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## News

### Wyke Regis Gardening Club

**It's May and time to plant! We have a variety of flower and vegetable plants available in the shop ready for you.**

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.

**The Wyke Regis Society Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting held 7pm Monday 9th March 2026 At Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road.**

Contact Georgina Skipper, georgina.s.skipper@gmail.com  
Next meeting Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm, all residents welcome

Members present: Georgina Skipper - Chairperson, C.Perren, N.Stevens, Cllr Helen Toft, Cllr Kate Wheller

Apologies: Cllr Claire Sutton, Cllr Caroline Nickerson, J. Hamdorff  
Minutes of the last meeting: the amended minutes were read to be correct

Membership: no new members. Membership is now dealt with by the webmaster.

#### Chairperson's Report

There will be an Incinerator demo 11.15am 15th March at Royal Oak, Milborne St Andrew, DT11 0JG, next to Langhams Wine (the chief instigators of the incinerator).

Outfall pollution

Lucy Wills, Customer Relations for Wessex Water, replied to me on 9th March after a condescending email in February:

"Thank you for your email of 26 February about the outfall in Weymouth harbour. Looking through our data this appears to be a system error and the outfall has been collecting and reporting data but appears offline on the mapping. This has now been corrected, and the outfall shows as online."

I have checked and on 13th March it had not been updated on the Surfers Against Sewage discharge map. I have written asking for data.

I also had a response from our MP, Lloyd Hatton, regarding river pollution problems, (shortened version, full version available on request)

"In 2024 alone, Wessex Water was responsible for over 40,000 sewage spills into our rivers and seas. This has been allowed because of

a broken regulatory system that has failed both customers and the environment.

Last year, this Labour Government introduced a bonus ban for the bosses of failing water companies, and Wessex Water was rightly slapped with this ban. Having campaigned for months for a bonus ban, this was a step in the right direction.

However, I was deeply concerned to learn that water bosses have been finding ways to dodge the ban through complex corporate structures. It was recently reported that two bosses at Wessex Water received approximately £50,000 in undisclosed extra pay from a parent company, conveniently sidestepping the bonus ban altogether."

#### Coast protection - From Dorset Council

We are set to boost the county's resilience to flooding and coastal erosion if three key proposals are approved at Cabinet.

Our Cabinet will review plans to join a South West Flood and Coastal (SWFaC) shared service, approve an outline business case for a new Swanage Beach Coastal Protection Scheme and to repair and stabilise West Bay's harbour walls.

All three schemes, which will be heard at March's Cabinet meeting, aim to improve protection for communities, infrastructure and the local economy.

#### From New Scientist -

Almost all research on the impacts of future sea-level rise has assumed today's sea levels are lower than they actually are due to a "methodological blind spot". That means flooding and erosion will happen sooner than expected.

Katharina Seeger and Philip Minderhoud, both at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, analysed 385 peer-reviewed studies on coastal vulnerability and found that 90 per cent failed to consider the effects of ocean currents, tides, temperature, salinity and winds on sea level. As a result, they underestimated the water level at the coast by an average of 24 to 27 centimetres.

The Chairman recently noted that building work is now taking place behind no. 16 Shrubbery Lane, using the building materials which have been left on the green in front. Council's claim that it is private land does not stand up as No 16's wall does not enclose the large verge or the public footpath.

The Treasurer had emailed that donations would be welcome for more daffodils in the churchyard. The meeting agreed that as daffodils spread anyway, and we had a lovely display this year, something different would be better. (Some native spring flowers are bluebells, Celandine and anemones). It was suggested that the new Parks Manager should be consulted. The Treasurer has contacted the Highways again about the poor road markings on All Saints and Wyke Square, I believe Kate has also mentioned it to them.

A Fire Engine crew have reported the problem of getting up Chamberlaine Road and into Wooland Gardens they have also noted that due to parked cars near the footpath they were unable to turn round and had to back out. We had a fire engine try to get into Wooland Gardens last month. It was held up trying to get round the corner by the Club due to the parking. It was then a problem trying to turn round as a car was parked yet again on the turning space, by the footpath. I have also had a reply from them about the yellow lines that have faded around Wyke Square, They are doing a survey on that. The very large vehicles that continually park at the top of All Saints Road are dangerous and parked on a faded yellow line.

There have been plenty of complaints about the filthy road on Lanehouse Rocks Road caused by the lorries coming out of the new housing site.

Swift survey site asks for residents to look out for them June to August. Treasurer and Councillors attended a meeting about this. More information online.

#### Councillor Clare Sutton's Report

As Cllr Sutton was unable to be present at the meeting she had submitted a written report to the Chairperson:

Regarding the Portland Waste Incinerator, whilst we await the Environment Agency's decision on Powerfuel's requested permit variation, I am meeting with the Leader of Dorset Council and the relevant Portfolio holder March 23rd to discuss plans for additional air quality monitoring.

In my Children's Services Cabinet role, while the new Education White Paper should in due lead to more resources to enhance mainstream provision for children with SEND, new special school places are still needed locally. The go

ahead on the Osprey Quay School is therefore very welcome and plans are in development. I am liaising with Dorset Council regarding various highways-related issues raised by residents. Some have been resolved – e.g. pavement obstruction on Portland Rd and untaxed vehicles elsewhere – whilst others remain work in progress. The Highways team has been under significant pressure following months of heavy rainfall and I strongly welcome Dorset Council's new Flood Resilience Fund.

#### Cllr Helen Toft's report

I will be working with the Green Spaces Team to try and launch a new Friends of Group for Wyke Gardens in April. The town council will be doing a comms campaign to raise some support. Green fingers crossed. The converted toilet block in Wyke Gardens has been put out for offers. A "Green Events" guide for organisers has been drawn up: limiting single use plastics, collecting waste and providing water refill points. Castle Gardens are having ramps put in for access.

The 20mph zones around Wyke are very much proceeding:

Wyke Regis (East of Portland Road) The proposal for Wyke Regis to the East of Portland Road includes all roads up to the existing 20mph limit on Southdown Road. This area includes All Saints Secondary School and the housing around it. This proposal will be considered alongside a proposal for the area of Wyke Regis West of Portland Road. The proposal does not include the A354, or Buxton Road. Wyke Regis (West of Portland Road).

The proposal for Wyke Regis to the West of Portland Road includes all roads. This area includes Wyke Regis Junior School and is adjacent to All Saints Secondary School. This proposal will be considered alongside a proposal for the area of Wyke Regis East of Portland Road. The proposal does not include the A354, Buxton Road or Portland Road.

EV charging points are proposed at Wyke Playing Fields and Rymeads Lane. If there is a place in Wyke that you think should be considered, please contact Helen Toft at Weymouth Council Offices.

#### Councillor Kate Wheller

The Council are trying to establish who are the owners of the railings at Smallmouth (which are damaged). Some of the kayaks there

need disposing of. The poor road markings on All Saints and Wyke Square are being taken advantage of by inconsiderate parkers, Highways are aware.

#### Any Other Business

The recent Portland Bridge roadworks unsurprisingly caused a lot of traffic problems. There are dangers from electric bikes on the shared pavement and a fatality has meant that the option of expanding it is being reconsidered. Meeting closed 7.45pm. Next meeting 7.00pm Monday 11th May.

#### Overcome WI

**Overcombe had its Annual Meeting in April where the official business was accompanied by a lovely talk by Sally Scragg about the memory quilt she had completed over a 3-4 year period after her husband was diagnosed with MND.**

Previously this year we have had an evening of Scottish Country Dancing (January), a talk by Read Easy Dorset (February) and a colourful talk by Cathy Mosley explaining how the colours we wear can affect our moods and the moods of those around us (March).

Over the past few months Overcombe WI has been collecting bras for the charity Against Breast Cancer. The charity donates good quality bras to countries in Africa and Eastern Europe while others are deconstructed and their components recycled. So BRA-vo to the ladies of Overcombe WI who were 'tickled pick' with their CHEST-ful of bras. Over 100 have been donated in support of the Dorset Federation of WIs' appeal! Our new committee is now working hard to prepare an interesting and varied programme of events for the next year.

