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## The DCH COVID-19 Appeal recently launched by Dorset County Hospital Charity has smashed the £100,000 barrier in just under three weeks.

The new Appeal which was set up to fund staff well-being initiatives and support patient welfare during the Coronavirus pandemic has made an incredible start thanks to the generosity of the local community as well as a donation from NHS Charities Together.

Head of Charity Simon Pearson said, "We couldn't possibly have anticipated such a fantastic and rapid response when we set the appeal up at the end of March – the public have been so generous and the community and local businesses have rallied around to do whatever they can to help staff and patients at this really difficult time."

"The money will be used to provide practical items and fund longer term initiatives that staff have requested. It will support projects that will make it easier for them to focus on their number one priority which is looking after patients."

Just this weekend the appeal received an extra boost from the Virtual Quay-fest music event. Normally one of Weymouth's most popular outdoor events, this year the organisers had a quite different challenge, but still managed to put on a great show and raising over £13,000 for the COVID-19 Appeal. Members of staff from Dorset County Hospital sent messages which were shared during the event to highlight the need for the Appeal.

So far the DCH COVID-19 Appeal has been supported by over 1200 people and the fund continues to grow. Every donation will make a difference - to find out how you can help visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/DCHCOVID-19Appeal>

Financial donations may also be sent to: DCH COVID-19 Appeal, DCH Charity, Williams Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2JY.

(Please do not bring financial donations or donations of goods in to the hospital at this time.)

## Wessex Folk Festival cancelled

**This year's Wessex Folk Festival has been cancelled because of the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 Corona virus. The popular music and dance festival was due to have been held around Weymouth Harbour from May 29 to 31. In a statement, the festival organisers said:**

"Following a meeting of the Management Committee on March 16, we have decided, with great regret, to cancel the 2020 Wessex Folk Festival. We are now less than 11 weeks away from the festival dates of May 30 and 31 and the Coronavirus pandemic has created a situation of such uncertainty that we feel that this is the only responsible course to take.

"The festival draws large numbers of people from all over the country – the musicians and dance sides, their friends and families, and the audiences who love the crowded harbourside,

trade stalls, restaurants and pubs. The Government is rightly urging people to protect themselves by adopting a policy of social distancing and we believe that it is better to make a decision now and provide absolute clarity to all of our performers, stall holders, sponsors and the general public.

"We wish you all good health, and look forward to seeing you again in 2021."

## "The NHS is open" - Diabetes UK urges parents to be 4Ts aware during lockdown

**A quarter of newly-diagnosed children and young people with type 1 diabetes develop serious DKA before they're diagnosed**

Charity reminds parents to be vigilant, and act if they're worried Diabetes UK is urging parents not to let coronavirus fears stop them from seeking medical help if they're worried their child is showing the signs and symptoms of type 1 diabetes.

Echoing comments made on Wednesday (8th April) by Professor Stephen Powis, National Medical Director of NHS England that the public should – as they always have done – seek emergency care if they need it, the charity is reminding parents of the 4Ts of type 1 diabetes, and reassuring them that if they need urgent help – the NHS is open.

Type 1 diabetes is the most common form in children and young people. But new research from Diabetes UK has found that almost a quarter (23%) of all newly diagnosed children and young people with type 1 diabetes in England and Wales were not formally diagnosed until they had become seriously ill with diabetic ketoacidosis, or DKA.

DKA is life threatening but, in most cases, preventable. Acting quickly can save lives, so Diabetes UK wants to raise awareness of the common early symptoms of type 1 diabetes, so that children are diagnosed sooner and more safely.

The early signs and symptoms are easy to mistake for a viral infection or other illness, which is why it's so important to be 4T aware.

### What are the 4Ts?

- Toilet - Going to the toilet a lot, bed wetting by a previously dry child or heavier nappies in babies
- Thirsty - Being really thirsty and not being able to quench the thirst
- Tired - Feeling more tired than usual



· Thinner - Losing weight or looking thinner than usual

These symptoms of type 1 diabetes are also the most common symptoms in adults, who should equally be type 1 aware, and other symptoms can include infections such as thrush, or blurred vision.

The symptoms of type 1 diabetes come on very quickly – over a few days or weeks – and need urgent treatment. Without treatment, consistently high blood sugar levels can lead to DKA. DKA can often be treated with insulin and fluids if it is picked up quickly. But the life threatening complication could be prevented entirely if the signs of type 1 diabetes are spotted early. Diabetes UK's analysis is based on the National Paediatric Diabetes Audit Hospital admissions and complications reports 2012-2015 (2017). These reports show that each year around 600 children and young people received a type 1 diabetes diagnosis only after they developed DKA – a medical emergency which must be treated in hospital quickly.

While the UK is under lockdown, Diabetes UK has also been hearing anecdotally from clinicians that disproportionate numbers of young people are arriving for urgent care already in DKA, further highlighting the need for people to act, and fast, if they suspect type 1 diabetes.

Dan Howarth is Head of Care at Diabetes UK. He said:

"We know that parents currently have a million things on their mind, and they're doing everything they can to keep themselves and their families safe during the coronavirus outbreak.

"But diabetic ketoacidosis can be a life-threatening complication of diabetes. If a child or young person does not receive immediate treatment for DKA, it can lead to coma, or even death.

"It is vital that parents are aware of the early signs of type 1 diabetes and seek help if they need it. The NHS is open, and the health service is still there for you. The quicker children are diagnosed the less likely they are to become seriously ill. If you spot the signs, please call 999."

Information about the signs and symptoms of all types of diabetes can be found here: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/diabetes-the-basics/diabetes->

symptoms Find out more about DKA and what you can do to avoid it here: [https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/complications/diabetic\\_ketoacidosis](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/complications/diabetic_ketoacidosis)

Diabetes UK has also prepared up-to-date guidance to support anyone living with or affected by diabetes during the coronavirus epidemic, which can be found at: [www.diabetes.org.uk/coronavirus](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/coronavirus)

## Young Weymouth Athlete Undertakes Sponsored Physical Challenges

**Dorset County Hospital Charity has recently launched an urgent appeal to raise funds to support for staff and patients during and after the COVID-19 crisis. Now a young man who received a lot of help from the hospital wants to do something to raise funds for the Appeal.**

Thomas Doggett-Hill, a young athlete based in Weymouth, had a difficult childhood. He spent a lot of time in Dorset County Hospital (DCH) where his treatment helped get him through to adult life. Thomas had a chronic lung dysfunction similar to Cystic Fibrosis and was close to death on a number of occasions. With the help of

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DCH staff, Thomas overcame many of his barriers and to combat his symptoms he committed himself to getting fit. Now he wants to give back to his local hospital and raise money for the people and the place that helped his so much.

Chris Brown, Town Crier of Wimborne Minster and a good friend of Thomas' said,

"I have known this young fellow for many years and he is happy for me to say that I knew him when he was in care. He always struck me as a fantastic person and despite the challenges he had in front of him, he would give life a good go. Dorset County Hospital did wonders for him, as they do for many people. Now Thomas wants to do something for them. 10 years on he has done amazingly and I want to encourage you all to support him, a man I greatly admire."

