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Local news

From your Parish Church in Wyke Regis; All Saints and St Edmunds churches

Rector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay CFC
Associate Priest: Rev Betty Port
Licensed Lay Minister: Janet Hall

Our churches are open for the following services:
All Saints, Portland Road.
Sunday 8.00am: for said Eucharist unless Rector is unavailable)
9.30am: for said Eucharist with streamed music. This is also live streamed, see below for details.
Wednesday: 10.30am for said Eucharist.

St Edmunds, Lanehouse Rocks Road.
Sunday: 11.00am for said Eucharist with recorded music.

Tuesday: 5pm Evening prayer and reflection on Zoom or later watched via links below.

Toddler Group
Wednesdays (From June 9th)
St Edmunds Hall, Lane House Rocks Road, at 1.00pm.

The main parish service continues to be livestreamed at 9.30am on Sunday

Mornings which you can access from your own home. An order of service is published each week so you can join in with the hymns and prayers. You can connect to the live stream service on the following links:

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/allsaintswyke/>
Parish website - <https://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live/>
Twitter feed - <https://twitter.com/wykeregischurch>

In addition to the livestream service the parish also runs a live local news programme at 6pm and a quiz at 7.30pm on Saturdays; these can be accessed on the same links as above.

If you would like to make contact with your local church, we can be contacted on
Tel 01305 784649 Email info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

For the latest information please always check our website at www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk or telephone 01305 784649 Option 5 for recorded information or church noticeboard.

If anyone is without internet access

but would like to be in touch with some spiritual uplift or daily hope the Church of England has a FREE phone line

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Your councillor update

Weymouth Town Council (Wyke Regis) and Dorset Council (Rodwell and Wyke Regis) :-

The easing of lockdown has on the whole gone well. Inevitably suddenly being allowed to go out and meet with friends has led to some over-exuberance in some quarters. Our local police partners have been kept busy reminding a few people of how to behave with politeness and consideration. I feel sure this will soon settle down.

Will the road to greater freedoms continue on 21st June, at this stage who knows? The new Covid 19 variant first seen in India has caused problems in the Midlands in the north but so far has not been significant in Dorset. Our tourist industry are looking forward to and preparing for a bumper Summer so let us hope that the vaccination programme will continue as successfully as it has been and that any further spikes in infection can be contained. I think it is important that we all continue with strict hygiene measures, wear our masks and socially distance.

As I write this piece we are coming into the Spring Bank Holiday and after what seems like non-stop rain and dreadful windy weather there really does seem to be an improvement. By the time you read this you will know whether I have been optimistic – I am an eternal optimist.

I mentioned in my last piece how frustrated I have become by the delays in the 'Portland Corridor' project. The re-routing of HGVs through Weymouth, towards Portland and some traffic flow measures for Portland Road. I regret to say we are no further forward in ap-

proving the plans. Everything is now ready to go but apparently has to be signed off by the cabinet member.

Despite some fairly nasty weather various community groups have been out recently and have made a great difference to our environment with litter picking, weeding etc. Thank you all so much you are all stars.

The area at the top of the footpath in Shrubbery Lane next to the Nursery School has been a particular problem recently. Dog walkers please don't allow your dog to foul the area around school gates, small children fall over and of course pick up everything. Once dog poo is bagged, please put in a bin or take it home. These plastic bags do not look attractive hanging from trees. The waste cleaning team have made a great job of cleaning and disinfecting the area in Shrubbery Lane, let's see if we can keep it clean?

I try to walk the area pretty regularly but if there is somewhere that you think is a real problem please let me know.

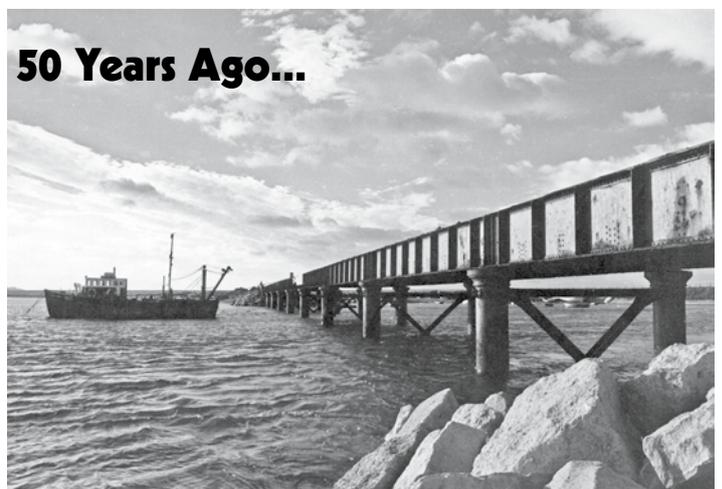
We have a problem with staffing in the dog control department at the moment, but I hope that these problem areas will be monitored as often as possible.

Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Blake and I had a good meeting with the DC youth engagement officer recently. We were impressed with her enthusiasm and with energy and ideas from Cllr Blake too we hope to move forward on provision for the young people of Wyke. You made a great choice when you cast your vote for Becky. She is already in harness and working hard on your behalf.

I attended a meeting of the Dorset Council Executive Advisory Panel on the Local Plan this month. There were a record number of responses to the consultation and I really think many of them have been acted upon. Further consultation will take place probably early next year.

I mentioned that councils were awaiting a ruling from government on virtual meetings. It was disappointing to hear that although these can continue it will no longer be legal to make decisions at a virtual meeting. This means that whilst social distancing is recommended councillors will continue to hold virtual meetings they will discuss an issue,

50 Years Ago...



The demolition of the railway bridge at Ferrybridge in 1971, by Messrs Arthur Aldridge of Bloxworth End. This plate girder bridge replaced a wooden structure in 1902 and the approaches at each end were built up so the overall span was reduced. During World War 2 the deck was laid as a roadway for emergency use in case of damage to the adjacent road bridge. The roadway was removed in December 1946.

change the wording of a recommendation, adjust and adapt but will then have to make 'a minded to' (such a silly phrase) recommendation and delegate the decision to the Town

Clerk or in the case of Dorset Council the Chief Executive. A blow to the democratic process, in my view.

At the annual meeting of Dorset Council I was re-elected Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Board. As I have explained before all members are responsible for the well-being of our looked after children. The Board however oversees the various departments that implement that care from cradle to the age of 25 years when they legally cease to be our responsibility. As all parents know we don't stop worrying about our children when they leave home so I am anxious to know that at 25 years old these young people still have the support, love and encouragement that they need. Social workers tend to be feared but I can honestly say that at Dorset Council we have a terrific team of enthusiastic and committed men and women who work tirelessly to support the young people in our care. Have you ever considered being a foster carer? This can be very rewarding and you will be given every support you need. A branch of new national support organisation has recently been formed in Dorset run by foster carers for foster carers. If you would like to know more please get in touch.

I have also joined the services committee at Weymouth Town Council.

I am delighted that Cllr Colin Huckle who represents Weymouth West (The Rodwell/ Chickerell Road area) was elected Town Mayor for the coming year and Cllr Ann Weaving from Littlemoor will be his Deputy. Congratulations to them both. I am sure they will do a great job. The Friends of Castle Cove beach are talking with footpath officers to see whether it is possible and viable to re-open the Underbarn footpath. A very exciting project, so I wish them luck. And thanks to the hard work of the Waterside Holiday Group the Coastal path by Ferrybridge is reopened and looks magnificent.

I hope you were able to join councillors and the Mayor at the Town picnic at Sandsfoot Gardens on 6th June? If not other events are planned so keep an eye open for them

I am aware that not all the ward receives the Register but it is also available on-line so please tell anyone who asks. Please remember; the best way to contact me is by phone 07850 060947 (you can leave a message) or to email me at cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. I rarely check Facebook or pick up from messenger.

Please stay safe – hands – face – space. God Bless.

Kate
Cllr Kate Wheller.

I'm dreaming of a Wyke Christmas Street Fayre

Sunday 5th December 2021.
I am delighted that as soon as I announced that the fair would be back for 2021 all our old favourite stalls
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contacted me to book up. I hope that post-pandemic there will be many new crafters and small businesses who would like to promote their business with us in Wyke Regis. We don't know yet how much social distancing will be required by December so to avoid disappointment do book your space soon. Put the date in your diary now! And pass on information to any interested stall holders, please call 01305 839747 or contact me on katywheller@gmail.com

D-Day Centre gears up for a bumper summer

Castletown D-Day Centre in Portland opened for the summer on Wednesday 19th May with staff and volunteers looking forward to a busy season ahead at the award-winning visitor attraction.

The Centre delivers an immersive experience, offering young and old a unique chance to discover the important role played by the Port of Portland during the allied invasion of Northern France on D-Day in June 1944.

The exciting family attraction features an authentic recreation of the busy wartime dockyard where thousands of American troops departed for the heavily defended beaches of Nazi occupied France.

Manager John Davis said:

"Castletown D-Day Centre is a moving tribute, not only to the bravery of the thousands of troops who defended our freedom, but also to the people of Weymouth and Portland.

'The Centre is a fantastic family visitor attraction that offers an unrivalled opportunity to take a trip back in time to discover the great wartime sacrifice made by a heroic generation.'

