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News

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

Please join us at our market in St. Andrew's Church Rooms on Saturday 1st August 10.00am-12.30pm. Our stall holders have been busy and are looking forward to welcoming you at our 4th Market of the year.

Come and have a chat with us and see what we have to offer. Also, sit and have some of our delicious refreshments.

This time we're raising funds for The British Heart Foundation and St Andrew's Church Fund.

Entrance free but donations to our chosen charities would be much appreciated.

Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor Update

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny weather we've been having this summer.

The other Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillors and I are very busy dealing with a number of local issues. As I write this, we are gearing up for the planning meeting to decide the application for hundreds of additional caravans to be built at Weymouth Bay. I am strongly opposed to this,

as I believe it raises a number of concerns, including drainage, increased traffic and the loss of open space. I would like to thank all the residents who have fought so hard against this proposal.

We are also awaiting further information about the Local Plan and which sites will be taken forward to the next stage. We will organise a public meeting to update residents as soon as we know more.

Sadly, due to the Government's planning policies, planning committees are losing even more power over local applications. I fear this will hand even more power to unelected council officers and the Planning Inspectorate, taking decision-making away from democratically elected local councillors. Cedar Drive, Hazel Drive, Forehill Close, Willow Crescent, Veerlands Road and Winslow Road have recently been resurfaced. This will take some time to bed in before the roads are swept. Once this has happened, they will be similar to Maunsell Avenue and Stainer Road in terms of the finished surface.

The next roads we are pushing to have resurfaced are Overcombe Drive and Ringstead Crescent. Cllr Peter Dickenson is also pushing for a programme of planned works to improve pavements across the area.

As you may be aware, we have long campaigned for improvements to the local bus service. First Bus has expressed a strong interest in potentially changing the service in Preston (and, hopefully one day, Sutton Poyntz) to cover a wider area, including the retail park on Mercery Road, where the new M&S is located, as well as providing better access to facilities in Littlemoor. We will update residents as soon as we know more.

If you have any local issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email at cllrloouie.oleary@dorset-council.gov.uk or by calling 07809 905412.

We also hold a councillor surgery at Littlemoor Library on the first Saturday of every month from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.

Cllr Louie O'Leary

Dorset councillor for Littlemoor & Preston on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor team

St Andrew's Church War Memorial restoration

The War Memorial in the churchyard of St Andrew's Church, Preston, was unveiled in May 1920. It has only been cleaned twice (1946 and 2000) and this Summer it will receive its third clean-up to prepare it for a rededication service on Remembrance on Sunday 8th November 2026.

Between 20th-23rd July, a specialist monument cleaner and restorer will be busy cleaning away decades of lichen, dirt and sea salt so that the names of the 43 residents of Preston and Sutton Poyntz who gave their lives in two World Wars and the Falklands War will be clearly visible. Three miss-

ing military decorations will also be added. These services clearly come with some cost and the group responsible for arranging the cleaning are now appealing for donations to assist with the cost of the cleaning and restoration and hopefully, the memorial's future maintenance. If you would like to make a donation, they can be made as follows:

Preston & Sutton Poyntz Parochial Church Council account. Sort code 40-46-23. Account number 31252399. Please use the reference 'War Memorial'. A Gift Aid Form is available which donors are encouraged to use.

To accompany the clean-up, a book will be published (hopefully in July) entitled 'Sleep on dear Harold' which describes the history of the War Memorial and includes 43 illustrated biographies of the men and one woman who are remembered on it. Available locally and via Amazon as either an ebook or paperback, all proceeds from sales will be directed into the Restoration Fund.

Details of the publication and plans for Remembrance Sunday will be circulated as widely as possible.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

This month's speaker was our old friend Retired Brigadier Jeff Little who told members about Lawrence of Arabia. Born illegitimate in 1888, Thomas Edward Lawrence also known as Ned had a troubled and abusive childhood always feeling guilty about his illegitimacy, which affected his entire life.

Ned was a very smart man, even called genius and was Oxford educated, but he was a private and complex character which defied



Members of Sutton Poyntz Village WI at Tiverton Canal

conventional definition. Not only was he a British Army officer and served in the RAF, but he was also an archaeologist, diplomat and writer. Lawrence was known for his role during the Arab Revolt and Sinai and Palestine campaign against the Ottoman Empire in the First World War.

Unlike many Europeans, he did not adopt a superior stance, nor did he lead by threats of force. The Arabs loved him and he not only dressed in their robes but his sense of fair play won their total respect. Lawrence died in Bovington Dorset at the age of 46 after being injured in a motorcycle crash and he is buried at St Nicholas Church, Moreton, just a few miles from his home at Clouds Hill in Dorset.

Some members enjoyed a peaceful day out at the Tiverton Canal on a horse drawn barge. The barge pulled by George a wonderful Shire horse and our guide Captain Dave was a delight.

On July 24th members will be exploring a Dorchester Subterranean Walk looking at Roman artefacts finishing with a tea and cake in the Casterbridge Room at the Kings Arms.

We are also looking forward to our 5th August Garden Party to be held in the Mission Hall garden. The afternoon will be filled with Pimm's, sandwiches and home-made cake made by our talented members.

Susie Marner
Secretary

Sutton Poyntz Arts Group Art Exhibition

The Sutton Poyntz Art Group will be holding their annual art exhibition on Saturday 29th August and Sunday 30th August in the Mission Hall Sutton Poyntz. Visitors can expect a diverse range of paintings and meet the artists. Tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes will be available at a cost of £3. Doors will open at 11.00am until 4.30pm and the entry is free.

Wyke Regis Gardening Club

The Clubhouse will be closed throughout August, reopening on 5th September.

We have a well-stocked shop with a large range of gardening essentials and a friendly café so you can sit and have a drink and a chat with fellow gardeners. Do come

along and see what we have to offer.

The Clubhouse in Rylands Lane is open on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership is £10 per year. For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137

Wyke Regis WI

July was another busy month for our WI. On Monday 6th our stall on Weymouth Esplanade offered books, bric-a-brac, handicrafts, jewellery and plants to locals and holidaymakers.

This was closely followed by our monthly coffee morning on Tuesday 7th, a talk from offshore photographer Steve Belasco on Thursday 9th, and the first round of the WI Dorset County Quiz on Wednesday 29th – we're hoping we did well enough to qualify for the final in October. In addition we had the regular meetings of our various groups covering a wide range of activities and interests.

In August we are planning a picnic (weather permitting) at Nothe Gardens on Thursday 13th (or in the WI hall in Gallwey Road if it rains). All are welcome, so bring a chair and a packed lunch and join us!

For details of our events, meetings and interest groups please visit our website www.wykeregiswi.org.uk.

Wyke Regis Community Film Club

Our next screening is 'Boy', at 7.00pm on Saturday 5th September in Wyke Regis Community Hall. Please note the date change from our original schedule for 2026.

The film, directed by Taika Waititi in 2010, is a heart warming and funny tale from New Zealand. Entry £6.50 includes glass of wine, beer, or soft drink. Reserve at www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events or contact Jeff on 07710 096174.

Future of The Wyke Regis Society

Wyke Regis Society, formerly known as the Wyke Regis Protection Society was established many years ago and was a thriving and much needed and respected organization.

The Society was involved in many regeneration schemes: Wyke

Square, Thornlow School, Church Knapp, Wooland Gardens, the former Todds and Wellworthy sites and much more.

On environmental issues the Society liaised with both Borough and County Councils and outside agencies in the protection of our natural environment – Footpaths, the fields around the Fleet and the Sewage works – gaining a public convenience at Wyke Gardens and the support of Ryemead Community Centre.

The beautiful planters in Wyke Square were bought and tended by members of the Society; few people have volunteered to undertake that role now. The Society created The Wyke Christmas Street Fayre in 2008 following concern at the deterioration of the fabric of the Memorial Hall. In those early days all funds raised were entirely spent on renovation and subsequent increase of use of the Hall for all the community.

In recent years the need and therefore the support for the Society has reduced. Membership and attendance at meetings are now very low. With on-line reporting of issues to our Local Authorities and to our elected representatives there is less need for meetings. Recently fewer local people have come forward to fulfill the role of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer and current holders are no longer able to continue.

It is time to decide the future of Wyke Regis Society. All residents of Wyke Regis are invited to attend a meeting at Wyke Working Men's Club on Monday 14th September at 7.00pm.

The Agenda: Should the Society continue? In what form? Election of Officers if the Society continues. Disposal of assets if Society closes?

Thanks to past and retiring officers.

Weymouth Concert Brass

While Sundays in July are for the gentle pursuit of enjoying our summer afternoon garden concerts, Mondays in August are for the more bustling atmosphere of our 7.30pm concerts on Weymouth Esplanade (opposite the King's Statue) shortly before the town's Monday evening firework displays.

We'll be there for three of them: 3rd, 24th and 31st August. Hopefully, the weather will continue to oblige, too!

