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## National Trust South Dorset Association

**Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 2.30pm 'The Story of the Mulberry Harbours' by Lieutenant Colonel (ret'd) James Porter. St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW. Bus no 10 from Dorchester.**

NTSDA members £4 Visitors £5 (includes refreshments/no need to book in advance).

Thursday 19th February 2026 at 2.30pm 'Pirates: The Origins and the Truth' by Richard Hutley.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW. Bus no 10 from Dorchester.

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## Preston Village Market and Coffee Morning

**Our first market of the year will be held on Saturday 7th February in St Andrew's Church Rooms DT3 6BU, 10.00am-12.30pm.**

Come and see what we have on offer and enjoy our delicious refreshments. This time we are supporting the following charities: Help And Care Dorset. Supporting people to live the lives they choose with Dignity, Autonomy and Support.

St Andrew's Church Fund. Supporting the Community.

Free entry but donations to our chosen charities would be most appreciated.

## Sunday Afternoon Music at St Andrews Church Rooms

**Listening to live music on a Sunday afternoon has proved to be a very popular and hugely successful formula at St Andrews Church Rooms in Preston. Booked to perform at the venue on February 8th starting at 3.00pm and back by popular demand is local legend Ken Watkins.**

Since moving to our area over 50 years ago few of us would not have heard Ken playing in a diverse range of venues that have included countless pubs, the Weymouth Pavilion and busking in the streets. Together with his trademark wit and warm humour the audience will be entertained with a rich and electric mix of songs

bought to life by instruments including guitar and banjo giving a thoroughly entertaining experience. The afternoon will follow the same popular formula as other Sunday afternoon events held at St Andrews Church Rooms.

Tickets are priced at £15 that includes tea/coffee and delicious homemade cakes and scones. You are welcome to bring your own drinks, but please also bring your own glasses.

For bookings and more information contact Shirley Mitchell, The Church Rooms, Preston DT3 6BU Telephone 01305 837147 on weekdays between 10.00 am and 2.00pm, by Email to weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or by telephoning Alex Sissons 07801 820722.

Not only can we promise you a great afternoon you will also be helping in raising much needed funds for the church. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



## Southill Gardening Club

**For our February meeting James Bennett will be talking about the formation of Bennetts Water Gardens. Set over eight acres, these Chickerell gardens are home to the National Plant Collection of Water Lillies.**

James will be talking about the origin of the gardens and their development to the current day. The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are wel-

## News

### Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

**The annual Seed Swap takes place on February 14th. Non members are welcome. Come along and have a look around to see what we offer, have a drink and chat to fellow gardeners. Seed potatoes are in stock and plenty of seeds to start off for summer.**

The Clubhouse in Rylands Lane will be open on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership is £10 per year. Join in January and get 3 months free membership! For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137

### Wyke Regis WI

**Although Christmas is behind us, members are remembering with pleasure festive events. The craft group were represented at the Wyke Christmas Fair at the beginning of December.**

There were two well attended evenings of the Singer's seasonal

concert. At the monthly meeting a 'bring and share' tea was enjoyed with crackers and festive chocolate for all, followed by festive singing and a grand raffle.

An interesting programme is planned for 2026. All interest groups are up and running and the monthly coffee mornings will continue to welcome all on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.00am to 12 noon.

### Family History Society

**The February talk for the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday 20th February and feature Steve Wallis, senior archaeologist for Dorset Council, bringing an update on recent archaeological work in Dorset.**

As usual, the talk will be held at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth DT3 5EW, starting at 2.30pm preceded by tea or coffee.

Admission is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

come to attend and refreshments will be available. Further information on this meeting or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

## Royal Manor Theatre

**Thanks to everyone who came down to support your Playmakers on yet another fantastic performance. It is fantastic to see how far they've come and your support deeply moves all of us involved. Thanks to Dave and all the playmakers leaders for all their hard work!**

Dorsets Artsreach are back with a great spooky show, Nags Head. Do you believe in ghost stories? Do you want to hear tales that will chill you to the bone... that will make you wish you brought a spare set of pants? After the death of their father, three estranged siblings return home for the funeral. Burdened with their dad's failing pub and a weird painting, they must decide whether to work together to save The Nag's Head or succumb to their inner demons. Nags head is at the Royal Manor Theatre Portland, January 16th, 7.30pm

As we come into 2026, it's all about the Panto! Pinocchio is at full swing, so purchase your tickets from Portland Pet Supplies, The Royal Portland Arms and online for a February performance that you will be silly to miss! The pantomime starts February 5th and runs to February 8th, with a raucous Adult performance on Saturday and matinee performances at the weekend, get your tickets now!

Stay tuned for more from your local Royal Manor Theatre on Portland, and get in touch if you want to be part of the best that your local community theatre, cinema and amateur dramatic society has to offer. Search for 'Royal Manor Theatre Portland' or go to <https://www.royalmanortheatre.co.uk>. Email: [info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk)

## Fairbridge Trust

**Looking forward to Spring**

**As I write this in early January, our shop is looking a little less well stocked than usual after a busy lead up to Christmas, for which we are very grateful.**

**What remaining Christmas stock we had has been safely packed away and we can now prepare for our end of year stocktake at the end of January.**

February will be a time of reordering and filling the shelves again

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ready for Easter. It is always exciting to see what new products our suppliers introduce for the new season and we are particularly looking forward to a new range of greeting cards from Transform Trade. But don't be put off visiting us, we still have some lovely gifts to tempt you, a good range of cards, as well as jams, coffee and chocolate to keep you supplied. We also have a variety of handknitted woollen hats from Nepal to keep you cosy in this cold weather.

The work on North Quay continues and the harbourside pavement should be reopened by the time you read this. We have been assured that access to the shop will be provided at all times and there will be no need for us to close. I am not sure what this will look like so please be careful but be assured that a warm welcome will await you. Our upstairs seating area is always a warm and quiet place to enjoy a hot drink while you watch the work progress.

Our trustees are pleased to say that after good Christmas sales we are once again able to make several grants to both local and overseas charities working for the relief of poverty. These will be decided at a trustee meeting at the end of January but it is thanks to the support of all our customers that we are able to do this. As I mentioned last month; we are a friendly team of volunteers and would be happy to welcome anyone interested in what we do as a new volunteer. If you think you may be interested please come in to talk to any one of us or contact us via the email address below.

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## Weymouth Swift Town

**Throughout the UK, the appearance and sound of screaming swifts really evokes summer. These birds are the complete masters of the air. They start to appear in Weymouth about the middle to end of April, after flying around 3,000 to 4,000 miles in as little as five days from Equatorial Africa. But their numbers are declining rapidly and they are now on the UK Red List of our most endangered species.**

Experts think there are two basic reasons for this decline. One is the availability of insect food. The other is reductions in suitable nest locations as holes in buildings are blocked up or older buildings with suitable cavities are demolished.