Visitors encounter a wartime harbour scene where men and equipment are being loaded onto a landing ship moored alongside the dock, making ready for its imminent departure for the occupied beaches of Normandy.

The Centre includes an impressive array of authentic World War 2 artefacts and vehicles, including a full-size replica Spitfire, a Bofors 40mm gun and even a restored Sherman tank, plus interactive audio-visual displays, tank tours and a D-Day bunker.

To enhance the D-Day experience, visitors are encouraged to get hands on with the equipment, climb on the vehicles and even dress up in authentic WW2 uniforms – it really is history you can handle.

The centre features new and improved displays for 2021 as well as a new addition to the vehicle collection.

Staffed by true enthusiasts, donning military costume, the Centre's friendly and highly knowledgeable staff and volunteers help visitors enjoy a truly immersive WW2 experience.

A collection of pre-war and wartime vintage cars from Transport of Yesterday will also park up at the Centre on the first Saturday it opens (24 May) for visitors to discover the type of cars that would have been around in the period. As well as five-star reviews on Google and Facebook, the D-Day Centre has also been awarded a prestigious Trav-



Mayor of Portland Cllr Sandy West with Manager John Davis officially opening the Castletown D-Day Centre, which is part of the Castletown Regeneration Project, which is spearheaded by Agincare founder and chairman Derek Luckhurst.

ellers' Choice Award by TripAdvisor. The centre is always looking for volunteers to join its ranks to help with a variety of roles from driving the vehicles and hoisting the flags, to welcoming visitors, delivering tank tours and much more. The D-Day Centre opens Wednesday to Sunday from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The Centre is easy to find, it has a Sherman Tank parked outside Admiralty Buildings in Castletown, Portland, with free parking nearby. Visit information, event news and contact details can be found on the Cen-

tre's Facebook page [@castletowndaycentre](https://www.facebook.com/castletowndaycentre) and website www.ddaycentre.com

Preston Councillor update

Myself and Cllr's Ferrari, Dickenson, and Bergman have been involved in an number of issues in the Preston and Sutton Poyntz area since I last updated you. We would like to thank

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Dementia Awareness Day

Everyone at Friary Care supports the cause of Dementia Day. Dementia is something that means a lot to us at Friary Care. It's a terrible disease that comes in many forms, and can rob independence from the ones we love most.



We want to give back to our loved ones, and ensure that the right support is given to maximise quality of life, and that everyone can do what matters most to them for as long as possible.

To celebrate this ideal, we've been making a wonderful range of takeaway cake with tea and coffee, with all proceeds going to charity.

We've decorated the home with lots of lovely purple balloons, which is the symbol of dementia support, and it was so nice to see the residents also joining in by wearing some amazing purple clothes.

A big shout out to everyone who has supported this event, but more importantly a big, big thank you to our wonderful residents. Our thoughts are with all families who are living with such a horrible disease. #FriaryCareDementiaDay ♥ ♥ ♥

Look out for our next issue which will include coverage of our June lunch at the Rembrandt Hotel in Weymouth.

Visit www.friarycare.co.uk or call the owner of Friary Care, Peter Fry on 01305 787811 for further information. Learn more about living in a caring and safe environment, join our community and experience many new opportunities. And the companionship of those who have already made their home with us.

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the residents of Preston and Sutton Poyntz for electing Peter Dickenson to join our team of Councillors and he is a already getting stuck in with issues as well as becoming the lollipop man for St Andrews school on the Coombe Valley entrance I know Peter's friendly manner will be welcome by children and parents.

I am also please to say I am now a fully signed up school governor of St Andrews school and look forward to getting stuck in supporting this great school. I also need residents and businesses to write to me to show support for greater public toilet facilities in the Bowleaze area.

- The overflowing drain on Moorecombe drive has finally ceased after Wessex water finally actioned the cause (after 45 years).
 - The leaking drain outside St Andrews church has been repaired after some re-piping and a new kerb has been put in.
 - Potholes on Barton drive have been filled in and we are chasing highways to bring forward the proposed re-surfacing of this road forward from the proposed 2022/2023 plan
 - New signage has been put up around the main road to encourage tourists to park in the main car parks as opposed to residential roads.
 - Weymouth town council has voted to recommend a traffic regulation order proposed by residents to paint double yellow lines around the island on the junction leading from Bowleaze Cove way to Overcome drive. Yellow lines can take a number of years to go through and this one is now out for public consultation.
- Councillor surgeries are now back on and will be the first Friday at Littlemoor Community Centre, Canberra Road DT3 6AH from 12:30-17:00 please come along.

*Cllr Louie O'Leary
Littlemoor and Preston
46 Brisbane Road, Littlemoor, Weymouth. 07809905412*

Preston Friendship Club

It's the 2nd of June as I write this. We've just had a little sharp shower, what a change after the gorgeous sunny days we've all been enjoying as we leave May behind and look forward to better things as the month progresses.

Our members seem to be anticipating with enthusiasm the 'magic' date, June 21st when most of the constraints placed upon us are due to be lifted and we will be free to get back to so many of the activities and 'normalities' we've missed over the last 18 months or so.

Will it, won't it happen? So many setbacks have been visited upon us all. We've had to learn to cast off disappointment, accept the fact that events don't always turn out as were planned, maybe sigh, get a bit cynical, then renew our optimism and hope, and go

on again. We even joke about it, our TV comedians have had a field day 'taking the mickey' out of politicians, and we laugh. But that's the British way I suppose. It's been a bit of the old roller coaster, but hang in there, no screaming as you hurtle up and down and round. The vaccinations have been amazing, the organisation and the care brilliant. Thank you, thank you to all concerned.

I haven't been into town but I am informed by members that it was crowded over the holiday, busy once again. This is excellent news for all those connected with the holiday trade. They have suffered so much financially over these last 16 months or so and endured so much anxiety, lost businesses and incomes. Let's pray that they will recover and regain our town's economic status.

Members have been concerned with the flip side of all the holiday folk returning en masse. They have pointed out that our part of the country has, in the main, followed the advice and directives from government. They've worn masks, kept socially distant, washed hands, sanitised their shopping trolleys, kept indoors, self isolated where necessary, not accepted visitors, not been a visitor, and more. Thus our lovely Dorset, particularly our area has a very low instance of Covid infection. It's been earned by folk taking great care.

They are therefore understandably concerned that crowds of people, maybe from other areas of the UK where Covid is so much higher than in our part of the country are packed closely on the beach, on the esplanade and in the town in pubs and clubs and restaurants. Our members are kind, open hearted, open minded folk, who want people to enjoy our beautiful part of the country, but, they are mindful too, that instances of Covid could appear later, because of the risks allowed and taken, infection??

Now, other business. Our Committee has held its first meeting. We were allowed 6 people properly spaced in line with regulations. We met to plan our Celebration of us all joining together after June 21st when we could meet as a whole group. The venue on June 23rd at 12 noon chosen, is the Springhead Hotel in Sutton Poyntz. It will be held outside on the decking areas which have been extended, a beautiful setting indeed surrounded by gorgeous Dorset scenery. Should it rain we have booked the large Wedding Marquee called The Blue Duck in the grounds. We can nip in and out if we wish but all contingencies are covered. The meal is to be salad, chicken or fish with all the accompaniments. There will also be a sweet. The afternoon will continue with mingling, exchanging news, what we've been doing, how things have turned out, and also a bit of light hearted 'goss' as they call it. Then there will be the opportunity to enjoy a special Dorset Cream tea at three o'clock. This item is to be paid for at the time. Please have the amount ready and hand it to the proprietor,



Ready and waiting for us all June 23rd 12 noon.

the cost is £4.50. Please come wearing something red, white and blue, brighter the better, wear your felt poppies too. (I'm sure you've actually made them!).

I think that is all I need to say about that. Any further information, you may need to ring me 01305 833348. This is because our lovely Chairwoman Gayl is at the time of writing in hospital having experienced health problems.

We wish her the speediest of recoveries, we miss her, and she has been so brave. Today on the phone she told me that she's hoping to be home soon. If the 'Powers that Be' in Westminster go full steam ahead on 21st June, there will be a big special love fest for Gayl from us all at the party at the Springhead on the 23rd June.

Sadly one of our members Eunice is leaving us, she is going to live with her daughter, son in law and two granddaughters in Somerset. She will enjoy a lovely self contained home but be close to her family. We will miss her, but have planned to stay in touch, and she will rejoin us on special occasions or any time she likes, transport permitting.

So, looking forward to the 23rd and seeing you all again. Reckon the local residents will hear the banter, the laughter, the joy of at least 45 Friends renewing the fun and affection we've always enjoyed

If I have not been specific enough over the details of our Springhead party, I do apologise, but I want to avoid any concern for Gayl about arrangements while she is in hospital as I'm sure you will understand. You can ring me on the number I have given and I'll do my best to sort it.

Best wishes to everyone, see you soon.

Dorothy Lawrence

Wave of Hope – Crack the Crises

In 2021, the UK will host two critical summits, the G7 in Cornwall in June and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November. By the time you read this the G7 summit will have taken place, hopefully with only peaceful demonstrations and a positive outcome for the world.