On the 1st and 22nd May and 12th June, Thomas will be completing press-ups via the Zoom app and other live streams with the aim of raising £2,000 for 4,000 press-ups. For £50 Thomas will do 100 press-ups, if he can raise £1,000 he will do 2,000!

Thomas said,

"I've never done 1000 press ups or more in one session before. It's a daunting task. Dorchester hospital has been a big part of my life since I was born there in 1991. I've always wanted to give back to them in some way. Now more than ever I feel it is the time to help and try to make a difference. So that's what I'm going to do.

"I may take breaks. I may sweat and pant but for every £1 I raise I am committed to do two press ups and I will get them done."

Thomas is happy to consider any reasonable fitness challenges put forward with the aim of boosting his fundraising total. Please contact Thomas via email: [thomas.doggetthill@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.doggetthill@gmail.com) Please visit Thomas' JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Thomas-Doggett-Hill1-DCH-AP-PEAL> to support Dorset County Hospital at this challenging time. To find out more about Dorset County Hospital's COVID-19 Appeal visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/DCHCOVID-19Appeal>. To see more ideas for physical challenges during the lockdown period follow #DCHLockdownChallenge.

## Dorset Digital Hotline – Can we help you?

**Telephone: 01305 221000 (Select Option 2).**

**Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon (except Bank Holidays) or leave a message.**

Many people in your local community are likely to be relying on digital online services and applications more than ever before. For some this will be a first and they need to learn from scratch and for others there are new digital hurdles to overcome almost on a daily basis just to get every day jobs done such as shopping or ordering

prescriptions.

We wanted everyone in your local community to know that there is a new free telephone hotline set up in response to the COVID-19 lockdown, to provide support for people with IT and digital problems of all kinds. The hotline has received more than 50 calls in the first three weeks.

Here is a selection of some of the support the digital advisers can provide – no problem too small!

- helping families with digital applications for home schooling
- providing help to get online for home shopping
- support for all digital NHS services and e-Consult
- setting up video calls such as Skype and Facetime to keep in contact with friends and family
- support to use all digital appliances and solve problems
- using digital to exercise at home and keep fit

An example of how the Dorset Digital Hotline can make a difference to people's lives is expressed by one of our digital advisers.

Andy Hargreaves a digital adviser said: "One lady I helped this week uses her iPad to keep in touch with her family via Facetime. She told me that she couldn't hear her family speaking to her clearly on her calls because the sound on the iPad was distorted. I helped her to correct the problem over the phone and soon it was working properly. She said to me that if she wasn't in isolation she would come over and give me a hug because the iPad was her lifeline now to the outside world."

The Dorset Digital Hotline is run by a group of volunteers mostly made up of retired IT professionals and some Dorset Council staff. The team are extremely versatile and experienced and can offer a wide range of support to anyone including assistance to vulnerable people in your community. Please pass this information on through your own channels to community groups, friends and family.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Stories of Positive Responses in a Time of Need

**In these trying times I would like to highlight some of the positive schemes I have been hearing about, both locally and overseas of people coming together to help those less fortunate than themselves.**

Keep in Touch is an Essential Aid Project set up by Refresh, Weymouth and Portland Churches in Action, together with Weymouth Town Council, relying on volunteers and donations to operate. They are delivering basic food bags for those unable to get out to a shop, at a nominal price for those who can afford to pay. They are also offering a prescription delivery service or just a listening ear for those who need it. For food deliveries call 07980730029 or email [\[towncouncil.gov.uk\]\(http://towncouncil.gov.uk\). For anything else call 07514114680. They have received referrals from DCH, GP surgeries and councillors but anyone who knows of someone in need can call them. People from around the country have heard about the service and have asked for help for elderly, housebound relatives, a great source of comfort when travel is so restricted.](mailto:juliehursthouse@weymouth-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

While churches are closed All Saints with St Edmunds have set up an Emergency Food Bank for those in need in the Wyke Regis, Lanehouse and Westham areas. This is an open access food bank so you do not need to have a voucher, just be in need of food. It operates out of St Edmunds Church on Lanehouse Rocks Road. Volunteers are there to receive food donations on Tuesdays from 10.30 – 12.30 and distribution takes place on Thursdays, 10.30 – 12.30.

Similarly, for Littlemoor and Preston a food bank has been established at Littlemoor Community Centre, Canberra Crescent and they are there every evening from 5-7 or call 07809905412 if you need a delivery. They are there for everyone, again no referral needed so they are urging anyone in need not to be afraid or embarrassed to call them, or drop in.

Soulfood, a charity we have supported in the past, are known for providing meals for the homeless. They began at The Prayer House and since their premises were destroyed by fire have continued to provide meals from a food van on the same site. Soulfood have now taken their food van out into the community to reach as many people as possible. Working in partnership with Fair Share, Bincombe Valley School and St John's School they are providing food and support for families as well as regularly dropping off food and other essentials to the vulnerable people known to them. They are operating four days a week and twice a week they are in Chapelhay handing out hot meals and donated food, serving upwards of 30 each time they visit. This service is open to anyone who feels they need help in this challenging time.

These are just a few examples of people locally helping each other and I know there are many other unsung heroes doing what they can to help their neighbours.

Meanwhile, I am greatly concerned about what the effect of losing orders and therefore income will be having on our suppliers in the third world. In Swaziland, SWIFT, the Fairtrade organisation has had to switch its focus from offering training programmes for its members to getting money for food to each of them. They have 3,000 members and their families facing starvation through loss of work.

One of our most popular ranges are the Lanka Kade wooden toys. In Sri Lanka where they are produced, all the workers from the wood yard are confined to their homes and it is hard for them to travel to get food with curfew restrictions in place. Upul, a director, managed to get to their wood yard where he met one of their artisans Santha. Upul made up food parcels for all of the employees and Santha deliv-

ered them via tuk tuk.

Extraordinary times indeed.

If you would like to buy anything from us while we are closed we can be contacted through our facebook page The Bridge Fair Trade Shop or by email at [thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you back when this is all over but in the meantime stay safe and well.

The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, 24 Trinity Road, Weymouth, DT4 8TJ.

## Weldmar Hospiccare's 24/7 Advice Line for patients and carers extended to help other health professionals in Dorset during Covid-19

**In November 2018, Weldmar Hospiccare launched a brand new service for community patients and their carers – a dedicated telephone advice line, manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

It's proved to be a real success, with the number of people calling for support steadily increasing every month. During the day, enquiries would be picked up by the next available Weldmar Community Nurse, and out of hours they would be diverted to the charity's Inpatient Unit.

When the Covid-19 crisis hit, the emergency planning committee at Weldmar identified the 24/7 Advice Line as not only a core service that must continue, but one that should be expanded to help other health providers in Dorset too.

"The idea for bring in the Advice Line in the first place," says Director of Nursing, Caroline Sweetland, "was that any patient or carer who had a concern had one number that that could call anytime they needed to. There were some frustrations at getting through on the non-emergency 111 number, in having to answer lots of questions before getting to the problem. With our own dedicated line, a member of the Weldmar team is on the other end, with full access to patient notes, so they can bring up their details straight away and provide help."

