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News

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th June

Well we are coming up to the middle of the year and our third market will be held in St, Andrew's Church Rooms, DT3 6BU. 10.00am-12.30pm.

There will be lots to see and of course our delicious refreshments to partake of. So come along to see what we have on offer. The entrance is free but donations to our chosen charities would be much appreciated.

This time we are raising funds for: The Anthony Nolan Charity - Saving lives through stem cells and St Andrew's Church Fund- Serving the Community. A warm welcome awaits you.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Last month we held our AGM so there was no report for the Magazine. We had the yearly Reports and business of electing committee members then we were treated to homemade (by the committee) warm scones with jam and clotted cream.

At our May meeting we welcomed Grace Lovelass who is an Opera Singer. She gave us an insight into

the Glamour, Glitz and Blowing Raspberries of her life behind the scenes.

She didn't start out as an Opera Singer and didn't think it was for her. So she went into a career in PR which she found she was very good at. But her mother kept encouraging her to try to become a singer and she went to a singing teacher.

Grace told us about some unusual auditions she went for, one in Malta she described as magical even though she didn't get the job. She has worked in many different countries and has had to sing in German, Italian and other languages. This doesn't mean she is fluent in these languages though but enough to sing and understand directions.

One story in particular she likes to remember where she was singing in a care home and one of the residents stopped her mid flow to say she was ready to go to bed! There was some audience participation and much hilarity as we all tried to sing in the chorus and blow raspberries, not both at the same time however!

Next month our Meeting is on the 3rd June when we will welcome Ros Dean from The Repair Cafe, visitors always welcome.

Val Dawe - President

Wyke Regis Gardening Club

Hopefully summer is with us! We have lots of plants for you to fill your gardens with colour. There are also lots of vegetable plants available.

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

Wyke Regis WI

May was another busy month with our regular monthly coffee morning, a cream tea and quiz to celebrate our 103rd birthday, and two concerts from the Wyke WI singers.

In June we look forward to a talk about fashionable society in Regency London, and our next coffee morning at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd June 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

Morshead Trophy awarded to Wyke Regis

Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) is delighted to announce that this year's coveted Morshead Trophy has been awarded to the parish of Wyke Regis in recognition of its outstanding fundraising efforts for the annual Ride + Stride event.

At a gathering held at All Saints Church, Wyke Regis, His Honour David Grant, Chairman of Dorset Historic Churches Trust thanked the parish for hosting the event and said it was a very happy occasion. 'It is a particular pleasure that Wyke Regis should be the recipients of the Morshead Trophy this year because it has over the past

few years been stalwart participants in Ride + Stride.'

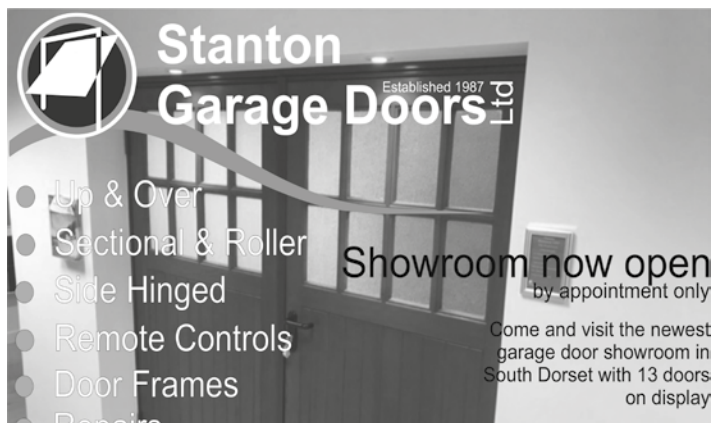
The Morshead Trophy is presented annually to the parish that raises a large total in sponsorship but also shows evidence of a strong community for its church. Wyke Regis demonstrated exceptional commitment and success in raising funds (£2,532) and remarkable community spirit. Not only has it become a centre for the local community but it has also welcomed and helped Ukrainians who escaped the war to find refuge and new lives.

The Trust was particularly fortunate this year that Colin Weston, Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset was able to present the trophy to Wyke Regis and he congratulated all involved on their impressive achievement.

'On all counts All Saints are worthy winners. It is so important to look after the fabric of ancient buildings and keep them live and open for today's and future generations,' Colin Weston explained.

Jeff Thomas, Wyke Regis Church Representative for Ride + Stride thanked Colin Weston and the Trust and said that he was happy to accept the award on behalf of everyone at All Saints and the wider parish of Wyke Regis.

'Dorset Historic Churches Trust is a wonderful organisation that helps to keep the county culturally and socially connected and a beautiful place to live in. At its heart the Trust protects something irreplaceable: our historic churches, many of which are centuries old and serve not only as places of worship but as anchors of community life. This feels like a very nice reward indeed for all our efforts, not just in 2025 but since 2021 when we first accepted the Ride + Stride challenge. Thanks go to all the cyclists, walkers, those who helped with the tower tours and cake baking and everyone who sponsored our efforts - it really does incentivise us on the day and makes a huge difference to



Members of Sutton Poyntz WI

the grant awarding capabilities of the Trust.'

His Honour David Grant added, 'This is an outstanding achievement for Wyke Regis, whose community enthusiasm and commitment have delivered an exceptional fundraising result. We hope it will encourage many parishes to take up the Ride + Stride challenge this year on Saturday 12 September. As Jeff Thomas mentioned in his acceptance speech, if you enjoy visiting churches and like maps and cake, Ride + Stride ticks the boxes!'

Ride + Stride is the Trust's single largest fundraiser. Each year, participants are sponsored to visit as many churches as possible on foot, bike, horseback or any form of travel to raise vital funds for the preservation and repair of Dorset's historic churches and chapels. Half of the money raised is returned directly to the participating parish, with the remainder supporting DHCT's county-wide grants programme.

For information about taking part in Ride + Stride on 12th September 2026, sponsoring or volunteering at a church on the day, please visit Dorset Historic Churches Trust website www.dhct.org

Littlemoor Home Library Service Volunteers Needed

Littlemoor Library has a well established Home Library Service, with a team of volunteers who choose and deliver books to people who can't get to their local library.

We have an opportunity for someone living in Littlemoor, Preston, Upwey, Broadwey, Redlands or Radipole with an interest in books and reading to join our team. You would be choosing, ordering and delivering books and talking books to some of our readers every 3 or 4 weeks. Training and support will be given, and expenses paid. You would need to be a driver and have your own car.

Please contact Maria Jacobson, Royal Voluntary Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, on 01305 236666 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk for further information.

Weymouth Concert Brass

Following our Afternoon Tea Concert at St Edmund's Church Hall earlier this month, our next pub-

lic outing will be a late morning (11.00am) appearance at the Wessex Folk Festival on Sunday 31st May.