Feel free to drop us an email at [overcombewi@gmail.com](mailto:overcombewi@gmail.com).

#### Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor Update

**As I write this it is Easter time. After the quiet months of January and February I see this time of year as the start of the community events year and it's started in a very busy way.**

We as a team have attended a number of community events across the ward but the highlight for me has to be the Preston Village hall Easter fete where I had the honoured job of judging the Easter hat competition. The Vil-

lage hall committee do such a good job looking after this vital community asset.

There are a number of works going on in Preston of importance. The lights by the Spice Ship pub are to be replaced with newer equipment this will cause slight delays but will hopefully be much better in the long run. The footpath linking Littlemoor and Preston has also had some major works carried out. This is something we have long pushed for in order to get a solid long term solution as opposed to repeated smaller fixes to this path. Overcombe Car park is another asset set to receive a much needed set of works to improve the surface quality. Councillors Peter and Joanne Dickenson recently met with officers of Weymouth town council at Elm Close play park who have agreed to install a path leading directly into the path making access in wetter periods of the year easier. As you may be aware road re-surfacing is something we've always had a key priority. Upcoming roads this year to be re-surfaced are Cedar Drive and its off roads and Winslow and Verlands Road. We are looking at arranging a public meeting in the coming months so please keep an eye out. But in the meantime please get in touch with any local

issues.

*Cllr Louie O'Leary*

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#### Family History Society

**For their meeting on 15th May the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society welcome back Alistair Chisholm for Part 2 of his talk 'Dorchester-Small Town, Big Story.'**

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

Admission will be £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

#### Fairbridge Trust

##### Big Brew 9th May

**The roadworks are essentially complete so we have set a new date for our Big Brew – Saturday 9th May. Supporting our Big Brew is the perfect excuse to come and see the changes**

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*Councillor Louie O'Leary with the winner of the village fete Easter hat competition*

**along North Quay. The wider pavements make it much easier to negotiate your way along our side of the road. There is also a convenient zebra crossing to bring you across to us from the Town Bridge. Come along to enjoy a hot drink with a choice of delicious homemade cakes and good company.**

All the money raised from our Big Brew will be going to Transform Trade to support their ongoing work and in particular their current campaign to persuade government to introduce a fashion watchdog.

Transform Trade, formerly Traidcraft Exchange, are celebrating 40 years this year so let us take a quick look at how they began and their achievements so far.

Traidcraft, as an importer and retailer of fair trade products, began in 1979. The Fairtraders who were selling the products in churches and on stalls were keen to donate their profits to a related cause. In 1986 Traidcraft Exchange was launched, a charity designed to support people to get a fairer deal from trade. One of the ways they did this was by working to change unjust trade rules and practices. By the 90s they began to focus on shaping business practices and were able to influence many of the positive trade policies put in place by the government. They were a founding partner in creating the Fairtrade Foundation who later introduced the Fairtrade Mark. In 1994 the first Fairtrade product arrived in supermarkets. In the 2000s their work with producers around the world really

started to grow with various focussed appeals, from tea growers in India to dairy farmers in Kenya. In 2013, after years of campaigning, the Groceries Code Adjudicator was formed which saw a huge improvement in the treatment of suppliers by supermarkets. A major achievement!

In 2022, Traidcraft Exchange changed their name to Transform Trade, a name which better reflects their aims – to reshape trade so it benefits everybody fairly.

Sadly, in 2023, Traidcraft finally went into administration but Transform Trade have been able to retain the brand name and are slowly reintroducing branded products. Transform Trade's work is far from over and in the last few years they have celebrated several successes including achieving fairer prices for every tea grower in Kenya and encouraging the UK to leave the Energy Charter Treaty.

Transform Trade don't just work to bring about policy change with governments they also work on the ground with producers to improve their conditions.

They work alongside communities exploited by tea estates helping them to demand change and develop other sources of income. They also support smallholder producers to adapt to climate change, sell their produce for a fair price, and improve their working conditions. They seek out farmers' groups, social enterprises, and local NGOs conducting transformative work in their communities and work out the best ways to support them.

We look forward to seeing you on

Saturday 9th May, if not before. We can be contacted on 01305 772842, by email at thebridgefair-trade@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.

## Southill Gardening Club

**In May we are hosting a Plant Sale and Seed Swap – all are welcome to come along and stock up for the new season and to meet and chat with fellow gardeners.**

The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are welcome to attend and refreshments will be available. Further information on this meeting or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

## Be Hedgehog Aware

**Hedgehogs are in steep decline and are now on the UK Red List as Vulnerable to Extinction. Let's make a difference this Hedgehog Awareness Week (4th-10th May) so that hedgehogs can thrive across the Weymouth and Portland area.**

A hedgehog friendly garden has:  
Access: Through a hedgehog highway, under a gate, through a hedge.

Vegetation: To forage for food, and a place to nest.

Water: In a shallow bowl - hedgehogs are very thirsty creatures.

Make your garden hedgehog safe:  
Cleaning: rinse off chemicals after patio cleaning – it burns the feet of wildlife and pets.

Netting: raise garden/games nets off the ground to avoid entanglements.

Garden waste: take filled garden waste bags to the tip the same day, or check before emptying.

Plastic bags are favourite nesting places, and you could be dumping a hedgehog family.

Garden chemicals: slug pellets and glyphosate weed killers are toxic to wildlife and pets. Please use safe alternatives.

Ponds: create a shelving shore, a gentle ramp or rock pile for hedgehogs to climb out and birds to drink and bathe.

Compost: turn compost heaps by hand or spade to avoid killing nesting hedgehogs.

There will be more information on our stall in tesco foyer, saturday 2 may. We'd love to meet you!

Jo Morland, hedgehog friendly portland, 07815 012163 and on Facebook.

## Weymouth Concert Brass

**Last month I left you with a cliff-hanger as the band finalised its preparations for this year's West of England Brass Band Association finals in Torquay on Saturday 14th March.**

Well, the good news is that we gave a pretty good account of ourselves with our performance of the Fourth Section contest piece: 'Indian Summer', composed by Eric Ball. It was 'balanced and convincing' to quote one adjudicator, and 'very solid and enjoyable' to quote another. Along with many in the audience, Dave Ansell, our MD, was also impressed with the quality of our sound and with our 'sense of performance'.

However, despite the praise for our efforts, eighth position, out of the thirteen bands which took part, was a respectable outcome but not enough to give us serious hope yet of returning to the Third Section. Never mind! It was fun (somewhat nerve-wracking too) taking part, and there's always next year.

So now we return to our local mission to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of brass band music around Weymouth and Portland and surrounding areas. Our first public engagement of 2026 is also our first self-promoted event in recent years - an Afternoon Tea Concert at St Edmund's Church Hall on Saturday 9th May at 3.00pm. Join us there for a relaxing and entertaining afternoon of brass band music and lovely home-made cakes and treats. Tickets are £6.50 (under 16s free) and can be purchased online at [www.ticketsource.com/weymouth-concert-brass](http://www.ticketsource.com/weymouth-concert-brass), or from me on 07710 096174.

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

So perhaps we'll see you in May, if not before. 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 infor-

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### Citizens Advice

**Q. My landlord tells me that my rights as a tenant are changing later this year. Do I need to do anything? What should I expect?**

**A.** Your landlord is right and you are wise to be looking for more information.

The change to tenancy rights and obligations dates back to 2019 when then-Prime Minister Theresa May committed to abolition of s.21 (no fault evictions) in the Queen's Speech. The then-Conservative Government introduced a Renters' (Reform) Bill in 2023 but, at the time of the general election in 2024, this had not progressed beyond the House of Lords, and so fell away at the end of the parliamentary session.

The new Labour Government introduced a Renters' Rights Bill in September 2024. The Bill received royal assent on 27 October 2025 so is now the Renters' Rights Act. Lots of changes will come into force on 1 May 2026. These will apply to the Private Rented Sector

only. The main changes for tenants are as follows:

#### Before 1 May 2026

Your landlord can evict you for no reason with a section 21 notice.