The list of their abilities is staggering. Consider their typical life span. They hatch from eggs in mid-June and leave the nest in early August when they start flying immediately. In many cases they will not stop flying for two or three years and sleep, feed, drink (by catching rain drops or skimming over open water) and even mate in the air. Typically they will not mate until they are 4 years old but every year will fly to and fro between the UK and Africa, usually returning to the precise area where they fledged. They live for between 5 and 9 years with some potentially reaching 21 years. It has been estimated that during its lifetime a swift would fly about 1.25 million miles (nearly 3 times to the moon and back).

They are the fastest flying birds in level flight, reaching speeds of around 60mph, but their legs are so weak they cannot take off from flat surfaces. The swift family (in Latin family classification is Apodidae) and contains around 100 different species; ours is the common swift, Latin name *Apus apus*. *Apus* translates into English as 'without foot'. But in fact their feet and claws are very strong allowing them to cling to vertical surfaces; it is their legs that are weak.

My name is Tony Dobbs. I am a volunteer with the South Dorset RSPB Local Group and I would like to make Weymouth a more attractive place for swifts to visit by increasing possible nest locations. I want to do this by starting a Weymouth Swift Town project involving volunteer residents who would monitor sightings of swifts and help to encourage installation of swift nest boxes or nest bricks in suitable places around the town. I am initiating the project by organising a free talk by Mike Brown of Swanage & Purbeck Swift Group (who have already done this in their area of Dorset) at 7.30pm on 5th March 2026 in Wyke Regis Memorial Hall. All are welcome so please come along and be inspired by ways to help these fabulous birds return in higher numbers to our town. I have made a start by arranging for Tumbledown Farm to have four nest boxes installed and have agreement, in principle for four more nest boxes to be installed in All Saints Church in Wyke. The

concept of swift towns is included in the Draft Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Weymouth Town Council recognise the collapse in population of these urban birds as part of the climate and ecological emergency and aim to support and contribute to the project wherever possible. But there is so much more to be done and I will need help. If you want more information please make contact by email using [rspb.southdorsetgroup@gmail.com](mailto:rspb.southdorsetgroup@gmail.com) or use the Weymouth Swift Town Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1380438240409547>.

## Report from Cllr Kate Wheller

**Rodwell and Wyke Regis (Dorset Council) and Wyke Regis North (Weymouth Town Council)**

**Wishing you all a very healthy, peaceful and successful 2026. Let us hope that all the great plans for our beautiful town progress in the way we want. Development that reflects the requirements of local people who need homes they can afford and be proud of and work opportunities for our young people.**

Community spaces that provide for the great diversity that is Weymouth. Arts, music, drama, food and everything in between.

Accessible to us all, those who struggle on low wages and those better off who can help make these things sustainable for us all. We need businesses that can thrive and flourish, sadly absentee landlords are not interested either in the state of their buildings or of our town. It is so convenient to shop on-line but those little one off items can only be found in our special independent shops. We have already lost so many of them. A visit to Bridport recently; lauded for its shopping experience, showed shops closing. Use them or lose them.

I am one of Dorset Council representatives on Weymouth Museum Board of Trustees. The board continue to work hard for the return to its old home in Brewers Quay. This has been a long and difficult journey with so many changes in key partners but slowly the end is in sight. In the meantime, have you visited the pop-up shop in St. Thomas Street? Exhibitions change there regularly and the wonderful volunteers are very

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knowledgeable about the history of the museum and our town. Do 'pop' in. Maybe go along to a tea and talks session?

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan was successful and the majority of those who voted ticked the 'Yes' box. It isn't perfect but it goes a long way in helping to protect our town from speculative developers. The Dorset Local Plan is progressing but it will be some time before it is adopted. Meanwhile, officers and members are working on the new Design Code which will sit alongside the

Local Plan. I hope this will mean fewer housing estates that fill the description of Pete Seeger's song 'Little boxes made from ticky-tacky' and more that suit the identity of Dorset. Good design does not have to be expensive.

2025 has seen many changes. The loss of the rafts, sadly in this risk averse and litigious world their return is problematic but members of the Labour group have not given up all hope. The new site for the fun fair - I wasn't sure but it seems to be working well. This coming year we will no longer see

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the beach huts beyond the Jubilee Clock and the pedalos. Such a shame, but apparently neither are as popular as they once were, they were attracting anti-social behaviour and the Jones family, long term supporters of Weymouth, no longer found them a viable business. Perhaps, someone else will or something new and exciting will fill their place?

and councils grapple with the budget for the coming year. For DC the bill for Adult Social Care and Children's Services grows ever bigger. We have an above average number of over retirees in Dorset, although many are self-funding many rely upon us. You all know how importantly I view the care of our children and young people

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especially our looked after children (children in care) and will not countenance a cut in these services. Dorset has historically received insufficient funds from Central Government, we are perceived as a wealthy rural county with little regard made to our large urban conurbation. As a Town Council, Weymouth Council no longer deals with those large financial burdens. Our budget covers the items that you see every day, and I think are important to you. The cleanliness of the beach and condition of the promenade, our streets, our open spaces and gardens, our communities. I am anxious to go back to the days when we walked through the town and were proud. I'm still proud that this is has been my home since 1950 - I'm not a local! The Labour Party fully support the employment of extra staff to help clean up the town, remove litter, weeds and graffiti. A role traditionally known as a lengthsman. Weymouth Town Council provides grants to support groups who work within their communities to help themselves, we would like to do more of that. We believe, that you want to see where your money is spent and to see value for the money you have to pay in your precept. We promise to hold those who spend that money to account so that we can all be proud to call Weymouth home. Although I continue to post on my Councillor Kate Wheller Facebook page it will mostly be to share announcements. If you wish to contact me please email cllrkateheller@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk, cllrkate.wheller@dorset-council.gov.uk or phone 07850 060947; you can leave a message. I do welcome your thoughts and comments and yes even your complaints. I rarely pick up on messenger. You are always likely

to find me around the village and town, at the library, on the bus or at home. I continue to attend the monthly coffee morning at All Saints Church, Portland Road, you will be most welcome to join me there to discuss any residents issues. I also try to attend Holy Trinity Church once a month and am happy to talk to your there. Representatives from all four political groups on Weymouth Town Council are in attendance at Weymouth Library from 10.00am-12.00 on the first Saturday each month.