Then in June, for the return of the King's Dip Weekend we will be appearing on the Esplanade from 1.15 pm on Sunday 7th June to join in with the town's celebration of its most well-known royal patron. Later in the month we travel all the way to Dorchester to perform from the town's lovely Borough Gardens bandstand at 2.00pm on Sunday 28th June.

So perhaps we'll see you in June. 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 weymouthconcertbrass@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook or X.

Jeff Thomas

Family History Society The next meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset family History Society will be held on Friday June 19th.

It will feature a member of the Townsend fairground family, Kay Townsend, talking about 'The Wall of Death' motor cycle daredevils.

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

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

National Trust South Dorset Association

Tuesday 9th June at 2.30pm 'Wildlife of the Jurassic Coast' talk by photographer, Brian Pettit

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).

One Voice Choir Fundraising Concert

One Voice Choir presents 'Moments in Time on Sunday 14th June 3.00pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church.



Left to right: His Honour David Grant, Chairman of Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Jeff Thomas, Wyke Regis Church Representative for Ride + Stride and Colin Weston, Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset. Photo credit: Rachel Owen

Join us for a moving musical journey through emotion and memory — where sacred, pop, and choral classics come together in a heartfelt and uplifting performance.

This special event is proudly fundraising in support of Weldmar Hospicecare, helping to provide compassionate care for those who need it most.

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Support when caught out by scams

Anyone can be caught out by a scam, but support is there for you. Criminal tactics can af-

fect people of any age or background, and these crimes are becoming more sophisticated.

Incidents range from doorstep callers to fake online offers and misleading phone calls, and they are getting more sophisticated by the day. Learning what to look out for can help prevent harm before it happens, such as:

Unexpected calls, emails or messages asking for bank details, passwords or PINs.

Anyone pressuring you to act quickly, for example to pay a bill, transfer money, or click a link. Offers that seem too good to be true, including prizes, investments or discounted home repairs. Callers claiming to be from your bank, a delivery company, or the council, but refusing to give verifiable details.

Doorstep visitors who will not leave, insist on starting work straight away, or ask for cash up front.

Dorset Council's Trading Standards team works closely with Citizens Advice, Dorset Police, Victim Support Dorset and Age UK. Reports through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline help the council understand the latest scams and who may need support.

The council has also signed the national Fraud and Scams Victim Charter. The Charter sets clear

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standards for how organisations should support anyone affected, recognising the emotional, financial and practical impact these crimes can have.

Cllr Gill Taylor, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Housing, said:

'By signing the Fraud and Scams Victim Charter, we are making a clear commitment to treat every victim with dignity, respect and compassion. No one should ever feel ashamed to come forward. If you are worried about yourself, a friend or family member, please reach out. Support is here for you, and we will do everything we can to help.'

If you have made a payment in response to a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible.

Get advice from the Citizens Advice consumer helpline – call 0808 223 1133 or find out more on their website at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer.

The Fairbridge Trust Spreading the Word about Fair Trade

Our Big Brew on May 9th coincided with World Fair Trade Day. A day which highlights small-scale producers in the fair trade movement and the importance fair trade makes to communities around the world. Thank you to everyone who supported our Big Brew and the ongoing work of Transform Trade.

It is always a pleasure to venture out of the shop to raise awareness of fair trade and this time of year gives us opportunities to make

ourselves visible at various events. We were recently invited to attend a coffee morning at Emmanuel Church in Southill where we received a warm welcome and generated lots of interest in the variety of fair trade products available. We have a regular stall at All Saints monthly coffee mornings in Wyke Regis and occasionally take a stall to St Johns. If any other churches or organisations are interested in having a stall, a talk, or both then please get in touch.

Coming up, we will be at the Wessex Folk Festival on Weymouth harbourside on 30th and 31st May and then at Warmwell Village Fete on Sunday 26th July so come and say hello. At both of those events we will be sharing a stall with our friends from the Murugi Community Trust so we will be easy to spot.

An exciting event which we have been invited to attend is Saving Planet Wyke, an eco fair to be held at St Edmund's Church, Lanehouse Rocks Road on Saturday 6th June from 1.00pm-5.00pm. The hall, and hopefully outside, will be full of stalls and activities showcasing people and projects in the local area who care about our environment. Refreshments will also be available. In the church there are planned to be three talks or discussions each lasting about half an hour followed by a natural voice singing workshop to end the day.

We have been asked to talk about the history of fair trade and its benefits to the environment as well as the people who produce the products. Do come along to

what promises to be a fun and informative afternoon. The eco fair launches the Big Green Week with various events being organised at All Saints.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy summer and there will be new stock arriving all the time so do come in to see us.

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

The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, 24 Trinity Road, Weymouth, DT4 8TJ Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10.00am-4.00pm.

Green Councillor Update

Cllr Clare Sutton Following resident feedback, Claudia and I are pressing Dorset Council to consider a signal controlled pedestrian crossing at the Rodwell Road Rodwell Avenue junction.

This is a well used crossing point for school children, older residents and more vulnerable pedestrians, with poor visibility and increasing traffic expected from the Newton's Cove development. The Highways Team has agreed to investigate and we hope to share progress soon.

Residents have also raised con-

cerns about vehicles parking on the Hillbourne Road green space, damaging what should be a valued community area. The landowners, Aster, have been contacted and are looking into this.

During the Easter holidays, around 150 people attended a free Spring Family Fun Day at Chapelhay Playground, a brilliant community effort supported by volunteers. More events are planned for the summer, and we would love to see you there.

Supporting young people remains a priority. Weekly drop in sessions continue at Jubilee Park McDonald's, Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm, where Dorset Council youth workers offer a safe space for advice and activities.

The Pineapple Project has also launched a new safe and creative space for young women at By The Quay café, offering opportunities for connection, creativity and confidence building. The next session will take place on 19th May.

Cllr Helen Toft

Work is progressing on on street electric vehicle charging in Weymouth, starting with an Expo on the Esplanade on 16th May. This project is supported by 2.49 million pounds from the Department for Transport and 8.5 million pounds in private investment, with a goal that by 2030, most

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Dorset households will be within a short walk of a public charge point. Chargers will be installed on lamp posts and in purpose built bollards.

We are also developing plans to better promote Weymouth's sustainability efforts through new information boards. These will highlight initiatives such as solar panels on council buildings, electric service vehicles, water refill stations, recycling points, cycle routes, Beryl bikes and nearby nature reserves, helping residents and visitors play their part in caring for our environment.

In Wyke, I am working with officers to set up a Friends group for a small local park, with plans to improve biodiversity through planting, bird boxes and bug habitats.

