie** 📍📍LC
Printmaker and Illustrator Robin
Mackenzie talks about his
Durlston Residency and his work.
£3 or free for Friends of Durlston.



Sunday 12 November, 11am -
12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop
📍8+ 📍LC Learn this fascinating
craft. No experience needed.
Children (8+) and adults welcome.
Booking required. £15

Sunday 19 November, 10.30am -
12.30pm **Park to Pier** 📍CR
Join a Jurassic Coast Volunteer
for a walk from Durlston Castle
to Swanage Pier learning about
wildlife, geology and history.
Adult £5, Child £3

Sunday 26 November, 11am - 12.30pm
**National Nature Reserve
Management** 📍CR
Why don't we just let Durlston
go wild? £3.50

DEADLINE

for contributions to the December 2023 / January 2024 issue of the Newsletter

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023