We're also at two other local

events in August: Easton Summer Fayre at 11.00am on Saturday 8th and then in Wyke Regis for All Saints' annual Church Ale (which is definitely due some sunshine this year!) from 2.00pm on Saturday 15th.

As ever, the band is available for hire for a wide variety of events and occasions and is always keen to hear from prospective new players. We normally meet once a week on Thursday evenings at St Edmund's Church Hall, Lanehouse. To get in touch, or for further information, contact us at weymouth-concertbrass@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook or X.

Jeff Thomas

Arts and Crafts Fair

Weymouth Bay Methodist Church 32 Melcombe Avenue. Arts & Crafts Fair from Tuesday 18th August to Friday 21st August.

From 10.00am to 3.00pm. Free Entry. Variety of stalls, workshops, refreshments.

Fairbridge Trust Coffee and Pesticides

I was recently shown the results of a research project which I found particularly alarming for many reasons. The article I saw was in Wicked Leeks, a digital news channel and quarterly print magazine published by Riverford Organic, but you can find many articles all telling the same story.

Apparently, coffee is one of the most heavily sprayed crops in the world, with conventional coffee growers using large amounts of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides to protect their crops from pests and diseases. The report I read shows that coffee drinkers are being exposed to highly toxic pesticides that are banned in many countries. Alarming, pesticides banned in the EU continue to be exported to some coffee-producing countries where regulation and legal oversight is weaker. Coffee grown using these chemicals is then legally imported back into consuming countries, like the UK – the so-called chemical boomerang effect. We hear that 'they grow an awful lot of coffee in Brazil' well they use an awful lot of pesticides too, having increased the amount multiple times over the last few decades.

Whilst the report found that 'Every

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fifth cup we drink is likely tainted by poison residues' it is the coffee farmers rather than drinkers who bear the heaviest burden. Through the mixing and spraying of pesticides, drinking contaminated water, and exposure to pesticide drift, coffee farmers face repeated, often daily exposure to some of the most hazardous chemicals in agricultural use.

For around three decades now, coffee has been grown as a monoculture, which leaves the plants exposed to a barrage of attacks from insects, bacteria and fungi. Pesticides are effective against pests and plant diseases and can provide coffee farmers with a high yield in the short term. In the long term, however, it is not sustainable as ecosystems are destroyed

and the coffee plantations will disappear.

The coffee plant originated thousands of years ago in southwestern Ethiopia in an environment shaded by a rich array of plants, shrubs and trees. This is the traditional way Ethiopian farmers grow coffee and often has the advantages of minimising pests and diseases while strengthening plant health, biodiversity and ecosystems.

So how can you avoid buying coffee grown with the use of pesticides. The most reliable way to know that your coffee is grown without synthetic fertilizers and toxic chemical treatments is by purchasing beans with strict Organic Certification. This means that organic coffee is not only bet-

ter for the environment, but it also tends to be of higher quality and is healthier for the people who consume it. It is obviously much healthier for the farmer who is growing the coffee but there will be a lower yield making it more expensive to produce. Farmers receive a price differential for growing organic coffee as compensation. For many, a price worth paying.

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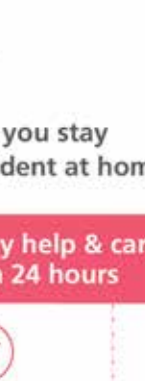
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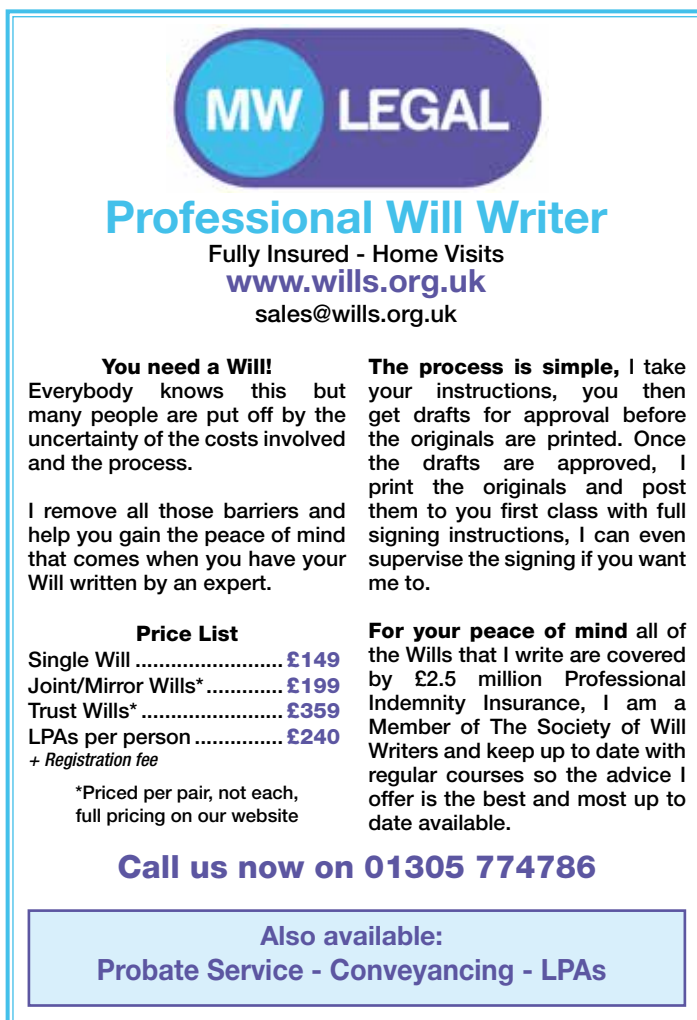
people call to say good morning or good night to a person, or to have a chat about how their day has been. Other people call to get help with accessing support, information about local services, advice, or reassurance.

Getting in touch is straightforward. Anyone can call The Silver Line free on 0800 4 70 80 90, at any time of day or night. You can also find more information or request support through the Age UK website, or ask someone you trust to help you make that first call.

Conifers Primary School pays tribute to Falklands Veterans

Staff and children from Conifers Primary School worked in partnership with Weymouth Town Council on a special art project to honour the service and sacrifice of Falklands veterans. As part of the commemorations, they also proudly took part in the Armed Forces Day Parade, joining veterans, service personnel and members of the local community in recognising and thanking those who have served. The project gave the children

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the opportunity to learn about the Falklands War and the lasting legacy of the veterans who served. Through the project, they explored the importance of remembrance and reflected on the values of service, resilience and community.

By taking part in both the art project and the parade, the children developed a greater understanding of the experiences of Falklands veterans and the importance of preserving their stories for future generations.

The project reflected Conifers Primary School's commitment to providing opportunities that connect learning with the local community, helping children develop respect, empathy and an appreciation of those who have shaped the nation's history.

Conifers Primary School would like to extend its sincere thanks to Assistant Headteacher Sara West for designing the commemorative banners and to Councillor Joanna Dickenson for leading the initiative and making this meaningful partnership with Weymouth Town Council possible. The school would also like to thank the staff and children who volunteered to take part in the event, as well as the parents and carers whose support of the Armed Forces Day Parade helped make the occasion such a success. This was a memorable and meaningful experience for everyone involved.

Paul Cave Prize for Literature writing competition

Budding Dorset authors have until September 30 to enter The Paul Cave Prize for Literature 2026. There are already some excellent submissions from

around the world.

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Floral Tribute to the Lexi May Trust Unveiled in Greenhill Gardens

After weeks of hard work, Weymouth Town Council's gardeners have completed this year's charity bedding design in Greenhill Gardens, which is a tribute to the Lexi May Trust.

The Lexi May Trust provides memorable days out for children who have a terminal or life limiting condition living in Dorset, with the logo of the charity being central to the floral design that was designed by Lexi's mum. The crest features a star and a horseshoe, which represents Lexi's love and passion for horse riding. The floral tribute in Greenhill Gardens also includes 10 stars around the outside of the logo, representing the 10th anniversary of the trust.

On Monday 22nd June, Carly Hopkin, Trustee of the Lexi May Trust and Lexi's mother, joined the Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr David Harris, the Friends of Greenhill Gardens and Weymouth Town Council staff, including members of the Greenspaces Team, to celebrate the completed piece.

Within the design, which was overseen by Weymouth Town Council gardener Jamie, are 15,000 individual plants, each complementing one another to create a truly striking and eye-catching feature in these much-loved and popular gardens.

The Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr David Harris said: "It was an honour to meet Lexi's mum Carly, and to hear about the wonderful work of this local charity, who do so much to support young people with terminal illness and life-limiting conditions, including providing memorable and special days out. Carly was amazed at the 15,000 plants in the display and the way Jamie had captured the logo of their charity."

"The charity bedding display in Greenhill Gardens is fantastic, and I would like to thank the gardeners involved in creating such a beautiful tribute. If you are walking through the gardens, please do stop to take a look."

Carly Hopkin added: "The Lexi May Trust are delighted to have been chosen for 2026 Charity garden design."

