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News

Wyke Regis Gardening Club

Come and join us at our Open Day on Saturday 25th July. Non members welcome.

We are having a Table top sale selling cakes and second hand books and other goods, as well as having a sale of some of our shop items and of course plants! Refreshments will be available in our café. Our last trading day before the summer break is 29th July and we reopen on 5th September. 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

We're currently busy getting things ready for our stall on Weymouth Esplanade on Monday 6th July. There will be plenty of books, bric-a-brac, handi-crafts, jewellery, plants and more for sale, so come and have a browse. If you'd like to find out more about our WI we'd be glad to have a chat.

In June we held a successful coffee morning and enjoyed an interesting and informative talk from Ra-

chel and Andrew Knowles about fashionable society in Regency London, in addition to the regular meetings of our numerous interest groups – have a look on our website www.wykegiswi.org.uk for more information. At our July meeting the speaker will be Steve Belasco, an offshore photographer.

Our next coffee morning will start at 10.00am on Tuesday 7th July, where members and non-members are welcome for tea and coffee, homemade cakes, book and bric-a-brac stalls and a chat at the WI hall in Gallwey Road.

National Trust South Dorset Association

Tuesday 14th July at 2.30pm 'Local Textile Industries' a talk by Historian, Richard Sims.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association. St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW. NTSDA members £4, Visitors £5. Includes refreshments. No need to book in advance.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

At our June meeting we welcomed Malcolm Smith and his

colleague Sally from The Repair Cafe.

They gave us a very informative and interesting talk about how the Repair Cafe came about and how it works.

The Cafe runs once a month at Southill Community Centre from 10.00am till 12.00 noon. People who have an item they would like repaired can just turn up and wait to see one of the 'experts' to see if their item can be repaired. There can be a long wait but tea and coffee is available as well as cake which makes the wait worthwhile! Their ethos is reuse and repair and they manage to be successful in 81% of items brought to them.

There are 60 Volunteers 35 of whom are repairers while the others are helpers and runners. They repair clocks, kettles, toasters, dolls, teddy bears, clothes and many other things, they will also sharpen garden implements and scissors. They repair around 70 to 80 items on average in one 2 hour session per month.

They are a non profit organisation but ask for donations for repairs, they then donate every month to local charities with the funds. Last year this amounted to £2000. Also they were 1st in the UK in their field in 2022 and 2023, 2nd in 2024 and 5th in the world. The next Repair Cafe is on the 11th of July at Southill Community Centre.

Some of our members are going on a horse drawn barge trip in Tiverton later this month which sounds as if it should be fun!

We will also be participating in the WI Quiz, in previous years we have been in the final a few times and we hope to be successful again this year.

Our next Meeting will be on the 1st of July at The Mission Hall at 2pm when we will welcome Retired Brigadier Jeff Little who will talk to us about Lawrence of Arabia. Visitors are welcome.

Val Dawe
President

Weymouth Concert Brass

The summer garden is a perfect setting for listening to a brass band on a Sunday afternoon, and we offer three upcoming opportunities in as many weeks to experience just that – hopefully, the weather will oblige too!

First, on Sunday 28th June from 2.00pm at Dorchester's lovely Borough Gardens. Then, closer

to home at Radipole gardens at 2.00pm on Sunday 12th July, and finally in Greenhill Gardens at 2.00pm on Sunday 19th July (one of their regular Sunday afternoon live music events).

So perhaps we'll see you in the July sunshine. In the meantime, 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

Talk in Weymouth Library

On Saturday 6th June at 10.30am in the Library, Alan Jenkins, a retired Police Inspector, who worked in the force on the Prevent element of the Government Counter-Terrorism, will recount the threats presented to the UK.

He will also talk about a case where he personally dealt with extreme terrorists. Everyone welcome to come. Entrance fee will be £3 (no advance booking needed). Enquiries at 01305832613.

Family History Society
The South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be holding their next meeting on Friday 17th July when the speaker will be Geoff Kirby talking about 'Portland Curiosities'.

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. Please note there will be no meeting in August.

Fleet Air Arm Association Honours Weldmar Hospicecare With £1,427 Cheque

On the 21st May the Weymouth and Portland Branch of the Fleet Air Arm Association presented a cheque for £1,427 to Weldmar Hospicecare at the Weldmar In-patient Unit, marking a year of exceptional community fundraising across 2025 and 2026.

The branch takes a community-focused approach to charity work. Rather than requesting direct donations, it sponsors engaging events that bring members together and generate substantial funds for worthy causes.

In August 2025, the branch hosted an inaugural Black Tot Day celebration at Weymouth Workies, attracting 60 members to commemorate the final day of the Royal Navy's daily rum ration (31 July 1970). The evening featured a ceremonial funeral for the tot, a naval-themed quiz, rum tasting, and heartfelt toasts. All of it centred on camaraderie and shared naval heritage.

In March 2026, the branch ran a horse racing charity evening where members owned horses, placed bets, and cheered on their picks. The event delivered an evening of excitement and friendly competition for over 60 members.

Another branch member, Andy Powell deserves particular mention for his commitment. He recently ran the Weymouth half marathon to support Weldmar, exemplifying the diverse ways branch members contribute to the cause.

Eden Fraser, from Weldmar, passed on sincere thanks to all branch members for their tremendous support throughout the year. Weldmar Hospicecare was selected as the 2026 branch charity through a democratic member vote. The hospice's mission is providing compassionate end-of-life care and several former branch members have been in their care. Vice Chairman Paul D'Arcy said: 'This year proved what our branch is really about: members stepping up, supporting each other, and making a genuine difference. The £1,427 represents more than money. It's the result of members giving their time, enthusiasm, and friendship.'

The branch welcomes serving and ex-FAA new members passionate about naval heritage and community service. For details, contact the Branch Secretary faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com or attend the monthly meeting at Weymouth Working Men's Club (first Friday of the month at 19:30).

Southill Gardening Club

In July we are hosting Dorset based Garden Designer Jenny Short for a presentation entitled 'Through the Garden Gate'

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- a selection of distinctive gates and the gardens behind them.

The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are welcome 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.

The Fairbridge Trust Introducing BALA Sports Footballs

You are all familiar with Fair-trade bananas, coffee and chocolate and now we would like to introduce fair trade footballs! I have just returned from a Fair Trade Network Conference in Cardiff where we met several suppliers including Matt and Gillian from Bala Sports.

Bala Sports are a small but growing company who have this to say about themselves 'Since 2014 it has been Bala Sport's mission to expand the availability and use of ethically produced and fairly traded sports balls in the UK and bring the fair trade message to the sporting world. In 2023 custodianship of Bala transferred to Matt and Gillian Oliver, who found a new, fair trade certified manufacturer in Sialkot, Pakistan and brought a new range of fairly traded footballs to the UK.

Fairly traded simply means we followed the principles of fair trade, paying a fair price in line with fair trade principles and an additional 15% premium. The workers decide how this premium is spent – typically on school books or medicines, and, in the case of Sialkot, reduced price groceries for staff and their families. Children of factory workers are able to go to school and there is no slavery in the supply chain.'