As Chair of the Climate and Environmental Emergency Group, I am also exploring opportunities for community energy generation using local buildings, an exciting project at an early stage.

Clr Claudia Webb

It has been a busy month dealing with a wide range of local issues, including housing, planning, verge management, waste collection and Highways concerns.

I am working with Pubwatch to launch an anti spiking campaign

locally, aimed at improving safety and awareness across venues in Weymouth.

As a Trustee of Weymouth Museum, I have been involved in ongoing meetings supporting its development and future role within the town.

The free local events platform WeyPort What When continues to grow in popularity, helping more people discover what is happening across Weymouth while supporting local groups and organisers.

The Friends of the Rodwell Trail recently organised a successful litter pick, and we are now working together on plans for the former bridge site at Sandsfoot Gardens to improve the space for the community.

I have also raised urgent safety concerns with Dorset Council regarding deteriorating railings at Smallmouth Beach. Kayaks and small boats are currently being secured to fencing along the tide line, but following recent spring tides and ongoing saltwater corrosion, sections are visibly weakening. There is a risk that vessels could be swept into the harbour, potentially triggering unnecessary Coastguard callouts, and that

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failing railings could pose a danger to pedestrians using the upper walkway. I have requested an urgent inspection, clarification of responsibility, and action to prevent further damage and risk.

Citizens Advice

Q. We have three children. Because I only work part-time, we have a claim for Universal Credit (UC). My work coach told me that my payments would change in April. What should I look out for?

A. The government has made changes to UC that affect all claimants and may mean that some families who weren't previously eligible for UC now are. Universal Credit 'standard allowance'

Everyone's UC includes a standard amount, called the 'standard allowance'. How much you receive depends on your age and if you live with a partner. The standard amount increased on 6 April 2026.

- Your situation
- Single and under 25
- Standard amount before 6 April: £316.98 a month
- Standard amount from 6 April: £338.58 a month
- Single and 25 or over
- Standard amount before 6 April: £400.14 a month
- Standard amount from 6 April: £424.90 a month
- Living with a partner and both under 25
- Standard amount before 6 April: £497.55 a month
- Standard amount from 6 April: £528.34 a month
- Living with a partner and one or both over 25
- Standard amount before 6 April: £628.10 a month
- Standard amount from 6 April: £666.97 a month

If you have 3 or more children If you claim UC, you can get an extra amount for any children or qualifying young people you're responsible for. This extra money is called the 'child element'.

In the past, you could usually only claim a child element for your first 2 children. The '2 child limit' was removed on 6 April 2026. You can now get a child element for each child. If you have 3 or more children but weren't previously eligible for UC, you might now be eligible.

If you have a long-term health condition or a disability If you're eligible for UC, you might get more money if you have difficulty working because you're sick, disabled or have a long-term health condition.

If the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) says you have 'limited capability for work-related activity', you might get an additional payment with your £316.98 a month the LCWRA or health element.

From 6 April 2026, this payment is either a higher amount of £429.80 a month or a lower amount of £217.26 a month. If you were already getting UC with the LCWRA element, you'll get the higher amount. However, if you report your health condition or disability on or after 6 April and the DWP say you have LCWRA, you'll probably get the lower amount, unless you meet certain specific health criteria.

Please be aware that, if your UC goes up because of these changes, you may either hit the benefit cap or become liable to pay council tax. Use a benefit checker to see whether this applies to you and contact your local Citizens Advice if you need help.

Friends of Greenhill Gardens

Music Event Update

On 23rd August The Dorset Wrecks, our local sea shanty singers, will be performing instead of Scandals.

Round-up of Decisions at Environment and Services Committee

Following the Environment and Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April, a round-up of key decisions is below.

Future of Greenhill Rafts
Following careful consideration of legal advice received from a firm specialising in health and safety, the committee agreed with the recommendation not to redeploy the rafts at Greenhill Beach for the 2026 season. The committee also agreed to create a cross-party work party to inform and assist the following:

- i) Funds to be considered for professional research to be undertaken by a marine safety/leisure expert to find safe provision of a raft or alternative leisure swimming/marine facility.
- ii) A report to be submitted early

in the new year to allow a decision and procurement to take place before the 2027 season.

Members of the cross-party group will be decided at the next meeting.

Free toilet access for events in 2026

The following events will have free access to the following toilet facilities this year:

Fayre in the Square, 23rd and 24th May – Cove Street toilets
Wessex Folk Festival, 30th and 31st May – Cove Street toilets

Weymouth 10 Road Race, 18th October – Overcombe toilets

Free parking dates for 2026

Councillors agreed the following dates and events be put forward to qualify for free parking in selected Dorset Council car parks. These include:

Armed Forces Service and Parade on Sunday 21st June – Lodmoor car park.

Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade on Sunday 8th November – all town centre car parks.

Beach Motocross on Sunday 11th October – Pavilion Forecourt and Pavilion rear car park for riders and event set up.

Christmas Lights Switch On, Saturday 28th November – all town

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A nostalgic ride back in time behind a steam engine.	
Wednesday 24th June	£48.00
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GUNWHARF QUAY SHOPPING	£33.00
Tuesday 30th June	£45.00
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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

It's been an odd month. Not one for the faint hearted it has to be said, but things could be worse and probably will be. Especially if you happen to be a Magellanic penguin. Try saying that after a pint or two. Not of course that many penguins of any sort read Over the Hill, so they won't get this information in time to help them.

Trigger warning here, there will follow descriptions of unpleasant activities which you might find distressing. Mrs Barnacle of Wyke certainly did, but she's a sensitive soul. You probably hadn't realised - I certainly hadn't - that cattle ranching in Southern Argentina ceased three decades ago. Perhaps the scarcity of Argentinian corned beef was a clue. Anyway, the aforementioned penguins moved onto the coastal mainland from the adjacent islands and thrived due to the lack of predators. But, and there is always a 'but', pumas had been doing the same thing from the other side of the country for the same reason - cattle farmers had not been keen on pumas and allegedly got rid of most of them. Hence the pumas eventually came across all these penguins. Not the other way around, as penguins don't go very far from the water.

Now in a dispute over territory when one side is fast, strong and mobile - not to mention have large teeth - and the other side shuffles along, has no teeth at all and is better in the sea than on land there can only be one

outcome. Mrs Barnacle hoped it would favour the penguins but was even more distressed when I had to tell her the result. The effect of this clash on the penguin population was unknown until surveys took place some decades ago and the results were later analysed by, amongst others, the Oxford University Wildlife Conservation Research Unit or WildCRU for short. Although most things would be shorter than that original name. Hope these long words are not causing you distress.