**Kate**  
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**Friends of MV Freedom are recruiting!**

Many readers, especially those local to Weymouth and Portland will have heard of the charity Friends of MV Freedom. For those readers who are not familiar with the name 'The Friends of MV Freedom' is a charity that runs a motor vessel built and operated for the benefit of those living with disability. She can carry 12 passengers, up to 6 of whom can be wheelchair users. It is completely operated by volunteers including skippers, crew, fundraisers and trustees. Our season runs from the beginning of April until the end of October. Although poor weather meant that nearly half of all pos-

sible trips had to be cancelled this year, smiles were brought to the faces of the many people who did manage a trip on Freedom. In total 138 trips were completed either to Durdle Door or into Portland Harbour and over 2300 passengers carried. In May Freedom took part in Weymouth's VE Day celebrations taking veteran groups into Portland Harbour followed by cream tea at one of our charity partners, the Ebike Cafe on the harbour. That was a very special day.

The first two months of a New Year is a busy time for many of the volunteers as it sees the boat being lifted out of her dock and inspected by the MCA surveyor to ensure she is seaworthy for the 2026 season. This inspection includes all safety equipment and can involve replacing parts if required. The boat is cleaned, polished and the hull painted with fresh antifouling paint. Many of the volunteer crew plus other members of the charity including trustees, get involved with this.

In March the crew will be trained, a yearly process which not only ensures everyone is up to date with procedures but also encourages a team spirit between the crew and skippers. The training involves a variety of activities including man-

overboard drills.

To ensure the smooth running of the next season we are currently recruiting for more skippers. If you have either a RYA Yachtmaster Coastal or an Advanced Power Boat certificate and you are prepared to take the Commercial Endorsement qualification which we can support you with, we would love to hear from you! If you would like an informal chat to find out more about the role, please contact Steve at secretary@mv-freedom.org

Visit our web page at www.mv-freedom.co.uk for more information.

**Memories of Syd Metcalfe**

**Regrets? Yes, I've had a few. But having just read the book written by Syd Metcalfe called 'One speck of Humanity', my regret is that I didn't get to know Syd better.**

When he had been living in Littlemoor, he was a customer of mine and I always enjoyed the tales he had to tell. They included stories of taking the ferries from Weymouth to France, and cycling around the

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**These days we hear a lot about trigger warnings, added to films and TV shows to warn about content that might cause offence or distress to the audience. But there is a suggestion that such warnings don't actually achieve the desired effect. Sometimes they cause, more rather than less, anxiety and can even encourage people to watch to see what all the fuss is about. And of course, Senior Citizens thought of them first.**

In our schooldays, now some time ago in my case, a trigger warning meant something completely different. As a youngster I used to take my brother Peter to the pictures on a Saturday morning. Peter was seven years younger than me. Hence he was a bit of a liability in the dark of a cinema ground floor full of excited and extremely noisy youngsters. But going alone was not an option, because then my mother wouldn't provide the entrance money. It was both of us or neither of us. We queued up, paid our money and rushed into the ground floor of the cinema as if haste would get us a better seat. Nobody was allowed upstairs after an incident when an ice cream cone dropped – accidentally? – onto someone underneath and his mum complained. The person charged with keeping order wielded his torch like a light sabre and wasn't choosy who he hit with it.

The films comprised a cartoon, a western and a serial. The serial could be difficult to follow as the episodes weren't necessarily played in the correct order from week to week. But every Western had a fine, upstanding squeaky-clean hero. Such as the Lone Ranger with faithful sidekick Tonto and horse called Silver. If you recall his catch phrase 'Hi Ho Silver' then you are truly a Senior Citizen. Another of these heroes was Roy Rogers, he of the gold handled six shooters and large white horse. The credits announced the film name – it didn't matter much as the plots were virtually identical – and Roy would ride into view on his white horse named Trigger At which point the audience of kids – girls and boys it must be stressed – would shout 'Trigger' as loudly as they could. Except my brother. He

was always half a second after the rest of us, shouting 'Twigger' on his own. This could, I suppose, be considered the first Trigger warning. And that was the point, such as it was, of this long digression. You will undoubtedly agree that all Senior Citizens are such nice people that they never wish to upset anyone. So my Trigger Warning states that if you are offended by the perfectly reasonable views of a Senior Senior Citizen, those of Mrs Barnacle of Wyke, or indeed my In-House Adviser, despite these views being always clearly stated, expertly argued and well presented, then read no further. You will be forgiven and can go away to do something more sensible. Like my In-house Adviser, who never went to the Saturday morning cinema as she played the viola in the local joint school orchestra, a far more high brow activity. You don't get many ice-cream cones fall on your head at orchestra practice. But I digress.

Sir David Attenborough is a Senior Honoured Ancestor. You will not need to be reminded that this title is bestowed on Senior Citizens with over 100 years of wisdom. Very apt in his case, and an example to us all. If only for the way he is pictured lying comfortably on the ground in his programmes, something I find very difficult, and getting up again even more difficult. There should be a trigger warning about that. But Mrs Barnacle of Wyke has emailed me to say that the number of a Senior Honoured Ancestors in this country has doubled in the last twenty years, with Wales having the most. But I digress again, or to be more accurate, witter on as usual.

Greetings across countries and cultures vary considerably, but there is a common theme amongst Senior Citizens. In New Zealand, the traditional Maori greeting is the hongi, where two people press their noses and foreheads together. You will have seen the photographs of Senior Citizen King Charles sharing a hongi last year. Sorry, the year before last. Doesn't time fly. In Japan people often press their palms together and bow, with the depth of bow and height of hands indicating respect. In my case they would not move much. The Greenland

kunik involves placing the nose and upper lip against someone's forehead and sniffing. Somewhat gentler than a Glasgow Kiss and thankfully reserved for very close relationships – the Kunik not the Glasgow Kiss that is. To my knowledge there are no photographs of our King involved in a Kunik.

Often such greetings are accompanied by a word or two between Senior Citizens. In France, the word is 'tamalou,' which comes from 't'as mal ou?' or 'where does it hurt'. We of course shake hands vigorously and ask 'How are you.' (For the French speakers 'Comment vas-tu') British tradition demands a reply of 'Fine thanks, how are you' but attitudes are changing. All Senior Citizens now realise the benefits of talking about ailments with other like-minded Senior Citizens.

But care must be taken to ensure that this is not the only topic of conversation. Otherwise it can become somewhat depressing. But on to the final Trigger Warning which is 'The following may raise your blood pressure to dangerous levels. A fairly recent green initiative is to join together a plastic bottle and its top so that both are recycled together. A laudable aim, but not when it makes it extremely difficult to put the top back onto the bottle properly, especially with weakened Senior Citizen fingers. When the bottle contains orange juice which needs to be shaken before pouring, a mis-applied top results in juice spilling everywhere. Something my In-house Adviser knows only too well. And guess who gets blamed.