Inspired by their story, we have ordered a few of the training balls, size 4. Engineered for performance and durability they are perfect for families to take to the park or club training sessions. Bala Sports aim is to get their fair trade balls into schools and clubs. As well as the training ball they have a Team Football and a Club Match Football made to International Match Standard standards. They also have a rugby ball available. Sales are primarily online via their website balasport.uk or email at info@balasport.uk. If any clubs are interested in purchasing several of their balls please email them to ask about any offers they may

have.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Big Brew, either by baking such wonderful cakes or joining us on the day. It was lovely to hear the chatter and laughter from upstairs and we were able to send £200 to Transform Trade.

We wish all of our customers, residents and visitors, a glorious summer in Weymouth.

We can be contacted on 01305 772842, by email at thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

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Green Councillor Update

Cllr Claudia Webb

The summer has brought a wide variety of casework across Rodwell and Wyke, and I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me with concerns, ideas and suggestions for our community.

One area of work has involved supporting vulnerable residents facing housing difficulties, including helping people navigate the process after receiving Section 21 eviction notices. Finding affordable accommodation locally remains challenging, and I have been working with residents, housing providers and Dorset Council's Housing Team to help ensure people understand their options and access the support available to them.

I have also been following up concerns regarding activity at the Wessex Water Treatment Works, where residents have reported deliveries taking place outside permitted operating hours. These concerns have been referred to Dorset Council's Planning Enforce-

ment Team for investigation.

Residents have also raised concerns about the condition of railings and the increasing number of boats tied along sections of the seafront near Smallmouth Beach. Questions around ownership, maintenance responsibilities and public access have been raised with the relevant authorities and I will continue to pursue these matters on behalf of residents.

Community safety has also been a focus, and I have been working with local businesses, Dorset Police and other partners to develop the 'Don'tBeThatPerson' anti-spiking campaign. The initiative aims to raise awareness, encourage reporting and help make Weymouth's night-time economy safer for everyone.

This week I will also be attending a Motion for the Ocean workshop at County Hall. As a coastal community, Weymouth has a direct interest in the health of our seas, beaches and marine environment. I look forward to learning more about how local authorities can work together to protect our coastline and improve environmental outcomes for future generations.

Finally, I am delighted to continue supporting the Friends of the Rodwell Trail and other local volunteer groups who give their time to improve and protect the places we all enjoy. Their efforts help make our area cleaner, greener and more welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Cllr Helen Toft

In 2019, Weymouth Town Council acknowledged the Climate Emergency and, like Dorset Council, set a target of becoming a carbon-neutral council by 2030.

Alongside improvements to council buildings and vehicles to make

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Fleet Air Arm Association cheque presentation to Weldmar Hospicecare

them more energy-efficient and sustainable, action is also being taken to address some of the ecological damage that has affected our flora and fauna over the past 50 years. Many new trees have been planted, and for every tree that must be removed from council-owned land, two replacement trees are planted. Some residents have expressed concerns that the wildflower and wildlife areas within cemeteries may be disrespectful to those who are buried there. However, these areas provide valuable habitats for many species of insects and small mammals whose survival is increasingly threatened by the loss of natural spaces and the conversion of green front gardens into parking areas. Weymouth has recently signed up to become a Swift Town. Swifts are iconic birds that traditionally nest in urban areas. According to the RSPB, their numbers have fallen by more than half since the mid-

1990s and they are now classified as an endangered species. Council officers have installed several new swift nesting boxes around the town, and evening swift surveys are also being carried out. Anyone interested in taking part can find out more by joining the Facebook group Weymouth – Swift Town. Another exciting environmental project currently being explored is the possibility of growing Black Poplar trees at Tumbledown Farm, a smallholding owned by the Council where conditions are considered ideal. The Black Poplar is one of Britain's rarest native trees, with only around 7,000 remaining in the UK. Supporting this project would require relatively little investment while delivering significant environmental and biodiversity benefits for future generations.

Cllr Clare Sutton

In response to local residents' concerns about the Newton's Cove

development, I met on site with representatives from Juno and Woodmace in May. As work continues to replace the rock armour, buried debris left by the Ministry of Defence has been uncovered. Some material unfortunately entered the water as rocks were moved, but the site team has taken steps to prevent further occurrences, including hand-picking and removing plastic and other waste. Dorset Council's Planning Enforcement Team has visited the site and both they and the developers remain in contact with the Environment Agency, which is responsible for the shoreline. The Environment Agency is satisfied that the situation is being managed appropriately and discussions continue to ensure concerns are addressed. I have also been working with Aster Housing regarding illegal parking on the green at Hillbourne Road. Following intervention, the main offender removed their vehicles, although Aster continues to monitor the wider issue of residential parking on the site. Alongside this, I have been helping residents with a range of local concerns, including waste and bin collection issues across the ward. Some progress has been made, although a number of matters re-

main ongoing. As always, if there is an issue affecting you or your neighbourhood, please do get in touch with us.

Purbeck Mining Museum

Classic car rally heads to Norden for huge group visit to Purbeck's 'hidden gem'

The Purbeck Mining Museum hosted its largest ever adult visitor group in May as nearly 100 classic car enthusiasts were given guided tours around the popular visitor attraction at Norden.

The special visit was a key feature in the itinerary of the three day Jurassic Coast Rally organised to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Traction Owners Club and included participants from all corners of the UK as well as Ireland and France. The line-up of over forty pre-1957 Citroën cars and commercial vehicles was an impressive sight in the large car park at Norden Park adjacent to the museum and feedback from the visit was extremely positive. 'Everyone really enjoyed the tours around the museum and were fascinated to see and hear all about an industry that has played such a



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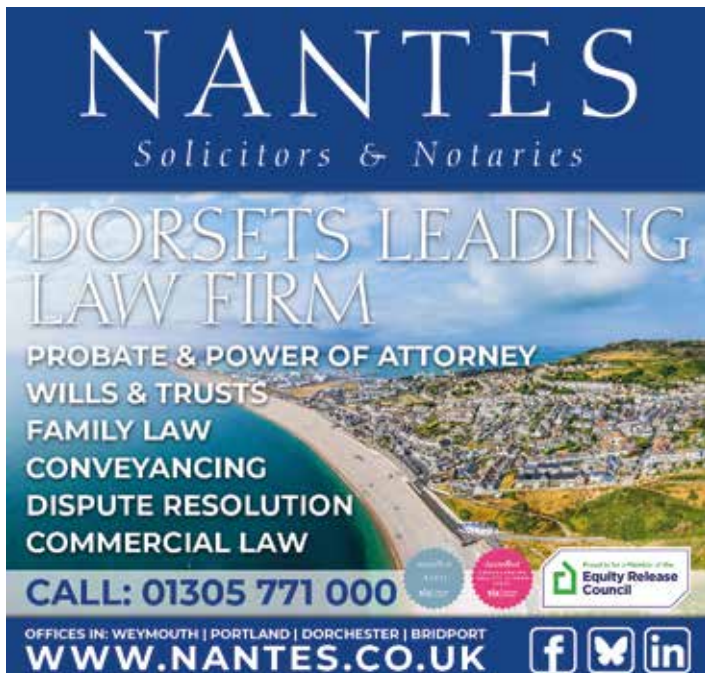
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Traction Owners Club members at Purbeck Mining Museum

significant role over many centuries in helping to shape the countryside, economy and communities in this area of the Purbecks,' says Gavin Davey, one of the rally's organisers. 'It really is a hidden gem in the Isle of Purbeck. Everyone at the museum couldn't have been more welcoming, and hearing first hand experience from a former miner provided real insight into the workings of a mine and the huge scale of mining operations in years gone by.'