Melisa Lera, a postgraduate student at WildCRU said that lots of penguins, 7,000 of them which is about 8% of the adult population, had been killed by the pumas. I wondered whether this figure was a bit high, until it was pointed out that I was using the Welsh method of counting sheep, which is to total the legs and divide by four. This is inaccurate when applied to penguins. However, the modelling demonstrated that pumas alone were unlikely to drive the penguins to extinction. Melisa - she can call me Chris - said that other factors, including climate change, would have more of an effect. So look on the bright side - you could be a Magellanic penguin. But no digressions yet, so this seems a good point to have one.

In my youth I was a first-class athlete. In fact, the older I get the better I was. Running shoes were hardly high-tech then and were only there to stop your bare feet hitting the ground. But nowadays the shoes from

one well known manufacturer are said to help so much that by wearing them you can save up to 15 minutes on your marathon time. The downside is that they do cost quite a lot. More than my first car did in fact. But apparently running shoes supplied by another retailer can do much the same thing at one sixth of the price. Never having run 26.2 miles in one go it doesn't apply to me, and as a knobbled knee person it's unlikely that a pair would assist in any way. But it's nice to know that those 15 minutes are available to everyone. Yeah, really?

But help for a better time comes from an unexpected source. Recently on a hot day in Los Angeles the Marathon organisers decided to award Finishers Medals to those who completed only 18 miles. Hopefully this will catch on, so that eventually Finishers Medals will be awarded to anyone who merely crosses the start line. I might then reconsider my Marathon career, or non-career, to be precise. If you were careful NOT to mention that you were presented with the medal for running, or walking, only about one metre (or 3.3 feet in old money) over the start line you might be regarded with awe by other Mature Senior Citizens. Another digression, or boast perhaps, follows.

The tug of war was another of my sporting attributes. In a street party to mark a Royal anniversary - can't remember which one, a memory problem quite common nowadays - our

team would have won hands down if the rope hadn't broken. As it was we all fell hands down. It was therefore a pleasure to learn that the Sheen Farmers Tug of War Club won the gold medal in the Tug of War Indoor World Championships in Taiwan. Sheen is a village in northeast Staffordshire with a population of under 300, which makes their success even more remarkable. After winning their group stage they defeated Italy in the semi-finals and the Basque Country in the final. Another well-deserved international British success. Mrs Barnacle, who is an avid tug of war fan, tells me that the sport may even be included in the 2032 Olympic Games in Australia. With information like that you can't say that you learn nothing by reading Over the Hill. You might reasonably say that you learn nothing useful, which is a different thing altogether.

But for the present I will be pouring all my sporting prowess into exercises aimed at making my arthritic knees function just a little better. After all, if you start behind all the other entrants in a marathon, you must be able to walk at least four or five hundred yards just to reach the start line and be awarded your finishers medal. Perhaps the organisers will allow the use of a mobility scooter to get closer to the start. A fine example, if it happens, of things actually getting better.

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Two further dates in December are allocated including Small Business Saturday and Tuesday 22nd December.

Beach Lockers

The committee approved a proposal for new lockers to be installed on the promenade behind the Beach Office for members of the public to secure their belongings during a trip seaside. Officers will work with the company Lockers Ltd to install the storage units, which could be ready for the public to hire to by the beginning of July.

The company would operate, monitor, manage, maintain, repair, and where necessary replace the lockers throughout the contract and the Council would receive a percentage of the income from the hire charges.

Community Survey Report (2025/26 with Year-on-Year Comparison)

Councillors noted the report.

Promenade – Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The committee agreed not to proceed with the Project Initiation Document for a full TRO along the promenade and agreed that officers will use a busi-

ness-as-usual approach to managing unauthorised parking within existing budgets, working in partnership with Dorset Council.

To view the full agenda and appendices, visit www.weymouth-towncouncil.gov.uk/committee or watch back on the Council's YouTube channel.

Hangers Heros Fundraising Success

With the help of our friends at RiskSTOP we were able to secure £5,000 from the Ardonagh trust for the Front Skatepark in Weymouth. This will be boosting their fundraising for replacement ramps. Work will start in the ramps in the next week or so.

We are raising monies this year for the Front skatepark, Islanders community centre Portland, Weymouth Samaritans and other local charities.

Our main event is Fleet & Feet Trail on September 26th September with a choice of 3 distancers – Full marathon, half marathon and 10K. We are now taking entries for walkers, runners and cannicross



Hangers Heros

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Save the Date for Weymouth Town Council's Armed Forces Weekend

Plans for Armed Forces Weekend 2026 have been revealed as Weymouth Town Council is encouraging people to save the date for its annual celebrations in June.

The Council also announced it has been awarded £4,000 by the Ministry of Defence to support the popular event which this year runs over Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st, and Monday 22nd June.

The grant will go towards putting on a spectacular weekend of celebrations featuring the valued armed forces community, veteran's associations, marching bands, military vehicle displays and convoy, as well as a poignant service and parade on the Sunday.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson, said: 'We are honoured to learn that the Ministry of Defence has awarded Weymouth's flagship Armed Forces Weekend a generous grant of £4,000 towards this year's event. This will be used to help Weymouth Town Council stage various celebratory events over this prestigious weekend which attracts so many residents and visitors to come out onto the streets to honour our armed forces – past, present, and future.'

Cllr Joanna Dickenson, Weymouth Town Council's Armed Forces Liaison, added: 'The town will be bustling with people who come from all over to recognise and sup-

port the incredible work that our Armed Forces personnel continue to contribute to our country. From marching bands to parades, the service and the vehicle convoys, I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone to Weymouth.'

Here's all you need to know about the events confirmed so far:

Friday 19th June sees the return of the Armour and Embarkation convoy as the group bring their military vehicles to Weymouth. Make sure to arrive early to see them set up along the promenade from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Saturday 20th June, 10.00am to 12.30pm, Weymouth Promenade. The Dorset Military Vehicle Association will showcase their historic military vehicles alongside charity stalls and live local acts (times and acts to be announced on the website.)

A 1940s-themed summer fete takes place in Radipole Park and Gardens from 12.00pm to 4.00pm to mark the occasion. The Friends of Radipole Park and Gardens said: 'During WWII not only were British troops stationed and trained here, as the American troops arrived they took over the park and its facilities on the build-up to D-Day. In honour of that we'll have a Weymouth in WWII display.'