## News

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villages of Normandy and Brittany - in his seventies! Unbeknown to me, this was only a small part of his life.

During his time of living in Weymouth he self-published his autobiography and was keen for me to buy a copy - which I did, for the grand sum of £5 (I think). And this is where my regret comes in - that

I've only just read his book about 25 years later. It tells of his early life as a child in London in the First World War, of his family life and friendships that influenced how his character formed.

In the Thirties, when employment was hard to come by, he joined

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the Army and travelled to India, to Waziristan, in the North-west Territories and on regular deployments, being fortunate to dodge the Afghan snipers. His love of France and the French came at the start of the Second World War, when, as a Signaller he was posted to help set up a radio station in the stables of a Chateau in the village of Givenchy le Noble. He was fortunate to be evacuated from Dunkirk and the rest of his war was spent in what is now Ghana, and also The Gambia, using his time to help train locals with radio communications.

After being demobbed, his desire to travel was aided by joining the Merchant Navy as a cook, despite having had no training. It took him to the States, which he didn't enjoy, but also to Australia, where he spent many years, most of them happy, during which he enjoyed several fairly short termed relationships. I heartily recommend reading his book, for his enthusiasm for life and his humour despite setbacks, and for his quaint style of writing. I'd also be interested if anyone has their own memories of Syd.

Richard Crosby

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## Mayor's Christmas Fund Recipients Announced

**A range of charitable organisations have benefitted from the Mayor's Christmas Fund appeal, which this year has raised £415.**

Mayor of Weymouth Cllr Caroline Nickinson announced the organisations to benefit include:

Weymouth Food Bank, Samaritans, Salvation Army, and Dorset Echo Toy Appeal.

Cllr Nickinson said: "I am delighted to announce that a total of £415 has been raised for the Mayor's Christmas Fund and I would like to thank everyone who has donated, it really does mean a lot.

"This year, I have chosen four organisations to benefit, and the money will be divided equally between the Dorset Echo Toy Appeal, Weymouth Food Bank, and the local branches of the Salvation Army and the Samaritans. My thanks once again for the kind donations received which will help to spread some festive cheer at

Christmas."

Special thanks to the following donors for their support:

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## Jubilee Clock to light up for charity in 2026

**In 2026, Weymouth's iconic Jubilee Clock will be illuminated in different colours as part of the Light Up Scheme, and Weymouth Town Council is delighted to reveal the local charities and organisations that have been chosen to feature.**

Members of the public put forward their nominations and after careful consideration, the following colours will be used to represent the organisations that have been selected for the year ahead:

Green for the Samaritans  
Blue for Prostate Cancer UK  
Blue and white for the RSPCA West Dorset Branch  
Green and yellow for BASICS Dorset

Green and blue for Dorset Abilities  
Yellow for The Lantern Trust  
Blue for Weymouth Street Pastors  
Blue and green for Weldmar Hospicecare

Purple for Family Matters  
As well as the organisations selected, Weymouth Town Council will also be lighting the Jubilee Clock red in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday and to mark Armistice Day in November. Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson said: "It was an honour to be involved in the decision making for the 2026 Jubilee Clock Light Up Scheme. The clock is one of Weymouth's most iconic landmarks, and we are proud to light it up in different colours to raise awareness for such worthy causes, which really puts the spotlight on their incredible work."

## Refurbishment of Overcombe Toilets

**Weymouth Town Council is giving advance notice that the toilet facilities at Overcombe Corner will temporarily close in January while the block undergoes a full refurbishment.**

The work will start on Monday 5th January 2026 and is anticipated to finish at the end of March. Starting the work in January out of the main season will keep disruption to a minimum while the necessary

improvements are carried out. These include refurbishing the disabled toilets and installing a better ventilation system within the block. The new urinals and toilets that will be installed will be fed from the mains meaning more efficient use of water. Sensor flushes, and sensor taps will also be put in. LED lighting will also be installed which will make the facilities a lot lighter than the current block, as well as being more energy efficient.

In addition, a water refill station will also be installed outside the block at Overcombe.

The work is being carried out by a local building company who will fence off the facilities during the refit. Once complete, a charge of 50p will be introduced to use the new toilets in line with the refurbished Cove Street facilities. An electronic payment system will be installed, and visitors will then be able to use a bank card or smartphone to make the payment. Anyone using a radar key will still have access to the disabled toilet.

Cllr Matt Bell, Chair of Environment and Services Committee, said: "I would like to thank members of the public for their patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused during the temporary closure of Overcombe Toilets.

"The refurbishment was approved by the Environment and Services Committee and Full Council earlier in the year, and the money generated from the introduction of a charge will be put back into the ongoing maintenance and cleaning costs.

'Once completed, the refurbishment will provide improved facilities for residents and visitors to use.'

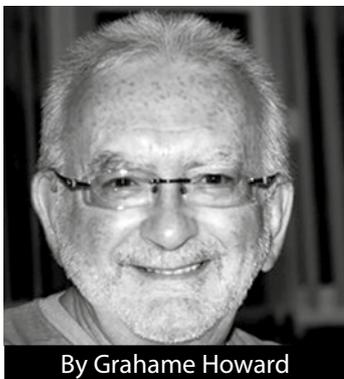
To find the location of public toilets Weymouth Town Council is responsible for maintaining, visit the website.

## Friends of Weymouth Library

**Justin Newland, The Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) speaker in the Library at 10.30am will give a reflective talk about Mirrors in Our World.**

The ones we stare into every day, yet do we know their provenance? They can magnify or contract, predict the future and guard against evil. The talk explores our fascination with reflections of all kinds. Tickets can be obtained from the Library at £2 for members and

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By Grahame Howard

**Flipping Central Heating**  
It only seems like a few days since we were celebrating Christmas and then the New Year. It's bizarre - it's February already.

Anyway, did you have a good time? Or did you have any strange, unexpected things happening? We did. Just before Christmas Eve, the CO informed me that we had no heating. To be helpful, I shouted down the stairs, 'Have you switched it on, Poppet?' 'Of course I have' came the reply. I decided to go and have a look myself owing to the fact that I am a competent DIY enthusiast.

On arrival at the Combi boiler I saw that she was right, there was no heating or hot water. In fact, the boiler was making all of the noises it should do but, nothing was happening.

'Have you checked the thingy?' I asked. 'What thingy are you on about' came the abrupt reply. 'You know, that thingy in the hall that shows us the temperature and whatever.' 'Of course I have my little fat bloke and everything seems normal.

'Well I would suggest that you ring somebody' I said.

'No way fat bloke, that's your department, you ring.'