No limits on rent in advance.

Your landlord might pressure you to agree to a rent increase at any time.

It can be hard to leave a fixed term tenancy early.

You can often give 1 month's notice to end a periodic AST.

Your landlord can refuse permission for you to have a pet. They do not need a reason.

#### From 1 May 2026

Your landlord will need a legal reason to evict you with a section 8 notice.

Your landlord can only take or accept 1 month's rent in advance.

Your landlord can only put the rent up once a year. They must give at least 2 months' notice and use the correct procedure.

You will have a periodic tenancy which makes it easier to leave by giving notice.

You will have to give 2 months' notice to end an assured periodic tenancy, unless a shorter notice is agreed in writing.

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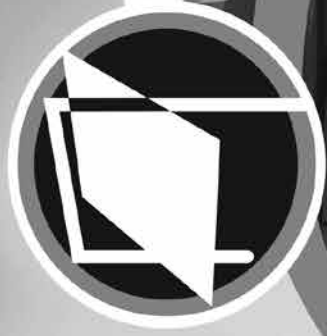


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From late 2026 there will also be a new private rented sector database and a new private rented sector ombudsman to deal with complaints.

Landlords are obliged to provide written information to tenants about these changes. For new tenancies landlords will need to provide information about the tenancy to their tenants in writing before the tenancy starts. This could be through a written tenancy agreement. For existing tenancies, if there is already a written tenancy agreement, landlords will have to provide a government published information sheet by 31 May. If there is no current written agreement, a written summary of the main terms (as for new tenancies) must be provided by the same date. Landlords who do not comply may be fined by the Local Authority.

There is lots more information about these changes on the Shelter website at [https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing\\_advice/private\\_renting/renters\\_rights\\_act\\_changes\\_for\\_private\\_renters](https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/private_renting/renters_rights_act_changes_for_private_renters).

**The Boyz are Back! Reuniting local Bands that played in the Weymouth area in the 1960s, 70s and 80s**

For all lovers of live music then the night of Friday 15th May promises to be one not to be missed, when an array of local talent will once again be playing at The Centenary Club in Weymouth. It follows a series of hugely successful performances

**that have been arranged at the venue organised by The Boyz.**

This next evenings' entertainment has three superb groups performing; The Originals, Eleventh Hour and Nick Capaldi with friends. The music begins at 6.30pm with a solo set from Robert Ryan, a member from the popular local group Katz.

Tickets for the evening are priced at just £10 with all proceeds once again going to support local charities. Due to the huge success of previous evenings this has enabled thousands of pounds to be raised. Amongst the charities that have benefited are; Julia's House, The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Weldmar Hospice, Munsty's, A Stars, Parkinson's, Veterans Hub, The Lantern Trust, the Dorset County Hospital MRI Cancer Appeal, Chickerell Primary School and Young Minds.

Chris Dean is looking forward to another successful evening. 'When we first came up with the idea of getting together local musicians that had performed as far back as the 70's and even 60's, I was not sure how well they would be received. I need not have worried the response has been fantastic. The area has always had a great reputation for producing talented musicians and it's fantastic that we can showcase a lot of it.

We get all ages coming proving that music really can be enjoyed by anyone. Many of the musicians and the audience travel many miles to be here. They all have one goal in mind; to enjoy listening to good music. All of our gigs have been held at The Centenary Club in Jubilee Close and it has proved to be a perfect venue. Offering Club drink prices, Paul and his staff could not be more accommodating.'

There will also be a raffle on the

evening with great prizes with the star one being £100. For the first 100 tickets sold there is an added raffle prize of £25. With tickets already selling fast early booking is recommended. Tickets can be reserved and picked up before the gig or by paying cash on the night. Call in at the Centenary Club or telephone 01305 839310.

**Trading Standards News**

**Food allergies and intolerances If you have a food allergy or intolerance, it is important that you have the information you need to make safe food choices. There are allergen labelling laws that require food businesses to provide you with information about what is in your food, whether you are eating out or making your own food at home.**

In the UK there are 14 legally identified allergens that food businesses should inform you about if they are used as an ingredient in foods. These are:

Cereals containing gluten such as wheat, Eggs, Fish, Milk, Celery, Crustaceans such as prawns, Molluscs such as oysters, Mustard, Sesame, Peanuts, Soybean, Lupin, Tree nuts such as walnuts and Sul-

phites and sulphur dioxide There are lots of ways that businesses can provide allergen information to their customers. They can be emphasised in an ingredients list on the packaging, be listed on menus or signage next to the food, or be given on websites. In some situations, signage may tell you how you can obtain the allergen information verbally, for example, you may be advised to speak to a member of staff who will ensure the information is made available to you.

If you have an allergy or food intolerance it is important that you check the allergen information that is given carefully and if appropriate ask staff about your own particular needs, so you can be sure that the food you buy is safe for you to eat. If you are unsure or you don't feel the person you are speaking to understands your needs, don't be afraid to ask for the manager or someone who may be better able to help you.

If you come across a business who is not meeting allergen information requirements you can report this to Dorset Council Trading Standards by visiting [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) or phoning the Citizens Advice con-

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## A Bad Temper!

**Woken suddenly in the early hours of the morning by three piercingly loud, shrill mews outside and the bedroom lit by the outdoor intruder light made it seem necessary to leave the warmth of a snug and comfortable bed to find out what was happening.**

Like the bedroom, the lawn and the garden were also lit but there was nothing there, no sign of life, no movement anywhere, and when the light switched off, all was dark again, and still. Sleep was restored but the mewing shrieks remained in the mind for they had been strangely loud for a cat and more of a penetrating shriek of something that was frightened or frightening something else.

A walk around the garden after breakfast revealed nothing amiss, and the local cat strolled across the road and down the drive as unconcerned as usual. That should have been the end of the episode except for a lurking touchiness caused by interrupted sleep, and then light dawned. The noise made was more than that of a domestic cat, and suddenly a winter memory was recalled when a fox's footprints were found in the snow across the lawn. This was around the mating season for foxes so were these latest eerie screams caused by a female fox. It couldn't be the male for they bark; only the female screams.

It was a beautiful spring morning but that did nothing to soothe drama of the night's interrup-

tion. It would have been a good day for a long walk but the lawns needed cutting and with a busy week ahead certain jobs had to be attended to, the lawns among the priorities! The mood and the attitude after the night's disturbed rest was not right and the mower did nothing to relieve the irritation. This was to be the second cut of the year, and since the grass was not as long as that of the first cut, a small adjustment to the front wheels was necessary. Necessary, yes but easy? NO! The first one refused to budge, and the opposite one refused to tighten until 'brute force' and an increasingly bad temper suddenly took over and success achieved. Temptation to kick the mower was just about avoided, and gardening that day was not going to be a joy!

The next irritation came when more weeds than expected in the lawn had to be removed before mowing could take place for weeds that had been removed before last week, session had been replaced, and a new weed found. This was Shepherd's Cress, a new comer to the weed contingency that taken a fancy to the garden but was due for a session of rough treatment. With the back lawn eventually trimmed and cleared, the front lawn was next but the state of the morning temper not improved.

A fair amount of attention was required here for where the grass seed had been carefully sown there last autumn after a very parched summer, a host of weeds had settled too and needed to be

removed at once. With a temper already frayed, the mood was not a happy nor a patient one for here was not only a host of weeds that had grown in a week but a wide variety too. All the patient, dedicated autumnal work had been in vain for although the grass had set root it was being smothered

by more aggressive and determined weeds. The main and obvious ones were, of course, the dandelion and crow garlic, the latter's thin and grass-like leaves a gardener's nightmare, but a new one had been found here too. It was obviously a member of the speedwell family but very small indeed and careful research will need to be undertaken before it can be accurately named. The rest of the 'gang' were there, small as yet but present - dandelion, couch grass, cushion moss, chickweed, bedstraw, clover, trefoil, plantain, celandines, plantain, black medick, lesser trefoil ad infinitum.