"The design has captured the logo beautifully. The logo features a horseshoe, as Lexi was a keen horse rider and a star for being the star she was when receiving radiotherapy treatment. The 10 stars surrounding the design represent the 10th year anniversary of supporting families in Dorset and was an added extra by the gardeners. 'The Lexi May Trust would like to thank all involved in their efforts to create such a fitting tribute.'

Proposed 20mph Speed Limits

Have Your Say on Proposals for 20mph Speed Limits in Weymouth

Residents are being asked for their views on proposals for 20mph speed limits across eight areas in Weymouth in a survey which launched on Monday 22nd June.

The focus of the Phase One engagement is on areas around local schools, with the aim of making it safer and easier for children, fami-

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You may not have noticed, but 20th June this year was designated to be an 'Age Without Limits' Day, when we were all expected to take a stand against ageism and '.... help everyone to age without limits.' As Senior Citizens we are no doubt in favour of this, but it does of course ignore the fact that the greatest block to ageing without limits is that our bodies refuse to listen and continue to malfunction, sometimes with increasing severity. But I digress, after only a very few lines.

Apparently, surveys have been carried out which show that about 10% of people have been told that 'old dogs can't learn new tricks' and 20% have been told 'they are too old for something' Though in my considerable experience you are always too old for 'something'. Just watch a baby suck its own toes to know the truth of that. But neither of the two groups surveyed are old enough to be considered real Senior Citizens, according to the five 'Over the Hill' Ages of Senior Citizenship! And, would you believe it, even the words 'Over the Hill' are considered ageist. Along with 'dinosaur', 'stuck in their ways' and 'past their sell by date'. 'Mutton dressed as lamb' is another, but Mrs Barnacle of Wyke was very pleased when she heard that description applied to herself and the new summer outfit she was wearing. Take your compliments where you can get them was her considered opinion. Perhaps you were not aware of the first two 'Age Without Limits' days, presumably held in 2024 and 2025. If you did miss them you are not alone in your ignorance, and it says something about the impact this day has had on all our lives. Not much, if at all, to be precise. This desire to be offended, and as a follow-on, to be recompensed for that offence, is a fairly recent phenomena - or phenomenon, my In-house Adviser suggests, and she is usually correct. In fact, she was the first IA, which Silicon Valley changed to AI to avoid paying her royalties for use of the initials. But I digress again.

There have been some very hot days recently. Not an unusual occurrence with global warming really taking off, and more of

the same are promised. On one of these extra hot days we had decided to drive into Weymouth which was an unwise move - or lack of move as it turned out. Having completed our shopping we were heading home along the Esplanade, roughly opposite where Prof Higgins used to present his Punch and Judy Show on the beach (of which more perhaps, in a future Over the Hill. If you see me, remind me of my promise/threat as my memory isn't what it was, despite the fact that I am ageing without limits). The traffic was jammed almost solid, but it must be said, drivers were good natured and courteous to one another. Anyway, it took us a long, long time to crawl around the King's Statue, on past the two major hotels on the front to the traffic lights at the Clock. Purely by chance the centre pages of our local paper recently showed a photograph taken in the late 1960s, looking down towards Alexandra Gardens. It shows no new loos, there was an Information Office in a sensible spot, the cars were smaller and there were more buses, but the chaos was exactly the same. Perhaps we could have a 'driving without chaos' day?

The French journalist Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr is credited with the French proverb 'plus ça change, c'est la même chose' or 'the more things change, the more they stay the same'. Though you probably didn't need that translation. Watching the New Zealand All Blacks play against France - at rugby, that is - it was remarkable that the English referee Luke Pearce was fluent in French as well as English. A bi-lingual referee was something that would not have been even considered a few years ago. Such things level up the playing field as they say, as neither side can question his decisions impolitely i.e. swear at him, without him fully understanding what they are implying. But I digress once again.

I would like to say very big thank you to everyone who has enquired about my new phone, which was mentioned last month, but won't as nobody has asked about it. However, pleased to say that it is working to my satisfaction - no, that's putting it too strongly, as

no electronic device ever works to my full satisfaction. There's always something that's wrong with them. But it's now not a complete disaster area. Here I will deliberately digress, to show that being right is a family trait of our In-house Advisers. Recently we failed to answer a quiz question in one of our national newspapers which asked 'Who was the King of England said to have been assassinated by a Viking while sitting on the toilet'. Not perhaps a typical quiz question, but on mentioning our failure to answer the question to my Junior In-house Adviser she took up the challenge, worked her way from memory through the decades and the Kings on the throne (pun intended) and pronounced it to be Edmund II, also known as

King Edmund Ironside. We knew this was correct for we had already looked at the quiz answers. Now my Junior In-house Adviser - perhaps ready for promotion to a higher Adviser rank on this showing - was a History Teacher before retiring, but I cannot imagine that the assassination of Royal personages on toilets was a subject much discussed with a thirty plus strong class of today's youngsters. Certainly wouldn't have happened in our day. I could perhaps have saved myself some time if I had asked her for the name of the French journalist, but even she might have been hard pressed to provide any information on the 'Age Without Limits' Days.

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lies and residents to walk, wheel and cycle.

The eight residential areas include Coombe Valley, Littlemoor, Lodmoor South, Radipole, Southill, a Town Centre Extension, and two areas in Wyke Regis, one East of Portland Road, and one West of Portland Road. Residents are also being asked if there are any other areas that should be considered in future phases.

Click here to view and comment on the survey.

Cllr Matt Bell, who put the proposals forward, said: "Gaining the public's feedback on proposals for eight 20mph speed limits in Weymouth is an important first step. In Phase One we are seeking residents' views on eight areas where we believe improvements could be made to road safety, particularly around some of the routes to schools.

'Please take the time to read through the survey details and provide your feedback before it closes on Monday 20th July.'

Following this engagement, areas that receive strong community support will be put forward in a formal application to Dorset Council to consider.

Maps showing the different areas – which focus on residential streets as opposed to main roads – can be viewed in the survey here, and on the Council's website. Hard copies of the survey are also available at libraries and the Town Council's office at The New Town Hall on Commercial Road.

The public are also invited to an informal drop-in session from 6pm on Wednesday 24th June in the Council Chamber at The New Town Hall before Weymouth Town Council's Full Council meeting. Residents will be able to view the maps and copies of the survey will be available to complete.

The survey is live from Monday 22nd June to Monday 20th July, so make your voice heard by completing it.

DCH emergency and medical care rated 'good'

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has rated urgent and emergency care, and medical care, at Dorset County Hospital (DCH) as 'good' following an inspection.

An inspection was carried out at the Dorchester hospital in January 2026 as part of the CQC's continual checks on the safety and quality of services.

Quality and medical leads at DCH are pleased that the hard work of staff to maintain high standards and to make improvements at a time when their services have been under significant ongoing pressure has been recognised by inspectors.

The overall rating for Dorset County Hospital also remains 'good'. Chief Nursing Officer for Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare Dawn Dawson said: "I am delighted that our urgent

and emergency care services and medical care have been rated as 'good' by the Care Quality Commission following their recent inspection.

'The rating reflects the way in which our dedicated, professional, compassionate teams provide safe, high-quality care for our patients. I'm pleased that inspectors recognised the improvements that have already been made, and we will continue to build on this as we work towards opening our new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit next year.'

DCH Chief Medical Officer Rachel Wharton said: "Our teams work incredibly hard in challenging circumstances to manage rising demand and provide the very best care they can to our patients and their families. It's heartening to see that this has been recognised by inspectors.

'We look forward to being able to make further improvements to our facilities and services with the opening of the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit'. The report will be published on Care Quality Commission's website.

Weymouth Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis players in Weymouth are now able to take advantage of newly refurbished courts just in time for Wimbledon.

Weymouth Lawn Tennis Club (WLTC) has unveiled a major re-vamp designed to future-proof the club, boost community participation and protect players' joints – all just in time for the start of the All England Championship in SW19.

The club has given its clubhouse, courts and floodlights a comprehensive upgrades, culminating in the completion of two new TigerTurf courts and an inaugural members' celebration day.

Membership secretary Kala Reid said the changes have transformed the feel of the club on and off court and are aimed squarely at the wider community. She said: "WLTC are thrilled to share that the club has undergone a face lift and upgrade in recent months.

"The clubhouse has been re-decorated, incorporating the already established Wimbledon colour scheme of the outside areas, to continue the theme inside.

She added: 'The new courts, re-vamped Clubhouse & new Floodlights will take the Club for-

ward for our future generations, keeping members fit, active and giving everyone a sense of belonging to a wonderful club.'

On court, the most striking change is the resurfacing of courts three and four with Tiger Turf Advantage Pro artificial grass, along with repainted net posts by maintenance officer Chris Brook.

Kala, who project-managed the scheme alongside Chris and fellow member Martin Bottomley, said the new surface is already proving popular and is central to the club's health-focused vision.

'The biggest and most visible change is the upgrade of courts three and four,' she added.