Sunday 22nd June, 11.00am The Armed Forces and Veterans Service and Parade will take place along the seafront from 11.00am, uniting the community in remembrance and appreciation. All ex-service association members and their standard bearers are welcome to participate in the service and parade. The parade and vehicle convoy will then head

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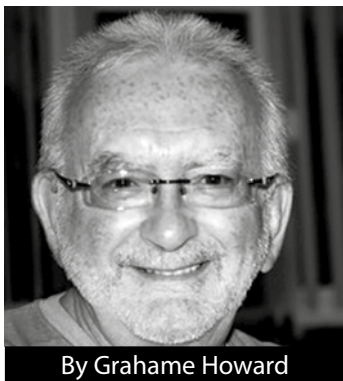
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By Grahame Howard

To London Town We Go
As a birthday treat for the CO my daughter, grandson and myself, took her to London, Camden Town to be precise. After getting up at the ridiculous time of 5am, we set off on an early train to the capital. We arrived there at 10.50am, quite a good time for a day trip.

Prior to this, at the beginning of our trip, an elderly gentleman got on the train in Dorchester. He had a very large suitcase, crammed full of his belongings. He also had a back pack, a shoulder bag and two carrier bags. He struggled up the aisle and decided he would settle in a seat facing my daughter and grandson. The case was so full and heavy that it would have been impossible to put it up on the luggage rack. Therefore he left it in the aisle for a few moments. He then deposited the other bags onto the seats and stood there for a while. No one could get by because of his case, so he placed it on its side and pushed it under the table. He therefore had nowhere to put his legs. So, he went to another seat and took up both seats there with one of his other bags. No one else had room to stretch their legs but, this didn't worry him. He was happy further down the carriage.

It was rather a rough ride which made using the toilet a bit of a challenge. We were in the disabled carriage so the toilet was a big one and made smashing against one wall and then over to another, quite an experience. Fortunately, I only had to use this just once on the journey. We finally made it and we set off towards the tube station. The CO and I, had not used the tube for a little while and had forgotten about the barriers that we had to go through. I was the first and was so busy talking that the barriers closed before I was through, leaving me stuck in between them and had to be freed by one of the staff.

Eventually, we reached Camden Town and started shopping on the markets. I saw a leather shop and went in to view inside. Straight-

away, the owner shot over to me and tried selling me whatever I liked. I had noticed a leather Baker's Boy cap and he took me over, stuck it on my head and told me it suited me very well. When I looked in the mirror I had to agree - I liked it. He started off at £70 but after a short time bartering with him, he settled for £25, 'Because I like you and you're about my age'. I bought it and even though it was quite sunny outside, I wore it for the rest of the day. I had to admit, I thought I did well with the bartering. Over the next few hours or so, we looked around many of the shops and stalls and then we had a nice lunch.

In the afternoon session, it was my turn to do some more bartering but, it was not as easy as it had been in the morning. I wanted a leather, cross the body bag and although there were plenty to choose from, none of the shop keepers wanted to drop their prices. The rest of the family were getting some bargains but just when I thought I would not be so lucky, I passed a shop I had been in much earlier. The lady welcomed me again but still wanted £75 for a bag I wanted. She went down to £65 and I felt this would be the best offer. Then my grandson spoke up and said '£60 for cash'. I couldn't believe it when she said yes, and now I am the proud owner of a distressed leather bag.

We went for an evening meal and then decided to make it back to Waterloo so that we could chill out before our journey home. As we were walking down the steps, a youth made a grab for my new bag that I was carrying. He was so quick and obviously had skill in this opportunistic type of robbery. I was taken unawares and before I knew what was happening, he had pinned me up against a wall and was pulling the bag like crazy. There was no chance I was going to let go of it. Just then, my 20 year old grandson ran back and stood between us and told the guy to back off. Then my daughter got involved together with a young lady who had witnessed it all. The guy did say he was sorry as he ran away. It had shaken us all by the sudden attack from him and we made a more quieter journey back to Waterloo, distressed bag with a distressed man.

The return journey was free of incidents and we made good time to our final destination. As we got off the train and walked to the outside, there was an ambulance there and a crowd of people. We heard a voice shouting out. As we

got nearer, there was a youth laying on the steps who was out of his head on Ketamine. At first, we had to wait until the paramedics had more control of him but then we were free to pass. What a day though, so much had happened in just a short time. The

CO told me, that I need to get used to it as we're going up to London again in July for my birthday. At this point, I fainted.

See you next time
Grahame

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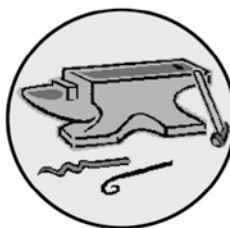
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Memories of the Pier Bandstand



Part Two

Incorporate in the front of the building on the first floor was a restaurant. Run by Mr Pullinger and his son Dennis. (now a restaurant) my memories of this are wonderful. I cannot remember when exactly my first visit was, it must have been in the late sixties or early seventies. The restaurant was a silver service restaurant, white table clothes covered the tables along with the immaculate cutlery. Waiters were dressed in black trousers, white shirts, black bow ties, the waitresses wore black skirts and white blouses.

The food was excellent and the restaurant was famous for the roast beef which was wheeled to your table under a silver dome, and carved in front of you. I have never tasted crispy onions anywhere else like them. The pork tenderloin which was one of my favourites would melt in the mouth. Their prawn cocktails were served in a large glass, in the bottom would be chopped beetroot, and loads of prawns in a lovely sauce, with lettuce and another layer of prawns hung all around the outside edge of the glass. Another of their most popular meals was the fish harvest. A large oval plate would arrive, starting with white-bait at each end, and several types of fish spread all across the plate, accompanied with chips. I am not a lover of fish so I cannot remember which types of fish were on the plate, only that it looked very spectacular. Desserts were just as

magnificent. One I used to choose was rice pudding in the bottom of a large glass bowl, with meringue and cherries, on top, whipped cream. Crepe suzettes would be cooked at your table, then brandy poured over and set alight, the banana splits were huge, served in a silver boat shaped dish, I do not like bananas so I never tried one of those. Knickerbocker Glory was another of their specialities. There were many, many more items on the menu, including large T-bone Steaks, which filled the plate, their home-made ham burgers were huge, I do not think that there has ever been a restaurant to compete with Pullingers since it closed. After dining there you would always feel as if you had been to somewhere special.

Wedding receptions were often held there. Dennis Pullinger would always insist of having his photograph taken with bride and

groom, and would take charge of the arrangements, ie cutting of the cake and speeches.

To reach the restaurant there were stairs leading from the promenade, they curved round as you reached the entrance, all the way up the stairs there were photographs, most of which were signed by famous people who had dined there. Several were of film stars who were filming in Weymouth around that time. My Husband can remember John Mills, Richard Attenborough, Norman Wisdom and I think I remember Bruce Forsythe but there were many more. At the top of the stairs you would be met and shown to your table, coats would be taken and hung up.

If you managed to get a window seat the view was lovely, especially at night when all the seafront was lit up.