The bad mood grew worse especially after scarifying the lawn a blister had formed on one thumb, in spite of thick garden gloves. Autumn's careful work had been in vain and more expense incurred for weed treatment and grass rejuvenation. At last, with everything finished and



dead autumn leaves and moss from between the patio tiles swept up and disposed of it was time to pack up. Even the birds had been an aggravation, with seagulls gathered on the roof tops screaming at each other, and magpies constantly fighting rooks, and rooks annoying seagulls, it had not been a tranquil spring morning!

However, sitting later on the garden steps with a drink and some refreshment, it was a lovely day. The sky was blue, the lawn a fresh green, the blue anemones nodding their heads in the gentle breeze and the clematis growing well along the trellis soothed the day's aggravation. Finding a lively cluster of ladybirds and seeing the first butterfly of the year plus a tidy garden made all the difference. It hadn't been such a bad day after all for the gardener, but what about the vixen of the night? If that's what it really was!



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## Martin Clunes & Buckham Fair Committee visit DCH

**Martin and Philippa Clunes and the Buckham Fair planning Committee have visited the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit currently under construction at Dorset County Hospital (DCH).**

The renowned Buckham Fair community event is returning on 2nd August 2026 after a break of five years. Profits will be donated to support the DCH Charity's Emergency and Critical Care Appeal.

The £2.5 million Appeal will help to fund equipment and facilities beyond the NHS budget for the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit. The £100 million project is funded by the Government's New Hospital programme (NHP) and is due to open in 2027. The Buckham Fair committee visited the current Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit to understand the need for more space, equipment and facilities which will enable staff to respond to the needs of the local population now, and for generations to come. The Emergency Department is currently serving more than double the capacity it was built for.

Actor, director, and television presenter, Martin Clunes, is a founder of Buckham Fair and lives in Dorset. He said, 'The staff at DCH are amazing but they need more space, and they're going to expand into this beautiful new unit and be given even better tools to be able to carry out and administer the wonderful care that they always have done. The NHS is in-

vesting £100 million, and we're raising even more for these wonderful doctors and nurses to help give them what they need to do their job to the best of their ability. Buckham Fair is an opportunity for people to come and give what they want to give, and we'll give every single penny of the profits we make to help fund this project.' DCH Charity's Head of Fundraising, Jodi Hibbard said, 'We'd like to thank the Buckham Fair committee for bringing back this very special community event this summer, specifically to raise funds for the Emergency and Critical Care Appeal. We are over halfway to our £2.5 million target, and we are now in the final year of fundraising, so this event will make a huge difference to helping us fund enhanced facilities for the new departments at DCH. We are looking forward to meeting people from the local community and spreading the word about the benefits the new facilities at DCH will bring to people who live locally. We are delighted to be able to combine this important fundraising with a memorable day out for all ages from the local community and further afield!'

Buckham Fair is a fun-filled day of dog shows, local trade stalls, delicious food stands, the famous Beer Tent, action-packed displays in the main ring, a fun fair, Heavy Horse displays, the Heavy Horse village.

To find out more about Buckham Fair and book tickets visit: Home - Buckham Fair 2026.

## Read Easy South Dorset

**Do you know someone who struggles to read? Or could you volunteer for 'Read Easy'?**

There are about 2.4 million adults in England who either cannot read at all or can barely read. For them, everyday tasks such as booking a doctor's appointment, reading a letter from their child's school or doing the food shopping are impossibly difficult.

Local charity Read Easy South Dorset is encouraging adults who would like to improve their reading to come forward and get some help. If you know of friends and family members who struggle to read, please pass on the Read Easy South Dorset phone number (below) and encourage them to make a call that could transform their lives.

Operating in Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester and surrounding villages, Read Easy South Dorset offers free and confidential one-to-one coaching, from trained volunteers. Reading pairs normally meet twice a week at approved local venues to work for just half an hour at a time through a structured reading programme, which takes up to two years to complete. Read Easy South Dorset's Team Leader, Della Spurgin, says those who struggle to read should not feel embarrassed about coming forward and asking for help: 'There are lots of different reasons why people don't learn to read in childhood. For some it may have been a lack of support from their own family or school, for others it may have been undiagnosed dyslexia. But people should not feel ashamed or embarrassed about it. We are friendly, welcoming, and here to help, whatever your age.'

Read Easy South Dorset is also currently looking for volunteers to fill a variety of roles. We need reading coaches for both Dorchester and Weymouth areas, and a coordinator to help organise the Dorchester area. We are also looking for some roles that are more in the background. Not all roles have fixed time commitments which mean you might be able to help us even if you are often away. We are a small friendly team, there is training and support, and the work is very satisfying.

For information about learning to read please call Irene on 07490 757756, or for information about volunteering please email Della: [sdleader@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:sdleader@readeasy.org.uk)

## Weymouth Sailing Club Public Open Day

**Weymouth Sailing Club (WSC) is throwing open its doors on Saturday 16th May, inviting the**

**local community to swap their walking shoes for deck shoes and experience the thrill of life on the water.**

Located on the historic Nothe Parade with world-class views of the Jurassic Coast, WSC is more than just a club—it's a gateway to adventure. Whether you are a complete novice or a seasoned sailor looking for a new home port, our Open Day offers a hands-on introduction to our friendly, member-run community.

**Taster Sessions:**

There will be an opportunity to sail on a pro-level SB20 sportsboat. Known for their speed and agility, these 6-metre keelboats offer an exhilarating, stable, and modern sailing experience. Under the guidance of our experienced skippers, visitors can feel the power of the wind firsthand.

Alternatively there will be a cruising yacht on hand providing trips for visitors.

**Youth on Boats (YOBS):** Meet our dedicated youth team and see how we get youngsters aged 9–18 confident on the water.

**Clubhouse Tours:** Explore our panoramic roof terrace, 'The Galley' restaurant, and our member-run bar.

**Meet the Members:** Chat with our sailors about racing, RYA-accredited training, and our 'Cruising in Company' trips to the Solent and France.

'We want to show that sailing is accessible to everyone,' says the WSC Commodore Mike Street. 'Our Open Day is about breaking down barriers and letting people see the harbour from a brand-new perspective. Whether you want to race competitively or just enjoy a sunset cruise, there's a place for you here.'

**Event Details:**

Date: Saturday, 16th May

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm

Location: Weymouth Sailing Club, Nothe Parade, DT4 8TX

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**What to Bring:** Soft-bottomed shoes (trainers are fine) and a windproof jacket. Life jackets will be provided.

Membership at WSC remains one of the best values on the south coast, with tiered pricing for families, intermediates, and cadets. Those who sign up on the day can learn more about our RYA Training Centre courses, including Powerboat Level 2 and Day Skipper Theory.

For more information, visit [wsc.org.uk](http://wsc.org.uk) or follow us on social media for live updates.

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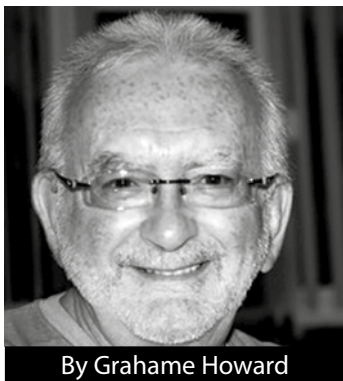
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By Grahame Howard

### I Can't Hear

I read in one of The Daily Telegraph's unpublished letters this snippet below:

#### Noisy Nature

'Sir David Attenborough is encouraging us all to enjoy the peace and the sounds of nature. Alas, when he and many others take us via documentaries to amazing places all over the world, they take an orchestra and chorus with them which frequently drowns out the wonderful sounds of life in forests and oceans which we would love to hear'. Maggie Down, Northamptonshire, Daily Telegraph.