'The highly recommended surface is gentler on the joints, has a longer lifespan than hard courts and provides a low maintenance surface to play on.'

The TigerTurf surface provides extra cushioning for players and is especially suited to those managing injuries or joint issues.

Tiger Turf Team of Chris Brook, Kala Reid and Martin Bottomley after the inaugural match held on the new courts (Image: Supplied) Kala said: "This surface is particularly good for those suffering an injury or have joint issues and want to return to tennis. All too often hard courts would be too unforgiving when recovering from injury."

The club already runs walking tennis sessions through coach Clive Stow and has a busy junior programme, and hopes the softer courts will keep existing members playing longer and tempt lapsed players – including older residents – back into the game.

The work on the courts has been supported by a £15,000 Movement Grant from Sport England, with the rest of the cost met by the club. The cost of the floodlights were helped with a grant from Low Carbon Dorset worth £12,626.

The club is now inviting the whole community to see the changes for themselves at an open day on Saturday, July 4, from 9.30am to 12.30pm – a chance to celebrate Wimbledon, try the new courts, meet committee members and take advantage of special membership deals.

Libraries New Self Service Kiosks

We are pleased to share some good news with our library cus-

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Memories of St Mary Street Weymouth

By Sue Dodge

Part 2

On the opposite side of the St Mary Street, where Samuals are today, was a small lady's fashion shop called Maryons it sold mainly very smart dresses. Opposite there, was Vincents the Jewellers, [where Next is today] the shop front was painted black, we bought both our engagement and wedding rings from there. Following on down the street was Brigg's another good quality shoe shop, selling Clark's and Start rite shoes when our children were small it was a toss up whether to go there or Jones's up the road.

On the same side came Timothy Whites, today Boots have taken over, again this was a very large shop, selling all sorts of household goods. On the other side of the road opposite was Mac Fisheries, a large marble slab was in the front window covered in fresh fish of all sorts. I think I remember that they used to cover the floor with sawdust, some of the butchers shops did the same. You could always smell the fish as you neared the shop. Further down on the same side was Plummers, as I mentioned before, this again was a large shop which sold all electrical goods, washing machines and television sets etc.

Back across the other side of the road, was the Maypole Grocery shop, situated where Mc. Donald's is today, in the sixties it became one of the first self service store in Weymouth. It was really exciting helping yourself to goods on the shelves, after only being served.

Where Argos is today was Boots, it was long and narrow, inside the door and to the right, a large polished wooden staircase led upstairs to a balcony, this held a lending library. I think you had to pay to take out books. Carrying on through the downstairs as you reached the end of the shop, turning right was a small section where they sold books, also there, was a small door leading into St Alban's Street. Boots and Timothy Whites amalgamated, I am not sure when, probably during the

seventies, the two shops swapped premises, Timothy Whites eventually closed their shops all over the country, but Boots still remain in the old Timothy White's shop today.

Across the road from the old Boot's shop was a clothes shop called Richards, where la Senza is today, it used to sell ladies fashions, very good quality clothes, [we could do with a shop like it in Weymouth today.] for ladies of a certain age!!!!

Next on my list is Bon Marche, [as far as I know nothing to do with the Bon Marche we have today] we are now on the right hand side again, I think this shop was at one time Court's but now the 99p. shop. It was very old fashioned. Downstairs on the left hand side they sold ladies underwear, behind and under the counter used to be drawers, the lady serving would pull them out and put them on the counter for you to see. On the other side of the shop, table cloths, lace curtains, materials, and haberdashery were sold. At the end of the shop was a polished wooden staircase, leading to the upper floor, here they sold children's and lady's fashions. Looking at pictures in a book, Weymouth the Golden Years, on the fascia of Bon Marche it says Edwin Jones, so it appears that they were connected.

We are now getting to the end of St Mary's street, past Bon Marche there were more little shops, a Butcher's shop, fruit shop, Sports shop, Mabbs who were Gentleman's outfitters, and many more.

Talking to other people here are some of the shops that they remember, Freeman Hardy Willis, shoe shop, Fosters, men and boys outfitters, Burton Tailoring, John Collier, Lovell's creameries, International Stores, Coles Chemist, to name but a few.

Such a variety of shops, in many ways I think the town was far more exciting to visit then, than it is today.

Sue



One of numerous Debenhams stores, corner of St Albans Street. c1982



Visionhire and Debenhams, once the Clinton Arcade. c1982



The long-gone Home and Colonial Store which was next to Burton's

tomers. Over the coming weeks, our libraries will be upgrading to new self-service kiosks provided by Bibliotheca. This investment is part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible library service for our communities.

The new kiosks will enable customers to borrow, return and manage their library items.

As with any major system change, there may be a short transition period while our teams install, test and familiarise themselves with the new equipment. During this time, customers may occasionally experience minor delays or temporary disruptions to self-service facilities.

We'd like to thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding while this important upgrade takes place. Library staff will be on hand to provide assistance and answer any questions, and we'll do everything we can to keep any inconvenience to a minimum.

We look forward to welcoming customers to try the new Bibliotheca self-service kiosks and enjoy an improved library experience.

Thank you for bearing with us during the transition, we are excited about the benefits these improvements will bring and appreciate your continued support.

Dorset Council and Litter Free Dorset urge retailers to suspend disposable barbecue sales during extreme heat

Dorset Council and Litter Free Dorset are calling on retailers across Dorset to temporarily halt the sale of disposable barbecues during periods of extreme heat and heightened wildfire risk, helping to protect the county's countryside, heathlands, coast and communities.

The appeal follows increasing concerns about the risk of fires being started by barbecues that are improperly used, discarded while still hot, or placed on flammable ground such as grass, heathland or woodland, especially during the recent heatwave.

Retailers are being encouraged to follow the British Retail Consortium's Voluntary Guidelines for Disposable Barbecues, which recommend that retailers suspend

the sale of disposable barbecues when weather conditions create a significant fire risk.

Dorset's landscapes include internationally important heathlands, nature reserves, farmland and coastal habitats which can become particularly vulnerable during prolonged periods of hot, dry weather. Even a single spark or lingering ember can cause significant damage to wildlife habitats, threaten nearby properties, and put lives at risk.

With the recent period of extreme heat and another on the way this week, it is crucial that this risk is reduced wherever possible.

Councillor Nick Ireland, Dorset Council Leader, said: 'Dorset is home to some of the country's most treasured landscapes and wildlife habitats. During periods of extreme heat, the risk of wildfire increases significantly, and we all have a role to play in reducing that risk.'

'We are asking those retailers who still choose to sell disposable barbecues to do so responsibly by following the British Retail Consortium's voluntary guidelines and temporarily pausing sales when conditions are particularly dangerous. This simple action could help prevent devastating fires and protect Dorset's environment, residents and visitors.'

Emma Teasdale, Litter Free Dorset Coordinator, said: 'Major retailers assure us that they follow the BRC guidelines, but last month we saw amber and red extreme heat warnings issued by the Met Office, and retailers continued to sell disposable barbecues that are clearly a fire risk. We are simply asking them to follow the voluntary guidelines they have already agreed to.'

'With the Fire Severity Index at Very High across much of Dorset – and further heat warnings being issued for the coming days – this is no more than what we should expect from responsible retailers.'

«By working together, retailers, residents and visitors can help reduce fire risk and ensure everyone enjoys Dorset's beautiful outdoor spaces safely.'

The British Retail Consortium's voluntary guidelines encourage retailers to:

Monitor weather conditions and local fire risk warnings.

Suspend sales of disposable barbecues during periods of extreme heat or elevated wildfire risk.

Display fire safety messaging and

guidance for customers.

Work with local authorities and land managers to promote responsible behaviour.

Dorset Council and Litter Free Dorset are also reminding residents and visitors to:

Check local restrictions before using any barbecue.

Never use disposable barbecues on heathland, grassland, in woodland or where signage prohibits them.

Ensure barbecues are fully extinguished and cool before disposal.

Take litter home and dispose of waste responsibly.

Call 999 immediately if a fire is spotted.

The organisations are writing to retailers across Dorset asking for their support and encouraging them to follow the British Retail Consortium's guidance whenever weather conditions indicate an increased wildfire risk.

As warmer summers become more common, collective action from retailers, residents and visitors can play an important role in protecting Dorset's landscapes and wildlife from preventable fires.

Weymouth's Stone Pier undergoes upgrade ahead of peak summer season

Work to rejuvenate and refurbish the railings on Weymouth's Stone Pier is underway, to help keep residents and visitors safe ahead of the busy summer season and for years to come.

Inspections found some sections had deteriorated due to long-term exposure to salt water and harsh coastal weather. In areas where corrosion posed an immediate risk, temporary fencing was installed while repairs are being carried out.

The railings, which run around the full 500-metre pier, are an important safety barrier for everyone who uses it.