At the onset of the pandemic, an advice sheet was sent out to doctors' surgeries, district nurses, care homes, and care agency staff across Dorset with the 24/7 Advice Line number, encouraging anyone who needed specialist palliative care advice to call.

As well as expanding who the service was available to, there have been changes made in the way it was operated, as Caroline explains: "In order to answer the calls in a timely fashion, and because the number of staff at the IPU was down, we made a decision to move it out of the IPU completely. We set up a new team, with those doctors and specialist nurses who were self-isolating, with all the systems they needed to operate the service from home. It has worked really well, and things have been more manageable

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for the lower staff numbers on the IPU who no longer have to man the phone at night."

A secondary service has also been started during the pandemic. If a patient or carer calls who actually needs emotional support due to the difficult situation, then we have trained staff available to call them back for a longer chat. This includes members of Weldmar's Family Support Services team.

• A call from a District Nurse (DN) to the Advice Line asked for advice regarding "Just in Case" medication for a patient who had recently been discharged from hospital for end of life care. The DN wanted advice regarding dosages of a specific medication, to ensure the lady was kept comfortable over the bank holiday weekend. The DN was not very familiar with the medication. I was able to give her specific, relevant advice for which she was very grateful. I later spoke to her again and she commented that it had been extremely helpful to have talked it through with me before talking to the doctor – Annette De Doncker, Weldmar Specialist Palliative Care Nurse

• A man said to me the other day on an out of hours call that it was 'wonderful' to have the reassurance of a 'kind, calm' voice at the end of the phone when his wife had taken a sudden, unexpected turn for the worse. He said "it made all the difference in the world" – Dr Helen Parsons, Weldmar Hospicecare Doctor  
Weldmar Hospicecare continues to provide vital services like this throughout the Covid-19 crisis, but with charity shops closed and many fundraising events cancelled, income is significantly reduced. An urgent fundraising appeal is currently running on the charity's website.

## Weymouth's events go virtual

Weymouth has a proud reputation of hosting over 200 great outdoor events and festivals throughout the year, including the Armed Forces Weekend, Ironman 70.3, Nyetimber Seafood Festival, and beach sports events such as beach volleyball championships and the annual beach motocross event.

With the present coronavirus restrictions, the local event community has raised to the challenge and embarked on a virtual events campaign which encourages all event organisers to, where possible, go virtual. As part of this, the Town Council is organising a virtual events programme for Weymouth.

Cllr Graham Winter, Mayor of Weymouth Town Council, said:

"We are immensely proud of our rich, diverse and enthusiastic event organisers, responsible for organising fabulous entertainment, sporting challenges and raising tens of thousands of pounds for charities and good causes every year."

"We look forward to a celebratory return of all of Weymouth's festivals and events in the future. In the meantime,

we applaud this fantastic virtual initiative, and I am sure it will help people feel connected, be entertained, inspired and healthier during the coronavirus pandemic".

For more information on the virtual events, visit Weymouth Town Council's virtual events webpage: [www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/virtual-events/](http://www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/virtual-events/)

To submit your virtual event details for inclusion in the programme, please contact Weymouth Town Council's events team: [office@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Council will continue to keep the public informed of local event news, cancellations and rescheduled events. The latest information can be found on Weymouth Town Council's social media pages and website.

## Question a legal expert over the phone for free

**Age UK North, South & West Dorset, in partnership with local solicitors, is holding a free over the phone service for anyone over 50 to ask an expert questions about wills, power of attorney, property and finances.**

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, these surgeries will go ahead on pre-planned dates by telephone and will be by appointment only.

Dates for the next surgeries in partnership with Nantes Solicitors are:

Weymouth area – Wednesday 3 June  
To book a telephone appointment for Dorchester, Weymouth or Bridport, please ring Age UK North, South & West Dorset on 01305 269444 or email Lisa: [lholmes@ageuknswd.org.uk](mailto:lholmes@ageuknswd.org.uk)

For further details of other ways in which Age UK North, South & West Dorset can help you at this time, please telephone 01305 269444 or look at the website: [ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset/](http://ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset/)

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## About Age UK North, South & West Dorset

Age UK North, South & West Dorset is a local charity supporting older people in North, South & West Dorset to live fulfilling and active lives. We provide a wide range of services and activities thanks to the ongoing support of the local community through the money and time given by our donors and volunteers.

For more information visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset/> Charity Number: 1142519

## News from St Andrew's School, Preston

**We have had a busy few weeks since we last wrote. Schools officially closed on March 20th, but since**

**then we have remained open for children of key workers, along with those who meet the government criteria of vulnerable groups.**

We have worked with our two other hub schools, St John's and Beechcroft, to provide childcare in one of the three schools rotating on a three week cycle. Staff across all three schools have worked at each base, ensuring pupils always have familiar faces around. In addition to this, those staff who are not on the childcare rota are providing online learning, checking in with parents and pupils via emails and phone calls, attending online meetings and continuing to work on their subject areas developing our curriculum planning and pedagogy. Across the hub we remained open throughout the Easter break, including all bank holidays which enabled our NHS staff and other essential workers to be able to fulfil their roles at the peak of this pandemic.

Our pupils have done us proud with their own efforts to #make a difference and a few examples are included with this update!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

*With best wishes*

*Sarah Patterson  
Headteacher*

Don't forget, you can keep up to date with what's happening at St Andrew's via our website [www.standrewswey.dsat.org.uk](http://www.standrewswey.dsat.org.uk), or our social media pages facebook <https://www.facebook.com/standrewswey/> or twitter @StAndrewsWeyPri

## Trading Standards News - Covid-19 and business closures

**When the Government brought in new business closure rules alongside social distancing Local Authorities were given the responsibility to help ensure businesses complied with the new restrictions. Across Dorset, the Council's Trading Standards team have led on this with regard to non-food businesses, working together with environmental health officer colleagues focussing on food business.**

Trading Standards provides trusted and tailored advice to local business on a wide range of business law. That helps businesses to grow in Dorset, which in turn improves our local economy. Consumers can be confident then too that Dorset businesses trade in a fair and safe way. Being asked now to ensure many Dorset businesses are closed during Covid-19 is not something that comes naturally to us.

The law on business closure, and other measures to control Corona virus spread, came into effect very quickly. The Trading Standards team immediately set up processes for working at home with all staff working in that way. Our advice to business moved to phone conversations and email.

Not all businesses have had to close and there have understandably been concerns and questions as to what the closure rules mean. Working closely

with environmental health colleagues Trading Standards have been advising businesses on the new closure rules as they have developed. Environmental health officers have also had responsibility for advising on social distancing measures within certain business premises that are still legally open but where concerns have been highlighted.

The new law gave us a range of enforcement powers and we have support from Dorset Police if needed. We were given a Penalty Notice option too but so far Dorset Council Trading Standards have not had to use them. Instead business compliance has been achieved in the main by simply talking with business about what the closures mean to them. Some businesses have been able to diversify, or trade in different ways, and Trading Standards have encouraged and supported them with advice so they can do that legally and safely.

The law will change and adapt as Government review what is and isn't working well, and it's likely to have changed since writing this article. Rest assured that Trading Standards will continue to adapt too, fulfilling our duties in helping keep businesses trading legally and people safe.