Leaders from the 7 richest countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK and USA) plus other invited leaders, will have come together to discuss

global problems and obviously, this year, recovery from the coronavirus pandemic would have been high on their list of priorities. The poorest and hardest hit countries need sufficient finance and support to allow them to rebuild. Boris Johnson said he wanted to use the talks to 'build back better' and 'create a greener, more prosperous future'. Let's hope some concrete decisions were made to achieve this.

One of the peaceful ways of demonstrating and sending a message to the G7 leaders was through the Wave of Hope. A large group of charities and organisations across the UK, including the Fairtrade Foundation, came together to form a coalition to Crack the Crises. They are all organisations advocating a better future for people and the planet by addressing the world's biggest crises. They are asking world leaders to work together for a recovery that provides vaccines and healthcare for all, fights poverty and injustice, and helps end the climate and nature crises. The coalition also hopes to bring people together to tackle these crises by taking individual actions, by supporting others and by asking decision-makers to act.

All over the country, schools, community groups and individuals put up homemade 'hands' with messages of hope in their windows, a Wave of Hope. Photos of these messages were added to a gallery, and displayed at the G7 summit to show the leaders that we stand united in our hope for a better world. They will also be sent to the COP26 summit so it's not too late to contribute with your own Wave of Hope.

You can visit the gallery on crackthecrises.org/wave and upload your photo directly. After the pandemic we need to take this opportunity to do better than just going back to normal. Now that we are open again and restrictions are being lifted, we hope customers will be happy to come to the shop but if you prefer we can be contacted through our Facebook page The Bridge Fair Trade Shop or by email at thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com to arrange collection or delivery. The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, 24 Trinity Road, Weymouth, DT4 8TJ 01305 772842
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Weldmar Hospicecare introduce Memory Jars

Weldmar Hospicecare is introducing a brand new way to remember a loved one this summer, whether they were cared for by the charity or not.

Installations of 'Memory Jars' will be on display in Sherborne, Lyme Regis, and Weymouth this July and August, which will contain handwritten notes featuring memories of people who continue to be missed, and there will also be a service of remembrance broadcast on YouTube and Facebook.

A memory can be included in one of the jars in return for a donation to Weldmar Hospicecare, and each jar, powered by a solar panel, will start to glow as the sun sets during the evening and shine brightly through the night.

The installations, featuring two hundred jars in total, will be on display in each location on the following dates:

• 1st – 11th July – Sherborne – Pageant Gardens

• 15th – 25th July – Lyme Regis – Langmoor and Lister Gardens

• 29th July – 8th August – Weymouth – Greenhill Gardens

April Whitehead is Individual Giving Manager at Weldmar Hospicecare, and says, "This really is a lovely way to remember someone who will be missed, and the installations will look stunning when they are glowing at dusk on a summer's evening."

'We feel it's a little early to hold a service of remembrance in person at each venue, so we are going to hold a virtual service, streamed on Facebook and YouTube, on Sunday 4th July. We held our Light Up A Life service just before Christmas in the same way, and we were delighted so many people were able to watch it live, and it gave the opportunity to watch it back later if they missed it.'

Aimee Overington has recently joined Weldmar Hospicecare as Bereavement, Counselling, and Spiritual Care Lead, and says, 'Losing someone you love is difficult beyond words, but we will never forget our treasured memories and moments that we shared with them. I am fairly new to this role however I have already experienced what a loving, supportive and caring charity Weldmar is. At some point in our lives, we all experience loss and finding cop-

ing mechanisms that work for you is different for everyone.

'Light often plays a key part for many people in their bereavement journey, whether it is physically lighting a candle or finding hope and light through challenging and emotional times. This year, you can ensure that your memories shine bright from sunset to sunrise each night throughout our displays.' Messages for the Memory Jars can be submitted at weld-hospice.org.uk, along with a donation for the charity.

Citizens Advice

Q: I received an email from a holiday company I had never heard of before offering me cheap flights to Portugal if I paid in full by midnight. Our daughter lives in Lisbon so I was very tempted but my wife said it was probably a scam. What do you think?

A: We think it was almost certainly a scam so well done for not getting caught out. A scam is a scheme to try to steal money, personal information or data from a person or organisation. Other names for a scam include fraud, hoax, con, swindle and cheat. Citizens Advice research found that almost three-quarters of people have been targeted by scammers in the last two years, either via mail, phone calls, text messages, emails, online or face-to-face but 7 out of 10 of people targeted by a scam do not tell anyone about it.

It might be a scam if:

It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect.

Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly.

You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address.

You've been asked to transfer money quickly.

You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like moneygram or western union.

You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or pins

You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed.

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When our contracts for electricity/gas supplies, car insurance, house insurance and other such items come up for renewal we are advised to shop around for the best price.

Apparently loyalty is not rewarded these days, and those who just sign up for another year of the same are likely to be paying a lot more than newcomers to whatever company is supplying the service.

Reports say that Senior Citizens are the worst at this, for despite having more time to investigate cheaper prices we just don't do it. Leaving aside the question of where these reporters got the idea that Senior Citizens have more time, for you are probably the same as me in wondering how to fit into your busy schedule all the things that have to be done in a day, I suspect that we oldsters have come from generations where we trusted organisations to give us a fair deal without having to twist their arm up their back to do so. What has the world come to? Answers in triplicate to Boris Johnson please, not to me because I'm too busy to deal with them.

Anyway, when our house energy supplies contract came up for renewal late last year Grandson George suggested that we use the same company as he did. That way he got £50 for recommending them and we got another £50 for accepting the recommendation. What I believe is called a 'win/win situation', though a Senior Citizen of my status should know better. All went swimmingly to start with - the new firm is no more expensive than the old one, and he and I are £50 better off.

But recently emails have been flooding in inviting me to sign up for a 'smart meter'. As the old ones seem to be working fine I have ignored these, but the emails just won't go away. So what are these 'smart meters'? Though you probably already know and it's just me that's behind the times. The company tell me that the smart bit means that the meter will transmit how much energy we have used directly to the company, so no more estimated readings. But we haven't received an estimated reading for decades, as once a month I read a magic number from each meter, go onto the supplying company website and upload the values. Hardly rocket science and it only takes about five minutes. Which, by basic primary school maths in our day, probably part of a university degree course now, is 12 times 5 equals 60 minutes. So that's an hour a year of my time. Just one hour. Hardly seems fair to put the company to all the trouble and expense of changing the meters just to save me an hour a year. Happy to donate that much of my effort, especially as the new meters will, with my experience of past installations, most likely malfunction to start with. But there's more.

Amazingly each new smart meter

will come with a wonderful separate electronic device which shows exactly how much power is being used at any instant and how much it is costing. Hence by watching this piece of far out technology my In-house Adviser and I can make sure we switch off everything that is costing us money. Huge, huge savings are promised. Yeah, right. We'll probably view it a lot in the first few days, less in the next week and not at all thereafter. It's not as though watching a meter is as riveting as the last episode of the Line of Duty series or Prince Harry talking to Oprah. Though I find these days that even after the final episode of a modern crime drama, when all has been revealed I am still none the wiser as to who did what to whom and why. That's when my In-house Adviser comes into her own, by explaining everything in a few short words.

But I digress. So what exactly will a smart meter gain me? An hour a year of my time and another device to stick in a kitchen drawer with all the other gizmos that have failed to keep my interest. Even our communication devices are called 'smart' phones. However there aren't many that remember to charge themselves and if the vital electrical juices run out then see how clever they are. The smart bit is the person that operates the infernal thing. Except of course when I'm doing it.

Also there's the 'smart' car. Not the tiny one that looks like an upended matchbox on wheels - apologies if you've got one - but the ones that are supposed to be able to drive themselves. Now I don't feel 100% confident sitting in the passenger seat while my In-house Adviser is at the wheel, most proficient and excellent driver though she is. How could anyone remain calm inside a car controlled not by you but by a collection of electronic circuits as reliable as your Sky Box. Ours regularly needs expert attention to correct malfunctions. Such expert attention as switching it off and on again. Try doing that in a car travelling down the outside lane of a smart motorway. In the words of Meatloaf (the singer, not the food - he's the rock 'n roll equivalent of Pavoroti) 'All switched off and no place to go'. Incidentally the Pavilion are hosting a Meatloaf Experience later in the year. Hope to see you there, rocking in the aisles, or more likely sitting socially distanced and absolutely motionless.

But I digress. Smart motorways? What's that all about? To save paying lots of money for the land to install a proper third lane, the authorities are using the hard shoulder (or safety lane, as it was once known) as that third lane. So when you are travelling down a smart motorway in a smart car talking on your hands-free smart phone and a burst of solar energy kills all electrical connections, remember where you read about it first.





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If payment or banking details are involved, your first step should be to contact your bank or credit card company. If the scam is a pension transfer, you need to contact the provider immediately, along with the Pensions Advisory Service.

Get advice from the Citizens Advice consumer service on 0800 223 1133. You can also get advice and information online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer.

Report scams and suspected scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime.

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C'Siders are still very active, although meetings remain on line via a monthly Zoom get together at the moment. Our treasurer Glen Castellino recently appeared on Wyke TV to promote the work of the group, if you'd like to find out more, please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/csiderswp, to find the link.