Cllr. Jon Andrews, Dorset Council's

Cabinet Member for Place Services, said:

'The Stone Pier is an important part of Weymouth – it is used and enjoyed by residents and visitors all-year round. These repairs are about making sure people can continue to use the pier safely, as well as improving the aesthetics so that the overall experience of the pier is enjoyable for all for many years to come.'

'This project is part of a series of wider regeneration improvements to Weymouth and we can't wait to see how the town progresses and develops.'

Further planned works at the Stone Pier include enhancements to the viewing tower, repairs to concrete benches and resurfacing of the nearby walkway.

Dorset Council has appointed Weymouth-based Weldon Fabrications Ltd to complete the work. The company previously delivered railing improvements along the town's Esplanade.

Work began on 6 May 2026 and is being completed in stages of around 50 metres at a time. This enables the pier to remain open and allow public access to the pier whilst the work is ongoing. Work has been completed along the north wall (harbour-facing side), and the section around the end of the Pier will be complete by mid-July. Work will then continue along the south wall (sea-facing).

While the council aims to finish the work before the peak summer period, the exposed location means progress can be affected by changing weather conditions. Once complete, the refurbished railings are expected to last another 20 to 30 years with regular maintenance, helping to reduce future disruption and protect this well-used area.

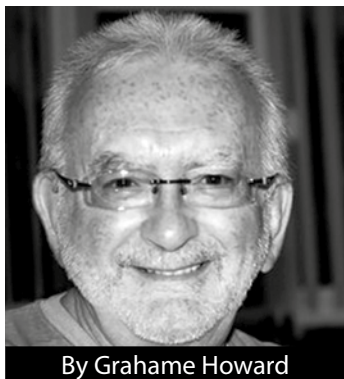
The Stone Pier work is being funded by the harbour, which is owned by Dorset Council.

This is to ensure it is structurally sound as a sea-defence and it keeps the harbour safe for the public.

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Old and newly painted railings at Weymouth's Stone Pier



By Grahame Howard

Some like it Hot

Well, I must say that I feel a lot better than I did last month, following my bout of Pneumonia. I came out of hospital and entered heatwaves that we have not had since around 1976. Now, I love the heat. Being born in the month of July, I'm acclimatised to it. Like my title for this piece says, 'Some like it Hot.' However, others don't. I must say though, this heat was out of sync to normality.

However, I did get caught out. As I was told to rest, I sat in the garden on a swing chair reading, with the CO waiting on me hand and foot serving me drinks and all of the delights of summer. No, stop there, I lied about that last bit, that was in my dreams; she brought me one drink and that was it. Typical. Here was I, having been through the wars of Pneumonia and I'm treated in such a way as that. She did call me 'her little thin bloke' as I had lost some weight and she could hardly call me 'my little fat bloke' like normal. So that was something I suppose. Anyway, I was telling you that I got caught out. I failed to take in the extreme heat and was sunburnt on my forehead, even though I had cream all over me. The problem was, our swing chair is getting on a bit now and the canopy no longer exists - not for us anyway. It may for whoever found it after a very windy night where it was torn off the frame and took flight, to where I don't know. I checked with our neighbours but they hadn't seen it. It was a mystery. Perhaps it may have blown into your garden, I mean it was a gale force wind so it may have ended up in Ireland. But if you did see a green canopy fly into your garden, please return it to us.

Anyway, this was the reason I was sunburnt on my forehead, but it gets worse. Please bear in mind that I had been in hospital and was suffering the effects of medication. This was the reason that I put Germolene on a very

sore spot in the middle of my forehead, leaving me with a scab within 3/4 days that made me look rather like I had been shot between the eyes. Don't laugh, it can happen, even to super intelligent people such as I. It was a simple mistake; yes it should have been a soothing After Sun Cream, I know, but I am nearly 40, well close anyway. I don't want to hear any rude remarks such as 'Look there's the little thin bloke with a scabby head' such as the CO's comments became.

Anyway, let me remind you that Christmas is not far away now. I know this for a fact because I saw a lorry drive by with Santa Claus on the top of the cab. Now I'm not saying it was the actual Santa because the lorry was going too fast but, it looked very much like him. So this proves that he is getting prepared for the event. So I felt it my duty to remind you. How old is Santa anyway? That is your task for this month. He must be getting on a bit but he looks remarkably well every time we see pictures of him. It was just a thought and I know that some of you will be able to come up with his age. Send your answers into the office.

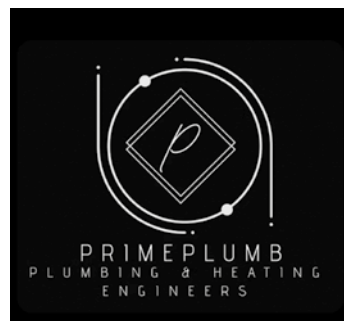
Changing the subject, has anyone used one of these new super-duper grass cutting machines yet? I bought one. Initially, it seemed ok, that is until I turned it on, then it went overboard. On the adverts, you can see smiling models using this cordless contraption as if it was the greatest thing in the world. For me, it was a nightmare. The one I bought was a four in one where it cuts the grass with plastic blades. That is not too bad, The next tool I tried was a very rough metal rather like a heavy Brillo pad. It did the job of cutting the weeds, if you could keep it in one place. However the flipping thing has a mind of its own, going in every direction except where you want it to go. Then there were two metal blades and two cylindrical saw blades. I've not used these yet and probably never will. The only plus is the machine is cordless. The downside is, the tools keep flying off the machine no matter how tight the nut is. It's not good and I certainly wasn't smiling like the models were, it was more like a scowl.

What with all of the TV channels blocked up with Wimbledon and the World Cup, it is difficult to find any other relaxing programs to watch. Most are repeats on

BBC 1 and I'm certain the news will be repeats soon as well. It is thought quite refreshing to have these sports to watch and release some pent up energy by screaming for your team or at the referee for ignoring a certain foul. It does help to get rid of some frustration. Even the CO was getting involved watching England play and became very loud when we suffered fouls. I put it down to the Peroni's she

was drinking at the time. I was content with water. The CO has just directed me to tell you that I'm not only a little thin bloke with a scab between my eyes that make me look like I've been shot, I'm also a little liar. See you next time

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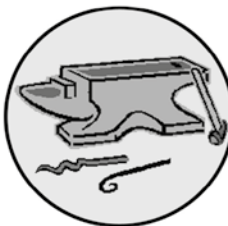
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Maureen Morris (01305) 835533.

Preston Village Hall

Julie Witt, Booking Secretary, Preston Village Hall, Weymouth, Dorset prestonvillagehallweymouth@gmail.com. 07742 636511.

New Weymouth Ridgeway Team Ministry Newsletter

If you would like to receive news and information about what is happening in our churches please contact me on: weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or 01305 837147.

Ridgeway Churches Diary Special Events

Tuesday 4th August

Knit & Natter

St Francis' Church, Littlemoor Every Tuesday 10.30am-12.00pm

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston Every 1st Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm

Thursday 6th August

Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group

9.30am-11.30am Every Thursday St Francis' Church, Littlemoor £1.50

Saturday 8th August

Coffee, Cake & Chat

10am-12pm Every 2nd Saturday St Osmund's Church, Osmington £3 per head

Monday 10th August

Angel's Lunch Club

12.30pm Every 2nd Monday St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. (suggested donation of £7 per head) Contact 01305 834866

No Lunch Club in August

Osmington Lunch Club

12.15pm for 12.30pm Every 3rd Friday Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

The Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund Rector: Revd John Mackenzie Assistant Curate: Revd Ash Liddington www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk

You will find a warm welcome at our friendly and inclusive churches: All Saints, Portland Road, and St Edmund's, Lanehouse Rocks Road. We also have a close relationship to Holy Trinity Church on the Weymouth harbourside.

All Saints Church DT4 9ES Churchwardens: Alison Rimmer, Leslie Seamark

The church is open daily for visitors and prayer from 9.00am.

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

1st Sunday of the month, 9.30am: Café Church – Tea, coffee and toast from 9.30am onwards.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 9.30am: Sung Communion, followed by refreshments. 4th Sundays, 11.15am to noon: Ignite, our new service for all ages, followed by refreshments.

4th Sundays, 6.30pm: Joint Evensong, location alternates between All Saints and Holy Trinity Church. 5th Sundays: Joint Service with St Edmund's. Location alternates between All Saints and St Edmund's.

Morning Prayer

9.00am Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 9.30am Saturday Fridays 10.30am: Holy Communion (said), followed by refreshments. Coffee Mornings 10.00am: 3rd Saturday of the

month (see dates below).

St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ Churchwarden: Caro Elliott; Deputy Churchwarden: Amy Roff

Sundays

1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 11.00am: Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with Service of the Word. 2nd Sundays: Ignite, our new service for all ages, followed by a light lunch.

5th Sundays: Joint service with All Saints. Location alternates between All Saints and St Edmund's.

Thursdays

1.00pm–3.00pm: Little Saints Baby and Toddlers Group (during term time). Bring along your children, grandchildren or Godchildren and meet up with others. All welcome. Contact Amy on 07397 805124 if you would like to know more.