I'm not kidding, I work my fingers to the bone and now I have to sort this out. I could see that I was going nowhere so, I found the gas suppliers details. After searching for nearly an hour and making telephone calls to androids who wanted me to tell them in a few words what I required. I finally found a telephone number which was almost impossible to read, it was so small. I rang it. A really lovely young lady came on the line that couldn't speak English. Now it is difficult at times for me on the 'phone because of a profound hearing loss. So I tried to explain this. She began to speak slower but then speeded up again after a few moments.

The CO took over at this stage and managed to interpret

some of the conversation but, she struggled. Anyway, she informed us that she would get a person to come and find what the problem was and hopefully fix it. Someone would contact us within the next two hours. Finally, the lady rang us back and informed us that a fitter would call in about an hour. To his credit, he did ring soon after and said he would be with us in about an hour.

By this time, because of the cold spell we were having and the lack of heating, we were rather cold and had to make do with hot drinks. The CO remembered that we should have bought the electric heater she had seen and rubbed it in that I had said we wouldn't need it. All the thanks and the feeling of the very nice Christmas card that I had given her earlier vanished and I was a target for 'the look' over and over again.

Charlie was not pleased because the house was cold and this was quickly backed up by Princess Willow our house cat. Now I had the Co giving me 'the Look' and the dog and cat too. I wouldn't have minded but it was not my fault, How did I know the Combi would stop working and we would be living in what felt like an igloo.

'It is your fault' said the CO, 'I told you to buy the electric fan heater for emergencies but, no, you know best.' I wanted to say that I did know best but didn't fancy a trip to A&E in the bargain so, I decided to stay quiet and take it all like a man.

After what seemed an age, the fitter turned up and, straight-away pinpointed the fault. Gas was coming into the outside meter from the street but it was not being transferred to the house. He said it would take about an hour to fix. He asked if we had an electric fan heater we could use to heat the house in the meantime. I suddenly felt the urge to go and get something from the car, anything to avoid that subject any longer.

The fitter had us up and running within the hour and the house began to warm up again. I thought that I would sit in front of the TV as I warmed up. That is until I heard to words, 'Can you go and get Fish and Chips? I'm not cooking after all of this malarky. I protested that I was just warming up but something within - my safety valve, prevented me saying anymore and I went out to scrape the ice off

the car prior to my journey to the Chip shop. The moral to this true event is, your central heating could breakdown at anytime, Be sure that you keep an electric fan heater for times such as this.

It really is a protection to your mental health and well-being.

See you next time.  
Grahame

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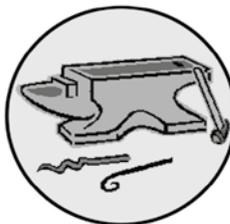
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Mark Chutter, Chair of the Thomas Hardy Society, and a leading light in the campaign for the statue of Sylvia Townsend Warner recently unveiled in Dorchester, will talk on the life and legacy of this important Dorset-based writer in a talk to mark LGBTQ+ history month.

Sylvia and her partner, Valentine Ackland, fell in love with Dorset and lived in Chaldon Herring and Frome Vauchurch near Maiden Newton from 1930 till the end of their lives.

Tickets £8.00 - £10.00 for the talk include a glass of wine and nib-

bles.

Dorset Archives Trust are planning a fundraising campaign to catalogue the archives of Townsend-Warner, held at Dorset History Centre.

This event is being held in support of Dorset Archives Trust, a charity that works to preserve and promote Dorset's rich archival heritage. Its strapline is 'Saving Dorset's disappearing history' and it undertakes this work by fundraising, holding events, supporting projects and promoting the value of archives. DAT works closely with the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester which holds archive collections dating back over 1000 years from across Bournemouth, Poole and wider Dorset.

## Beach Facilities Lease Surrendered Early to Support Future Planning

**"Weymouth Town Council have agreed to bring the current lease for the Weymouth Beach**

**Facilities to an early end, following a request made to the Town Council's Finance and Governance Committee on 17 December.**

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"The decision has been taken collaboratively to give the Council flexibility to consider future options for facilities on Weymouth beach, reflecting changing expect-

tations of public spaces and the economic challenges facing seasonal leisure businesses.

"The beach facilities have been operated by the Jones family since the early 1960's, when David Jones began working on Weymouth beach as a teenager, designing and operating the first wooden watercraft, known as floats. Over subsequent decades, the business developed through hard work, innovation and a strong commitment to public safety and customer care, becoming a long-established part of Weymouth's beach offer. Today, the operation is led by Sam Jones, who said:

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'This decision reflects the reality

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10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor  
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7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew's. Communion 1st Tuesdays  
12.45pm Tues Prayer Meeting St Francis'  
8.00am Thurs Morning Prayer St Francis'  
12.00pm Fri Prayer Meeting St Andrew's  
(For weekday services at St Nicholas see separate paragraph)

## 51ACES to grow in faith

Tue 10.00am Ridgeway Bible Study Group [fortnightly] Preston (01305) 834604

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## 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](mailto:weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com) or 01305 837147.

## Ridgeway Churches Diary

### Special Event

An afternoon of acoustic music with Ken Watkins

3.00pm on Sunday 8th February St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston, DT3 6BU.

Tickets £15 to include tea/coffee, cakes/scones.

For more information & to reserve tickets please contact Alex Sissons 07801 820722 or The Team Office on 01305 837147 [weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com](mailto:weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com)

## Ridgeway Churches Diary

### Tuesday 3rd February

#### 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 5th February

#### Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group

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

### Monday 9th February

#### Angel's Lunch Club 12.30pm

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

Contact 01305 834866

### Saturday 14th February

#### Coffee, Cake & Chat 1.00am-12.00pm

Every 2nd Saturday  
St Osmund's Church, Osmington  
£3 per head

### Friday 20th February

#### Osmington Lunch Club 12.15pm for 12.30pm

Every 3rd Friday  
Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington

Contact: [francesgroves@btinternet.com](mailto:francesgroves@btinternet.com)

# All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

## Rector. Rev'd John Mackenzie.

[www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk](http://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.

## All Saints Church DT4 9ES

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

## Regular church services

### Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).  
First Sunday of the month 9.30am  
Café Church, with refreshments beforehand.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 9.30am  
Sung Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.

5th Sundays Joint Service with St Edmund's, location alternates between All Saints and St Edmunds churches.

### Morning Prayer

9.00am Tuesday - Friday.

9.30am Saturday.

Fridays 10.30am Holy Communion (said), followed by refreshments.

### Coffee Mornings

10.00am - midday, third Saturday of the month (please see dates below).

### Livestream

Our 9.30am Sunday Holy Communion services are also livestreamed. An order of service is published each week so you can join in with the hymns and prayers. Connect via any of the following links.