According to Museum Lead, Peter Sills, the continuing rise in visitor numbers to the Purbeck Mining Museum has led to more and more organisations and community groups arranging group visits. 'We welcome groups of all ages and always ensure we have volunteers on hand to cater for specific requirements and areas of interest. The visit of the Traction Owners Club was our largest adult visitor group to date. We split the group into three tour groups to ensure everyone had the opportunity to ask questions and to take in the atmosphere of an authentic and restored clay mine.'

The Purbeck Mining Museum is run entirely by volunteers and provides an extensive array of equipment, artefacts, displays and AV presentations with periodic demonstrations of engine and wagon movements on the restored narrow gauge railway network around the main mining building. Open most days throughout the summer until October, full details on opening times are posted on the museum's website, www.purbeckminingmuseum.org. This also provides more information on Purbeck's clay mining industry and the various roles and opportunities for volunteers who are always given a warm welcome, even if they are only available for a few hours every now and then. The Traction Owners Club aims to promote interest and support for all pre-1957 water-cooled Citroën

cars including rear-wheel-drive models and the iconic front wheel drive Traction Avant. Formed in 1976, the club welcomes enthusiasts from all over the world but is focussed primarily on UK activities with regular meetings, rallies and

events taking place throughout the year.

For further information or any additional photos, please contact: Purbeck Mining Museum - Ron Dyson: 01935 83622; 07477 174674 ron.dyson@auroracomms.net

PMM 1 – One of the three groups from the Traction Owners Club, who recently enjoyed guided tours around the Purbeck Mining Museum near Norden as part of the club's Jurassic Coast Rally.

PMM 2 – Over forty classic cars lined up in the car park at Norden when the Jurassic Coast Rally of the Traction Owner's Club made a group visit to the Purbeck Mining Museum.

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Charity Gala raises £300,000 for Dorset County Hospital Appeal

A philanthropic group of Dorset based individuals have come together in support of Dorset County Hospital Charity's Emergency and Critical Care Appeal raising an incredible £300,000 at a Gala Dinner held at Chettle House in Dorset on Friday 8th May.

The Appeal Committee, Chaired by Annabel Elliot, have helped to organise this tremendous event with around 300 distinguished guests attending the Gala including Appeal Patron, Kate Adie, Martin and Philippa Clunes, Julian Fellowes, and Jasper Conran, amongst many others.

Other committee members include Ms Jibba Butler, Mr Angus Campbell CVO, Mrs Barbara Dooley, HM Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Michael Dooley Esq LVO, The Hon Mrs Peregrine Kitchener-Fellowes, Baroness Kate Rock, DL, Mrs Venetia Ross-Skinner, Mrs Lucy Sewill, Mrs Jane Shaw and The Hon Charlotte Townshend, DL.

The evening consisted of a dinner, entertainment, a live auction, silent auction and raffle, with prizes generously donated by members of the committee and their friends. Funds raised on the night have taken the total amount raised for the Appeal so far to £1.85 million. The Emergency and Critical Care Appeal aims to raise £2.5 million to fund equipment and facilities beyond the NHS budget for the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit which is currently under construction at Dorset County Hospital. Funding for construction of the £100 million

project has been provided by the Government's New Hospital Programme and is due to be completed in 2027.

Annabel Elliot, said: 'Choosing to support Dorset County Hospital was an easy decision for me; it is a cause close to my heart. It has provided incredible care to me and members of my family and, as so many others in Dorset, we have seen it perform these services despite exceptional pressures of capacity and funding. With this appeal, we hope it can deliver even better outcomes for our community and secure the health and wellbeing of Dorset families for the future.'

Head of DCH Charity, Simon Pearson said, 'The Emergency and Critical Care Appeal is our most ambitious Appeal to date, and we are delighted to announce that we have now raised £1.85 million in total. We would like to thank the Appeal Committee who have generously given their time and expertise to help organise the Chettle House Gala. The money raised has moved us significantly closer to our fundraising target of £2.5 million, which will enable us to fund facilities and equipment for the new Departments at DCH.' Chief Executive of Dorset County Hospital, Matthew Bryant said, 'We are on track to open the new building in 2027. It will be a really special facility that will make a huge difference to the care we can offer. Thank you to everyone who has donated for your generosity and kindness in supporting this Appeal. Your support will now help many others in Dorset in the years to come.'

The Chettle House Gala was generously sponsored by NFU Mutual Dorchester, Cazenove Capital, Edwards & Keating Chartered Accountants, Knighton Countryside

Management, Wessex Internet and Wrackelford Farms Ltd. Find out more about the Emergency and Critical Care Appeal, and how you can help support it with fundraising at: www.dch-charity.org.uk.

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Charity Gala for Dorset County Hospital

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Newspapers often contain surprising reports and headlines. Mrs Barnacle of Wyke insists that a trigger warning is included here. Some readers may find what follows is disturbing, as there are accounts of injuries to animals. But I digress, with apologies also for quite a lot – a few? – bad jokes.

To continue. Our local paper led on its front page with a picture and headline which said "Iconic Landmark Getting Major Facelift." This caused me to chuckle, because this particular landmark, located just north of Cerne Abbas, is more famous worldwide for other parts of its anatomy than its face. Then there were the sports pages of one of the national papers, which told us that Alex Albon, a F1 driver for the Williams Team, crashed into the barriers during practice for the Canadian Grand Prix after hitting a groundhog. Apparently groundhogs on the track have become a regular feature – and increasing problem – to themselves and the drivers – over the years. Mrs Barnacle thinks, with some justification, that the groundhogs were there first and should be treated with more respect. Thankfully we don't have any groundhogs in this part of the world, but every country has its particular animal traffic hazards. In Dorset we are warned about the risk of deer on our roads, something of which I have personal experience.

Many years ago, returning home late at night along the dual carriageway approaching the Owermoigne roundabout I spotted at the last moment two deer crossing the road and braked hard. The first kept going and was OK. The second one turned around and tried to go back the way it had come. Unfortunately, although the car had slowed to nearly a halt, a collision was unavoidable, thankfully only a gentle one. Switching on the hazard warning lights I rushed to see how it was. It was immobile but breathing hard. Not having much experience of such things, the question was what to do next. As the deer was too large to move by myself a call

to 999 would be needed and then a wait for assistance. At least I could say the patient was breathing. Just then a car pulled up behind me and the driver enquired if I was all right. After an explanation, he said he was a farmer, used to dealing with animals, so he would check it for injuries. After a thorough examination and finding none, he decided it was in a state of shock. We debated what we should do. As we did so the deer got to its feet, shook its head, ran over the grass verge, jumped the six-foot fence and disappeared into the fields beyond. End of debate. With my profuse thanks for his help, we went our separate ways.

Nowadays my nighttime driving is much reduced, for two main reasons. The first being that my In-house Adviser and I are not the gad-about we used to be and the second is that we need to get to sleep at a 'sensible' hour i.e. no later than 10.30 pm. This is because we wake much earlier than in the past but need more beauty sleep to compensate. Well, I do, but my In-house Adviser needs very little to retain her youthful good looks. Mention this compliment next time you see her as I can use the brownie points, especially now that a new mobile phone has entered our household. Not from choice, it has to be said, but because our bank app now demands a higher Android operating system than the old phone can manage. And no, I don't understand what that means either. But a recommended phone

was ordered, paid for and failed to arrive. Fearing the worst the order was cancelled and another purchased elsewhere, this time satisfactorily.