We are very grateful too to Melcombe Regis Rotary Club who recently held a fundraiser for C'Siders on Weymouth seafont.

Members and newcomers are always welcome to join our online chats or call us for a one to one discussion if they'd simply like to find out a little more about the group before committing. A call to our helpline 07430 695462 can put you in touch with other members or answer any questions you may have. Please email info@csiders.org for more information and sign on details. Sessions often include a quiz and input from a speaker.

Our C'Fit Rehabilitation Exercise Classes have now restarted and feedback from all those attending has been very good. Participants take part in their own individual pod, but still get all the benefits of working out together. Enquiries are welcome from anyone who'd be interested in joining - a referral from your GP or health professional is all that's needed - Please call Osprey Leisure Centre on 01305 824378 for more details.

Up to date information about the group and future plans are available on our website csiders.org. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/csiderswp, contact us by e-mail info@csiders.org or call us on 07430 695462.

Singing at Nothe Fort with Wessex Musical Theatre

Wessex Musical Theatre is looking forward to a busy summer of events after having to cancel several performances due to the pandemic. Formerly known as Weymouth Operatic Society, the group is now in its centenary year and didn't want the pandemic to stop celebrations.

'Singing at Nothe Fort with Wessex Musical Theatre' is an outdoor performance that promises to be a hit with all the family! This event takes place on Saturday 24th July.

Described as an evening of stage and screen it will feature hits from 'The Lion King', 'The Greatest Showman', 'The Sound of Music' as well as many more! Seating is provided and the audience is encouraged to bring picnics, and enjoy an evening of beautiful music and sing-a-longs.

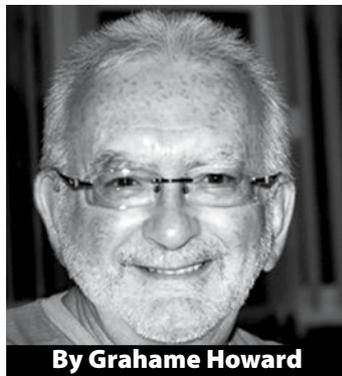
For more information and tickets please visit wessexmusicaltheatre.eventbrite.co.uk

New Seaside attractions on Weymouth Beach

A mix of traditional and exciting new attractions have been licensed to operate on Weymouth Seafont. Family favourites, like the Helter Skelter, Hook-a-Duck, Trampolines and Bungee Trampolines will be available. New additions include a Gyroscope ride and a Balloon ride.

There will also be rides aimed at younger children, so the attractions will cater for all ages.

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By Grahame Howard

And then, along came Teddy

What a time we have had just lately. Rain and more rain, wind and the gales. It has been unbelievable. I mean, it's supposed to be summer, isn't it? Most of us have had to turn the heating on at night because it has been so cold. My hands are continually freezing cold or so the CO tells me. I like to creep up behind her and put my cold fingers on her neck. I like that; sadly the CO doesn't and I get an ear bashing for it. There's no fun to life, I'm not kidding.

Anyway, we've had a large fence panel blow down in the gales and our newly installed swing chair has been in every position except where it should be - it's even been upside down. The problem has been the cover. It is a little larger than it should be, therefore, the wind tends to get under it and turns it into a hot air balloon. So it has been taking off and landing in different parts of the garden, even under the lounge window on one occasion. We tried everything to keep it in its place; then we hit on the idea of tying the cover to the frame and securing it with strong clips. This lasted an hour before it took off again, landing this time at the bottom of the garden. At the time, Henry was on the seat, under the cover and this gave him quite a fright as he took off. Yes, I do mean the cat, not Henry our neighbour. He has thought it hilarious, watching our attempts to keep the flipping thing stable. I even thought of asking him to take up residence, laying on the swing chair during the windy weather, to keep it in its place. After all, he doesn't do much else except stare at us. Bless him. Anyway, in the end we decided to take the cover off permanently and leave it in the shed; and its worked - it stays in place, we just take the swinging seat off and leave the frame to the elements. Sorted.

Now the fence was different. This was secured very easily. It's marvelous what a length of electrical flex wrapped around the main post can do. It took a couple of efforts to get it right and, of course, strict and intelligent instructions from the CO, who has a wealth of knowledge about such things.

Now, enter Teddy, our daughter's Pomeranian young dog. He is sweet, that is to look at his photograph. Being with him in the house is another thing. He has this habit of jumping up at someone and then spinning round, rather like a small ballet danc-

er. When he does this, he sprays the area with his urine. Not the nicest of habits I can tell you, The secret is not to allow him to become excited. And definitely, not to be anywhere within the house where he can soil carpets etc. This is the danger time when the peeing habit begins. Just a little pat on his head and he is ok. You may not be though, as he also has a habit of slicing a person's fingers off with his very sharp teeth.

If one survives this, he is at peace, that is, until the postman comes. His other delight is to grab hold of the mail in his delicate little, but sharp teeth and shred the lot. To attempt to get the said mail from him, is a recipe for death by a Pomeranian and not recommended. Actually, that is a thought; that would make a great title for a book, don't you think?

Anyway, young Teddy was here on an overnight stay. This was by way of a trial, as our daughter, husband and son are off for a weeks break next month. The idea was to see how he goes and then decide if we will have him for this duration. I have to report that Teddy, failed the test within the first hour. Henry was considering leaving home and Charlie, although he is the boss around here, saw Teddy's teeth and decided to sit this one out, coward.

I don't know if you've ever sat on your couch and had a cat, a Charlie dog and then a ferocious Teddy racing around you at 80 miles an hour. It is quite a thing to experience but one, that I would sooner see in a cartoon not, in my once peaceful home.



To say that Henry was terrorised is an understatement. Although, he tried to act all cool to start with, hissing and lifting his paw several times, it was short lived and the little coward jumped on the worktop, scrambled up the cupboards to a basket that he has adopted, and spent the rest of the time in there, occasionally spitting and uttering a growl at the triumphant Teddy.

Even the CO was a tad flummoxed at first and I could see her going through her life experiences about cats and dogs, that were stored in her mind. However, she soon gained control and after a time, Teddy was sitting at her feet quite contented. I put it down to the similar personalities that they have, although the CO is not as hairy as Teddy is.

Of course, I could have sorted this all out for her. She only had to ask and I would have given her the benefit of my animal knowledge. However, I would never want her to feel that I was trying to outdo her in anything. I would probably end up with Teddy, in the doghouse.

Hope you find some sun.

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Local news

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There will be a return of attractions which have proved popular in previous years, including Water Zorbs and the Snail Ride, which has been a firm favourite on the seafront for over ten years.

All licences have been issued on a short-term basis, pending the development of a seafront strategy.

Councillor Colin Huckle, Mayor of Weymouth Town Council, said:

'We're delighted to confirm these contracts for the four seasonal attraction sites on Weymouth Beach. The operators will offer a varied selection of attractions for residents and visitors. As restrictions ease, we can expect a bumper summer season. We hope the attractions will provide great fun for our local families in addition to adding extra appeal for holidaymakers coming to Weymouth.'

Earlier in the year, the council invited bids for long term concession contracts for the four seasonal attraction sites. As only one bid met the specified criteria, the process could not continue as planned.

As a result, the council has taken the decision to consider alternative short-term contracts for the attraction sites for 2021 and 2022. The decision enables the council to develop a long-

term strategy for the whole seafront, for which finding high quality attractions for families will be a priority.

Covid Hero Medal for absolutely fabulous Agincare workers

Dorset-based national care provider Agincare has awarded all staff who have worked throughout the pandemic with a 'Covid Hero Medal' in recognition of their incredible courage, hard-work and dedication. Star of film and television Joanna Lumley has recorded a special video message, congratulating workers on receiving the medal and thanking them for their heroic efforts (www.agincare.com/joanna).

Medals are currently being awarded to every member of the Agincare team – some 3,500 people nationwide – who worked from the start of lockdown in 2020 through to the end of March 2021.