YouTube - [youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live](https://youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswykeregis>

Parish website - [parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live](http://parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live)

## St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ

### Sundays

11.00am Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with

Service of the Word.

5th Sunday joint service with All Saints.

### 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 are interested and would like to know more.

## Coffee Mornings

10.00am - midday, last Saturday of each month (please see dates below).  
Wyke Regis Parish works in our schools, as well as local charities and other organisations.

## 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 10th May.

For more information and to book a place contact: [info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk](mailto:info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk)

## Coffee Mornings

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

## Hall Hire

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

Wyke Regis Parish works in our schools, as well as local 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.

## Live Local News

In addition to the livestream services at All Saints Church, the parish also runs a live local news programme at 6.00pm on Saturdays and a quiz at 7.30pm the same evening. These can be accessed using the livestream links above.

If you want to get in touch, the parish contact number is 01305 784649 or email [office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk](mailto:office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk)

## Regular parish activities

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

**Art Groups** – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

**Bell Ringing** – weekly practices for ringers of all ages. Contact Michael Dillstone on 01305 784902.

**Book Group** – Meets quarterly. Next meeting: February 2026

**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. 12pm, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 3rd September.

**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.

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**Walking Group** – meets at Binleaves 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 10th January. For more information and to book a place contact: [office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk](mailto:office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk)

## Coming Events

### All Saints

**Film Night:** Meeting Gorbachev Saturday 31st January, 3.00pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall

Wyke Regis Community Film Club screens 2018 biographical documentary Meeting Gorbachev, dir. Werner Herzog & André Singer. Over three interviews, Herzog speaks to the eighth and final leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, about his life and political career. 90 minutes, PG. Tickets £6.50, includes glass of wine, beer, or soft drink.

### All Saints

#### Coffee Morning

Saturday 20th December, 10.00am-noon

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, homemade cakes, Fairtrade stall, books, music and for a catch up with friends old and new. Gluten free available.

### St Edmund's

#### Coffee Mornings

Saturday 29th November & Saturday 27th December, 10.00am-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 LGTBQIA+ 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](http://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

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

### 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](mailto: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.

**We welcome your views, news and photographs which may be of interest to our readers**

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**Traditionally de-cluttering, sorting and reorganising is part of annual Spring-cleaning projects however, the two-week break at Christmas gave me the time and opportunity to de-clutter my surgery and re-decorate. As with most projects preparation is the most important part of the process and if not tackled in a methodical and orderly fashion success may not be guaranteed.**

Physically challenging, it took me several days to empty my surgery of furniture and equipment, sorting paperwork as I went. Filing away what was important to keep and discarding the rest. I was then able to move to the painting and decorating, mixing the exact shade of lavender paint and applying it to the walls was incredibly therapeutic and with the new flooring professionally laid the task of reinstating furniture, reference books and important files gave me a sense of restoring order.

With the surgery ready for patients the effect of achieving my goal was enormously satisfying and boosted my positive optimism for the coming year. Reflecting that this was mostly a physical exercise with mental ef-

fort focused on sorting what was important and needed to be kept and to let go of the unnecessary, I was left with the feeling that it had been a much-needed job well done! When embarking on any de-cluttering project timing is an important consideration, taking time to plan, to prepare and to complete. Setting achievable goals throughout the process to reduce stress and risk of failure is also important, so is the ability to make the fundamental decisions of what to keep and what to let go. Sometimes simple and sometimes difficult these decisions nearly always have an emotional hook. Possessions that have been accumulated over years are tangible objects that evoke happy memories of experiences from the past. Often these personal objects are difficult to let go and get passed on (with their stories) to family members and friends.

Good past experiences and memories are easily mentally filed and kept (in the heart) whereas sorting and letting go of the not so good may require some professional help. It is not always straight forward deciding what emotional experiences are worthy of head space and what are not and for some individuals fear of making the wrong decision may hinder the process causing confusion and delay any forward movement. Others may find it difficult to emotionally move away from feelings of sadness, loss or loneliness stuck with the hurt and physical symp-

ptoms of a painful experience. Talking things through can help, borrowing the ears of a trusted friend or seeking professional counselling where confidential conversations may help identify issues, explore problem solving strategies and help re-build self-confidence in decision making.

There is much debate of the therapeutic benefit of 'sorting out stuff' to create a simpler and a less stressful way of life. I am

often asked by patients how they might reduce stress in their lives. My reply is to suggest they begin by distinguishing the difference between Needs and Wants. When Needs are identified the Wants may then be seen as unnecessary clutter! If you are feeling stressed, having difficulty making decisions or would like to talk through any worries, please get in touch.

## News

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that operating a seasonal leisure business today is very different to when this all began. Stepping back now allows Weymouth Town Council the opportunity to consider how Weymouth's prime asset, its stunning beach, should evolve to meet future needs.'

The statement continues: "Like many leisure operators, the business has faced increasing pressures in recent years, including increases in the minimum wage, National Insurance, business rates, insurance premiums and more stringent health and safety requirements. These pressures are particularly acute for seasonal operations. Despite ongoing efforts to manage costs through efficiencies, investment and economies of

scale in areas such as storage and transportation, long-term sustainability has become increasingly challenging.

Sam Jones added: 'We are grateful to Weymouth Town Council, and to its predecessor authority, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, for the opportunity to operate on Weymouth beach for so many years. As a family with long standing ties to the town, we remain committed to supporting initiatives that help Weymouth thrive and continue to be a welcoming and vibrant place for businesses, residents and visitors alike.' Weymouth Town Council will now consider future options for Wey-

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## Head Style

### Opening Times

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 9.00 - 5.00
- Wednesday 9.00 - 5.00
- Thursday 9.00 - 6.00
- Friday 9.00 - 6.00
- Saturday 8.30 - 1.30

Chalbury Corner,  
 Preston, Weymouth

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## The Weymouth and Portland Ladies Probus Club



Are you over 55yrs, living in Weymouth or Portland and retired or Semi retired?

Interested in joining a group of like minded ladies? Our Club has been established for 25 years.

It is a social forum and our aims are to promote and encourage friendships.

We hold meetings at Brewers Fayre in Weymouth on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 11am until 1pm, followed by lunch for those who choose to stay.

We have regular speakers, lunches and occasional social activities.

You are invited to come along free of charge for three meetings.  
 (Our current annual membership fee is £20 year)

If you would like to know more, please contact:-

Diana on 01305 785313

Or

Kay on 01305 772898

We would love to see you at our next meeting!