I have actually been saying the same for years. Having a profound hearing loss is not easy to live with but, it is made more difficult when music is played in the background of most programmes. I may be watching a nature program as above, or it may be a film or series. For some reason, music is played drowning out the speaker, especially if it is David Attenborough, who we know has a gentle voice and, my ears have to battle with dialogue and music as well. In some churches too, they have music playing in the background as the sermon is being preached. Now, this is ok for people whose hearing is very good but, for the hard of hearing, it is a nightmare. When we settle down to watch TV in the evenings, even though I have hearing aids, I tend to turn the volume up so that I can hear comfortably. Now this is ok for me, until the music begins. It is not ok for the CO who nudges me to turn it down. As I can't hear her because of the TV sound, I mute the volume and ask her what she has said.

'Turn it down' she shouts, 'it's hurting my ears. You're going to make me deaf as well!'

'I can't hear it if I turn it down' I protest.

'Then use the subtitles' she speaks back to me. She now wears ear muffs.

The thing is, the subtitles are good unless, the program is live.

If it is then the text is out of sync with the picture.

There is normally a bit of grumbling and moaning, mostly from her. As you know, I'm a notable gentleman and put up with a lot of things without any protesting. It is though, very frustrating to people but, more so, for the person who is deaf.

It's the same when I go to the doctor's surgery or the dentist. The CO always goes with me because I can never hear what they're saying. At the reception, they usually have a glass window and I can't hear a word. If they have a hearing loop, I usually switch that on but, it is useless if they have not switched it on at their end. So it is a Catch 22 situation. I was referred to Southampton hospital with the possibility of having a Cochlear implant. Dorset said I met the criteria but Southampton said I didn't, so again back to the drawing board.

Anyway, back to the TV watching. I have noticed that the adverts and such, can be at a good level but, when the program begins, the sound goes down a level or two. Why is this? It is so annoying. I set my hearing aids and then have to reset them all the way through the programs. I'm ok on my mobile now. I downloaded an app that my aids are compatible with and this means that I can speak and hear very well. I can also hear music, the radio and other programs. The problem comes when someone rings me yet, wants to speak to the CO as well. If I do this, I have to turn my hearing aids off before she can hear the person. However, it leaves me sitting twiddling my thumbs until she has finished.

The CO and I manage very well. She is like my carer as, without her I tend to miss a few things, such as not hearing traffic as well as I should do. This is not all the time though; I have good days and bad days. My problem is, I always seem to meet the people who whisper. This seems to be a new thing, you may have noticed it yourself. Actors on the TV all seem to whisper instead of projecting their voice. It is so annoying. As I said, whenever we are out, I always seem to meet the whisperers of life.

But never mind, it is just something that I have to put up with. Now I'm in my 40's I suppose it is all downhill from here. Whinge over!!

Take care and I'll see you next time.

Grahame

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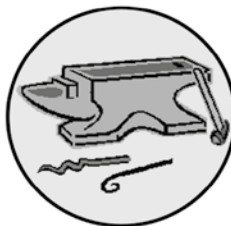
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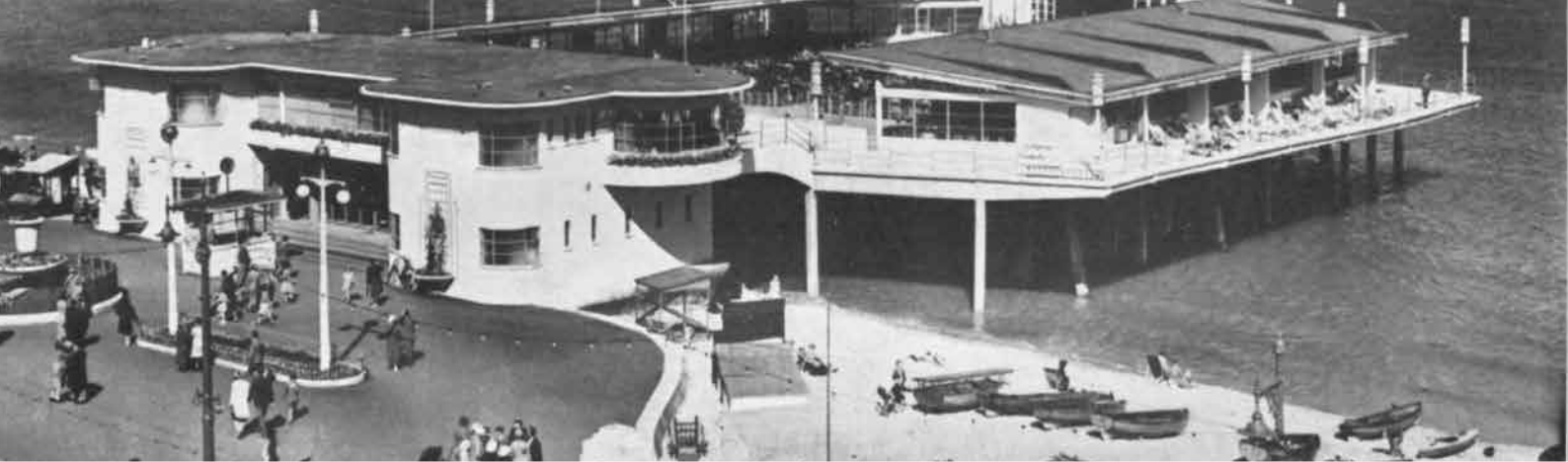
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# Memories of the Pier Bandstand

By Sue



Forty years ago in May 1986, the Pier Bandstand was demolished, article reprinted from 2011

## Part One

My first memories of the Pier Bandstand are paddling underneath it. It was supported by large grey concrete pillars embedded in the sea bed, as a child I used to think that some of them looked as if they were falling over but have since learned that they were meant to be like that. Green seaweed clung around the bases and one or two limpets were stuck on them. It was very cold under there and if you spoke it echoed. It was always nice to get out in the sunshine again

The bandstand wasn't very picturesque but it was fun to go on. From the seafront there were wide steps leading up to the floor, there was a roof covering only the sides all the way round, so if it rained people used to squash undercover. The centre of the floor was open to the elements. Separated from the inside by a screen there was a balcony which the roof overhung, with railings to prevent you falling into the sea, it ran all along the outside edge. Deck chairs could be hired and people used to sit and sunbathe there watching all the comings and goings on the seafront. On the inside there was a stage at the far end. The floor was concrete, I remember going to watch roller skating on a Saturday afternoon. The pier bandstand was very popular, particularly in the summer months. Beauty contests, variety shows, ballroom dances and in later years wrestling matches took place there. Talking to a school friend of mine, she remembers when she was fifteen, she