It was suggested that transferring the data off the old phone to the new one would be the work of moments. Yeah, right. Some days and many hours of anguish and stress later the new phone has frozen at a most unhelpful page. Expert advice from my tech savvy son-in-law – who sensibly uses another type of phone and operating system – is to 'factory reset' the new phone and start the transfer again. Which I will do as soon as I find out what 'factory reset' means. This lack of empathy from all things electronic to us human beings made me wonder about electric 'driverless' cars. If their operating systems are as easy to get on with as my new phone, then we are in trouble. Alexa already ignores most of what she is asked to do – my Welsh accent probably confuses her. But getting into a driverless taxi in Weymouth and asking it to take me to Preston could result in a long – and expensive – trip to Lancashire. Espe-

cially as there are rumours that on some electric cars a 12-volt battery failure can prevent the doors from opening. Mrs Barnacle has researched this and says the first piece of advice is 'not to panic.' Sounds like Lance Corporal Jones in Dad's Army. She informs me that all EVs have failsafe mechanisms so those inside can exit even when all power has gone. So far so good. Use the mechanical override to open the door and get out. But this method varies between vehicles, and it is not a mandatory requirement to have a failsafe on the rear doors, so you might have to climb into the front seats to use the front doors. And with my luck, just as I exit, a flying delivery drone will probably drop a parcel on my head. Though come to think of it, a local deer is probably at this moment writing an Over the Fields article describing how one night in its youth it was assaulted by a piece of new mechanical equipment that had clearly not been updated to spot obstacles in that dark and so avoid them.

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tury when craftsmen took their artefacts to Goldsmiths Hall in London to be checked for quality and content. Once checked to be of the correct standard the quality mark was applied at the Hall, hence the word 'hallmark'. Today there are four hallmarking offices, known as assay offices, in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield.

Hallmarking techniques and regulations have been fine-tuned since those early days. The current legislation that governs hallmarking was created by the 1973 Hallmarking Act. Hallmarking is enforced by Trading Standards.

If a jeweller makes items of silver, gold, platinum or since 2010 palladium, and wants to sell them, then must get them assayed to guarantee they meet the relevant precious metal standard. The hallmark is then applied so it is legal to sell.

The last national survey carried out looking at fake jewellery confirmed that up to a third of precious metal products supplied online were un-hallmarked and could therefore be fake. Jewellery fraud has consistently been an issue in the precious metal industry where counterfeit items can be made and sold at a high price to the unsuspecting customer.

Since that survey the price of gold has risen by well over 200%. That is more potential profit for fraudsters wanting to pass off fake precious metal. Some fraudsters even try to promote investments in pre-

cious metals. When prices rise so do people's interest, so scams can become more common.

If you believe you may have bought fake jewellery or have fallen to an investment scam, then please report it at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Weymouth Town Council's Community Expo 2026

Weymouth Town Council has thanked everyone who attended and supported the Community Expo on Saturday 16th May. The free event took place at the iconic Jubilee Clock on the seafront and was a chance to celebrate Weymouth's diverse range community groups and talk about the Council's services to residents.

There was a great atmosphere throughout the day, with hundreds of people taking to the seafront to find out about local services, and enjoy the entertainment provided.

Three members of Weymouth Town Council's Youth Council spoke to residents to find out what they love about Weymouth, and over forty different charities, local groups and organisations set up on the seafront to showcase their work and talk to passers-by about what they offer within the community. This included Dorset

Police and six Police Cadets who spoke to members of the public about what they do.

Cycling Without Age, who brought along two of their trishaws, gave rides to 45 passengers during the day.

Entertainment was provided by four local clubs and groups including Weymouth Rock Choir, who started the event with a customary energetic performance. The Quangle Wangle Choir provided a great sing-along on the promenade, which was followed by a crowd-pleasing show from Hooked on Boots line dancers, with many spectators joining in. To close the Expo, members of Weymouth Combat Lab took to the floor to give a fantastic demonstration of their skills and martial arts expertise.

The Annual Town Assembly was also held and was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Peter Dickenson, his first civic duty since being elected to the role earlier in the week. The Town Clerk read out the Annual Report listing 28 key achievements over the last year including refurbished public toilets, the Towns of Culture programme, over £60,000 in grant funding, and planting over 1,300 trees. Goals for next year include refurbishing the US War Memorial, the Jubilee Clock, and another public toilet, installing a bandstand on the promenade to host weddings and small events, and employing a Community Caretaker to ensure the town looks and feels its best. The Town Council are grateful to community radio station Air 107.2 for compering and providing the soundtrack throughout the day, which really added to the fantastic atmosphere.

Feedback from stall holders was positive, with a representative from Victim Support saying: 'We spoke to over 80 people about our service and were able to network with some of the other organisations who attended.'

Volunteers from Weymouth's Peace Gardens said: 'We had lots of nice compliments from people who know the garden and are fairly regular visitors and plenty of interest from people, especially locals who had no knowledge of the garden, despite living in the area for years. It was great for raising awareness.'

Love Dogs West Dorset commented: 'We are incredibly grateful to Weymouth Town Council for the opportunity to participate in the Weymouth Expo for our third consecutive year. It is always a highlight for us. The Expo provides

us with a wonderful platform to engage directly with the public, strike up meaningful conversations, and share our passion for responsible dog ownership.'

Weymouth Town Council also welcomed two representatives from the Weymouth Louviers Society, who had travelled over from France for the event, which highlights the friendship and connections between the two towns which are twinned.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Peter Dickenson said: 'I was delighted to attend the Community Expo, which was my first public engagement as Deputy Mayor. It was a great pleasure to talk to representatives from a diverse range of local charities, groups and organisations and to see so many people turning out to support the event.'

'My thanks go to everyone involved in organising such a successful day, and to all those who came along to show their support. We are already looking forward to next year's Community Expo!'

Report from Cllr Kate Wheller

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

Record hours of sunshine and soaring temperatures attracted scores of residents and visitors into the town for Fayre in the Square and the Folk Festival recently. I hope many of you enjoyed the events and thanks to all those who spend so much time each year organising these events.

Calling all keen or wannabe gardeners. Do you admire the beautiful displays in Greenhill, Radipole Park, The Nothe and Sandsfoot Gardens? These are provided by a skilled team of professionals from Weymouth Parks Department, but they are supported by much appreciated teams of 'Friends of the Gardens'. Due to increasing age the Friends of Wyke Gardens ceased some years ago. We are calling for volunteers, these can be experienced or new gardeners all are welcome. Perhaps if you sit and chat whilst your children play after school you could do a little weeding? Maybe your children would like to help – with guidance! Do please get in touch. Our friendly staff will help and guide you all the way and gardening is

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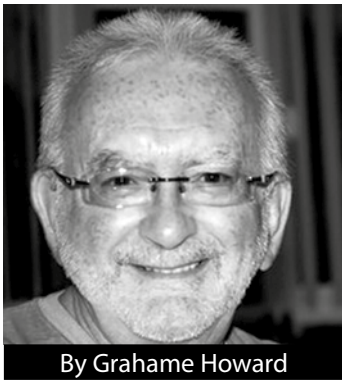
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By Grahame Howard

Hospital Visit

There are times when we need to realise that we can't do everything, no matter how hard we try. This became apparent to me recently. For a few weeks I had been suffering with a cough and soon after, my chest began to feel rough. I ignored it for a short time, that is until I had a high temperature and the cough had increased. The CO helped me do a Covid test but it was negative. I, therefore put it down to a bout of flu and spent the next few days in bed trying to shake it off.