Coffee Mornings

10.00am – midday, last Saturday of each month (see dates below).

Hall Hire

Have an event in need of a venue? St Edmund's beautiful church hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Send enquiries to office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk, or contact Amy on 07397 805124 for more information.

The Parish of Wyke Regis works with local schools, charities and other organisations. We offer many opportunities for people of all ages to come together, such as men's breakfasts, walking groups, craft groups, as well as chances to learn to sing and ring the bells; all of which help towards combatting loneliness and isolation.

www.registermagazine.co.uk

Contact Us

If you want to get in touch, contact us via email: office@parishof-wykeregis.org.uk, or call us on 01305 784649.

Regular parish activities

All welcome. Get in touch beforehand, or just come along and join in!

Art Group – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

Bell Ringing – Weekly practices for ringers of all ages. Contact Michael Dillistone on 01305 784902.

Book Group – Meets quarterly. Next meeting: 4th August. Churchyard Working Group – All Saints: 1st Tuesday in the month; St Edmunds: 3rd Tuesday in the month. If you're interested, please come along armed with gardening gloves and wellies!

Choir Practice – All Saints, 6.00pm on Friday. Contact Derek Griffin on 01305 772873.

Circle of Friends Lunch – Lynch Lane Garden Centre. 12.00 noon, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 5th August.

Craft Group – 10.00am on Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly.

Poetry Corner – Meets quarterly.

Singing for Fun – 3rd Tuesday in the month, 2.00pm, All Saints

Church.

Walking Group – meets at Binckleaves Green on Mondays at 10.00am.

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's Church Hall

Fancy a chat over a full English Breakfast? (other options available) Every 2nd Saturday in the month, 9.00am to 11.00am, next on 8th August. For more information and to book your breakfast contact Ian Cox: iancoxart@yahoo.com

Coming Events

All Saints Church Ale

Saturday 15th August 2.00pm-5.00pm
All Saints Wyke Regis presents its annual Church Ale festival, an afternoon of fun for all the family. Featuring: Bar and BBQ, kids' games and activities, Fairtrade and book stalls, churchyard and tower tours, teddy bear zipwire and more. Entry Free!

St Edmund's Coffee Mornings

Saturday 25th July and 29th August 10.00am-12 noon.
Teas, coffees and home-made cakes (GF available). Books, CDs, jigsaw puzzles, and a chance to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

Friends of Weymouth Peace Garden

The Garden was originally a Quaker burial ground and is now a calm, tranquil space enjoyed by local people and visitors alike throughout the year.

Situated on the Nothe, next to the Nothe Tavern, unless the weather is bad, volunteers meet every Saturday

morning for a gardening working party for 2-3 hours from around 10.15. to approximately lunchtime, with coffee/chat break part way through. It is informal, friendly and new volunteers are welcomed. Gardening expertise is not necessary, enthusiasm and interest are more important.

Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Weymouth

We are an inclusive church, come as you are, we welcome you all.

The Harbourside Church

Trinity Road Weymouth DT4 8TJ

Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

<https://www.holytrinityweymouth.org>

Face book: Holy Trinity Weymouth with St Nicholas

Sunday 8am - Said Communion service (in the Lady Chapel)

Sunday 10am - Sung Communion service (in the main space)

1st Sunday 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start - Open Table - Inclusive service for LGBTQIA+ friends, families and allies (in the main space)

Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

Tuesdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway.
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Upwey
Wednesdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer with Communion	Broadway
Thursdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway
	10.00am	The Holy Eucharist	Broadway
	10.45am	Coffee Morning	Broadway
Fridays	8.45am	The Angelus with Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer with communion	Broadway
Saturdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway

Methodist Churches in Weymouth

Churches are available for baptisms, marriages (including same sex marriages at Weymouth Bay) and funerals.

Sunday Morning Services

10.30am Chickerell, North Square, DT3 4DX

10.30am Lanehouse, Lynch Lane, DT4 9DL

10.30am Weymouth Bay, 32 Melcombe Avenue, DT4 7TH

Sunday Evening Services

6.30pm Weymouth Bay, normally 2nd Sunday in month.

Worship information in available at www.dsw.church

Church Activities

Chickerell

Craft and Chat – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2.00pm

Craft and Sew – 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7.00pm

Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

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Weymouth Bay

Wednesday

10.00am Coffee Morning – all welcome, tea, coffee, cakes, books and jigsaws to borrow or swap

10.30am Grace Notes, informal singing group for all abilities

2.00pm CAMEO, women's group meets fortnightly

5.00pm Miscellany Band for anyone who plays a musical instrument

Thursday

2.00pm Bible study Group

First Friday in the month

2.00pm Dementia Café for people with dementia and their carers

Last Saturday in the month

9.00am Garden Gang

Rooms are available for hire, all enquiries to weybay@yahoo.com or 01305 457510.

Weymouth Family Church

14 Westham Road, Weymouth DT4 8NP. <http://weymouthfamilychurch.org.uk/>

Sunday 10.30am-12.00

Main meeting. At least twice a month, we share in the Lord's Supper, remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross and declaring it until He comes again, deepening our union with Him.

Monday 10.30am-12.00

Coffee morning with the opportunity to learn Makaton sign language, open to all.

Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Craft evening. Join us for some craft activity and enjoy a chat and a cuppa.

Thursday 10.30am-12.00.

Coffee morning, open to all.

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The Floods of July 1955

On 18 July 1955, Dorset experienced a very rare and severe thunderstorm; a thunderstorm so severe it was one of the largest to have ever occur in England. It recorded the highest amount of rainfall in a 24 hour period, which has only recently been exceeded in 2009 during the Cockermouth floods. The resulting floods affected many communities in Dorset.

In Osmington Mills, this very rare event caused water to run off the land causing a dam to burst. This resulted in water sweeping down the valley; flooding properties, washing away bridges and widening the channel. For one resident living in a property next to the stream, they thought "It was the end of the world", as they took refuge on the first floor and saw trees being washed upright down the valley.

Flooding like this is very rare; but there are many narrow steep-sided valleys in Dorset where, after very heavy rainfall, water levels can increase very quickly.

In Weymouth, Prim Hughes recalled to the Broadway and Upwey Historical Society the moment the floods hit " During the afternoon of Monday 18 July 1955 it got very, very dark. By 4.00pm it was as dark as night and the rain started falling, continuing until about 7.30pm. Army lorries went

up through Church Street shouting out 'don't worry if it gets any worse we're all ready on Dorchester Road to evacuate you. Children thought it was quite exciting."

Rose Amey's farther one of many locals who went out to rescue people caught in the floods. "Father was friendly with the people who ran the Chipperfield's fun-fair. When the flood happened he pushed our small rowing boat up under the railway bridge to help rescue the women and children. For several days our house was full to the brim with people. The men at the fair stayed behind for a while to make the place secure and to rescue what they could. They had a monkey in a cage in the middle of the fair. They left it there, the rumour being that the takings from the fair were kept in the bottom of the cage. The monkey was not the most friendly animal and only the fair workers could enter the cage safely."



Park Street July 1955



Chipperfields Fairground With Radipole Lake in the background July 1955



Above: Photos of the Osmington Stream flood of 1955

The Environment Agency give four simple steps that will help you stay safe if you are involved in a flood.

Step 1 – Be aware

- Listen for weather warnings and flood alerts on Wessex FM 96 and 97.2 FM, Heart Solent 96-107 FM and BBC Solent 103.8 FM.

Step 2 – Move to a safe place

Try to seek shelter in a safe place. If there are no buildings to shelter in, and it is safe to do so, move to higher ground away from the flow of water.

Step 3 – Do not walk or drive through floodwater.

Most injuries and deaths are caused during a flood happen

when people try to cross a water-course on foot or in a vehicle.

- It takes only 15cm (6 inches) of fast flowing water to knock over an adult
- There may be other dangers in the water including rubble, vegetation and exposed drains
- It takes less than 60cm (2 feet) of water to lift and wash away a car

Step 4 – Stay safe

Be patient and try to stay dry, warm and calm.

For more information on preparing for flooding please visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk

New manifesto sets out what rural and coastal areas need to unlock growth

Britain's Leading Edge has launched a new manifesto setting out how rural and coastal areas can help deliver some of the UK's biggest priorities, including economic growth, clean energy, food security, defence and climate resilience.

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ture, strategic industries and environmental resilience. With the right policy support and investment, they can do even more to strengthen the UK's economy and long-term resilience.

It also sets out why change is needed. Too often, national policy and investment have focused on cities and large urban areas, even though rural and coastal places face their own pressures and have their own strengths. These include higher infrastructure costs, weaker transport and digital links, pressure on housing and extra challenges in delivering services across large rural areas.

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in rural areas, and policies that fully reflect the role these places can play in growth, energy security, food resilience and net zero.