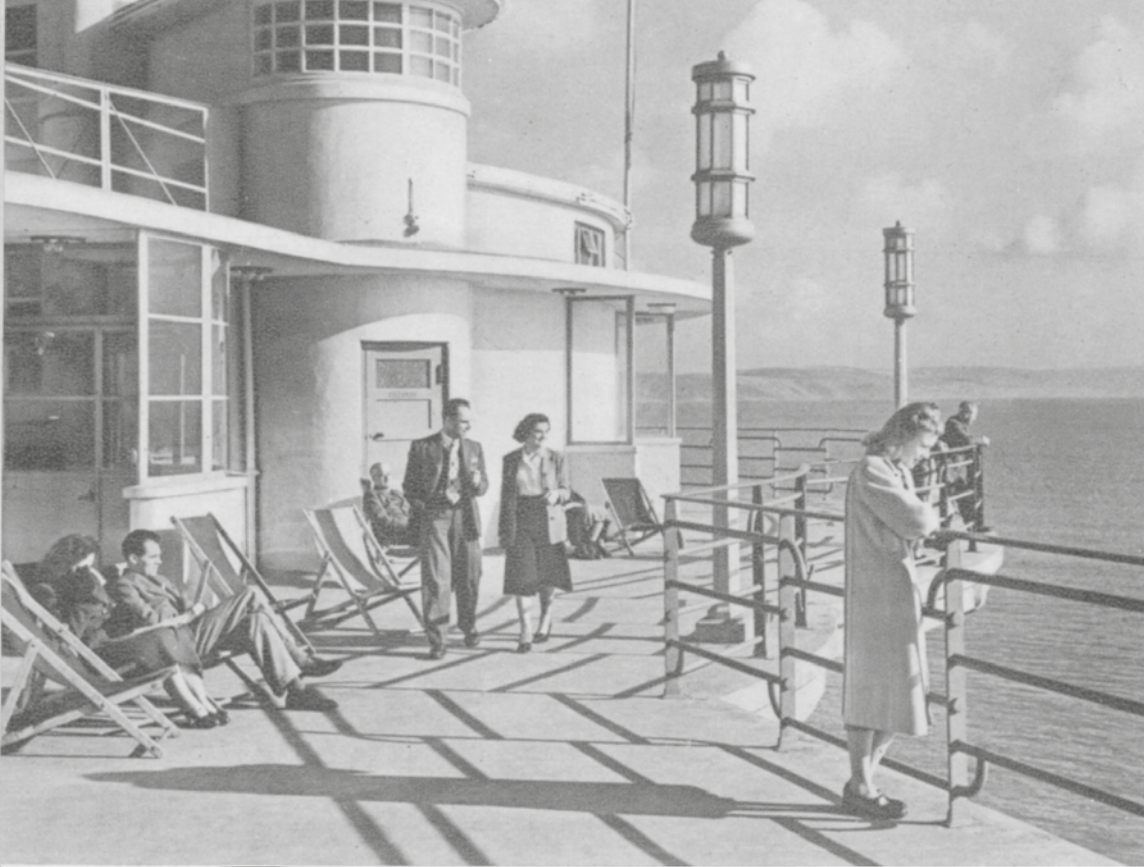


had a part time job in a small coffee bar which was situated on the right hand side at the top of the stairs by the entrance, she recalls that the wrestlers used to have a cup of tea together before the match, talking and laughing together, then during the fight bashing each other about. (She says it was all pretence) then getting together again after the show was over. She also had to sell ice creams on a tray hung around her neck.

I cannot remember if there was a charge to go on if there were no shows taking place, or whether you could just walk up.

Researching on the internet, I have discovered that there was a com-





petition for the design of the Pier Bandstand. There were twenty six entries and the winner was an entry by V J Wenning Esq LRIBA, the building was opened on the 25th May, 1939. (What a time to open, just before the war started, but I cannot confirm it if was kept open during the war). It could hold 2,400 audience but the fault there was that only a third of those could sit undercover, the remaining would be left to the elements, which knowing our English weather, was not a good idea. They also say that it was a case of an aesthetically pleasing design winning over practical usage. There are pictures of a Military Band, playing dated, late 1940, "Spotlight on Variety" dated 1949. This was a troupe which kept the audiences entertained all summer, Harry Hudson Band, 1958. Harry Hudson and the Melody Men were popular from the late 1920s, later Harry succeeded Violet Carson as the pianist on the popular 'Have a go' radio show hosted by Wilfred Pickles and of course a picture by Graham Herbert of Bathing Beauty competition dated in the 1950s.



**Some important dates.**

- 25th May 1939 - The pier bandstand opened.
- 1970 - The pier included amusements, gift shop and restaurant.
- 1985 - The seaward end had become too costly to maintain.
- 1986 May - Demolished. Two schoolgirls won a national competition to "press the button"

*Above and left: Art Deco details gave the pier a distinctive look*

*Photos page 16 top to bottom: General view probably taken from the Prince Regent; open air dancing was very popular; the wide promenade deck which surrounded the pier.*

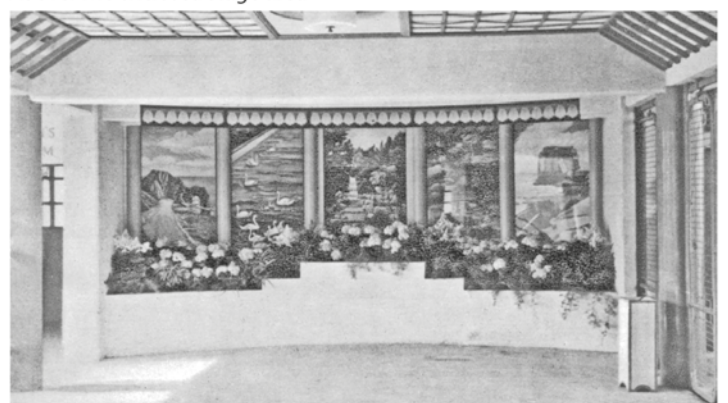


*Far left: Beauty contests were very popular.*

*Below: Magnificent glass pictures at the entrance loggia, part of the promenade deck.*

*To be continued*

*Above: The enclosed stage area*



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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

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## Ridgeway Churches Diary

### Special Events

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## Ridgeway Churches Diary

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

### Thursday 7th May

#### Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group

9.30am-11.30am  
Every Thursday  
St Francis' Church, Littlemoor  
£1.50  
Saturday 9th May

Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am-12.00pm. Every 2nd Saturday  
St Osmund's Church, Osmington, £3 per head.

### Monday 11th May

#### Angel's Lunch Club

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

### Friday 15th May

#### Osmington Lunch Club

12.15pm for 12.30pm  
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# All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

The Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund Rector: Revd John Mackenzie Assistant Curate: Revd Ash Liddington [www.pariahofwykeregis.org.uk](http://www.pariahofwykeregis.org.uk)

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

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

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

## Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

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

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

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

## Morning Prayer

9.00am Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri

9.30am Saturday

Fridays

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

Coffee Mornings

10.00am: 3rd Saturday of the

month (see dates below).

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

## Sundays

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

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

## Thursdays

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

## Coffee Mornings

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

## Hall Hire

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

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

[www.registermagazine.co.uk](http://www.registermagazine.co.uk)

## Contact Us

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

## Regular parish activities

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

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

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

**Book Group** – Meets quarterly. Next meeting: 5th May.

**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, 6pm 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 6th May.

**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 9th May. For more information and to book your breakfast contact Ian Cox: [iancoxart@yahoo.com](mailto:iancoxart@yahoo.com)

## Coming Events

### All Saints

#### Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th May 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

#### Afternoon Tea with Weymouth Concert Brass Saturday 9th May 3.00pm

Enjoy an afternoon of music while savouring a selection of tea, cakes and treats. Bring your friends and family for an entertaining afternoon! Tickets £6.50, under 16s FREE; available via Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 or [weymouthconcertbrass@gmail.com](mailto:weymouthconcertbrass@gmail.com)

### Coffee Mornings

Saturday 28th February & 28th March 10.00am – noon

Teas, coffees and home-made cakes (GF available). Books, CDs, jigsaw puzzles, and a chance to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

## Friends of Weymouth Peace Garden

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

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

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

## Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Weymouth

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Face book: Holy Trinity Weymouth with St Nicholas

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

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

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

## Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

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

## Methodist Churches in Weymouth

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

### Sunday Morning Services

10.30am Chickerell, North Square, DT3 4DX

10.30am Lanehouse, Lynch Lane, DT4 9DL

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

Sunday Evening Services

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

Worship information in available at [www.dsw.church](http://www.dsw.church)

### Church Activities

#### Chickerell

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

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

Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

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

### Weymouth Bay

#### Wednesday

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

10.30am Grace Notes, informal singing group for all abilities

2.00pm CAMEO, women's group meets fortnightly

5.00pm Miscellany Band for anyone who plays a musical instrument

#### Thursday

2.00pm Bible study Group

#### First Friday in the month

2.00pm Dementia Café for people with dementia and their carers

#### Last Saturday in the month

9.00am Garden Gang

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## 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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## Weymouth Welcomes First GreenSeas Trust Bin

**Fazilette Khan, Founder of the GreenSeas Trust joined the Mayor of Weymouth, local ward Councillor Cllr Jon Orrell, and staff from Weymouth Town Council to unveil a brand new bin for recycling plastic bottles on Weymouth's seafront.**

GreenSeas is a marine conservation trust which has teamed up with Weymouth Town Council to install the eye-catching bin along the promenade in a bid to reduce marine plastic pollution. The nautical-themed bin was officially unveiled on Thursday 2nd April in its location near the Jubilee Clock. It's the first in Weymouth – and a first for Dorset – and is the 24th bin of its kind to be installed in the UK. It symbolises a continued commitment to combating marine plastic pollution, a mission at the heart of GreenSeas Trust's efforts. The Bins-ForGreenSeas campaign is a nationwide initiative. More than just bins, these recycling installations located in prominent seaside and riverside locations serve as daily public reminders of the urgent need to protect our oceans and rivers from plastic waste.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson, said: "I am proud to cut the ribbon to mark the official unveiling of this brand-new recycling facility in Weymouth. It is important to support such a worthwhile cause that will help to keep our town clean.