Dorset businesses can speak with a Dorset Council Trading Standards business advisor on 01305 224702, or find information by visiting [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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**Diabetes UK has launched the Step At Home 30 minute challenge – a way to stay active during lockdown by stepping around your home for 30 minutes a day.**

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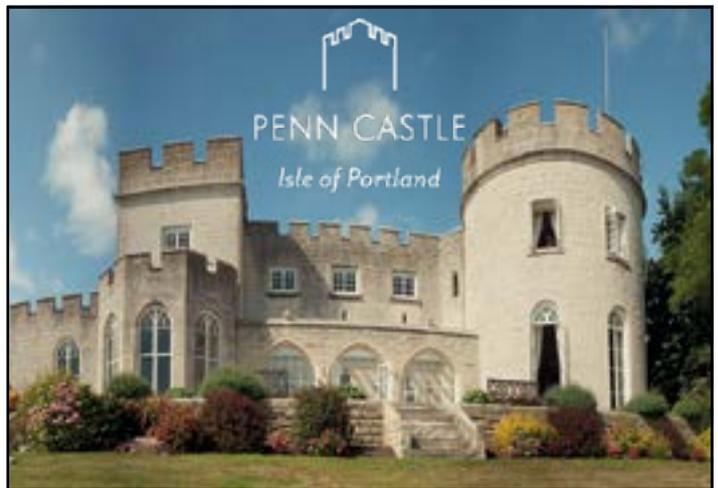
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## Children's Charity Channel Swim for Age UK

**Two young swimmers from Dorchester have set themselves a daunting challenge to swim the English Channel from a small pool in their garden, to help raise funds for Age UK North, South & West Dorset.**

Ethan (13) and Niamh (11) will swim in their small pool measuring just 3m x 2m for the same amount of time as a full Channel crossing – roughly 14 hours – from 26 May. The 20+ mile swim is expected to take a few days to finish, and the siblings will take it in turns to complete the distance.

For the duration of their mammoth effort, Ethan and Niamh will be secured to the garden wall via a bungee rope, to recreate the effect of the cross-channel current (and to avoid thousands of tumble turns!)

The children's father Jared said: "Ethan and Niamh came up with this idea on their own. They both love the water and are missing their time at the West Dorset Swimming Club. Their wish to do something to help charities supporting older people during this pandemic has made me and their mum so proud.

"We have experienced Coronavirus here in the family. My wife has recently recovered from COVID-19, so the children know first-hand the awful effects of this virus."

Niamh said: "I want to do this because it's a good personal challenge, and to think that we might be able to help older people in our community is just amazing!

"It upsets me to know that there are lots of old people who are on their own, especially during this horrible time. I hope that people will help us by spreading the word and donating lots of money to our crazy challenge!"

The fit young brother and sister have given themselves five days to complete the 21-mile challenge – the equivalent of a Dover to Calais swim – in the family's small unheated play-pool.

Ethan said: "We are doing this because we have seen the brilliant work that

Age UK is doing in our local area. They are helping so many people who do not have anybody in their lives to help. "It is a cold and tough challenge for my little sister and me to do, and if we can raise some money too then that would be awesome!

If you would like to support Ethan and Niamh's challenge, then please donate whatever you can via their special page on the Just Giving website at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ethanandniamhswim4ageuknswd>

## Weymouth & Holzwicked Twinning Society Events

**Due to the Corona Virus and Government guide lines we have cancelled all meetings until further notice.**

We look forward to resuming normal activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

*Doris Flack  
Publicity Officer*

## Sutton Poyntz Victorian Street Fayre - Announcement

**Given the current Government advice and after great thought and consideration by all the committee of the Victorian Street Fayre it is with regret that we need to cancel the Fayre for this year which was due to be held on the 28th June. It is especially sad given this has always been an excellent community event run by a dedicated committee and helped by over 200 villagers in order to raise a lot of money for local charities.**

It is regrettable, but we feel it is the right thing to do and believe that the villagers, visitors and traders support us in making this decision, in order to safeguard all members of our community.

We'd like to thank all those people who have supported us so far and look forward to being able to hold the event next year on 27th June 2021.

*David Langridge – Chairman  
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## With John Tallon

Many of us will have heard John playing the organ with a lot of people not realising that it was him that we were listening to. As well as being the organist at St. Andrew's church he is often heard at other venues in Dorset. Here we invite John to choose 10 pieces of music that have a special meaning to him and tell us more about his life.

### In the Gloaming (Annie Fortescue Harrison)

I was born in 1937 in Pool, a small village lying between Redruth and Camborne in Cornwall in an area rich in tin mining. At the age of about seven my mother made me have piano lessons. I hated every minute of them and being made to practice. I persevered though and when I was about 11 years old the Climax Male Voice Choir in Cornwall needed a pianist to accompany them during rehearsals. The choir consisted of between fifty and sixty men of all ages and from a cross-section of society and performed regularly at concerts and Music Eisteddfods. I can still hear mentally the beautiful, soft covered singing of the part-song of these men singing "In the Gloaming" after seventy years.

### Hark the Glad Sound (Thomas Merritt)

One day after singing in the village church choir at a funeral, one of my friends told the visiting organist that I could play the piano. He invited me to try to play a hymn on the organ with his supervision. I then decided to take organ lessons. This chance encounter was to play a significant part in my life. At the age of 13, one of the chapels advertised for an organist. I applied and got the job. I was paid £16 a year! Within a year I went on to another chapel in Illogan, which had a choir. At the age of 14 I was organist and choir-

master. I stayed there until I did my National Service. At Christmastide all the local churches sang heartily Thomas Merritt's carols. Born locally in 1863 Thomas left school at the age of eleven when his father, who was a miner, died. Thomas, except for six months of musical tuition, was self taught and became a chapel organist. His carols have always been extremely popular often being sung by Cornish Miners wherever they were employed across the world including California, South Africa and Australia. The carol "Hark the Glad Sound" has subsequently been enthusiastically sung by adolescent pupils at Liskeard Secondary School and the choir at St. Andrew's church.

### Wither's Rocking Hymn (William Pearson)

In the mid-fifties I entered the organ sight-reading class at the Cornwall Music Festival. The piece set was a stunning miniature prelude on Wither's Rocking Hymn composed by William Pearson, the Music Advisor for Cornwall. Such is the quality of this charming piece I have played it at Christmas ever since. The tune Wither's Rocking Hymn was a tune composed by one of our leading composers, R Vaughan Williams, who had granted permission for William Pearson to use it as a hymn prelude.

### Acis and Galatea (Handel)

In the year 1959 having done my National Service and become a teacher at Liskeard I also became organist of the town Methodist Church at Redruth. It was a large church able to seat up to 1500 people. It also had a choir of fifty to sixty voices. One of them was a young lady called Norah, who already had an established reputation as a soloist. Once a year we did a major production. The first one we performed was Acis and Galatea, in which Norah sang the aria, "Heart, the seat of soft delight."

### The Creation (Haydn)

Whilst I was still at Redruth, we later performed Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation", in which Norah sang the aria, "With verdure clad the fields appear." It was very fashionable at that time to sing oratorios such as "The Messiah." They told of biblical events through music.