Agincare team members also received a certificate and letter of appreciation from Chairman Derek Luckhurst and Chief Executive Raina Summerson in

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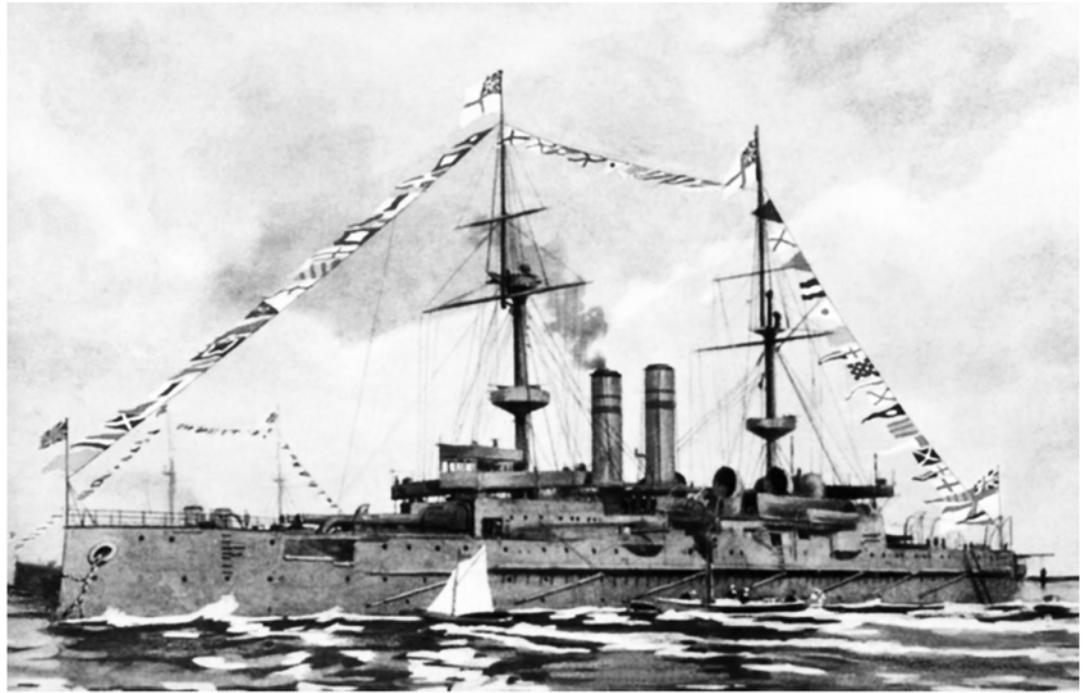
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Target HMS Empress of India

In 1913 the good folk of Weymouth and Portland had a perception of the Royal Navy, its sailors and ships far removed from that of today. Manpower of this peacetime Navy was some 146,000 (Today we aim for 30,000 regulars by April 2015). Warship building was of a high priority, with major new warships arriving at Portland monthly. Employment, businesses such as supplying coal, victuals, stores, maintenance and other services including manning the tugs and the many small boats active in the two ports at the time. The pubs, cinemas, theatres of Portland and Weymouth benefited from the thousands of sailors enjoying their evenings and week-ends. Enterprising ferry companies would organise a trip round Portland Harbour at the 'drop of a hat' (There was not the many restrictions and regulations on the waters of the harbour then) when any new noteworthy warship appeared. The men and ships of the Royal Navy also proved to be a very potent tourists attraction to the towns.

The Naval Dockyard and the torpedo Works at Wyke offered some quality long term employment along with many apprenticeship opportunities (including placements at the main naval dockyards as part of their training). The Harbour activities were observed with great interest and many of the local populace had an acute knowledge of the ships and squadrons as they evolved, developed and changed. The latest much vaunted Battle Cruiser the 30,000ton HMS *Queen Mary* had just arrived at Portland. She was to have a shockingly short life. Admirals and ships Captains were often popular public figures, ships crews and their cap badges instantly recognised, with some of the bigger ships fielding football and cricket teams that could give the local clubs a hard time.

Many would have recognised the old battleship snapping impatiently at her anchor chain holding her firmly to the seabed outside Portland harbour. Rusting and somewhat dilapidated the HMS *Empress of India* had once sailed as a smart



Colour postcard of Royal Sovereign Class Battleship HMS *Empress of India* fully dressed.

proud Flagship at Portland in the early 1890s and opening years of the century, being of a very advanced design when launched just over twenty years earlier. Carrying four massive 13" and ten 6" quick firing guns, she sported, with some optimism, seven 18" torpedo tubes. High above the harbour in the military cemetery stood four stark gravestones marking the last resting place of four sailors of previous crews, who had died when she had been stationed at Portland earlier in the century.

Early in her life a certain Robert Falcon Scott was her Torpedo Officer, later to lead and die on the failed Antarctic expedition. It was recalled that the *Empress* had conducted a 'coaling at sea' experiment which had entailed steaming with a collier in tow and an endless overhead wire between both on which the bags of coal ran on rollers. They managed to transfer 40 ton per hour, a show of remarkable seamanship which demonstrated it could be done, but as both ships were burning hefty amounts of coal while still steaming, it was not very productive.

The old *Empress* was to be used as a target for the guns of the powerful Battle Squadrons stationed at Portland. The results of the exercise were to be kept secret and should the old battleship survive, she would be covered with canvas to hide the effect of the shelling and towed back to Portland for detailed examination and evaluation. (The plans of mice and men!)

All the ship's fittings on the 14,000 ton battleship, along with the recent installed telephone and wireless system were left intact to assess how they had withstood the battering she was to receive. Many tons of timber and cork was packed into the ship to give her extra buoyancy, and to give her weight and stability her stoke holds and bunkers were loaded with bricks and stones.

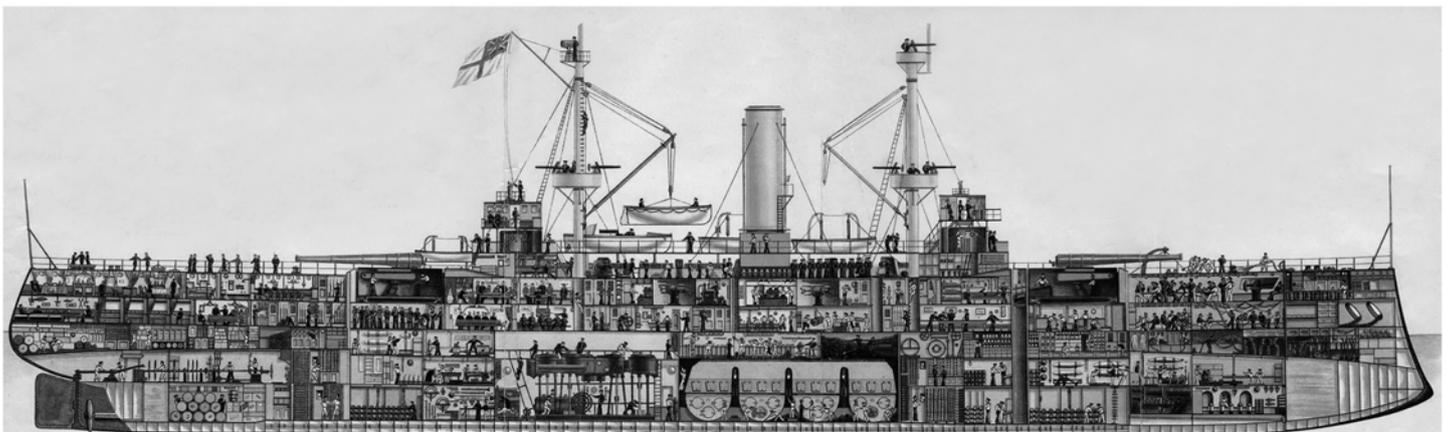
The two year old dreadnought HMS *Hercules* attempted to tow the doomed battleship but she proved an unwilling participant in her own demise and no more than five knots was achieved. It was left to the tugs, *Pilot* and *Egerton* to take her out to the firing sight in Lyme Bay.

In the event, the weather played its

This article first appeared in the November 2013 edition of the Wyke Register and was written by the late Jack Cranny

part in giving the doomed battleship a further two weeks life before providing the eight miles visibility required for the exercise. Early on Wednesday 4th November* the tugs took the *Empress* out over the waters she had sailed in her heyday, past Grove Point, skirting the Shambles, round the Bill and out into Lyme Bay. A dull sullen day in keeping with the occasion, the executioners followed some hours later, with the *Hercules* hosting Mr Churchill and other Naval and Army VIPs to observe the spectacle. All this activity was viewed by many on the cliffs of Portland and all along Chesil Beach by the Fleet and Abbotsbury. (no intrusive caravan sites or Naval Estate then) The big ships could clearly be seen and the dull roar of the heavy guns heard, a pall

Below: Cutaway of a Royal Sovereign Class Battleship



of black smoke indicated to the curious where the target lay. The light cruiser HMS *Liverpool* opened the bowling with her 6" and 4" guns getting on target and hitting the *Empress* about the bridge and upper works causing fires to break out. This exhibition was followed by the 12" guns of the pre-dreadnought battleship HMS *King Edward VII* and followed a little later by the 13" guns of the new dreadnought HMS *King George V*. The old *Empress* rocked and staggered while absorbing the hail of heavy shells from the Battle Squadrons.

The battleships were causing havoc to the already tattered upper works, but it could not clearly be seen how the 18" thick compound and steel armour plating was standing up to the heavy shells. A funnel was blown overboard and one of the heavy guns had gone. Within a short time of the big ships opening fire, the target was blazing fiercely. A salvo from the dreadnought HMS *Orion* smashing into the hull caused her to heel over so much as to show much of her dripping underwater hull, leaving her rocking in the dull grey dispassionate waters of the Bay as she struggled to stay afloat.

Clearly the ship could take little more punishment and firing ceased, the interior was a mass of flames licking through the fractured hull, deck and shattered portholes. The tugs closed in an attempt to quench the fires but after an hour with no progress being made and night approaching, the tugs were ordered away and the Second Battle Squadron instructed to dispatch the burning hulk to her watery grave.

At 12,000yds. (6 miles) the big ships opened fire and again a rain of shells descended on the luckless *Empress*. Shortly a heavy shell struck her stem and slowly she began to settle and as night closed in, the tired and abused *Empress* sank in a tumult of agitated water and clouds of smoke and steam as the sea met the white hot metal and roaring flames of the ships internal hell. Few of the executioners or observers saw the end because of the poor visibility, their only indication of the targets final moments being the gradual disap-



HMS Empress of India in her prime

pearance on the dull glow that indicated her tenuous presence in the deepening haze.