The manifesto also sets out a shared commitment from member councils to work with government, parliamentarians and partner organisations to help unlock opportunity, improve quality of life and support more balanced growth across the country.

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Dorset residents given more choice and control with expanded care funding offer

Residents across Dorset are to have more choice and flexibility in how their care and support is arranged as Dorset Council expands its Individual Service Funds offer from 1 July.

Individual Service Funds are effectively 'personal care budgets'. They allow people to choose an accredited provider to hold and organise their funding, giving them more control over how their support is delivered without having to manage the payments themselves.

From July, residents who choose this option will be able to select

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Advertorial

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from a much wider range of providers, with the council increasing the number available from 6 to around 40. This will make it easier for people to find support that fits their needs, goals and daily lives.

The approach focuses on helping people live more independently and stay connected to their communities. For example, people can choose to pool some of their support funding with others to take part in shared activities, build friendships and thus reduce loneliness.

The new arrangements also allow people to tailor support around changing needs. Funding can also be set aside for short periods and used when it is most needed, offering more flexibility for people whose circumstances fluctuate.

Individual Service Funds were in-

troduced under the Care Act as a way of delivering personalised care. Dorset Council has been using them since 2016, and the expanded offer builds on what has worked well, while improving choice and consistency across the county.

The changes also encourage greater use of local community groups and charities, helping people get more value from their support while strengthening community connections.

Cllr. Steve Robinson, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, said:

"This is a genuinely exciting expansion of our support work and is a direct outcome of our core ambition of 'Communities for All'. We all want to feel that we have control over the things that hap-

pen to us and everyone's needs and circumstances are different. This new development gives people real choice in how their care works for them; it gives them more control over their day to day lives without the added stress of managing the money themselves. It also opens up more opportunities to get involved in community activities and build connections with others.

'For many residents, especially working age adults, this can make a real difference to independence, wellbeing and quality of life.'

One example of how flexible support can work in practice is at Tumbledown Farm in Weymouth, a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, run as an inclusive community space. Individual Service Funds can be

used to spend time at sessions at Tumbledown Farm, which offers opportunities to grow food, learn new skills, volunteer and spend time outdoors in a supportive environment.

Residents interested in Individual Service Funds can speak to their care team or provider to find out if the option is right for them.

News From Citizens Advice

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Let cool air in

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Keep the sunshine out

One of the most effective (and low cost) ways of keeping your home cool is to close your curtains or blinds on the side of the house where the sun is shining. Keep windows on all sides closed when it's warmer outside than it is inside.

Use a fan

Fans help circulate the air and create a breeze making your surroundings feel more pleasant. They are cheap to use - generally costing less than 2p an hour to run. If the temperature is cooler outside, putting a fan by an open window can help draw fresh air into your home.

Escape the heat altogether

If things get really unbearable, you might want to consider heading to the nearest air conditioned building

- perhaps a leisure centre or local library - to escape the heat.

Long-term, insulation can help

Energy efficient homes are easier to keep comfortable year-round. A well-insulated property can help prevent unwanted heat from entering during the summer, while retaining warmth during the winter. So, if your home tends to overheat - consider:

Improving your property's wall and roof insulation

Replacing windows - especially with 'low-emissivity' glass

Ensuring the property is well ventilated

Installing window shutters to provide external shading

Adding solar panels, which can be helpful if you tend to use more electricity for cooling fans and/or air conditioning

You may be entitled to help with paying for improvements to make your property more energy efficient.

Check the 'energy' pages of the Citizen's Advice website for information about the schemes and grants that might be available.

New manifesto to unlock growth

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Organisations

Accordion Club

Every Tuesday 7.30pm. St Ann's Schoolroom, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. £3.00 includes tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information please email or call Graham. gacrow1907@googlemail.com. 07733367065.

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Exercise in the water with a smile. Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Osprey Leisure Centre. All abilities welcome. Margaret on 07977191547.

Beachview Community Centre,

Beachview Close, Wyke Regis, DT4 9JA. My Place Dorset run a lunch club, every Friday from 12.00. Please call Michelle Wilson to pre book on 07920 428039.

Baby and Toddler Group

0-4 years. St Edmunds Church Hall, Lanehouse Rocks Road, DT4 9HZ. 1.00pm-3.00pm during term time. Free fun, singing, crafts. Please contact Amy on 07397 805124 if you are interested.

Blind & Partially Sighted

Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm Weymouth Community Safety Centre, Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jenny Clift . 01305 787065.

Breathe Well Weymouth

A support group for people with lung problems. Meet 2nd Wednesday of the month. 2.30pm - 4.30pm at The New Fire and Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Mike on 07792846463 or 01305 814600.

Busy Bees

Friendly stitch and craft group meets alternate Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm in Upwey. For more information contact Joy on 0774 230 5841.

Community Angels

Volunteer Support- Do you need neighbourly help or could you volunteer to help someone? Please 'phone 01305 834866 for more information.

The Cygnet Group

Third Saturday in the month, St Paul's Church Hall, Abbotsbury Road, 10.00am-12 noon. For more details Eve Hanney 01305 787220 or Joan Savage 01305 820668.

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

Coffee and Chat Meetings, Jacksons' Gallery in Fortunswell, Portland every second Thursday 10.30 - 11.30am. Suttons' Coffee Shop, St Albans St, Weymouth. On the 4th Thursday each month

Dorset Kidney Fund

Support for Renal Patients throughout Dorset and South Somerset. For help and information please call Diana Crowder on 01305 834954 or Sue Bithell on 01305 269293.

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

Aim to protect, maintain and improve the Park for all to enjoy. We have tree

trails, gym equipment, a children's playground all free and we hold events such as Sparkle in the Park, table top sales and Pic-a-Book-Nic. Contact 01305 770772

Friends of Weymouth Library

Supports and promotes our Library. Talks, socials, book sales, knit & natter and quizzes all raise money for Library activities. Membership £6 pa. 01305 750557 friendsofweymouthlibrary.org.uk

Hardy Quilters and Stickers

Meet on the second Monday of the month (not July or August) 9.30am to 12.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Hall Merredin Close Littlemoor DT3 6SB. Contact. chantaldavid1@gmail.com

Island Voices Community Choir

Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (in term-time). Peter Trim Hall, St George's Centre, Reforne, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linksup9@gmail.com or 01305776328.

Ladies Keep Fit

Exercise to music classes for the mature mover. We have a few vacancies at the Southill Community centre on Thursday mornings 9.45am till 10.45am. Please contact Linda 889119. Try the first class free.

Ladies Social Badminton

Players needed for ladies badminton group. Friendly group, social games, not league. Meet Tuesdays at Redlands Sports Hub. Details Rosemary 01305 832456

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

Mondays in school term time, 2pm - 3.30pm at the Frank Reynolds Community Centre, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email. elizabeth.ian.messer@gmail.com

Littlemoor Library

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10.00 - 17.00
Wednesday: 10.00 - 17.00
Thursday: 12.00 - 18.00
Friday: 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00
Sunday: Closed
Return items at any time through the letterbox by the library entrance door. The library holds the following:
Writing group every Monday at 10.00am
Rhymetime every Tuesday at 10.30am
Cuppa and company every Thursday 2.30pm. Councillor Surgery drop in first Saturday of the month at 10.00am to 11.00am. Police Community Support Officer drop in second Thursday of the month 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Reminiscence is the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

Mulberry Bush Pre-school

At St Andrew's School. Children. 2 years 9 months to school age. Contact jjones@standrews.dsat.org.uk

Osmington Archery Club

We meet one afternoon a week in the Village Hall throughout the year. Sometimes in better weather in the summer we shoot on private ground at Milborne St Andrew. Please phone 01305 833460 for further details.

Osmington Art Group

We meet each Thursday afternoon in term time at Osmington Village Hall from 2.00pm till 4.00pm. Bring your own art, whatever it is, and draw, paint, collage, in a relaxed atmosphere and pause for tea and cake or biscuits (and a natter), at half time. Phone Sheila 01305833150 or email sheilaedmonds@hotmail.com.

Osmington Leisure

Table Tennis is held on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

Osmington Lunch Club

The club is now meeting on the third Friday of the month. A two course meal is available with a glass of wine for only £8.50. Guests arrive at Osmington Village Hall at 12.15 for lunch to be served at 12.30. To book a place phone Fran on 832430 or 07817825527.

Osmington Village Hall

07387 118300 osmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com. www.osmingtonvillagehall.co.uk.

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

All Saints, Portland Road, 01305 78464 info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk
Every Friday at All Saints. 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee.
Sundays at All Saints. Possible 8.00am Said Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy Communion. First Sunday in month - Café Church.
St Edmund's, Lane House Rocks Road. Alternate weeks, Holy Communion or Service of the Word. 11am
Mother and Toddlers at St Edmund's. 1pm - 3pm
Please check our block of parish activities elsewhere in magazine.