### Intermezzo in B flat minor (Brahms)

In 1960 and working now in school, I had also to play the piano. I never had as much time to practice the piano as I had the organ. One of the pieces I had to perform at the Royal Academy of Music was the intermezzo in B flat minor by Brahms. It relied on a good deal of arpeggio playing. On the organ you play notes that are close together, but on a piano you have to leap from note to note. The organ and piano are completely different instruments.

### Magic Flute (Mozart)

In the sixties, whilst teaching at a Secondary Modern School in Liskeard, with the teacher of drama, we produced several operas for school performances. These were very popular and gained a great reputation for the school. Mozart's Magic Flute production was one of the most successful. Mozart is one of my favourite composers. The more you play or listen to him, you discover that there is never a note too many or a note too few. He was an incredible composer and his music has stood the test of time. The experience I had gained with these productions proved invaluable. Much later Norah and Tom West sang the "Pa-pa-geno! Pa-pa-gena! duet from the Magic Flute at St Andrew's church.

### Any Dream Will Do from Joseph and the amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

(Andrew Lloyd Webber)

After leaving Liskeard, I went to Exeter University for a year to complete a Diploma in Education. After four years as Head at Symonsdury village school, I became Head at St. Andrew's School at Preston in 1978. At the Christmas term each year, the children became familiar with excerpts from various musicals. One of them was Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, which they performed. Four hundred children from Weymouth primary

schools combined later to perform it at Weymouth Grammar School.

### Suite in D (Diabelli)

When I became Head at St. Andrew's school, it was close to the church. The original building, which housed two or three classrooms, went back to the 1860s. Other buildings including mobile classrooms were all temporary. It was not possible to build a bigger school by the church as the land was not available. I wanted to make sure that we had a permanent primary school in Preston. With others, I was responsible for the moving the school to Littlemoor Road. When it was built, it was a state of the art building. On the 1st July 1993 we had the dedication service. A group of children performed an arrangement of Diabelli's Suite in D for an ensemble of pitched and non-pitched percussion instruments, tenor, treble and descant recorders, violins and clarinets. It is a most beautiful piece of music. Music was always one of the school's strengths.

### Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor

When I retired in August 2000, having spent 22 very happy years at St. Andrew's the governors and the parents arranged for me to attend a number of consultant organ lessons with a distinguished concert organist and teacher named Margaret Phillips. I had for many years wanted to play Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor but was not able to devote the necessary time to study the score and develop adequate technique to perform it in public. Margaret proved to be a sympathetic, but demanding teacher and eventually I performed it at St Mary's church in Weymouth. I have played it many times since. Music has dominated my life and it really all started with a village organist over seventy years ago, asking me if I would like to try to play the organ.

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# Local news

## Preston Village Market, Church Rooms, Preston

Our next Village Market should be on Saturday 6th June, 10a.m. - 12.30p.m. but this will depend on the Government ruling at the time.

## Family History

South Dorset branch of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society have suspended all meetings until further notice.

We hope to re-schedule our speakers and our missed Annual Business Meeting as soon as permitted.

Any queries and enquiries call John on 01305 776008.

## C'Siders - Cancer Support Group

At the time of going to press, all C'Siders meetings and activities are cancelled until further notice.

For up to date information, please visit our website csiders.org, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/csiderswp, e-mail info@csiders.org or contact us on 07430 695462.

## Scutt Hall Plant Sale

We are very sorry that we are unable to have our annual plant sale.

We now just look forward to a healthier 2021 and hope to be able to hold one then.

## Preston Village Market

We are sorry that we haven't been able to run our bi-monthly markets.

We hope that all our customers and stall holders have managed to stay well. Of course we have no idea when we will be open again. In the meantime we wish the very best for you all

Carole and Maureen

## Charity launches major appeal for survival

Brain Tumour Support, a charity that has supported brain tumour patients and families in Dorset for many years, has today launched an urgent appeal to ensure its survival.

The charity, which supports thousands of brain tumour patients and their families across the country, including many in the local area, has had to

furlough the majority of its staff and suspend much of its service across the country. Brain Tumour Support now faces the prospect of leaving hundreds of vulnerable people without support if vital funds are not raised in the next two months.

"It breaks my heart to know that there are patients and families out there that need our help but we do not have resources to support them," said Tina Mitchell Skinner who founded the charity 17 years ago after losing her husband to a brain tumour. "Brain Tumour Support has grown every year to help more people. We had exciting

plans to further extend our support services and then the pandemic hit. This also coincided with funding from Macmillan England coming to an end, so for us it was a double blow. We rely solely on voluntary donations and have an amazing army of fundraisers, but most of the events and activities they were planning have had to be cancelled or postponed, so our income has plummeted."

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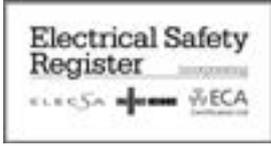
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### Embracing Change

**The world is trying to manage a pandemic that has produced devastating effects. All governments have had to make difficult and often unpopular decisions for the safety of their populations. I feel extremely grateful that I live in the UK and have a health service that has risen to the challenges this virus poses.**

Here in Dorset we are blessed with being surrounded by wonderful countryside and of course the most amazing coastline. Being able to walk in these peaceful surroundings can have the most profound effect on wellbeing. Concentrating the mind and allowing us time to assess what is really important in our lives.

The last few months have been challenging for everyone. Many have con-

tacted me via email to ask advice on health and wellbeing issues. The majority asking how to stay mentally upbeat. This has proved difficult for some especially for those living alone or with long term health issues.

Worries that seem to gravitate from the need for financial security seem worse when there is no one to share them with and help put them into perspective. Thankfully, it has been remarkable how technology has helped us overcome some of these difficulties. However, for those of us that are thinking of returning to a normal working life at some point. It might be worth a thought that pre-Covid 19 ways of working will not necessarily return. We may need to find new more creative and innovative solutions and engage willingly with previously thought obscure models of working practice across all sectors of services to secure a healthy financial future.

With a reported growing uncertainty people have become fearful of how they are going to cope and of their future. Fear is a negative emotion that can impact on physical and mental

health. Creating symptoms of stress and affecting quality of sleep. My antidote to fear is knowledge. When something is explained to me in simple language I digest the information and come to a level of understanding that changes my behaviour. This is how I learn. Keeping people informed using jargon free language with clear guidelines and instructions is the way forward to avoid unnecessary stress worry and fear.

I can't remember a period of time when it has been absolutely vital that we take personal responsibility for our own and others safety by practicing social distancing. Inevitably this responsibility comes at a price. Putting us firmly in the position of having to evaluate what matters and making decisions about behaviours that not only affect us but society as a whole. We have had to learn that we need to change and adapt not only our perceptions of our every-day life but more importantly our every-day actions.

During this time the reflexology service for cancer patients at DCHFT has been suspended so has my training workshops and my private practice. I am not sure when I will be able to reopen. In the meantime I have been of-

fering information, practical help and emotional guidance via email. In the form of mindfulness techniques and passing on EFT "Tapping" techniques to help and support patients. Good mental health is just as worthy of consideration as good physical health.