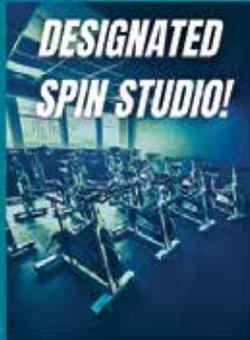
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## The Wood Pigeon

**Several years ago, wood pigeons were a farmer's greatest irritation and enemy for they fed greedily and fast in his fields of clover, grain, peas and ripe corn, etc. Even continual shooting failed to reduce the numbers or cause fear amongst these greedy birds.**

Today, many wood pigeons have adjusted themselves to town parks, small gardens, and islands in rivers and lakes. Nevertheless, many city and town folk prefer to discourage wood pigeons from appearing in their gardens or on their allotments for the birds remain alert especially for bird tables where bread, seeds, cereals, and scraps of bacon rinds, beans and peas etc offer an easy meal! Occasionally they have been seen to feed on worms, insects and snails as well as nuts, cereal and fruit.

Woodpigeons are not confined to local areas in the British Isles for about three hundred different

species of wood pigeons live in all parts of the world except the Arctic and Antarctic. Wood pigeons have plump bodies, sturdy legs and a large head. The largest birds are around 40cm in length and the body is covered with feathers. On the back of the head are bluey-grey feathers but the wings are darker and, when in flight, conspicuous white bands can be seen along their wings. The upper part of the chest is a palish pink with a white patch on both sides of the neck. Adult pigeons look alike but young pigeons have no marks around the neck like those seen clearly on the adult wood pigeon. The bird's head is small compared with the adult's plump and sturdy body, but this extra weight does not disturb the bird in flight for wood pigeons are noted for their strength and sturdiness. Quite different from the local birds, wood pigeons can reach out into flight through the strong and swift action of their wings. The texture of their feathers is considered to

give them smoothness in flight. In most cases it is difficult to differentiate between a male and female wood pigeon except that the male bird can be seen and accepted as 'larger and brighter' in some instances.

During courtship, the male bird coos and bows to his chosen female whilst she watches him. Each grooms the other's feathers and the male bird feeds his female with a cluster of seeds. For a few days the courtship continues after which mating occurs and when newly-hatched, the young birds are fed by both parents. The next stage is most unusual for both parents feed their young with a white liquid that is called 'crop-milk'. The parent birds pulp the milk into and down the throat of the 'squabs' - a descriptive term for young, unfledged pigeons! The young begin to accept solid food after approximately ten days, and whilst most live and survive for the first few months, the weaker birds die early and are outlived by their tougher and stronger brethren.

Wood pigeons have been seen to differ from other birds when it comes to the drinking process. Their method is unusual since they do not tilt their heads back with each sip as other birds do. Instead, they thrust their beaks



Wood pigeon

into water and then suck up the liquid as if drawing it through a straw. As for their food, they are literally the 'early or earliest birds!' Having fed well, they rest until the afternoon, and then eat and drink again. Occasionally, in some reference books, this is challenged, but one author has seen it happen on a very regular basis!

Strange as it may seem, there are many arguments that can be found in various reference books regarding the correct word to use for the name of the bird described in this article! Is the bird a *wood pigeon* or a *woodpigeon*? According to the 'Concise Oxford English Dictionary', a wood pigeon is accepted as two words ie 'a wood pigeon'. In other books of reference it is printed as one word ie 'a woodpigeon.'

# CAROLS

in Old Wyke Square  
on Monday 22 Dec '25

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- The Will Mackaness Trust
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- Wyke Regis Memorial Hall

**Please put the 2026 Carols date in your diary:  
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**We hope to see you then!**



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## Pictures from the Past: Wyke Regis Garage

A photograph from 'way back when', showing Wyke Regis Garage, (then run by G Durant), Selby the builder's entrance gates and the still trading today, Dorset Cake Company shop.

Not sure of the date, but probably c1960s.



# QUIZ NIGHT

Raising Funds for the restoration of Buckland Rippers Church (St Nicholas)

**Saturday 28th February**  
7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm  
at St Nicholas' Church Broadway, DT3 5DN

£8 per person  
Free tea/coffee.  
Please BYO refreshments and snacks  
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**\* Prizes \* Raffle**

Tables of up to six must be booked in advance by contacting Susana on 07944617553 or emailing: susanamalik@yahoo.com

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WYKE REGIS COMMUNITY FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

# MEETING GORBACHEV

dir. Werner Herzog & André Singer  
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**Wyke Regis Memorial Hall**  
All Saints Road, Weymouth, DT4 9EZ  
Tickets £6.50 (inc. glass of beer, wine or soft drink)  
Book your place now at [parishofwykeregis.org.uk](http://parishofwykeregis.org.uk)  
contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 or scan our QR code:

Parish of Wyke Regis  
All Saints with St Edmund

# Craft & Coffee

Knitting, Crochet & Craft Group

3rd Tuesday of Every Month  
10am to 12 noon  
St Nicholas Church, Dorchester Rd, DT3 5DN

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned crafter, just bring your own project and join in the crafty chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

For more info contact  
Susana on  
07944617553

## St Nicholas Lunch Club

Second Tuesday of every month at  
St Nicholas Church, DT3 5DN  
11.30am - 2.30pm (Lunch served at 12)

Please join us for a home cooked meal and make new friends

Board games and puzzles available  
Donations towards costs welcome

For catering purposes and dietary requirements, please book in advance by contacting  
Susana on 07944617553  
or emailing [susanamalik@yahoo.com](mailto:susanamalik@yahoo.com)

## St Nicholas Church

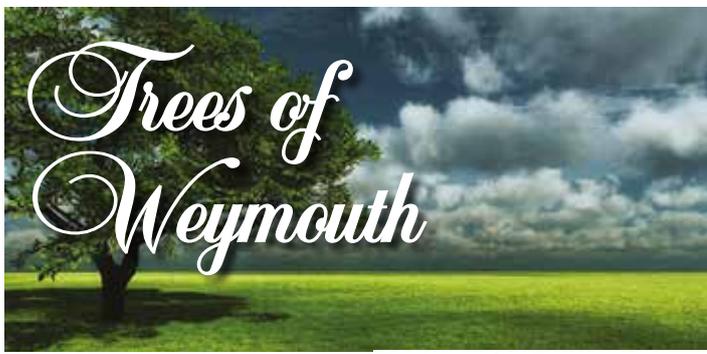
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## Monterey Pine

*Pinus radiata*  
Pinaceae Family

**Situated a few metres from the corner of Coombe Valley Road at its junction with the road from Littlemoor is a group of tall and splendid pine trees. With the surrounding deciduous trees now leafless, this group of evergreens stand tall and stunning, magnificent in the December sunshine, and majestic in the gale force winds and driving rain of winter.**