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

Every Thursday morning St Andrews Church Rooms, Preston 9.00 and 12.30 for beginners and advanced, men and women. cmpilates@live.co.uk

Preston Pre-school

Where learning is fun, in a free flowing environment indoors and outdoors. Children from 2 years. Funded places available.
Monday - Friday 8.45am to 2.45pm
For more information, phone 07826515321, e-mail prestonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk or simply come and visit us during our opening times.

Preston Table Tennis Club

Wednesdays 7.00pm and 9.00pm, Westfield School, Littlemoor Road. Contact Mick Hogan. E-mail. prestonttc@gmail.com

Preston Pantomime Group

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall. New members

welcome from age 14 upwards. Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

Meet Osprey Quay for various rowing sessions during the week and weekends and are open to all from 11yrs and over. For more information, www.portlandgigrowingclub.co.uk

Repair Cafe Weymouth

Volunteers repair broken items in return for a donation. Events are on the second Saturday of the month from 10.30am - 12.30pm, except July and August. Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E.repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.00pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from Graeme at graemedickson1@aol.com

Social Badminton Players Needed

Friendly groups, non league, Redlands Community and Leisure Centre. Ladies Doubles 10 to 11am Tuesdays Mixed Doubles 9 to 10.30am Fridays Details - Rosemary 01305 832456

South Dorset Caledonian Society

Friendly Scottish Country Dancing including popular Ceilidh dances. Mondays, Preston Village Hall. 3.45pm - 5.45pm £3 inc Tea and Coffee. No partner required, wear soft shoes. Email frank@southdorsetcaledonians.org or phone Frank and Marilyn 01305 835075.

South Dorset Radio Society

We meet on the second Friday of the month, Weymouth West Scout Hall, Granby Close, DT4 0SR from 7.30. www.HamRadioSouthDorset.com, E. stuartvanstone@btinternet.com

South Dorset Ramblers Group

Guided walks for our members throughout Dorset, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Taster walks available. www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/south-dorset-group

Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

St Aldhelms Church Centre Spa Road on the 3rd Friday of the month talks commence at 2.30 pm, preceded by tea or coffee. John on 01305 776008.

South Dorset Woodcarving Club

South Dorset Woodcarving Club Tuesdays, 7 - 9pm - Upwey Old School Hall, Church Lane, Upwey, DT3 5EQ Contact - Jordi 07368 360908. Find us on Facebook. email. southdorsetwoodcarvingclub8@gmail.com

Southill Short Mat Bowls Club

Meet at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Mondays 2.00pm and Wednesdays 2.00pm & 7.00pm. First 3 lessons free, then £4 per session. Tui-

tion given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

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The Armed Forces Charity
All enquiries to. 020 4566 9131.

Start your Memoir Courses

Are you ready to write down your memories? Events of your life? What you know of your ancestors? Create a record of your life (or even a book) for your grandchildren and generations to come? To find out more, contact writer Sheena on sheenadeerness51@gmail.com or 07875 842399.

Sutton Poyntz Venue

Hire £10 an hour - meetings, clubs, celebration, performances.
Book the Mission Hall - 01305 835533.
Information suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

The Light Spiritualist Church

Preston Village Hall, Preston Road, Weymouth. DT3 6BH. Sunday Services 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Tel 07483 811516.

Walk and Talk Group

A new Walk and Talk group for Cross Road Surgery Patients.
A volunteer led walk to Sandsfoot gardens (Rodwell Trail) every Mon meeting 2.00pm at Cross road surgery car park (no parking).
Contact abigailwring@btinternet.com 01305784986 or reception Cross Road surgery.

Watercolour Art Classes

Thursdays, 1-3, Broadway and Upwey Memorial Hall. Starting September 7th. Call Jan 07746 871134 for more info.

Weldmar Hospicecare Shops

Wyke Regis.- 82 Portland Road, Tel 788369. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm.
Weymouth -71 St Thomas Street. Tel. 783523. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Sun 10am-4pm.
59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.
10 Hardwick Street. Tel. 777774.
Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm
Weymouth Outlet
Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Estate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel. 770760. Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Wellworthy Bowls Club

Dumbarton Road, Wyke Regis. FREE Saturday Open Mornings, 10.00am-12 noon. Every week all year round. Come and try your hand at bowls. Wear flat-bottomed shoes. Range of bowls available. Help & guidance provided. Contact: Carol on 07817393178.

Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

New members welcome to our friendly mixed ability group. Tuesdays 9.30am-12.00pm, Southill Community Centre, £2 weekly. Our annual Exhibi-

tion is the 2nd Tuesday in November 10.00am-4.00pm. Browse or buy. Free entry, parking & refreshments.

Weymouth Astronomy Club

7.30pm second Friday each month St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, New members welcome. www.weymouthastronomy.co.uk

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Welcomes serving and veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm.
We meet at 7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month at the Weymouth & Melcombe Regis Working Men's Club, DT4 8BT.
Contact the branch secretary at email: faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com. Facebook "Weymouth & Portland Branch FAA Association" <https://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/fleet-air-arm-association-weymouth-branch>

Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman. wpasac@gmail.com

Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church

WI Hall, Gallwey Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Weymouth Carers Group

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Bethany Hall, Westham Road, next to Wilko. For more information 07766 529297 and leave a message with contact details.

Weymouth Choral Society

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Monday 7.30 to 9.30pm during term time. You can join at any time of the year. www.weymouthchoralsociety.org uk info@weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk or Fiona Webb 0775946116 fionavwebb@gmail.com

Weymouth Drama Club

For adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week. For enquiries for our youth section, please email wdccurtainraisers@gmail.com and for our Adult section, please email wdcsecretary25@gmail.com. www.weymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

Beavers - Friday 5.30 - 6.30
Cubs - Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00
Scouts - Friday 7.00 - 9.00
Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00
Brownies - Thursday 5.00 - 6.15
weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane

weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com - volunteers welcome
Waiting List - weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com
Squirrels aged 4 to 6. Mon - 5.30 to 6.30pm
Beavers aged 6 to 8. Wed - 5.30 to 6.45pm & Fri 6.00 to 7.15pm.
Cubs aged 8 to 10½. Tue & Thur - 6.00 to 7.30pm.
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½. Mon & Wed - 7.00 to 9.00pm.
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, Tue & Thur 7.45 to 9.30pm.

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

New Venue Now Meeting at the Holy Trinity School, Cross Road, Weymouth. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Meetings held usually 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting & Dec meeting on the 2nd Thursday).

Wemouth Spiritual Awareness Centre

Join us at Pilgrim House (Hope Square)
Sunday Service 6pm for 6.15pm
Friday Healing & Readings 2.00pm-4.00pm
Contact Shelley 07884943242

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Trading Post Openings. Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm; Wed 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Annual Membership £10 may be taken out at our shop during opening times. www.wrhs.org.uk

Wyke Regis Community Association

Email. wrca@btconnect.com
www.WykeRegisCommunityAssociation.co.uk or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WykeRegisCommunityAssociation/

Wyke Regis Library

Monday 12.00 noon - 6.00pm
Wednesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Throughout each month, we also hold a number of free group events in the library.
Scrabble - the 1st Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.
Knit and Natter - the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.
All ages Chess - Mondays - 4.15 - 5.45.

Rhyme Time - Wednesdays - 2.15-2.45.
Lego Club - Wednesdays - 3.15 - 4.15.
Cuppa and Company - Thursdays - 10.30 - 12.30.
Reading Friends - the 2nd Friday of every month - 10.30 - 12.30.
Learn to Crochet - every Saturday - 11.15 - 12.45.

Wyke Regis Pre-School

Shrubbery Lane, Wyke Regis. Tel 789222. Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm. Term time only. 2 years 9 months until school age.

Wyke Regis Medical

Portland Road, Wyke Regis - 782226
Surgery hours - Monday - Friday - 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

Wyke Regis Nursery

Shrubbery Lane. A safe, secure, relaxed and friendly environment, offering high quality provision (led by qualified teachers). Nursery housed within Wyke Regis Infant School. Monday - Friday 8.45am - 3.15pm. Term time only. From 3 years. For more information tel. 01305 782470 or email us at info@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

Wyke Regis Society

www.wykeregissociety.org.uk
Meetings second Monday every other month, 7.00pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or georgina.skipper@gmail.com

Wyke Ukedelics

Non-profit group of musicians who gig to keep our members and equipment from wear and tear, available for functions. Dave 07980 32221 or Clare 07837 307932.

Wyke Regis WI

General meetings are at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT49AJ. The various interest groups meet at regular times during the month, details on our website. For more information contact us. 07719312901. Email. secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk
www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi
www.wykeregiswi.org.uk

Yoga

Sutton Poyntz. Small groups at our home studio on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also Chair Yoga (a standing and seated practice) at the Mission Hall on Wednesday mornings. Contact Isabelle on 07970 772963 and Lea on 07973 268836.

Yoga JAX

Thursday mornings 10.30 - 11.30 Hope Redemer Church, Trinity Street, off Hope Square, Weymouth. Basic Vinyasa yoga, gentle, restoring, traditional. Phone 07543 627944.

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