As the ships returned to Portland, the tugs and a few destroyers remained above the grave checking for debris and flotsam, but soon they too quit the scene hurried off for home.

Mr Churchill landed at Portland where he was later to inspect the Rifle Range and the worked out Admiralty quarry, now the dilapidated YOI Sports Field and the Naval Football Pitch, with a view to building further oil tanks for the Fleet.

The following day three Torpedo Gun Boats *Speedy*, *Gossamer* and *Jason* left Portland to sweep with wires to locate the wreck with a view to sending divers to examine the hulk. In the event after she had been found it was decided that the wreck was too deep to salvage or remove. But the *Empress Of India* was to haunt the Admiralty for quite some time. Soon the trawler men of Brixham which at the time had one of the largest fishing fleets in Britain, were up in arms as the sinking had taken place on their rich fishing grounds and was causing considerable damage to fishing gear. It was

supposedly costing the trawlers £60 every time they ruined a trawl on the massive hulk. The Admiralty hastily announced that a gas lit buoy would be placed over the wreck, while in the meantime the trawler men prepared to send a deputation to London to urge that action be taken to remove the hazard.

Probably the Admiralties worse moments were when the former Commander in Chief of the Channel Fleet, the somewhat pugnacious Lord Charles Beresford then MP for Portsmouth, publicly slammed the whole exercise a waste of time and public money, but much more wanton waste of opportunity to gain valuable and much needed knowledge for the Fleet. Every naval expert must have known that the old battleship would be sent to the bottom with the punishment she was clearly to receive. However the Navy felt that they had learnt some lessons from the exercise.**

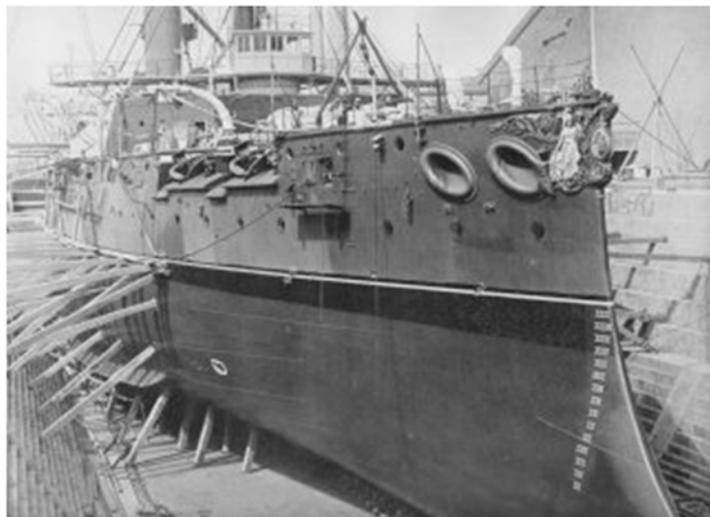
In late January 1914 a film of the whole exercise was shown to the Officers of the Fleet board the Flagship *King George* Portland and later to the men of lower deck viewed the film of their handy work in the Naval Gym in Castletown.

Some days after the sinking, the Second Destroyer Flotilla sailed from Portland for their own little party, their target was the old Torpedo Boat 25. She went to her watery grave with none of the commotion that attended her bigger sister. The destroyers working with a nonchalant efficiency, poured shell after shell into the old boat as they sped past, her destruction was swift and total.

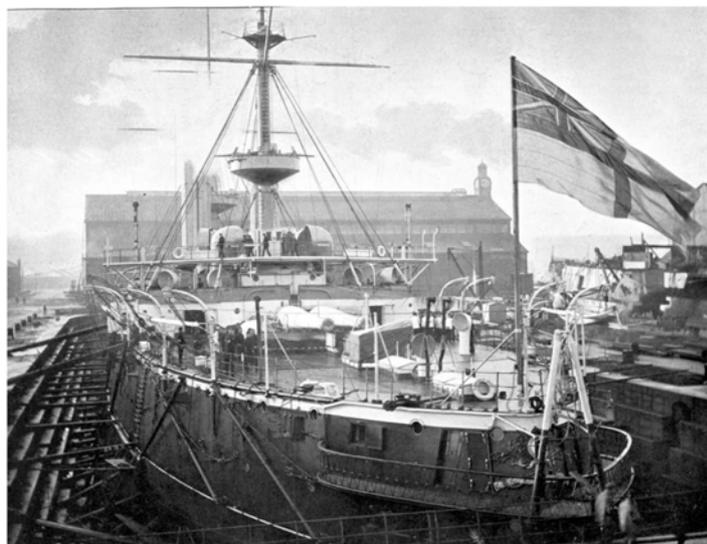
* Exactly 12 months later to the day, the *Empresses* half-sister HMS *Hood* was sunk in Portland Harbour as a block ship.

** At the outbreak of war Admirals and Captains afloat quickly became aware that their armour piercing shells were not, and let our sailors down badly at such encounters as at Dogger Bank and Jutland.

• The wreck is still accessible in Lyme Bay at a depth of 45m and is a popular destination for advanced divers.



Bow and stern views of HMS *Empress of India* in dry dock



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Difficulties arise when faced with a problem that create a dilemma...should I do this?...or should I do that...?

It is a common belief that problems such as health, relationships, moving house, changing jobs, retiring etc etc... create the most stress. When under stress problem solving and making decisions may become more difficult as the process is often hindered or influenced by other considerations such as choices, emotions, information, beliefs and culture.

The last year or so has provided society with one of the biggest health problems in recent history. The existence of a virus

that claimed millions of lives world-wide was something only read about or seen in science fiction movies. The reality of living through a viral pandemic has raised a huge number of problems for everyone and has affected all areas of our lives. Compliance regarding lock-down and self-isolation has been difficult for all especially when restrictions have prohibited visiting loved ones. Feelings of loneliness and loss have added to pre-existing stress levels resulting in poor physical and mental wellbeing. My patients tell me that as a result of the covid experience they have all made adjustments to their everyday lives and their perspective on values and what are 'the important things' has changed. They have all been eager and willing to have their Covid vaccinations and understand that their action is not only helping to protect themselves but also safe-guarding the more vulnerable and at risk in our society. The decision to take the vaccine is a personal one and I do respect individual choice. However, as a holistic practitioner working in private practice and at Dorset County Hospital Fortuneswell Cancer Unit there was no choice as far as I was concerned. I was invited and only too happy to accept my first jab in January and the second in March. The decision was simple and posed no dilemma for me. Founded on a strong moral belief that I have a responsibility to my patients both private and especially NHS to do no harm. In my mind that included taking every precaution necessary to keep my patients safe.

As a tutor about to run my first training course in over a year I have been gladdened by other therapists that are my course attendees who echo my sense of professional responsibility and have willingly shared their vaccination status with me to ensure we can continue to take-part in learning experiences with the lowest possible risk. For the therapists that have decided against taking the jab, please reconsider. Some of your patients may be more vulnerable than you know. I have just decided what I am going to cook for dinner after looking in my fridge. Simple! Contact Tel 01305 784986. abigailwring@btinternet.com www.dorsetclinicalreflexology.co.uk Abigail is fully qualified, insured and DBS checked with 30 years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology, Nutrition, Homoeopathy and Counselling. Author of 'Holistic Health Tips' available from Buena Vista Gypsy Lane Weymouth Dorset DT4 0BZ. £9.00.inc p&p

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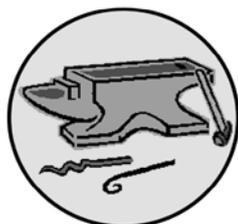
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The Floral Clock in Greenhill Gardens, The Esplanade, Weymouth is operated from the adjacent hut. A new building is planned to open up the workings for all to see. Built by Ritchie & Sons in Edinburgh in 1936, it is one of only three remaining and believed to be the only one still mechanically driven.

The number of clocks with their original mechanical works has declined, and some have been converted to electricity. The Greenhill Gardens clock mechanism has an ageing wooden hut which needs replacing.

The Friends of Greenhill Gardens have designed an exciting new showcase building. This has received the approval of the Weymouth Town Council. As well as creating an attractive structure for Greenhill Gardens, the wonderful clockworks will be fully visible for everyone to see, including children and people with mobility difficulties.

The project will then secure the long-term safety of the historic clockworks and keep the floral clock hands turning for many more years. The clock itself has over 5000 individual plants



arranged by the Town Council Gardeners, Jason Drew and Danny Wilson every year.

An investment of £17,500 is needed for this historic landmark. Could you help to contribute towards this exciting project?

Just click into www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/greenhill-floral-clock or see our website for alternative ways to donate.

Thank you from The Friends of Greenhill Gardens
www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk

Mystery Photos

A few years ago we were kindly given some 35mm slides of the set pieces and floral clock designs at Greenhill Gardens, which were taken in the 1960s and 1970s.

We are now letting the Friends of Greenhill Gardens look after the slides and would like to trace the name of the photographer and of the lady who donated them, as the original information has been lost. Please contact Tim Spooner, 25 Greenhill, Weymouth DT4 7SW. Email: nooitspooner@aol.com if you can help with these or any other photographs.