Talking to Mrs Joyce Litschi she remembers that when she was the Deputy Mayor of Weymouth one of her first assignments was meeting Michael Parkinson at the restaurant for a meal.

They were always busy, especially at Christmas time and New Year. Bookings had to be made early for you to get in. I have been trying to ascertain when the restaurant ac-

tually closed, and why, but haven't had any luck. Was it the arrival of fast-food restaurants coming to the town, or because the building needed repairs? There must be someone in the town who can remember the closing, it would be so interesting to find out. Would a restaurant such as this thrive today? I only know I would love to have an evening meal again at Pullingers Restaurant.

Sue

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me write these articles with their memories and Mr Graham Smith for some of the demolition photographs.



Below: The original Café managed by Clinton Restaurants Ltd



The History of Weymouth's Pier Bandstand

The subject of an Architectural Competition just before the outbreak of the Second World War, the Weymouth Pier Bandstand, as it became known, was the winning entry of Mr V J Wenning Esq LRIBA. Chosen from twenty-six entries the Weymouth Pier Bandstand was subsequently built, opening on 25th May 1939.



Architect Mr V J Wenning Esq LRIBA

Sitting slightly back from the esplanade on a semicircular bastion projecting seaward, the structures overall length only extended to 200ft (60m). However, one of the many criticisms levelled at the building over the years was that it stood out quite noticeably and broke the gentle curve of the bay. The design appears to have been fundamentally flawed in that only a third of the 2,400 audience seats were under the cover of the two cantilever roofs. In the event of rain the inadequate cover along both sides of the auditorium became a little overcrowded as audiences tried to shelter.

The pier originally consisted of a raised deck area with glazed shelters along both sides, leading to a semicircular Bandstand as the focal point at the seaward end. The cantilever roof overhanging some 25ft (6.35m), protected the shelters and ensured that no columns impaired the audience's view.

Ten large illuminated glass panels grouped on either side of the entrance loggia depicted well-known local beauty spots.

Around the outer rim ran a promenade that was screened off from the auditorium area. An art deco style entrance fronted the building with a first floor café overlooking the whole scene.

The sub-structure consisted of reinforced concrete piles driven 16ft (4m) into the beach clay. Overall 3,000 tons of concrete, along with 180 tons of steel, were used in the construction with 5.5 miles of steel conduit for the electrical wiring, 2,500ft (757m) of two colour neon tubing and 1,200 light bulbs were used during the course of construction.

By the 1970s the complex included amusements, gift shop and restaurant, but by 1985 the seaward end bandstand had become too costly to maintain. It was subsequently demolished by two schoolgirls who, in the May of 1986, had won a national competition to 'press the button'.

In 2007 a redevelopment scheme was proposed for Weymouth seafront to be completed in time for the 2012 Olympic Games. It was envisaged that the scheme could include the restoration and extension the pier bandstand. The Art Deco exterior would be restored, and the upper floor extended out to sea, with new facilities provided on the ground floor.

However, in 2009, the South West Regional Development Agency's (SWRDA) announced it was withdrawing the £6.6million it had pledged to the project, which now seems very uncertain.



Programme of the Official Opening Thurs 25 May 1939

1.00pm - Luncheon in the Bandstand Café.

2.15pm - Inspection of the structure.

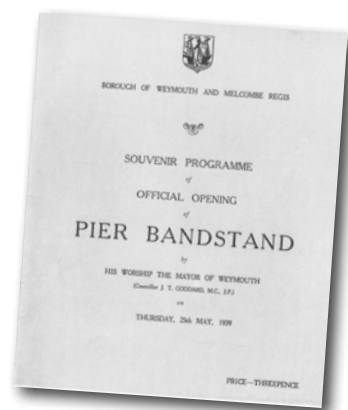
2.30pm - Opening Ceremony by The Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr J T Goddard. Fanfare of trumpets followed by National Anthem.

3.00pm - The Band of the 2nd Bn The Lincolnshire Regiment.

4.15 - Tea Dance.

6.00pm - The Band of the 2nd Bn The Lincolnshire Regiment.

8.00pm Gala Carnival, dancing music by Munciple Orchestra.



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9.15am St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)
10.30am St Nicholas, Broadwey
10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor
10.30am St Osmund's, Osmington (1st, 2n, 5th)
10.30am St Laurence, Upwey
4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers (2nd, 4th)
6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (4th) Celtic Prayer

Weekday Worship

7.30pm Mon Evening Prayer/Compline St Francis'
7.00pm Tues Together on Tuesday St Francis' Church
7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew's. Communion 1st Tuesdays
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Thursday 4th June

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Sundays

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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.

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9.30am Saturday

Fridays

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

Thursdays

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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 Dillstone 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 3rd June.

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 Bin-cleaves 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 20th June 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

Saving Planet Wyke Saturday 6th June 1.00pm-5.00pm

Help save your planet! Saving Planet Wyke is an event bringing together the amazing people and projects in the local eco-scene for workshops, talks and an opportunity to network. PLUS! A chance to win an eco-friendly hamper! Refreshments available.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 30th May & 27th June 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.

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<https://www.holytrinityweymouth.org>

Face book: Holy Trinity Weymouth with St Nicholas

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

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

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

Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

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

Methodist Churches in Weymouth

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

Sunday Morning Services

10.30am Chickerell, North Square, DT3 4DX

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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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towards Weymouth Pavilion with marching band performances and historic vehicle display throughout the afternoon.

Monday 22nd June, 10.30am. Weymouth Town Council will raise the Armed Forces Flag outside its offices at The New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth, DT4 8NG. All are welcome. Updates about the weekend will be shared on the Council's website and social media.

If you would like to take part in the service or parade for Armed Forces Weekend, please complete the following short form before Monday 1st June.

Dorset Drafters raise £3,600 for Dorset County Hospital

Local cycling group, the Dorset Drafters, collectively cycled the distance to the moon (over 230,000 miles) in one year, in an epic 'Moonshot' cycling challenge which also saw them raise £3,600 for the Emergency and Critical Care Appeal.

The group, which was formed in 2023 and has now grown to a membership of 340, decided to focus on this challenge in 2025 and added up their total distance cycled around Dorset, the rest of the UK and abroad in 2025.

Dorset Drafters member, Brian Stalker, worked for Dorset County Hospital for 30 years before retiring and was delighted to raise funds for a cause close to his heart. He said, 'Dorset County Hospital is the local hospital to us and provides essential care to the community. It was important to us that we could fundraise for it. The improved facilities and larger

capacity of the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit will improve patient care when people need it, often under extremely traumatic conditions.'