By the weekend, it had become worse and we rang 111 who told us that a colleague would ring me within the hour. This didn't happen so, the CO rang them again, six hours later, and left a message. Less than a minute later, a paramedic rang and told me she had arranged for me to go to A&E and so we made the journey over there. I was eventually seen and after a chest X-ray, I was placed in a small ward on my own and further tests were taken. To cut a long story short, I was told I had a chest infection and was placed on strong antibiotics. My blood oxygen was of concern because it was about 90% and breathing was a little difficult. They wanted me to remain at least a constant 95%. However, this was not easy.

I'm not a great patient I admit and if I had been able to abseil out of the window to the ground floor, I would have done. I only needed the rope. I didn't feel too bad really. I kept telling the nurses this fact but, they chose to ignore me. The cough was a nuisance but I knew deep down that I had to listen to my body. So I rested, took my medication and tried to focus on getting home. I must have asked the nursing staff a dozen times about going home. But I was told it was down to the doctor.

The doctor visited the next day but, I must admit, because of my hearing loss, I couldn't hear a lot that he said. He examined me which confirmed that there was fluid in my lungs that needed dealing with. I never heard much more so

I didn't know what the diagnosis was. I was moved to another bay later that day in preparation to be transferred to a ward. More bloods were taken and the blood oxygen level fluctuated. Later in the night, I was transferred onto a ward and after being checked in, I was able to try and get some sleep. This was not easy as I kept coughing and the more I tried to stop, the worse it became. There was also a person next to me who kept walking around. His shadow kept flickering around the room. It was like an image from Psycho. I did manage to drift off though and when I awoke found myself in a ward with two other chaps.

Over the next few days, the CO visited me frequently but there was still no sign of me being discharged which was quite a frustration. But, I did what I was told, I had no choice with the CO sitting beside me. For once, she truly was in charge. We still hadn't a clue what my diagnosis was and put it down to a chest infection.

The doctor visited again and examined me. He mentioned about going home but emphasised that he wanted to know that my oxygen level was remaining 94% before this could happen. He said a few other things that I couldn't pick up with my limited hearing and then went on. The CO walked in at that moment and asked what the doctor had said. I told her all I knew. The chap facing, who had heard what the doctor had said, told her that I had pneumonia and it would take some time to improve. The CO looked at me and asked why I hadn't told her but I honestly hadn't heard much at all. She went to see one of the nurses and it was confirmed, I had pneumonia but the doctor felt I would be better at home if my oxygen level improved. If it did, I would be discharged.

Just to hear that magical word 'discharged' was music to my ears and throughout the day, I became more mobile, walking around a very confined space. Later that day, my oxygen level was up to 94% and two hours later, I was discharged home. I still had to rest and take things easy, which I found very difficult but, my breathing told me that it was right to slow down and rest. The moral of all of this is, don't think you know it all and take on things that your body is telling you to not to. Listen to your body and take care of it.

See you next time
Grahame

fun.

The work on North Quay and the Pavilion is almost complete – not to everyone's satisfaction, but at least the harbour walls are now repaired and secure. Businesses affected by the works have been pleased that both contractors and Dorset Council staff have been really good with communications, keeping everyone informed and responding to problems and suggestions whenever possible. I hope this way of working will roll out across our town.

Please look out for the consultation that will soon begin on the garden area above and beside Chapelhay steps. Have your say.

Look out too for WTC new community caretakers, 'lengthsmen'. A dedicated quick response team working to clean up an area that has suffered vandalism, graffiti, fly tipping etc. Returning our town to a place to be proud of.

I continue to take part in most of the various Executive Advisory Panels (EAPs) at Dorset Council. Work continues on an integrated strategy for the provision of Lei-

sure facilities across the County. I will push for recognition of the needs of the largest conurbation in the County - Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell.

Weymouth, Chickerell and Portland are finally being recognised as an area worthy of notice. A large development grant for Littlemoor and Broadway, 'Pride in Place' gives genuine opportunity for exciting projects across the area. It really is good news. An independent chairman with a committee of partners has been appointed to oversee the various projects. 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@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk, cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 07850 060947; you can leave a message. I do welcome your thoughts and comments and yes even your complaints. I do not pick up on messenger. You are al-

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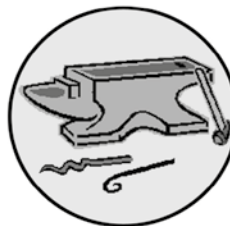
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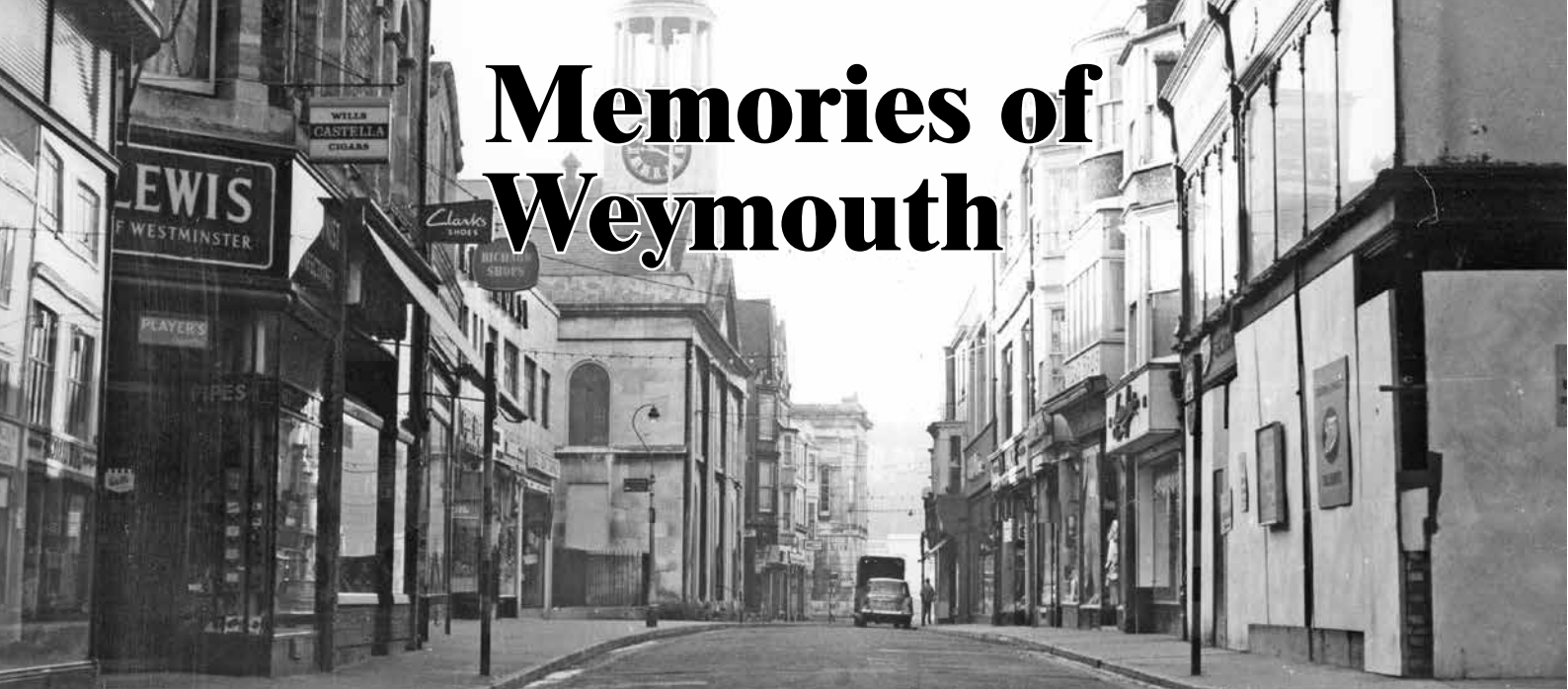
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Memories of Weymouth