The reality is that experience teaches us we can cope, adapt and change. Innovation and creativity with a good dose of common sense will provide solutions. Moving forward we will all need to embrace change and not be fearful of it as it comes from engaging in free thought and problem solving. Which is something positive we can all do anywhere.

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# Preston Photo Roundup

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*Deer at Jordan Hill on a sunny afternoon at the beginning of May.*



*P&O Arcadia and Oceana look too close for comfort.*



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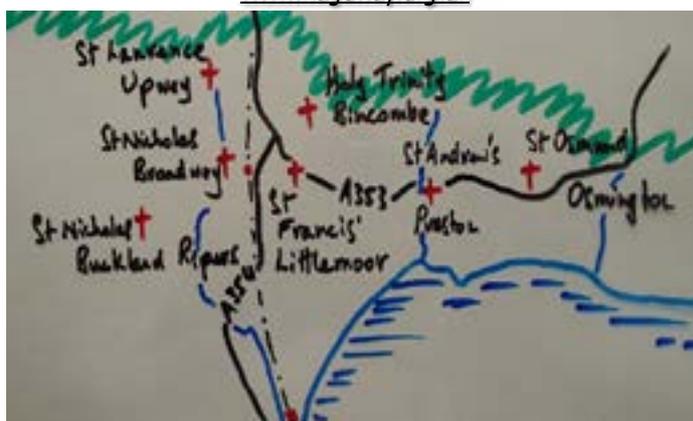
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## Ridgeway Churches News and Views



**Much has changed in a short time** from a delightful wedding blessing for Stephen and Claire Dorsey, where everyone was beginning the social distancing dance, to all public buildings including Churches being locked shut.

**Baptisms and weddings are postponed**, most into next year. Everyone has been very understanding in spite of so many arrangements having to be changed. Our safety comes first.



**How do we evolve?** We will start on a small scale, perhaps watching an Alpha Course session. As we work out practicalities we can make more events available. What is certain is that it will be different, but relishing the unchanging truths of God's Good News story.



**Worship has not been stopped** by the Coronavirus Challenge; in fact there may be more involved with Church life through Facebook posts as canon.tim.west, Youtube by Philip Elliott, and any number of contributors with comments, recommendations, or generating their own posts. After all worship is with body, mind, spirit, and strength 24/7, not just on Sundays. Many found the meditations on the Easter Cross unusually powerful.

**The Lay Worship Leaders [LWL] course** for the borough will begin with a taster session on Zoom. If you're interested have a chat with one of the clergy. Successful candidates will be commissioned in January by Bishop Karen.



**Sadly there have been many funerals** and the crematorium has moved from 45 to 30 minute services in order to cope. Canon Tim has kept in touch with funeral directors for mutual support, in this case enjoying delicious home-made flapjacks at Cottons.





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By Grahame Howard

## Lockdown Blues

**Many people have been frustrated, bored and angered by the Lockdown procedures. It has not been ideal, but obviously very much needed. However, there is only so much gardening that one can do before you begin looking like Monty Don. The CO told me that I look more like Percy Thrower. 'He's dead,' I told her. 'Well, there you go then, you've let yourself go.' She can be so disheartening at times.**

Possibly by the time you get to read this, the Lockdown measures may have been lifted and people will be on the beach, in the pubs and going to all the shops that they have missed. Mind you, that's if they are still in operation. There's never been such a higher demand for online shopping and lets face it, we'd have gone mad without it. I ordered a book that I had wanted for some time and I received it the next day - free post. It's hard to compete with that.

Some people are saying that things will never be the same again. They probably won't. Let's face it, we've never had anything like this during peace time and for many people, it is difficult to come to terms with.

As you know, one of my hobbies is photography, but this has been difficult. There is only so many photos one can take in the garden before it becomes laborious. I've taken my camera out with me when we have been on our daily exercise routine. However, I am aware because of the restrictions, that a planned photo shoot is not allowed, and quite right too. But one can't help feeling guilty when you're walking around and take a shot of a post box or something exciting like that. Therefore, I keep the

photography for the back garden. I am so desperate for wildlife that I will take photos of anything that moves - the dog, cat and even the CO. I have been trying to get a shot of a Robin who comes into the garden. He deliberately looks at me, displays and as I pick up the camera, flies off as if to say, 'You missed that one, old timer.' The CO will shout, 'There he is, on the washing line.' All to no avail. He is like the Scarlet Pimpernel. In fact, I've begun to call him that.

The CO looks on Facebook and notices fantastic, close up images of Robins. Some are on a garden table, fence or one was actually in the hand of someone while it fed on some seed. Flipping thing! Yes, I am jealous. The CO told me that I'm losing my grip; by the time my old bones and muscles move into action the bird is a mile away. That is not true, I tell her, 'a Robin would not fly that distance, it has its own territory and it sticks to it.' 'Oh, you admit that you have old bones and muscles then?' I decided to ignore the extremely rude comments from the CO and put it down to lack of breeding. I did tell her that she was nothing until I found her all those years ago, took her in out of pity and gave her a life worth living.' This resulted in her rolling on the floor, holding her stomach as she laughed non-stop. Well, she did stop to throw a cushion at me, but then carried on. She's flipping rude. Ungrateful I call it.

I told you last month about the CO's attempts at online food shopping. Well, I have to report she has done it again. She went all the way through the order form, which took her just under the hour specified. I did tell her that she was running out of time but I only heard, 'I'm very aware of that Grahame.' I hate it when she calls me that. It means I'm in trouble, which I am most days. When I am in her good books, it's Gray. That happens every three years.

Anyway, I reminded her again, and she pressed the checkout button and 'Voila', the order vanished and she had to start again. I did say that she really should practice with her technique but that resulted in being told that the kitchen was closed, there would be no dinner and I was not allowed in it. I am so badly treated. I mean, what did I say to deserve this? I just do not know.

She eventually placed the order and we

drove to the supermarket a few days later to pick it up. There was a queue of cars trying to get into the two designated car spaces and tempers were flaring as we all tried to park somewhere close. One chap reversed out and I took my chance and pulled in the empty space only to be ranted and raved at by a chap that must have been in his nineties. As he waved his walking stick at me, I tried to apologise and attempted in vain to reverse out again to allow him to drive in. This resulted in an old lady shouting abuse at me because I had done such a thing to the old chap. I eventually did manage to find another spot and pressed the, 'I am here' button, on my mobile. Of course, because I wasn't in the desig-

nated space, the guy with our order had a job finding us. He did in the end and we drove off to horns being pressed and strange finger gestures from other motorists who didn't like me very much for treating a senior in such a way. I wanted the CO to get out and tell them that we are senior's too, but she wouldn't. In fact, she told me that she felt so embarrassed by my actions. 'My actions?' I protested. 'It wasn't my fault. How was I to know that the old chap had his own designated car space.'

It nice to know that you support me and understand that I am so badly treated. See you next month

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**So here we are again. Today is much like yesterday, and tomorrow will probably be much like today. Most things seem insignificant when compared with the chaos and the tragedies that the virus has caused throughout the world, but after weeks of lockdown it is the little things that seem to loom large at a personal level.**

So I cleared my calendar of all those events that were definitely not going to happen, to avoid being reminded of things like eg not being able to meet family and friends. The result of this clearance is of course that 98% of events have disappeared. All that are left are the indicators for days of waste collection, Over the Hill deadlines and birthdays/anniversaries of nearest and dearest.