Dorset Drafters member and organiser, Andy Jones, said, 'The Moonshot challenge took place throughout the year and involved cumulative mileage from all our members. At the same time, individual members set their own challenges, contributing to our overall fundraising total. It gave our members a target which got them out cycling. We actually exceeded the distance of 230,000 miles, which was a great achievement by all.'

Head of DCH Charity, Simon Pearson, said 'This is an incredible achievement and a fantastic example of how community fundraising can be fun, inclusive and raise significant funds for Dorset County Hospital at the same time. We are very grateful to the Dorset Drafters for their hard work and commitment, and to those who donated. Supporting the Appeal and funding state-of-the-art equipment and facilities in the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit at DCH will make a difference to local people and families for generations to come.'

Dorset County Hospital's new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit is due to open in 2027. DCH Charity's £2.5 million Appeal will fund enhanced facilities and state-of-the-art medical equipment for the new development, which is due to be completed in 2027.

To find out more about the Appeal, visit www.dchcharity.org.uk.



Dorset Drafters Cycling Group

Update on Greenhill Rafts Decision

On Wednesday 22nd April, the Environment and Services Committee made a decision on Greenhill Rafts.

The Council sought legal advice from a law firm specialising in health and safety. A statement in relation to the background of how the decision was made is below.

'Following a decision made at the Environment and Services Committee on April 22nd, the rafts will not be returning to Greenhill Beach in 2026. This has been an agonising decision and not one that has been taken lightly.'

'A number of other options were previously considered but none of these were viable. We have since taken legal advice from a firm specialising in health and safety and supplied them with all the RNLI reports and correspondence that the Council had received, along with other background information including committee reports, and correspondence with our insurance company.'

'The solicitors concluded that the documentation provided clear and compelling evidence of a significant risk to the public.'

'The report they provided demonstrates that effective mitigation measures for the rafts are not realistically deliverable in practice. No operator is willing or able to provide the necessary supervision or operational support, and key risks remain at the highest level.'

'This position is compounded by the withdrawal of insurance cover for the rafts, which cannot currently be reinstated. In these circumstances, Weymouth Town Council would be exposed to a significant liability risk should the rafts be redeployed. Any claim brought against us would be difficult to defend given the risks to public safety that have been identified.'

'Based on the legal advice received, the removal of the rafts is not simply the lowest risk option, but the only option which can properly be regarded as legally and operationally defensible.'

Helping people with hearing loss in Dorset

People in Dorset who are Deaf/deaf*, hard of hearing or living with both sight and hearing loss can access specialist support to help them stay safe, independent and connected.

The theme for this week's Deaf

Awareness Week has focussed on breaking down barriers to accessibility, celebrating the many ways Deaf people communicate and highlighting the richness of Deaf culture.

Millbrook provides specialist sight and hearing rehabilitation services on behalf of Dorset Council and supports people with hearing impairments, sight loss or dual sensory loss. This helps them to remain independent at home and encourage them to become active in their communities.

Millbrook has teams based in Dorchester and Blandford but supports residents across the Dorset Council area. People do not need a formal referral and can contact the service directly on 033 300 300 10 or sightandhearing@millbrookhelathcare.co.uk

Referrals also come from family members, carers, GPs, community and voluntary organisations, community Interpreters for the Deaf and Dorset Council teams.

Following personalised assessments by phone, video call (including British Sign Language) or face-to-face visits, a tailored plan is created. This focusses on practical skills, confidence and the right equipment to make everyday life easier and safer.

Millbrook Healthcare has two dedicated officers trained in British Sign Language who specialise in home-based support. Advice is also available on specialist equipment, including:

alert systems for doorbells, phones and smoke alarms linked to vibrating and or flash alerts amplified phones and personal amplifiers to improve sound clarity, and TV listening devices to enhance audio.

The importance of community connection was highlighted this week at a Millbrook coffee morning at the Pavilion in the Park (PiP) Café in Poundbury, Dorchester. Attendees are members of the Dorset Deaf Activities Group, which was set up after two profoundly deaf women who use British Sign Language to communicate were struggling in isolation but with a shared passion for upcycling were brought by Millbrook to work together,

Members shared how isolation can affect them, but that being with others builds confidence, friendships and problem-solving. One member said:

'Coming together in this group is good for my mental health. I know

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I will fit in with the others and not feel isolated.'

The group, which has around 30 members, has been involved in a range of courses including woodwork, painting, pottery, basketweaving, poetry in BSL and visits across Dorset to enhance involvement in nature. Most members have been Deaf since birth although some have lost hearing more recently.

Attendees highlighted what would make life easier for Deaf people, including more people learning British Sign Language, clearer face-to-face communication, and public services using

texts, short bullet pointed emails and video calls in BSL instead of long letters/forms.

Cllr Steve Robinson, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said there is always more we can all do to make life easier for people with hearing loss

"Deaf Awareness Week is about us listening, understanding and removing those everyday barriers. With the right support, people can stay independent, feel confident and live full lives in their own homes and communities.

"Our partners, Millbrook Healthcare, provide specialised support and rehabilitation services, tai-

lored to help maintain independence at home and in the community.

'Whether you are seeking more information and support for yourself or a family member, please reach out to Millbrook, they are there to help you get the support that suits you.'

BSL interpretation service

To make contacting the council easier, Dorset Council offers SignVideo, a free British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting service. SignVideo can be used online or during face-to-face visits at council offices, helping people communicate independently and access services in a way that works for them.

Deaf residents who use BSL can contact the council by video call, with a qualified interpreter relaying the conversation in real time between the customer and a council advisor.

Read more about SignVideo at the council

The big D is representative of Deaf people who have a strong Deaf identity, usually those who are native BSL users and have their own culture etc. Little d deaf is those that have acquired deafness in later life of hard of hearing or hearing impaired.

cal facilities and spaces. Grants can help with a range of initiatives, including:

Enhancing or renovating village halls and other community buildings

Creating facilities such as car parks, play areas, and multi-use games areas

Upgrading theatres, sports clubs, pitches and outdoor spaces.

Not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 through Round 7 of the Capital Leverage Fund. It is open for applications from 5 May 2026 until January 2027.

The funding can help groups turn their plans into reality and deliver lasting benefits for their communities.

Applications are also welcome for projects that support climate change initiatives, arts, culture, heritage, accredited museums and sports development.

Grants can cover up to 20 per cent of total project costs. Applicants must secure the remaining 80% before funding is released.

A total of £155,000 is available to be shared between projects in this round of funding.

Projects must meet at least one of the Dorset Council priorities and at least one of the Cultural Strategy priorities if you are applying as a cultural organisation.

Applications are open until midnight on Sunday 10 January 2027 and must be submitted using the online application form.