Part 1

Being born in 1938 and spending my early years in Sutton Poyntz, with the war on, visiting Weymouth did not happen very often, I remember the double decker bus arriving at the Springhead Hotel, turning in Mission Hall Lane, and usually waiting in front of the house today called The Coach House (which were once stables but at that time were adapted into washrooms for the American soldiers) for about ten minutes giving mum, my brother Michael and I, time to scramble upstairs and into the front seat in great excitement.

On reaching Weymouth the buses used to pull up in front of the king's statue where the grass lawns and the railings are now. I remember there was a waiting room, the building outside was painted green and the architecture was very like the Victorian shelters on the seafront.

Another vague memory is of being taken to a café called "The Cookery Nook" which was situated in King Street. The meals were very much like school dinners. Later we often went to Shooters fish and chip café which was in Westham Road, on the corner of Park Street. It always seemed to be very busy, we used to sit at a table upstairs and your meal

By Sue Dodge

would arrive in a hatch from down below, I think it was called a "dumb waiter", then a waitress would bring it to your table, there always was a long wait to be served, sometimes the waitress would shout orders down through the hatch. Shooters also had a take-away fish and chip shop further up the road where the taxi rank is today.

Some of the St Mary Street shops

I cannot remember all of the shops, but several really stand out in my mind. Of course on the right hand side, there was WH Smith's and to this day many people still call this end Smith's corner, the shop stretched through into St Thomas street. It was usually used as a walk-through to save people facing the cold wind and sand when

an easterly wind was blowing. Downstairs were papers, magazines, pens and stationery for sale, upstairs the book department. Adjoining Smith's on the left hand corner was a small tobacconist shop. A little way down the road, on the same side, was a child's dream shop Wallace's. Toys of every description were sold there, pedal cars, model railways, small cars, puzzles, dolls, games, stacked on shelves, they were also hung from the ceiling, and spread across the floor, so many it was a job to see them all. Opposite there was a few small shops, the Criterion Restaurant and the Black Dog public house.

Back over to the right hand side of the road was Edwin Jones, this was a large shop which sold furniture, it was connected with VH Bennetts which was further down the road also Plumber Roddis at the bottom end on the other side, VH Bennetts sold clothes and fashion wear, Plumbers sold electrical goods, they all belonged to the

same group of companies.

Then of course next was the Clinton Arcade, this enabled people to walk through to St Thomas Street. I remember on the right hand side of the arcade there was the Clinton Restaurant, downstairs they used to sell cakes and pastries, upstairs was the restaurant, it was very large, many wedding receptions and company dinners were held there. On the other side of the arcade I am not sure but think that Wigmores fruit and vegetable shop was at the entrance then there was a china and gift shop in the centre, and I cannot remember which shop was at the Thomas Street end. On good Fridays the arcade was always closed.

Near to there was Jones's Shoe shop, it sold Clarke's shoes and the assistants always measured the children's feet, also they had a machine in latter years that x-rayed their feet to see how much toe room there was in the shoes. Further along was Brailley's they sold



St Mary Street c 1900s

Left: The Trocadero, 71 St Mary Street, now First Choice



knitting wools, and haberdashery. Meech's Gentleman's outfitters are one of the only shops remaining as it was today, staff courteously waiting to ask you if you need help and to serve you.

I do not have many memories of Marks and Spencers as a child, but one strange thing that sticks in my mind was the opening of a small café down stairs, in the late forties, it sold trifles, sundaes, sandwiches, cups of tea and coffee etc, but the strange thing about it was that there were no seats, you had to stand up at small counters to eat. They also sold ice-cream in small individual round portions, shaped like a log with a strip of grease-proof paper around the outside edge, which after being removed, the ice-cream was put on top of your fruit and jelly. The café didn't last very long.

Next to Marks and Spencers was a Pawnbrokers called Sargeants, then of course came Woolworths. It was a very beautiful building 'art deco' design, with cream coloured frontage and a bright green roof, there were two storeys, upstairs it was a bit dark and gloomy, there they sold broken biscuits, the tins would be lined up in a row and you could take a bag and help yourself. On a counter there were huge slabs of cake, angel cake, currant cake, chocolate and ginger flavours were available, the lady behind the counter would slice off as large a piece as you wanted, weigh it and charge accordingly. China and glassware, tools, household goods were also on sale on the upstairs floor.

Talking to a friend, she worked there in the late fifties starting out on the sweet counter, there were no pick and mix in those days, the customers could point out which

sorts of sweets they wanted, then the assistant would shovel them up into a paper bag and weigh them, before telling the customer how much they were. Later she worked upstairs in the stock room. There were two storeys above the sales floors, also a flat roof, but no railings around. She remembers once when the Queen and Prince Phillip drove down the sea front on their way to the Channel Islands, several of the staff stood on this to watch them go by. Looking across to Marks and Spencers some of their staff were doing the same on their roof.

Down stairs, first of all you noticed all the prams lined up outside of the shop on the pavement, if a baby was crying, people walking by would stop and talk to it. Inside the counters were arranged in squares, with the lady serving, standing in the middle. At the back of the shop was a milk bar. Stools aligned along a counter, it was very popular. We used to go every Friday, from work for a milk shake during our lunch break. Of course being Woolworths, it sold everything, from makeup, to cottons, jewellery, toys etc. if you wanted anything Woolworths was the place to go. On Saturday afternoons in the fifties, teenagers used to congregate on the wide staircase inside the store.

Talking to Nephew of ours, he remembers that there were huge gas lamps hanging down from the ceiling, when the shop was converted to electricity they were never removed.

Opposite Woolworths was a very old fashioned restaurant Burts, it had two storeys and was painted black and gold on the outside, in the window were china tea sets and cakes arranged on fancy dish-



Briggs and Debenhams c1982



Mac Fisheries, Radio Rentals and John Collier (the window to watch)

es. Tea would be served by waitresses dressed in black with white aprons and cap.

VH Bennets (later to become Debenhams) on the same side as Burts, was a very large shop, selling ladies fashions, it was always packed with clothes, upstairs there were many small departments, up

and down steps, lingerie was a job to find, as was the small café hidden at the back. Today the shop is Smith's, so different now, gone all the nooks and crannies that used to be inside.

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Oliver's shoe shop, Dixons and Jean Jeanie next to Boots. c1984



Robert Davies, corner of St Mary Street and St Edmund Street

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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 Seemark

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 Evening song, 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

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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

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of which help towards combatting loneliness and isolation.

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. 12.00pm, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 1st July.

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 Bingleaves 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 13th June. For more information and to book your breakfast contact Ian Cox: iancoxart@yahoo.com

Coming Events

All Saints

Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th July 10.00am-noon
All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, home-made cakes, Fairtrade stall, books, music and for a catch up with friends old and new. Gluten free available.