But this list of social appointments was rapidly replaced by a list of things to do. Oh, yes, a Senior Citizen must have a list of things to do. Sometimes they are the only thing between you and that disapproving look from your In-house Adviser. There can be no better defence than "Of course I am going to do it my love. Look it's on the list" But in lockdown it rapidly became apparent that just one list of major jobs was not going to work. Mainly this was because the thing that really wasn't going to work was me – not much anyway - so the list would not change a great deal. What was needed was a daily list of lesser activities, some of which could be tackled successfully so there would be a nice feeling of making progress, and which would provide something to discuss with my In-house Adviser. This process started fairly well, and I diligently copied the few uncompleted items onto a new list dated the next day. However it rapidly became apparent that this was a waste of time as more and more of the jobs weren't going to get started, let alone completed. So now every morning I just change the date on the list. But then came another minor problem. The Archers radio programme was taken off the air. After weeks of staggering along, refusing to acknowledge that the lockdown had occurred, it finally ceased altogether. This may not seem much to non-Archers fans, but I have been listening to the programme for well over 50 years.

The habit started when I was a youngster sharing digs with four other lads. After our evening meal we all gathered around the transistor radio in the largest bedroom to hear an everyday story of country folk, and to make ribald comments about what was supposedly going on in Ambridge. Over the years since I haven't listened to every episode as you don't have to be that diligent. After a long layoff you can drop back into any episode and within

minutes it is as though you have never been away. It's exactly like meeting a dear friend after a long separation. Which is very lucky as, in the past, finding time at exactly two minutes after seven every evening whilst juggling work, family and a social life was not easy. But during lockdown it is no problem at all to find the time – it's not like we have much else to do – so then what, in their infinite wisdom, do the BBC do next? They take the bloomin' programme off the air. Just when we need it most.

And talking of the radio, surely I am not the only one to find four or five comedians broadcasting from their own homes profoundly unfunny. Then they run the credits at the end, and it turns out that somebody, and often more than one person, has supposedly written the 'script'. So are they seriously saying that somebody spent time and effort compiling a script for that load of old hogwash?

You might begin to suspect from the foregoing that the many weeks of enforced idleness and isolation have not greatly improved my sense of humour or mellowed my view of my fellow man. But that's just my view of a some of my fellow men. Others, including ladies as my In-house Adviser so rightly points out, have reaffirmed my faith in human nature. Those essential workers who have stuck at their tasks. Not just the NHS staff and care workers, wonderful though they are, but the postmen, delivery drivers, waste collectors, water board and telecoms engineers and shop staff to name but a few of the many. And of course, all those volunteers delivering food and medicines to the vulnerable in our local communities.

It's odd to think that there is a generation coming along, for instance like our own year old great granddaughter Evie – no doubt you can add little ones of your own to the list - who won't have any recollection at all of this strange and worrying time. In the same way youngsters born after 1945 have no personal memories of the Second World War. But later in life they could at least ask their grandfathers "What did you do during the war, Gramps?" and get an account of how they helped in the fight to beat Hitler. When today's infants ask later on in their life "What did you do during the lockdown, Grandad?" the answer in many cases will be a disappointing "Not a lot". But that's the way it has to be for those of us not on the front line, and as I write this there appears to be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, so let's try to stay strong and be positive - because the option is to be weak and miserable, which isn't the Senior Citizen way at all.

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# Local Organisations

## Littlemoor Library

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2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm.  
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Fri 2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

## Littlemoor Library

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,

Littlemoor Road. Children from 2 years 9 months, a fun and safe environment in which to learn through play. Monday to Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm. Contact Nicki Saunders  
Email: mbpreschool@standrews.dsat.org.uk for more detail. Or just pop in!

## 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 Leisure

Short-Mat Bowls Wednesday evenings (7pm - 9pm), with the exception of the third Wednesday of the month when there is a Whist Drive in the Hall, and Table Tennis is held on Thursday 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 £7. Guests arrive at Osmington Village Hall at 12.15 for lunch to be served at 12.30. No washing up just company and chat. Look forward to seeing you there! To book a place phone Fran on 832430 or 07817825527.

## Osmington Recorded Music Society

Meets usually 1st and 3rd Monday afternoons, October to April, at Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, from 2.15pm. Plenty of car parking available. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

## Osmington Village Hall, 07387 118300

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## Preston Pre-school

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## Preston Table Tennis Club

Wednesdays 7.00pm and 9.00pm,

Westfield School, Littlemoor Road. Contact Dave Clegg on 835108 or Geoff Webber on 837001.

## Preston Reading Group

Is a small, friendly group meeting the first Thursday of every month from 6.30 - 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall. Books provided for discussion following month. Preston Reading Group Ring Marian Martin 01305 833337.

## Preston Pantomime Group

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall  
New members welcome from age 14 upwards  
Contact Julie on 832620.

## Weymouth Dolls House Club.

Meet every 4th Tuesday, 10am - 4.00pm, Scutt Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Please bring your lunch. Details from Gayl Salt 832918.

## 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

## Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

## Yoga

Sutton Poyntz. Monday to Friday mornings. Small groups in our home studio. See www.yogasadhana.co.uk or contact 07970 772963.

## 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. Details chairman Mike on 07792846463 or 01305 814600.

## Christian Spiritualist Church

St John Ambulance Hall, Westway Road, Weymouth. Sunday Services 6pm for 6.15. Spiritual Healing every Friday 2 - 3.30pm. Parking available www.spiritualistchurchweymouth.com

## 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

Meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Wyke Smugglers, 76 Portland Road, DT4 9AB from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.  
Visit our website at csiders.org, Fa-

cebook at www.facebook.com/csiderswp, e-mail info@csiders.org, or contact 07430 695462 for more information.

## Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

## Dorset Kidney Fund

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

## Friends Of Weymouth Library

FOWL supports and promotes our valuable library service. We hold regular coffee mornings in the library on the first Tuesday of the month, all very welcome 11 -12.30. Our programme of events such as talks, trips, quizzes and socials raises money for library projects and equipment. More details from the library or 01305 832613.

## Hardy Quilters

Patchwork and sewing group. Fourth Monday of month 10am -1pm. Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington DT3 6EY. Contact Chantal on 01305 835757

## Lip Reading and Communication Skills Weymouth Class

We meet on Mondays in school term time, 12.30 - 2.30pm at The Frank Reynolds Community Centre on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email: elizabeth.ian.messer@gma

## Weymouth Floral Design Group

(formerly known as Melcombe Regis (Weymouth) Flower Arrangement Society) meet at the United Reformed Church Hall (Radipole), Spa Road, Weymouth, door open 7.10pm starts 7.30pm prompt. Meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting and Dec is the 2nd Thursday.)

## 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

## Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.30pm - 9.45pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from Judy on 833660 .

## Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group

Meets usually last Friday of the month (except August and December) at the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

## South Dorset Caledonian Society

Ceilidh Dance Practice on Monday evenings, 7.45pm - 9.30pm at Willowbed Hall, Chickereil. £2.50 per session, inc tea/coffee. www.southdorsetcaledonians.org, e-mail: sdcsec@gmail.com

## South Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

St Aldhelms Church Centre Spa Road on the 3rd Friday of the month tea or coffee at 2pm and the talk at 2.30pm. Contact no is John on 01305 776008.

## South Dorset Woodcarving Club BWA

Tuesdays, Upwey Old School Village Hall 7- 9 pm  
Dave Whiddett 07948502857 or 01305 812064 email: david.whiddett@homecall.co.uk

## Weymouth Stroke Support Group

Meets at 10.30am for coffee etc on alternate Tuesdays at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, Melcombe Avenue. Further details from Gerry Barr 07580664210

## Whist & Military Whist Drive

Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road. Tuesday, start 6.30pm  
Details on 784056.

## Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Association

Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Society hold various social activities in and around the area. All enquiries 832694.

## Weymouth Areas Seniors Forum

An independent over 50s forum for residents of Weymouth, Wyke Regis, Portland and Chickereil. Meetings 4th Tuesday of the month, 2pm - 4pm, Weymouth Angling Society Commercial Road, Weymouth.

## Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society

Meets at The Acorns, Grosvenor Rd, Weymouth on usually 2nd and 4th Monday evenings, September to June, from 7.30pm. Car parking available. Further details from Mrs J Marlborough, on 779787, or email heather.foster1@btinternet.com

## Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Meet 1st Friday of each month at the Wyke Smugglers, Portland Road, DT4 9AB. Full Membership open to serving or veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm. Associate membership to those with an association with the Fleet Air Arm.

Please contact Jeff Cook, Branch Chairman, on 0773333274, or email jeff.cook@faaa.org.uk

## Weymouth and Portland Quakers

Meet first and Third Sunday of each month 10.30am at the Fire Station, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tea and Coffee after. Doors are locked after 10.45am. Tel: 01305 788452.

## 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 Carers Group

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Weymouth & Melcombe Regis Working Mens Club, 1 Mitchell St, For more information 07766 529297 and leave a message with your contact details.

### SSAFA

Pilgrim House, 1 Hope Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TU. (By appointment only) Urgent enquiries: 01202 742934. Office Number - answerphone: 077 26127 532.

### St John Ambulance Westway Road.

Adults - Wed 7.30 - 9.30pm. Cadets (10 - 18 years) Mondays 7.00 - 9.00pm. Badgers (6 - 10 years) Wed 6.00 - 7.00pm. Tel 01305 784493.

### The Tornadoes of South Dorset

Swimming Lessons from School age on Fridays 5.30pm - 7pm. Squad Training daily (depending on ability). Osprey Leisure Centre, Portland. [uk.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=swrtornadoes](http://uk.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=swrtornadoes) or [tornadoessecret](mailto:tornadoessecret)

### Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Shops

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### Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickereil Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. [www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk](http://www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk). Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or [andy@hsme.co.uk](mailto:andy@hsme.co.uk)

### Weymouth Movie Makers (formally Weymouth Cine & video Club)

Meet from September to May on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Centenary Club 21 Jubilee Close, Weymouth [www.weymouthmoviemakers.weebly.com](http://www.weymouthmoviemakers.weebly.com) E: [weymouthmoviemakers@gmail.com](mailto:weymouthmoviemakers@gmail.com) Chairman Anne Vincent Tel: 01305 780140.



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# Wyke Organisations

### Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

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Holy Communion (sung)\* 9.30am  
\*Family service 1st Sun of the month, Baptisms 2nd Sunday of the month. Toddler Praise, 1st Wed month 2pm. Sunday School, 2nd/3rd Sunday. Rector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay. Tel 01305 784649  
Email enquiries: [info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk](mailto:info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk)  
[www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk](http://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk)

### Beachview Community Centre,

Beachview Close, Wyke Regis, DT4 9JA. Bingo, every Saturday, 7pm  
Coffee Morning, every Monday, 10am  
Home-cooked hot lunches Thursday and Sunday at 12 noon.  
Call 01305 750541 to reserve your place. All very welcome.

### Friends of Wyke Regis Library

Share views on the books you have read recently, join the book club or just catch up with Friends in the Library anytime between 10.30 - 12.30 on the last Monday of each month.

### Wyke Regis Methodist Church

Thursdays - Coffee morning, alternate weeks arranged by Church members. 10.00 - 11.30am

### Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Trading Post Openings. Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm; Wed 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Annual Membership £5 may be taken out at our shop during opening times. [www.wrhs.org.uk](http://www.wrhs.org.uk)

### Wyke Regis Community and Sports Association

**Wyke Weenies** - a group for Toddlers and their Parents/Carers meets on Monday mornings (term time only) from 9am to 11.30am.  
Monday C'Siders-Cancer Support Group Table Tennis from 1pm to 2pm.  
Monday Table Tennis from 7.30 to 9pm.  
Tuesday Ladies Club 1.45pm to 3.15pm.  
Tuesday Prize Bingo is 'Eyes Down' between 7.30pm and 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Sing, Sign and Play 10am to 11.30am  
Wednesday Holistic Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm  
Thursday U3A Table Tennis from 2pm onwards.  
Thursday League Table Tennis  
Friday NHS Leg Club 9am to 12noon.  
Friday Judokai Weymouth Judo Club from 7.30pm to 9pm Juniors from 8 years and seniors both beginners and improvements.  
Sunday's Wargames-all ages-11am to 5pm.

### Wyke Regis Library

Mon - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 6.30pm  
Wed - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5.30pm  
Friday - 10am-1pm  
Saturday - 10am - 1pm

### Wyke Regis Pre-School

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

### Wyke Regis Medical Practice

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

### Wyke Regis Society

[www.thewykereregissociety](http://www.thewykereregissociety)  
Meetings second Tuesday two-monthly, 7pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or [wykereregissociety@gmail.com](mailto:wykereregissociety@gmail.com)

### Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane  
Monday  
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.  
Tuesday  
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.  
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, 7.45 - 9.30pm.  
Wednesday  
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.  
Thursday  
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.  
Friday  
Beavers aged 6 to 8, 6.00 - 7.15pm.  
For general inquiries: [weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com)  
To join our waiting list: [weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com](mailto:weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com)

### Modern Sequence Dancing

WI Hall, Gallway Road, Wyke Regis every Saturday. 7.45pm - 10.15pm. All wel-

come. For details 770780.

### Wyke Regis Pop In Club

Thursday afternoons 2-4pm, Memorial Hall (using the side door), talks, entertainment, quizzes and games. Contact Val on 768678.

### Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church

WI Hall, Gallway Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm. All are welcome.

### Wyke Regis Community Association

Email: [wrca@btconnect.com](mailto:wrca@btconnect.com)  
[www.WykeRegisCommunityAssociation.co.uk](http://www.WykeRegisCommunityAssociation.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook  
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### Wyke Regis Womens' Institute

General meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallway Road, DT4 9AJ. The various groups meet at regular times during the month with details on our website. For more information: contact us on 07719 312901 or at [secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk); or check our website [www.wykeregiswi.org.uk](http://www.wykeregiswi.org.uk) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi/](http://www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi/)

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