Applicants can find out more on

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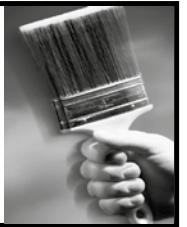
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Wild Plants of Weymouth

Navelwort

Umbilicus rupestris
Crassulaceae Family

Navelwort is a flower easily overlooked since it has no brilliant colouring to attract immediate attention neither does it grow in large massed groups.

Its size varies according to its position. It can be found throughout the British Isles and Western Europe growing between stones, rock crevices, exposed sea cliffs and walls but does not grow on lime. Here, in Preston, in St. Andrew's churchyard, it can be found on old and mainly neglected graves. It varies in height from low to medium, is devoid of hairy growth and is perennial, i.e. it can live for several years.

Navelwort leaves are disc-shaped, each leaf having a dip or 'dimple' in the centre. This 'dimple' can be likened to the human navel, hence the plant's vernacular name, navelwort! Directly beneath the 'navel' on the underside, the leaf joins the stem, and the outer edge of each leaf is gently wavy and, in some specimens, may turn slightly under. The roots are round, and according to John Gerard, a 16th century herbalist, it is 'small like an

olive, of a white colour.'

Navelwort flowers grow on long stems and form a greenish-white spike. The petals, which hang as a bell-shaped tube flower, droop downwards together to form a cluster and can be seen in flower from June to August. Once its seeds, which are minute, have ripened, the stems and leaves turn to a reddish-brown, and wither away. Navelwort has been given many varying vernacular names across the centuries one of which is Wall Pennywort since the size and shape of the leaves were said, not only to resemble the human navel, but the old penny piece too. John Gerard recorded names used for it in the 16th century and possibly earlier i.e.:-

Hortus Veneris or the 'Garden of Venus',

Terrae umbilicus or the 'Navel of the Earth', plus Hipwort and Kidneywort ...

...the last two being difficult to relate unless they were used in previous centuries as remedies or treatment for hips and kidneys. It is also interesting to note the 16th century spelling of this plant's



niwoort or Sheepe-killing Penni-grasse. He condemns...

'ignorant apothecaries instead of this of the wall, which they cannot do without great error, and much danger to the patient: for husbandmen know well, that it is noisome unto Sheepe and other cattell that feed thereon, and for the most part bringeth death unto them'

The use of the word 'noisome' here is interesting for its definition is 'harmful, obnoxious, evil-smelling' etc and stems from Medieval English meaning 'annoy', not 'noise'.

The Latin name for Navelwort, *Umbilicus rupestris* is split into two parts i.e. a generic name and a specific name. The generic name 'umbilicus' is Latin for 'the navel' whilst the specific or special name, 'rupestris' translates as 'a plant that grows on rocks.'

Navelwort is easily overlooked since it has no outstanding features that easily attract attention but it is worth searching for since it is an interesting flower to study.

various names i.e. Wall-Penniwoort, Ladies Navell, Hipwoort, and Kidneywoort.

Gerard added another navelwort too which, since it was found near water, he recorded as Water Pen-

the capital leverage webpages. There will be two assessment dates when awards will be considered – September 2026 and again in January 2027. To speak to someone regarding your application, you can

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

Busy Bees

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

Community Angels

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

The Cygnet Group

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

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

Dorset Kidney Fund

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

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

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

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

Friends of Weymouth Library

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

Hardy Quilters and Stickers

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

Island Voices Community Choir

Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (in term-time). Peter Trim Hall, St George's Centre, Reforne, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linkusup9@gmail.com or 01305776328.

Ladies Keep Fit

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

Ladies Social Badminton

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

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

Mondays in school term time, 2pm - 3.30pm at the Frank Reynolds Community Centre, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (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

SSAFA

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

Start your Memoir Courses

Are you ready to write down your

memories? Events of your life? What you know of your ancestors? Create a record of your life (or even a book) for your grandchildren and generations to come? To find out more, contact writer Sheena on sheenadearness51@gmail.com or 07875 842399.

Sutton Poyntz Venue

Hire £10 an hour - meetings, clubs, celebration, performances.

Book the Mission Hall - 01305 835533. Information suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

The Light Spiritualist Church

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

Walk and Talk Group

A new Walk and Talk group for Cross Road Surgery Patients.

A volunteer led walk to Sandsfoot gardens (Rodwell Trail) every Mon meeting 2.00pm at Cross road surgery car park (no parking).

Contact abigailwring@btinternet.com 01305784986 or reception Cross Road surgery.

Watercolour Art Classes

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

Weldmar Hospicecare Shops

Wyke Regis.- 82 Portland Road, Tel 788369. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Weymouth -71 St Thomas Street. Tel. 783523. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Sun 10am-4pm.

59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.

10 Hardwick Street. Tel. 777774.

Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm

Weymouth Outlet

Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Estate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel. 770760. Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

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 fionawebb@gmail.com

Weymouth Drama Club

For adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week. For enquiries for our youth section, please email [wdccurtainraisers@gmail.com](mailto: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 - weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com

Squirrels aged 4 to 6. Mon - 5.30 to 6.30pm

Beavers aged 6 to 8. Wed - 5.30 to 6.45pm & Fri 6.00 to 7.15pm.

Cubs aged 8 to 10½. Tue & Thur - 6.00 to 7.30pm.

Scouts aged 10½ to 14½. Mon & Wed - 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Explorers aged 14½ to 17, Tue & Thur 7.45 to 9.30pm.

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

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

Weymouth Floral Design Group

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

Wemouth Spiritual Awareness Centre

Join us at Pilgrim House (Hope Square)

Sunday Service 6pm for 6.15pm Friday Healing & Readings 2.00pm-4.00pm

Contact Shelley 07884943242

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

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

Wyke Regis Community Association

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

Wyke Regis Library

Monday 12.00 noon - 6.00pm

Wednesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Throughout each month, we also hold a number of free group events in the library.

Scrabble - the 1st Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.

Knit and Natter - the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.

All ages Chess - Mondays - 4.15 - 5.45.

Rhyme Time - Wednesdays - 2.15-2.45.

Lego Club - Wednesdays - 3.15 - 4.15.

Cuppa and Company - Thursdays - 10.30 - 12.30.

Reading Friends - the 2nd Friday of every month - 10.30 - 12.30.

Learn to Crochet - every Saturday - 11.15 - 12.45.

Wyke Regis Pre-School

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

Wyke Regis Medical

Portland Road, Wyke Regis - 782226

Surgery hours - Monday - Friday - 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

Wyke Regis Nursery

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

Wyke Regis Society

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

Wyke Ukedelics

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

Wyke Regis WI

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

Yoga

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

Yoga JAX

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



Wyke Regis WI



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