Weatherhouse Set Piece 2/8/1962



National Savings Set Piece 30/7/1966



Lifeboat Centenary Set Piece 3/8/1969



Floral Clock 27/7/1963

Lasting Powers of Attorney and Will Planning



The times that we are currently living in have shown that life can change completely overnight and the future can look uncertain. The best way of dealing with this uncertainty is to ensure that all your personal planning is in place. There are two pillars to this planning – the first is executing a Lasting Power of Attorney so that your family can help you if you become ill

or mentally incapacitated and the second is making your Will to ensure your estate passes to those who you wish to benefit on your death.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) allows you (the donor) to make a choice now, when you are fit and healthy, about who you would trust (the attorney) to make financial and personal decisions on your behalf if, in the future, you lose the mental capacity to make them for yourself.

There are two types of LPA. One type is a Property and Financial Affairs LPA which allows the attorney, to make decisions about your finances and property. A Property and Finance LPA is very flexible in that it can be used whilst someone is incapacitated, but as soon as they have returned to health the attorney will step aside – it is not a permanent arrangement unless it needs to be. The other type is a Health and Welfare LPA which gives the attorney authority to make decisions for you in respect of giving or refusing consent to healthcare, staying at home and receiving support, or moving into care. A Health and Welfare LPA can only be used when a person has lost capacity.

All LPAs have to be registered at the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG), before they can be used. If it appears that the attorney is abusing their position, then anyone can raise a concern with the OPG or Social Services, who will investigate.

If you have an accident or become ill, it may be too late to make an LPA and then an application will have to be made to court to appoint somebody, called a Deputy, to look after you affairs. This person may not be your choice, and appointing a deputy through the court it is also a longer and more expensive process. This can take at least three months and there are costs which include application fees, medical assessments, solicitor's fees, deputy appointment, annual management fee and a security bond.

Your Will is used to appoint a person (your executor) who will deal with the administration of your estate after you have died. The Executor is responsible for valuing your estate, closing bank accounts, dealing with your house, paying any tax that is due as well as any debts and making sure that the balance of the estate passes to your chosen beneficiaries. If there is no Will, the Law of Intestacy sets out who can inherit your estate and how much they can inherit. This may not be what you want. Making sure your Will is up to date will provide you with the comfort of knowing that your family is provided for how you want them to be even if times are uncertain.

Your solicitor will help you make a Lasting Power of Attorney and Will that gives effect to your wishes. You can then rest assured knowing that your family will benefit from your planning.

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Local news

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recognition of their efforts during the pandemic, ensuring people continued to receive the care and support they needed.

Agincare Founder and Chairman Derek Luckhurst said:

"I have never felt so proud of the team that we have here at Agincare. We have had people going out, risking their lives and keeping morale up, to provide essential care across society. 'The Agincare Covid Hero Medal is a fitting way to say thank you to our teams, and a lasting tribute to their incredible efforts.'

Throughout the pandemic Agincare workers have managed the challenges

of lockdown, including infection control regimes and the vaccine roll-out, whilst caring for the people they support and facilitating safe visits in care homes.

This year sees family-run Agincare celebrate its 35th anniversary of delivering high quality, professional care in the community.

Agincare Chief Executive Raina Summerson said:

"We wanted to find a heart-felt way of saying thank you and showing genuine appreciation to our Agincare team, during what has been an incredibly challenging time for them both personally and professionally.



From left: CEO Raina Summerson, Care Worker Rachel Hill and Chairman Derek Luckhurst.

'Everyone across all locations, including our support functions, have pulled together in a fantastic way to respond to the pandemic. They have shown true resilience, courage and commitment to social care, and we wanted to recognise that.'

Agincare is also inviting people to nominate care workers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for a special Agincare Heroes award, with details to be announced shortly. For more information about Agincare visit www.agincare.com

Award-winning Weymouth Beach

Environmental charity, Keep Britain Tidy, has awarded Weymouth beach with a prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Award for 2021.

Weymouth is one of only 76 beaches in England to be awarded with a Blue Flag. The Blue Flag and Seaside Award recognises Weymouth Beach as one of the safest, cleanest and very best in the country. To be considered for the awards, beaches must meet the highest environmental standards, as well as the tough international bathing water quality standards.

Weymouth Town Council would like to thank the community for helping to care for the town's environment. The joint efforts of the beach management team, RNLI lifeguards, Dorset Waste Services and local people are vital in helping to keep the Blue Flag flying.



Cllr Colin Huckle, Mayor of Weymouth Town Council said:

'The beach is an important part of Weymouth residents' lives for leisure, rest and recreation. It is wonderful to be part of a community where the residents are as passionate as we are about the beach and environment.'

'Over a million visitors return to Weymouth every year to enjoy our coastline and by gaining these awards, Weymouth Beach is shown to be among the best in the country.'

'I am especially thankful to our dedicated Beach Management team and partners who work together to ensure Weymouth Beach is a safe and enjoyable place to be.'

'Weymouth Town Council is committed to making sure that this continues for many years to come.'

The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), a non-governmental and non-profit organisation, launched the Blue Flag programme in 1987. Keep Britain Tidy administers the scheme in England. To be awarded a Blue Flag, beaches must comply with a number of criteria covering environ-

mental education and information, water quality, environmental management, safety and services.

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Message from the Centre Manager

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 106 centre has been shortlisted for The Adult Community Learning Centre of the Year Award! By the time you read this, we'll know if we won. The result will be announced just as we got to press. Keep your fingers crossed for us! We have been really busy at the centre with students wanting to catch up with their studies, start a new course or taking exams, so apologies if we have not got back to you with any queries you may have had immediately.

Julie Ellis

Course Provision to September 21

As we draw towards the end of the academic year, there are, as to be expected, fewer courses available. However, our lists are already filling up for September starts, so it is never too early to register your interest. Until then, if you have the skills and time to commit to a fast track course, with a completion target no later than the beginning of July, we may be able to help. Otherwise, here is our remaining course for this year:

English Intensive – 3 consecutive Mondays and Tuesdays – you must be able to attend both sessions. Start 28 June – ends 13 July.

Not all of you may know, but we have some young asylum seekers with us. They are from Sudan, where they fled from war. It was a long and dangerous journey to get here. But now they are happily settled in Weymouth and studying with us. We wish them every success for their future.

IT Tip of the Month

Did you know if you are on benefits and you can get fibre broadband for just £15? See below
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2021/05/bt-fibre-broadband-deal-low-income-benefits/>

Exam Certificates

We are pleased we have had lots of people passing exams lately! Please note certificates take about six weeks to process and are posted to the address you registered with when enrolling.

How important is English?

You may have seen a recent news story about English standards on university courses – see this tongue in cheek update!

University chiefs now admit they were wrong to dismiss the importance of good English and punctuation in ex-

ams. In a statement they admit 'when we said 'Students with poor English should understand we won't be marking their papers down with bad grammar' we meant 'Students with poor English should now understand: we won't be marking their papers. Down with bad grammar!'

In reality, all students accessing a degree course must have English GCSE C or grade 4 or Level 2 Functional Skills, so that should hopefully equip them to be competent writers! Also nearly all large employers require evidence of Level 2 English and maths in their person specifications for any role, regardless of how illustrious other qualifications held may be!

Family History Society

The South Dorset branch of the Somers & Dorset Family History Society are waiting for further Government guidelines before they are able to confirm that their planned July meeting can go ahead.

The proposed talk on 16th July, about the liberation of Guernsey will be presented by Paul Radford at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole at 2pm for 2.30pm. Numbers are restricted at the venue on this occasion so please ring 01305 776008 to reserve a seat and to confirm that the meeting will be taking place.

This year it is also hoped to hold a meeting on 20th August, when the speaker will be Sue Virgin with a talk about 'Upwey & Broadwey Past Lives.'

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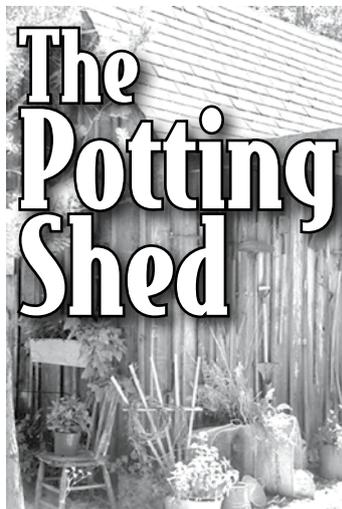
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Hospital Charity launches new fundraising campaign: the Power of Giving

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July

July is a quiet month for wildlife. Food supplies are plentiful and many young animals are growing. Caterpillars feed on the leaves, hedgehogs on the slugs and beetles and fox cubs are practising hunting skills on bank voles and mice. Bats, blue tits and swallows will devour the surplus of aphids.

Moths and butterflies are attracted to the large numbers of night scented plants that flower, such as honeysuckle, evening primrose and sweet scented stocks. In turn we can look for bats such as the Pipistrelle or Noctule.

A very warm month, usually with prolonged spells of hot weather, can mean drought conditions for worm-loving animals and birds. Extra water dishes and bird baths can be very important. At this time many birds moult a new coat of feathers ready for the winter months ahead.