St Edmund's

Rose Queen Festival

Saturday 11th July 1.00pm-4.00pm

The popular Rose Queen festival returns to St Edmund's, and promises to be a fun-filled day out for all the family. Featuring: live entertainment from the Amberlight Majorettes; Kids' Zone including bouncy castle; Soak the Vicar, local stalls, tombola & raffle, hot food & bar.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 27th June & 25th July 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 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

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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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ways 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 are in attendance at Weymouth Library from 10.00am-12.00 midday on the first Saturday each month.

Kate

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Weldmar Hospiccare

Weldmar Hospiccare is thrilled to announce its return as an official charity partner for the highly anticipated 2027 Weymouth Half Marathon.

The Dorset charity, which provides care and support for local adults with a life limiting illness, is introducing a brand-new, highly accessible entry incentive, but local runners will need to act fast, as only 50 exclusive spaces are available. What's new for 2027?

To make participating easier and more rewarding than ever, Weldmar is offering a heavily discounted entry package for the first 50 people to sign up to run as part of Team Weldmar:

Secure a race place for an exclusive £10 entry fee.

A highly manageable minimum fundraising target set at just £250. Only 50 charity places are available under this special offer.

Whether participants are seasoned runners looking for a personal best, or looking to tackle their first 13.1 miles, Weldmar is welcoming solo runners, pairs, and teams to grab these limited spots and take on the challenge together.

Making Every Step Count

Every penny raised by the runners will directly fund Weldmar's crucial services for local adults living with a life limiting illness, and expected to be in the last year of life.

Patients and their families receive compassionate care and support from the charity's nurses, doctors, counsellors, therapists, and other health care professionals both at home, and in their hospice in Dorchester.

'We're proud to be continuing our partnership with Weldmar Hospiccare for a third year.' Says Alan Rose, Event Director. 'The work they do across our local community is incredible, and having them as part of the Weymouth Half Marathon adds something really meaningful to the event.'

'It's a brilliant local event to be a part of.' Says Eden Fraser, Weldmar Events and Challenges Fundraiser. 'Every year the atmosphere is absolutely buzzing with local people supporting the runners, and we're really excited to be able to offer these special places this year to those who would like to support us while taking part.'

How to Sign Up

With just 50 spaces available, spots for Weldmar's 2027 Weymouth Half Marathon team are expected to sell out fast.

To register: Visit www.weldmarhospiccare.org/weymouthhalf

For inquiries: Contact the fundraising team at fundraisers@weldhospice.org.uk

Weymouth Town Council celebrates Volunteers' Week

Weymouth Town Council is proud to be joining in with National Volunteers' Week, and are delighted to celebrate the wonderful people who make such valuable contributions to the town.

From the young people who give up their time to be representatives on Weymouth's Youth Council, the various Friends groups working with the Council's Greenspaces Team, and the volunteers at Tumbledown Community Growspace, to litter pickers who help keep our town clean and tidy, and the parade marshals who help with Armed Forces events, Weymouth Town Council would like to thank everyone for their valuable contributions to Weymouth communities.

Cllr David Harris, Mayor of Weymouth, said: "We are delighted to join in with Volunteers' Week and we would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers in Weymouth who give up

their time to make such a valuable contribution to our town.

"For anyone looking to volunteer to lend a hand and make a difference to the local community, there are a range of opportunities available."

The Town Council approached local organisations and shared details on a range of opportunities. More details can be found below.

Weymouth Peace Gardens

With the support of Weymouth Town Council, The Peace Gardens are managed by a dedicated group of volunteers, who are looking for new members to help maintain and improve the community garden for the enjoyment of everyone who visits. Gardening knowledge and experience is not necessary, but interest and enthusiasm to learn and flexibility to try various tasks would be required.

The small, friendly group of volunteers meet for a working party every Saturday morning for roughly 3 hours (weather permitting), which includes a coffee/tea break and catch-up chat.

For more information, please contact parks@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Speedwatch Road Safety

Dorset Police are looking for volunteers who can help to remind road users to be more speed aware. The role is community-based and full training will be provided. For more information, visit www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk or email csww@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Wyke Community Centre

Wyke Regis Community Centre are looking for volunteers for 1-2 hours a week who can lead on maintenance to help provide a useful space for activities in the Wyke area. To find out more, contact Jayne by emailing: secretary@wykeregiscommunitycentre.org

The Samaritans

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth have various roles available, including Treasurer and Fundraising Lead, both of which are mostly home-based and ask for 2-5 hours per week. For more information, please contact Weymouth.director@samaritans.org

The charity is also recruiting Listening Volunteers, and are looking for people who are empathetic, open minded, a good listener and can commit to 3-4 hours per week. The role will be based at the Weymouth branch, and for more information, please contact Weymouth.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have many different roles available, including collecting funds both inside and outdoors in the fresh air. Seasonal opportunities include helping on stalls in June, with the main poppy appeal running from 10th October - 20th November.

To find out more, please contact weymouth.rbl@outlook.com, or call 01305 760495

The Friendly Food Club

The Friendly Food Club are looking for volunteers to help create a warm, inclusive, and enjoyable atmosphere at their Children's and Family Holiday Activity Sessions, by assisting with set up, welcoming attendees, and providing general support. The typical shifts are 3-4 hours and are based in various community venues.

A DBS check will be required, as the role involves working with children. For more information, please contact hello@thefriendlyfoodclub.org, explaining your interest in the role, along with a CV.

The Nothe Fort

The popular museum and visitor attraction have a variety of roles available, including Front of House Volunteers and Events Volunteers, plus Exhibition Stewards to support during the months of July and August. For more information, visit the website, or contact info@nothfort.org.uk

Jurassic Fields roars back to life

After it was saved from extinction last year, West Dorset's much-loved Jurassic Fields Festival is back with a bigger, bolder lineup of brilliant live acts and legendary DJs.

The festival at West Bay Fields, near Bridport will see multi-million selling chart toppers Scouting For Girls, whose hits include This Ain't a Love Song, She's So Lovely and Elvis Ain't Dead, headline as they build towards a massive 20th anniversary weekend at Wembley early next year.

Sharing the top slots are noughties hitmakers Feeder, everyone's favourite festival Wesh rap crew Goldie Lookin' Chain, multi-platinum sellers Space, and UK garage pioneers Artful Dodger.

Thousands of live music fans are expected to fill the site from 14-16 August, and with camping available, they're likely to make a weekend of it, as Jurassic Fields builds on its successful resurrection last year when Dorset-based company Immense Events and Bars Ltd, who have run the suc-

successful Poole Harbour Festival for ten years, took over the reins just in time to stage the event. 'We'd been to Jurassic Fields several times over the last few years and could clearly see how important it is to the vibrant music scene in West Dorset – there was no way we could let it disappear,' explains Immense MD Ben Dyas.

'Many of the artists we have worked with so successfully in recent years rallied to the cause and those who weren't able to make it last year have made sure they're here to play this year – it's going to be a brilliant weekend!'

Also appearing live are The South,

with their hit-packed setlist of massive tunes by The Beautiful South, dancefloor destroyers Dub Pistols, melodic indie types Captain, and the extraordinary one-man blues machine that is Funke and the Two Tone Baby, as well as folk-punk stalwarts Ferocious Dog, Bristol's finest soulful D&B outfit Dr Meaker, and top chart acts Freestylers and N-Trance.