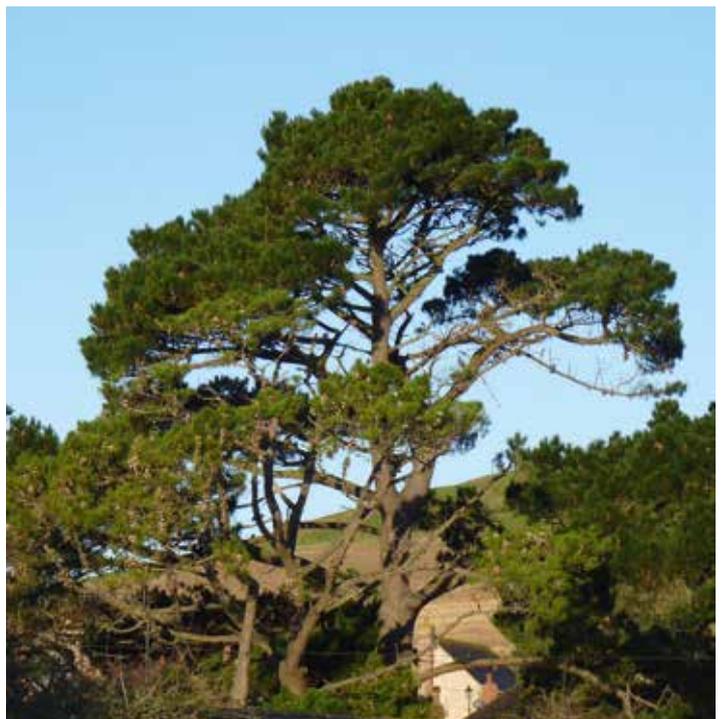
These are Monterey Pines and members of the Pinaceae or Pine Family of trees. The Latin name for the Monterey Pine is 'Pinus radiata,' pinus, the generic name, being Latin for 'pine cone.' 'Radiata' is its specific term and is translated from the Latin word, 'radius' meaning 'a spoke or ray.' This describes the structure of the tree since its branches radiate outward from the trunk. These tall and sturdy trees have been known to reach a height of 30 metres and the furrowed, scaly bark is dark brown, rough and fissured. The wood itself is slightly brittle but light and stiff.

Pine trees bear needle-like leaves which are quite different in texture and structure from those on deciduous trees, and can also vary in number from one species to another within its own family of pines. Those on the Monterey Pine are approximately 12 cms in length, and similar in shape to a fine blade of grass ie straight, rolled and green. Each cluster contains three needles which are sheathed together at the base in a papery scale. These clusters of three needles are specific only to the Monterey Pine, and clarify its identity. To state that



these needles are 'ever-green!' is not totally accurate since, seen scattered in the gutter and across the pavement in Coombe Valley Road after a fierce storm, they are clearly brown and sere! Needles on other members of this family can vary from five to seven in number. Male and female flowers are formed on separate cones, the pollen from the male cones windblown onto the female cones where germination takes place and winged seeds are formed. Yellow in spring, the male flowers are densely packed together on the twigs, whilst the female flowers are set in clusters of three to five. The Monterey Pine can also be accurately identified by its large but slightly lop-sided, misshapen cones which are clearly visible on our local trees from the pavement in Coombe Valley Road. Some Monterey Pines have been known to retain their cones for several years before they fall.

Monterey Pines were introduced to Britain from America in 1833 by a tree enthusiast and collector called David Douglas. They grew quickly seemingly more comfortable in the south especially along the coast where they made sturdy barriers against winter storms and squalls. Monterey Pines were once specific only to the Northern Hemisphere but current research indicates that some have taken root and are flourishing in New Zealand.



Above: Dozens of pine cones shine in the winter sunshine, on the Monterey Pine in Coombe Valley Road. Photos: Iain Ross  
Far left: Male flower Left: Female flower

mouth beach as part of its wider approach to managing and enhancing the town. Reacting to the news, Cllr David Harris, Leader of Weymouth Town Council, said: "It is very sad that this traditional, family-run business will not be returning to Weymouth Beach for the 2026 season, and we appreciate this has not been an easy decision for the owners to make.

"The request to surrender the lease by the Jones family was considered by the Finance and Governance Committee on Wednesday evening (17th December) when Councillors agreed to an early end of the current lease.

'The committee also agreed that other income generation ideas could be developed in conjunction with partners and businesses, and any suitable ideas would be brought back to a future meeting of the Environment and Services Committee to consider.'



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## Aquafit

Exercise in the water with a smile. Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Osprey Leisure Centre. All abilities welcome. Margaret on 01305832944 or 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.

## C'Siders - Cancer Support Group

Regular meetings, activities and events for anyone affected by cancer. Find out more at csiders.org, search csiderswp on Facebook, email info@csiders.org or ring on 07392 935064..

## 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

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## Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

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## 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, Reforme, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linkusup9@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 (Broadwey). Email. elizabeth.ian.messer@gmail.com

## Littlemoor Library

Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm.  
2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm.  
Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm.  
Friday 2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
The library holds the following.

Writing Group every Monday at 10.00am.

Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon.

Reading Group on the second Wednesday in the month 10.30am - 11.30am.

## Mulberry Bush Pre-school

At St Andrew's School. Children. 2 years 9 months to school age. Contact jjonas@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

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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

Our volunteers will be pleased to repair broken household items, including electricals, electronics, IT, jewellery, clocks, opticals, sewing and leather repairs, and misbehaving sewing machines. 10.00am to 12.30pm, Southill Community Centre, 137 Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT4 9SS.

## 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 - Jen & Dave. 01305 771742 or 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. Tuition given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

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### Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

Meet Tuesday mornings Southill Community Centre. 9am till 12 noon. £2 refreshments available. Friendly group. All abilities. Non teaching, but occasional workshops. Contact Chair - carol.morrison7@icloud.com

### 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. Face-

book "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. wpsac@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 info@weymouthchoralsociety.org uk or Fiona Webb 0775946116 fionawebb@gmail.com

### Weymouth Drama Club

For adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week.. For information contact Jacqui Trent on 07709601567 or curtainraisers7@gmail.com www.weymouthdramaclub.com

### Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

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### Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com - volunteers welcome  
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Beavers aged 6 to 8. Wed - 5.30 to 6.45pm & Fri 6.00 to 7.15pm.  
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Scouts aged 10½ to 14½. Mon & Wed - 7.00 to 9.00pm.  
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### Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

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

### Whist and Military Whist Drive

Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road. Tuesday, start 2.00pm. Further details on 784056.

### Whist Drive

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### 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  
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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.

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### Wyke Regis Society

[www.wykeregissociety.org.uk](http://www.wykeregissociety.org.uk)  
Meetings second Tuesday two-monthly, 7pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or [georgina.skipper@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk)  
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