Tasks for the month

- Water hanging baskets and pots daily with water-butt water.
- Plant autumn flowering bulbs such as autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*).
- Tie-in climbers such as honeysuckles and clematis.
- Trim rock plants after they have finished flowering. This will encourage new shoots from the base.
- Feed container plants to supplement nutrients.
- Take soft-wood cuttings of shrubs and woody plants. Cut a green stem at 5 - 8cm, just below a leaf node. Insert into a pot of gritty compost. Keep moist by covering with glass or a plastic bag. Rooting will take place in a few weeks. Try hebe, rosemary, lavender, and sage.
- Remove the leaves of early vigorous plants to allow smaller flowers the chance to come through and provide later food for bees and butterflies. Continue selective weeding to remove vigorous unwanted weeds. A nettle patch in one area will mean they don't need to be everywhere else!

• Start collecting clear plastic bottles to make lace-wing hotels in August.

Pipistrelle Bat



The Pipistrelle bat is the smallest and most widespread, favouring buildings where they congregate in large colonies.

They enjoy a modern house and will hide behind tile-hung walls or weather-boarding. Young are born in June and will fly in July. They feed on tiny caddis fly gnats and tiny moths and will continue the rest of the summer preparing for winter hibernation between November and March. A pond in the garden will ensure they have good food supplies available. There are 16 native British bat species, all are protected by law.

Lavender

An old favourite in the garden. Grown as an ornamental evergreen herb for its aromatic leaves and fragrant flowers. Excellent for encouraging wildlife by attracting bees, butterflies and other flying insects. The insects attract foraging swallows and house martins whilst gold finches will feed on the dry seed heads and use it as nesting material.

To keep bushes neat, trim after flowering in the spring. Lavender propagates easily from cuttings so have a go at creating more plants for your wildlife friendly garden. Extend the value by planting more herbs such as thyme, marjoram, fennel, chives and rosemary.

Gardening tips of the month

1. Top up and clean out water for birds. Provide water for mammals.
2. Use water out of rain water butt for planters and hanging baskets.
3. Top up the pond.
4. Provide supplementary food for birds and mammals. Include mealworms because of the lack of earthworms.
5. Pick sweet peas to keep them flowering.
6. Dead head early summer flowers to encourage a second flush of flowers later on.



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Be part of the Power of Giving today by supporting Dorset County Hospital. Visit www.dchcharity.org.uk to make a donation, fundraise and find out more about how you can help.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Zoom Meeting on June 2nd. President Sue Davis welcomed 17 members to the on line meeting, plus our speaker, Ailish Henderson. The talk entitled From Sketch to Stitch was the story of Ailish's career in textiles. After a college training in Art and

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Organisations

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Coffee Morning, every Monday, 10am
Home-cooked hot lunches Thursday and Sunday at 12 noon.
Call 01305 750541 to reserve your place. All very welcome.

Blind & Partially Sighted

Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Weymouth Community Safety Centre, Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jenny Cliff . 01305 787065.

Breathe Well Weymouth

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

Christian Spiritualist Church

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

The Cygnet Group

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

C'Siders - Cancer Support Group

Meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Wyke Smugglers, 76 Portland Road, DT4 9AB from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.
Visit our website at csiders.org, Facebook at www.facebook.com/csiderswp, e-mail info@csiders.org, or contact 07430 695462 for more information.

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

Dorset Kidney Fund

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Friends Of Weymouth Library

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

Friends of Wyke Regis Library

Share views on the books you have read recently, join the book club or just catch up with Friends in the Library anytime

between 10.30 - 12.30 on the last Monday of each month.

Hardy Quilters

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

Lip Reading and Communication Skills Weymouth Class

We meet on Mondays in school term time, 12.30 - 2.30pm at The Frank Reynolds Community Centre on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadwey). Email: elizabeth.ian.messier@gma
Littlemoor Library
Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm;
2.00pm - 5.00pm.
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Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Littlemoor Library

The library holds the following:
Writing Group every Monday at 10.00am.

Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon.

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

Mulberry Bush Pre-school,

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Email: mbpreschool@standrews.dsat.org.uk for more detail. Or just pop in!

Osmington Archery Club

We meet one afternoon a week in the Village Hall throughout the year. Sometimes in better weather in the summer we shoot on private ground at Milborne St Andrew. Please phone 01305 833460 for further details.

Osmington Leisure

Short-Mat Bowls Wednesday evenings (7pm - 9pm), with the exception of the third Wednesday of the month when there is a Whist Drive in the Hall, and Table Tennis is held on Thursday evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

Osmington Lunch Club

The club is now meeting on the third Friday of the month. A two course meal is available with a glass of wine for only £7. Guests arrive at Osmington Village Hall at 12.15 for lunch to be served at 12.30. No washing up just company and chat. Look forward to seeing you there! To book a place phone Fran on 832430 or 07817825527.

Osmington Recorded Music Society

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

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Preston Table Tennis Club

Wednesdays 7.00pm and 9.00pm, Westfield School, Littlemoor Road. Contact Dave Clegg on 835108.

Preston Reading Group

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

Preston Pantomime Group

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

Portland Gig Rowing Club

Meet Osprey Quay for various rowing sessions during the week and weekends and are open to all from 11yrs and over. For more information, www.portlandgigrowingclub.co.uk

Scottish Country Dancing

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Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group

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

South Dorset Caledonian Society

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

South Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

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

South Dorset Woodcarving Club BWA

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

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Weymouth Stroke Support Group

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

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Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Association

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

Weymouth Areas Seniors Forum

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

Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society

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

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

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

Weymouth and Portland Quakers
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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. All are welcome.

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

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

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups
Beavers - Friday 5.30 - 6.30
Cubs - Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00
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Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00
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Weymouth South Scout Group
Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane
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Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.
Tuesday
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, 7.45 - 9.30pm.
Wednesday

Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.
Thursday
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.
Friday
Beavers aged 6 to 8, 6.00 - 7.15pm.
For general inquiries: weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com
To join our waiting list: weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com

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

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

Weymouth Movie Makers (formally Weymouth Cine & video Club)
Meet from September to May on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Centenary Club 21 Jubilee Close, Weymouth www.weymouthmoviemakers.weebly.com E: weymouthmoviemakers@gmail.com Chairman Anne Vincent Tel: 01305 780140.

Whist & Military Whist Drive
Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road. Tuesday, start 6.30pm
Details on 784056.

Whist Drive
Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Methodist Church
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Wyke Regis Horticultural Society
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Wyke Regis Community Association
Email: wrca@btconnect.com
www.WykeRegisCommunityAssociation.co.uk or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WykeRegisCommunityAssociation/

Wyke Regis Community and Sports Association

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

Wyke Regis Library
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Wed - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5.30pm
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Wyke Regis Society
www.thewykeregissociety
Meetings second Tuesday two-monthly, 7pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or wykeregissociety@gmail.com

Wyke Regis Womens' Institute
General meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT4 9AJ. The various groups meet at regular times during the month with details on our website. For more information: contact us on 07719 312901 or at secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk; or check our website www.wykeregiswi.org.uk or Facebook page www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi/

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***NB: Organisations may not be meeting due to lockdown**

if Covid rules allow, we hope to return to the Mission Hall for our meetings.

Liz Slee Sec.

Wyke Regis Society
I am pleased to invite you to the meeting of the Wyke Regis Society on (we hope) Tuesday 13th July 2021 at the Working Men's Club, Portland Road.

All residents welcome. We look forward to seeing you; there is safe space for 30.
The Society is set up to give a platform for discussion and debate for the local community.

The aims of the Society are to:
Protect the amenities and the character of the area
Work for the benefit of the local community
Improve the environment and protect it from pollution
Provide a forum for community action

Agenda
Apologies
Minutes of the non-quorate meeting of 17 March 2020
Chairman's report
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Any other business contact: Georgina Skipper
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Local news

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Textiles, teaching textiles for 15 years and an exhibition in London, Ailish has more recently set up a website and been selling her creations on line. Most of her work is inspired by family history and old photos and moments such as vintage lace and silk. A work will begin with a 'Mood Board' to work out the idea and design. Things such as material and lace used over an art board and finished with paints, sequins and hand embroidery. Any blemishes or stains in the base material is often incorporated in the design. More recently, Ailish has been making her designs in a more modern style and printing onto cards and scarves and even wallpaper.

After thanking our speaker, Sue wondered if the Crafty Chatty Group would be inspired by the talk, when it is able to reopen? Other members are working hard to try and get our regular activities such as Ukuladies, Darts, Skittles, Bowls, lunches

and cinema visits etc going again, but Covid restrictions are making things difficult. A Fish and Chip lunch is planned at Bowleaze Cafe on 23rd June. Please let Sue Davis know if you are attending. The WI meeting followed and members heard about the speakers, social activities and outings planned for the coming year, if Covid restrictions allow. There will be some very interesting talks and enjoyable activities. Our next WI meeting in July will be another Zoom one, then we hope to have an outdoor Garden Meeting in August at the Mission Hall. However, Covid restrictions may limit numbers to 30 and it could rain! More news next month.

To enable us to actually meet indoors again, we have booked the September and October WI meetings at St. Andrew's Church Rooms. This is a spacious venue and so allows for the social distancing not possible in Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall. After that,



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