'There are other bins and recycling facilities in place further along the seafront, and the addition of this eye-catching bin towards the Jubilee Clock area is designed to make people stop and look. Having it there is a reminder to tourists and locals to responsibly dispose of their plastic waste and prevent it ending up on our beautiful beach or floating out to sea.' Fazilette Khan, Founder of The GreenSeas Trust, added: 'Weymouth's seafront is the perfect place for a BinForGreenSeas, and we're thrilled the Council has made this commitment. It sends a clear message that protecting our oceans starts on our streets, with both residents and visitors playing their part. Every bottle captured here is one less polluting our seas, and that's how real change begins, with one simple action at a time.' For more information about the GreenSeas Trust and its initiatives, please visit [www.greenseas.org](http://www.greenseas.org).

## Weymouth Town Council Service to Mark Anzac Day

**Members of the public are invited to attend Weymouth Town Council's annual ANZAC Day Service on Saturday 25th April at the ANZAC Memorial.**

A service of remembrance takes place on the seafront opposite the Hotel Prince Regent at 11am, so people are advised to arrive before the start time.

A wreath-laying service will com-

memorate the thousands of Australian and New Zealand volunteer service personnel who passed through camps and hospitals in Dorset during the First World War. The short service will be carried out by chaplain, Father Scott Anderson.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson will be in attendance, and said: 'Weymouth Town Council's annual ANZAC Day Service recognises the sacrifices made by personnel of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The service takes place at the dedicated memorial opposite the Prince Regent Hotel, and members of the public are welcome to attend the service on Saturday 25th April, which begins at 11am. I hope to see you there.'

Please note, there will be a temporary road closure in place for the service between Pier Bandstand and Astrid Way. The closure will be in place from 10.30am and will reopen by 11.45am at the latest.

Anyone wishing to observe ANZAC Day around sunrise can meet Cllr Simon Clifford at the memorial at 5.45am on Saturday 25th April.

## Return of the Community Expo

**Weymouth Town Council has announced the return of the Community Expo, which takes place on Saturday 16th May, 11am to 2pm at the town's iconic Jubilee Clock on the seafront.**

So far over 20 stands are booked to showcase the work of voluntary and community organisations who help various communities in

Weymouth including Space Youth Project, the RSPB, Weymouth Food bank, Friends of Greenhill Gardens, Weymouth Street Pastors, Friendly Food club, DocBike Dorset, Love Dogs and many more. There is space for more and groups can contact [communitydevelopment@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk) to enquire about a pitch.

Tumbledown Community Grow-space will have a stand with information about all the amazing projects and activities they run, and there will be a puppet making workshop run by The Puppet Tree. Cycling Without Age will be offering free rides to anyone who would like to experience their trikes, there will be vintage/classic cars, a police car and a fire and rescue appliance.

Crowds will be entertained by three community choirs who will be performing at various times as well as a few other acts still to be confirmed.

As part of the event, the Annual Town Assembly will also be held at 1pm at the Jubilee Clock, where you can find out more about the Council's services and projects, hear a short report from the Town Clerk to highlight the work of the Council over the past year and ask questions about the Council.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson, said: "Weymouth Town Council's Community Expo has grown over the years, providing a great opportunity to find out more about what's going on across Weymouth.

'So, if you're heading to the beach or planning to do a bit of shopping on Saturday 16th May, why not pop along to the Jubilee Clock and check out the Community Expo. As well as all the stands, we've got choirs and even a puppet making workshop, so there's lots of activities to keep people entertained.'

Dorset Council's first electric vehicle event, Go Electric! will also be on the prom on Saturday 16th May from 11am -3pm, where members of the public will be able to view a variety of electric vehicles, ask questions and learn about all things EV. You can find out more information here.

The Community Expo is a drop-in event which runs from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 16th May, with stalls located by the Jubilee Clock. If your organisation would like a stall at the Community Expo 2026, please email [communitydevelopment@weymouthtowncouncil](mailto:communitydevelopment@weymouthtowncouncil).



*Pictured left to right in the attached photo: Charmaine Denny, Assistant Town Clerk, Melcombe Regis Ward Councillor, Cllr Jon Orrell, Fazilette Khan, Founder of The GreenSeas Trust, Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson, Deputy Town Clerk, Ian Milne, and Katherine Stott, Sustainability Officer*

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**Events Leaflet Launch Heralds Bumper Year of Events for Weymouth in 2026**

**Weymouth Town Council and We Are Weymouth (BID) have teamed up to launch the 2026 events leaflet, which is jam-packed with exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.**

From a seafood festival to free live music sessions, a series of fire-work displays, zombie and pirate-

themed weekends, 2026 provides a variety of entertainment for all ages just waiting to be discovered. April will see Weymouth Bike and Classic Car Night return from the 2nd, an animal-themed family spring event at Tumbledown on the 10th, the ANZAC Day service at the seafront memorial on the 25th and Drive It Day on the 26th by the Jubilee Clock.

Plus, many of the town's much-loved events make a welcome return including the Wessex Folk Festival, Fayre in the Square, Armed Forces Weekend celebrations, beach motocross, the Elf World Record attempt and parade

and the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Dawn Rondeau-Irvine, Chief Operation Officer for We Are Weymouth, said: "We're delighted to once again sponsor and support an exciting programme of events, including the National Volleyball Championships, Dusk Til Dark, Kings Dip, Pirates, Zombies, Halloween festivities, and all our Christmas celebrations. These events draw visitors into the town before, during and after each occasion, helping everyone make the most of everything Weymouth has to offer. One of the strengths of the town is how everyone works together to provide a packed programme of events, keeping the town vibrant and alive for most of the year. Events invite people to explore, have fun, and enjoy our beautiful town, harbour, and seafront. We hope you enjoy the fantastic variety of free activities featured in this flyer—alongside the brilliant line-up of live music, concerts and theatre taking place throughout 2026."

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson, said: "There is always something going on in Weymouth all year round, including Weymouth Town Council's flagship events such as Armed Forces Weekend, summer fireworks and bonfire night displays, Weymouth Water Fest and Remembrance Sunday.

"For this year's launch, it was lovely to be joined by Poppy Butcher and her son Kevin. Poppy founded the Weymouth Military Festival Parade in 1994 with her late husband John to celebrate D-Day 50.

She has been involved in the organisation ever since and we look forward to welcoming the group back for Armed Forces Weekend in June. The military convoy always goes down well, with people lining the streets to catch a glimpse of all the vehicles."

For more information about events taking place in 2026, visit [www.weareweymouth.co.uk](http://www.weareweymouth.co.uk).

**National Lottery backing for Dorset History Centre**

**Dorset History Centre (DHC) has received initial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for its 'Past Lives, Future Proofed' project.**

Made possible thanks to National Lottery players, this exciting project aims to provide new, expanded secure, environmentally-controlled storage for Dorset's physical archives along with improvements to DHC's public spaces.

In addition, DHC will be able to deliver a major programme of public engagement activity to help make archives accessible to a wide variety of people.





Development funding of £603,777 has been awarded by the Heritage Fund to help Dorset History Centre progress their plans to apply for a full grant of £3.8 million.