'It's important to us that Jurassic Fields appeals to the whole community so we kept lots of slots open for Dorset-based artists such as the amazing Chris Payn & the

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Parade, Gaz Brookfield and his band, the Company of Thieves, and local heroes Shelby's Elbows, adds Ben.

'Add to that pocket-friendly ticket prices and a series of world class tributes to the likes of Oasis, Robbie Williams, Fleetwood Mac and Foo Fighters and you have a festival that is the definition of something for everyone.'

Families and younger festival goers are not forgotten either with free kids' activities every day including dinosaur shows, the Mad4Animals shows, bubble shows and storyteller Mark Fraser with top entertainment from the

likes of Jamie Jambo, Mr Merlin and Count Backwards.

A free shuttle bus will transport local festival goers from Bridport, Bradpole and Bothenhampton to the festival site at West Bay Fields where on-site camping is also available.

For more information, please contact:

Ben Dyas

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Mayor's Engagements for June

Please find a list of engagements to be attended by the Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr David Harris.

Thursday 18th June, 7.00pm - Weymouth Civic Society Awards, Nothe Fort, Barrack Road, Weymouth.

Saturday 20th June, 6.00pm - Aden Veterans Association Gala Dinner, Rembrandt Hotel, Dorchester Road, Weymouth.

Sunday 21st June, 11.00am - Weymouth Town Council's Armed Forces Parade, Weymouth Esplanade. More details on Armed Forces Weekend are here.

Monday 22nd June, 10.30am - Armed Forces Flag Raising, The New Town Hall.

Saturday 27th June, 12.00pm - Opening the Conifers Primary School Summer Fayre at the school on Radipole Lane, Weymouth, 3.00pm - helping to draw the raffle at the event.

Saturday 27th June, 12.45pm - Mayor attending Chesil Youth Pride, Coastland College, Cranford Avenue, Weymouth.

To arrange a visit from the Mayor of Weymouth, a completed booking form must be completed on Weymouth Town Council's website. For more information, please email mayor@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk

Popular Dorset podcast reconnecting people with nature set to continue after chart success

A Dorset-based podcast exploring food, farming and nature is set to continue after achieving chart success.

'Second Nature: Down in Dorset', co-hosted by local farmer Tim Gelfs and nature podcaster Lizzie

McLaughlin, has quickly gained popularity, reaching the UK top 20 and ranking within the top 10-25% of podcasts worldwide.

Originally launched as a four-episode mini-series in February, the podcast has struck a chord with listeners by highlighting the role farmers play in nature recovery. In response to its success, Dorset Council has confirmed funding will continue until at least November, with the potential for further episodes.

The series brings together farmers, residents and environmental groups for open conversations about key issues affecting Dorset's countryside. Supported through Nature Recovery Dorset and Dorset National Landscape's Farming in Protected Landscapes programmes, it showcases how farmers, communities and organisations are working together to restore nature while producing local food.

Tim Gelfs, who farms free-range hens and pedigree Aberdeen Angus cattle near Beaminstor, brings more than 40 years of experience to the podcast and is passionate about helping people better understand modern farming.

'It's been brilliant to see how well the podcast has been received in such a short space of time,' he said. 'Reaching the UK top 20 shows there's real appetite for honest conversations about farming and the countryside and we're really pleased that most of the listeners are also based in Dorset or the wider Southwest.'

'There's a serious side to it too — it's about bringing farming and nature closer to people and helping us all better understand both.' The podcast is a spin-off of the wider Second Nature Series, which focuses on connecting people with all things food, farming and

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The Dorset Wrecks

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Wild Plants of Weymouth

Red Valerian

Valeriana ruber

Red Valerian, or as it is sometimes called, Spur Valerian, occurs occasionally in pink and white forms and is usually to be found flowering from May to September.

It was introduced originally from Mediterranean areas and since the 18th century has spread vigorously from tended gardens to face southwards where possible on old buildings, cliffs, rocky places, neglected gardens, walls, and coastal areas such as Preston. Mixed with other tall plants like white Ox-eye daisies, it can make an attractive display and its leaves, when young, can be gathered and added to a salad.

Its Latin name, a name used mainly by professional botanists, is *Kentranthus ruber*, *ruber* translating as 'red' from the colour of its petals. *Kentranthus*, translates from the Greek *kentron* and means a *spur*, with

Medicago falcata and *Asperula* is a small tube like a bag and found as an extension to each petal. In the case of the Red Valerian a strong hand-lens will reveal a very small but long tube extending from each flower head to a stalk. Some botanists prefer to use the word *Centranthus* with a capital C as opposed to K but in any case, the Red Valerian is still a member of the Valerian or Valerianaceae Family. *Valeriana* is thought to have derived from the Latin word *valere* and translated as 'to be healthy' but also said to honour a Roman doctor, Valerius, reputed to be the first person to use the plant in medicine.



Gerard, in his 16th century Herbal, wrote about the plant's dry root which was 'put into counterpoysans and medecines preservative against the pestilence.' In his time, in English, Valerian was also known as Capons taile and Setwall, and he quotes a rhyme which, as he states somewhat scathingly, was written 'wherupon some woman or Poët or other hath made these verses- They that will have their heale, Must put a Setwell in their keale. Exactly what a 'keale' was is difficult to trace but surmise suggests that it probably refers to a kettle-like container used then by herbalists. Generally it

was used in his day for 'sleight cuts, wounds and small hurts' and in World Wars I and II as treatment for shell shock and nervous stress. It also has an old name, 'Valerian phu,' which has been amusingly suggested as akin to 'phew!' – a term we accept today when describing an overpowering unpleasant smell such as perspiration which resembles the smell from its dried roots!

the countryside.

Co-host Lizzie McLaughlin added: 'We've explored everything from why sustainable food matters for people and wildlife, to the challenges and opportunities of Dorset's 'big five' species. We've also looked at

complex issues like water pollution and how everyone can play a role in protecting our rivers, alongside the work farmers are doing to improve soils and biodiversity.

'Future episodes will dive deeper into some of these topics and high-

light the people shaping the future of Dorset's landscapes.'

Councillor Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council, said: 'The podcast's success highlights just how much interest there is in understanding rural life. By extending the series, we can continue bringing people together to explore the challenges and opportunities facing our countryside.'

Cllr Andy Hadley, BCP Council's portfolio holder for climate mitigation, energy and environment, said: 'It's really pleasing that so many of our residents are engaging with the podcast and learning more about the stunning nature that surrounds them. Many people connect between work and leisure across the urban and rural parts of Dorset, and it's important that we strengthen

these links.

'As a Council we are committed to improving access to nature for all our communities and a strong starting point for that is increased awareness - something this podcast helps to deliver - and I'm hopeful a future episode will highlight the nature on your doorstep.'

To listen, search 'Second Nature: Down In Dorset' on your favourite podcast platform or listen online.

For more information on Nature Recovery Dorset visit Dorset Council's website.

The podcast featured in the Top 20 for Home and Garden in Apple's Top 200.

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Aquafit

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

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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 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

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 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. Tuition given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

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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.

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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 Exhibition 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. 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 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 wdc curtainraisers@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 - weymouthsouthwaiting-list@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).

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Wyke Regis Community Association

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Wyke Regis Library

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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.

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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.s.kipper@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

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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.

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