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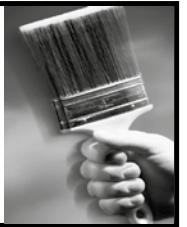
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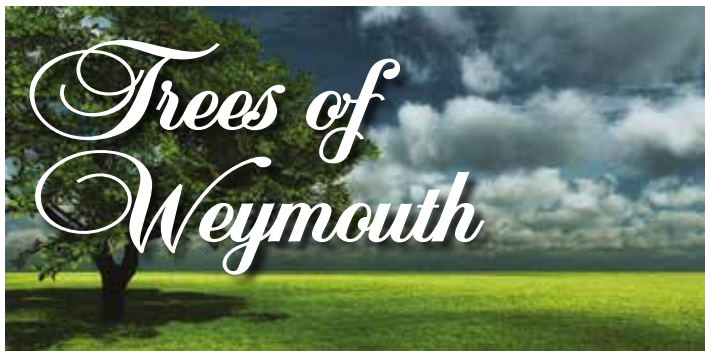
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*Corylus avellana*

**The sight of hazel catkins dancing in the wind gives hope that spring is near, and the long dreary days of winter almost over. Whilst information on the hazel can be found in most reference books on trees, it is generally considered as a shrub since, unlike a tree, which has been described as 'a tall woody plant with a single, usually stout stem,' a shrub is considered as a 'woody plant with several fairly stout stems from a single root stock....'\***

Throughout the winter, the hazel, although leafless and seemingly lifeless too, will reveal, on closer inspection, minute grey male catkins forming near the tips of its twigs. Around February, these catkins begin to expand into brownish-pink 'tails' that bear clusters of tiny flowers. These are the male flowers, and they turn gradually to yellow as they produce a fine dust-like powder called pollen. Close by, and also on the twigs, are the small and almost insignificant female flowers that look like tiny buds with a cluster of small red hairs at their tip. The spring breezes assist the release of pollen from the male catkins, and any that lands on the female buds sets pollination into action. This act of pollination initiates germination



and sets up the development and growth of the hazel nut, or cob nut as it is sometimes called. This nut develops throughout the summer months, and is fully ripe by the autumn.

Hazel nuts generally grow in small clusters of about two to four, and are a favourite food for squirrels, mice, pheasants, pigeons and jays as well as human beings. Grey squirrels usually take the nuts before they ripen, and those they don't eat are buried for later in the winter. Many times they forget where they buried them which is fortunate for the hazel since it can then develop into an adult plant! Years ago it was the custom amongst human beings to gather the nuts in autumn, and place them in a dry tin ready for a treat at Christmas.

Throughout the summer months, the kernel, which is the soft inner and edible part of the nut, slowly develops inside its woody case. Around each individual nut is a green and leaf-like cup or husk. At first, the nuts are soft and white but gradually harden and turn brown as summer passes.

The hazel can reach a height of 6-7 metres, and is deciduous. The bark on its multiplicity of stems is a reddish-brown, and generally smooth but peels as the shrub ages. Close inspection may reveal tiny breathing pores in the bark. Oval or rounded, and downy, the

leaves have with toothed edges that terminate in minute points.

A native not only to Britain, the hazel can also be found in North Africa, Europe and Asia too. Preferring a heavy but well-drained soil, it is not prone to serious pests or diseases, and can survive the severest of winters. It is tolerant of shade but can be damaged by deer and rabbits during the early stages of its regrowth after coppicing. 'Coppicing' occurs every seven to fifteen years when, in order to ensure a continuous supply of hazel stems, or 'rods' as they are normally called, these stems are cut back to ground level and then left to grow again.

As far back as pre-historic times,



the stems of the hazel were cut and woven into various articles, some of which are still made today. Three thousand years ago, Welsh fishermen wove a basket-like frame from hazel rods. These round frames were then covered with animal hides to render them waterproof, and were known as coracles, ie small fishing boats used on rivers being both guided and propelled by a simple paddle. Coracles are still made but are covered nowadays with canvas.

Hazel rods are still used in basket work, and woven into panels to make portable sheep pen hurdles. Similar panels were also used in building, and these 'wattles', when placed between posts and covered with a mixture of mud and straw, formed the framework of our early houses. This system was known as 'wattle and daub'. Hazel rods are still used today as pea and bean sticks to support the plants as they grow tall. They have also been used as clothes props and kindling sticks too, as well as bent into a large hairpin shape that is pushed into thatching on roofs to hold the straw or reeds firmly in

place. Water diviners normally use hazel rods in their search for water underground, and although hazel is rarely used as timber, is it acceptable in the production of paper pulp, charcoal and fibre board. Today's vernacular name, 'hazel' had developed from an Old English word 'haesel'. Its Latin name is *Corylus avellana*. 'Corylus', its generic name, is derived from the Greek word 'korys' which translates as a 'helmet' since the leaf-like structure that encases the developing hazel nut was said to resemble a helmet in shape. 'Avellana', its species term, commemorates a town in Italy where hazel nuts were once cultivated.

There are several hazel 'trees' to be found around Preston and in the Lodmoor Nature Reserve, and it will be interesting to see how many nuts actually reach maturity!

\*The Wild Flowers of Britain and Northern Europe: Fitter, Fitter & Blamey

\*Forest and Woodland Trees in Britain: John White

places and events. Over 35 years since the building first opened, the climate-conditioned repositories are approaching capacity and this project will address a pressing need as well as funding collections and engage-

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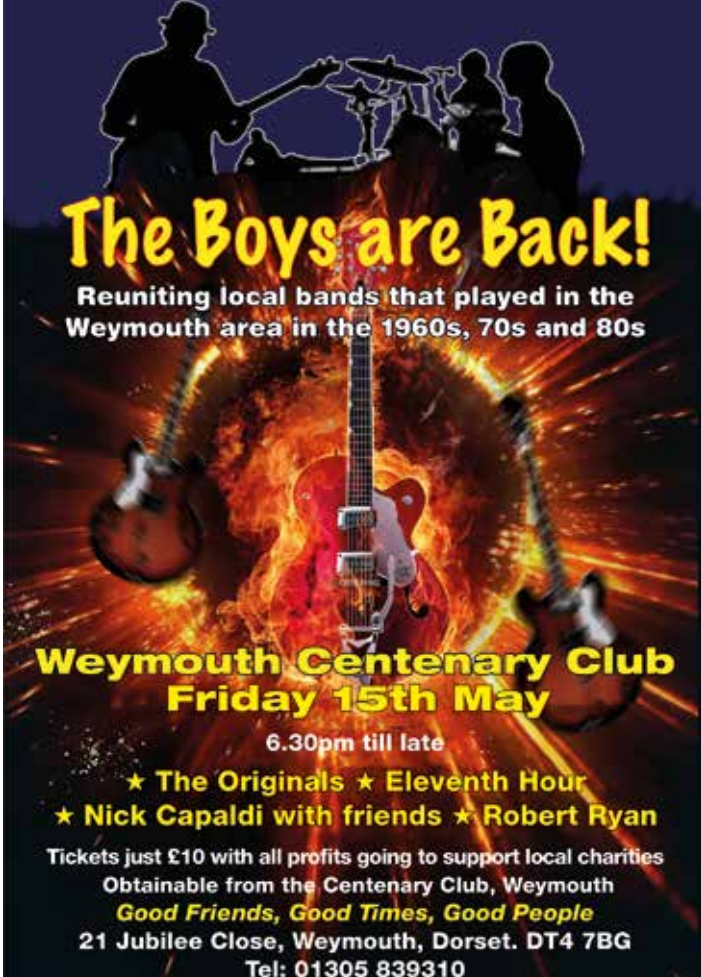
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Volunteer Support- Do you need neighbourly help or could you volunteer to help someone? Please 'phone 01305 834866 for more information.

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## 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.

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## Preston Pantomime Group

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## 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.

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## 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, The Top Club, Louviers Road, Littlemoor DT3 6AY with free car parking. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E.repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

From September 13th, the Cafe will be located at the Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS, opening for business from 10.00am until 12.30pm, every 2nd Saturday morning in the month.

## 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

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## 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 OSR 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

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#### **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

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weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

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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.  
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www.wykeregissociety.org.uk

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