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Herbury with Coastguard Cottages  
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## Local news

### Sutton Poyntz Village WI

#### 2nd March Meeting

**For our March meeting we were expecting to have talk about the Canadian Rockies and Niagara Falls but, due to illness, and at short notice, we needed re-organise our meeting and so were delighted to find that local author Sheena Dearnness was available to be our speaker.**

Sheena, who lives in the village, gave a very enjoyable talk about her latest book, *A Red Haze*. The book, a captivating tale of the tough life of a young woman in post war Britain. The talk was well received by the 37 members present, and, while the topic was a rather sobering account of the difficulties prevalent for working class girls at that time, the talk was entertaining and led to some interesting discussion. We were very pleased to hear from Sheena that she had decided to donate her fee to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

On the 9th of February more than 30 members enjoyed lunch at the Avenue Restaurant at Weymouth College. The young people who cooked and served us, looked after us very well. This meal was our 34th Birthday celebration and we were particularly pleased to have with us one of the founder members of Sutton Poyntz Village WI, Ann Kemp. Ann who is a valued member and a



Sutton Poyntz Village WI member Ann Kemp

regular attendee can always be relied on to provide us with an historic perspective on WI matters and honest appraisals of our meetings.

Our next event is a coach trip to Exeter. A number of residents from Sutton Poyntz will be joining WI members for what we hope will be a successful day of sightseeing and retail therapy!

Our April meeting is scheduled to be our AGM at Mission Hall on 6th April. We are in the happy position of not having to be worried about filling the Officer posts but with a few committee members having indicated that after

many years of serving on the committee will be retiring at this AGM but we are hoping to recruit some new committee members to bolster our hard-working team.

Sue Davis  
President  
Sutton Poyntz WI

### Self-Employed Cleaner Required

**We're looking for someone to help look after our lovely village hall.**

Duties will include keeping the main hall, Constable Room, kitchen, foyer and toilets clean and fresh from skirting to ceiling (high, in places!), as well as keeping the outside sills etc dust-free and tidy. Some minor handy-person skills would be advantageous. 4.5 hours per week @ £9 per hour. Contact us for an application form: 07816 832554 or osmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com

### Easter Lilies at St Andrew's

**It's Ash Wednesday as I am writing this but Easter will soon be upon us.** If you would like to have a lily in memory of someone put in the church for Easter please let me know so that I can order them. The names of those being remembered will be displayed in the church.

Caroline Crisp  
01305 832529

### Overcombe WI

**A very pleasant meeting was held this month with our funny and talented speaker, Bonny Sartin from the Yetties entertaining us.**

He spoke in length about his time with the Yetties, the many countries they visited and played in and the fun they had. He sang, unaccompanied, three of the songs he had written. The group took their name from the village of Yetminster, their home turf. Originally they were the Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca Junior Folk Dance Display Team which was fortunately shortened to The Yetties and turned professional in 1967. They actually met and started in the local scout group during the 50's. During their career they recorded 45 albums. Bonny was very entertaining and we sang along to the chorus of one song. They disbanded in April 2011 with a Ceilidh in Sherborne on the Saturday and a final farewell with Dorset Apple Cake on the Sunday. Last year was our Ruby Anniversary but we were unable to consider celebrating so this year we will be having a 40+1 celebratory evening. The committee are very busy organising this event.

Our various clubs are continuing to meet and we now have a second book club to allow more members to enjoy this type of meeting. To date we have read two books and the interaction between these members was most interesting. It is quite surprising how ten

or so women can have such a varied opinion on a book. The skittles evening is a fun evening, reasonably non-competitive and held monthly as are the singing for fun, walking netball and craft groups. The intrepid walkers meet weekly, come rain or shine and finish somewhere for coffee. Plans are afoot for the NGS visits again this summer which we have not been able to do for a couple of years.

With food seeming to be very important, around 20 of us met at the Black Dog in Broadmayne for a very enjoyable lunch.

We are looking forward to the coming months and hope for some better weather soon.

Take care.

Jackie Greet  
President

### Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

**Potatoes, onions and beans now in at the Trading Post, Rylands Lane.**

Open Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Help us to celebrate by knitting and crafting!**

Are you a keen crafter looking for your next project? Why not join in and help us to create items to celebrate the big event of the year! You can knit, crochet or sew members of the Royal Family, their pets, crowns, 'houses', bunting, tea cozies or other items for a Royal Tea Party - no limits to your imagination! Think of sunny days in June when we will celebrate by organising a special event or two to show off your donated creations, and let your imagination take over.

All items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work in the community.

So please spread the word, get started and let me know what you are making; photos are always great and look good on our Facebook page.

Any questions please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

### C'Siders Cancer Support Group

**C'Siders started in 2016 with the aim of providing support for anyone in our area who is affected by cancer- whether a patient, carer or friend.**

The group meets on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at 7pm. Details for the meeting are emailed to members in advance.

We also meet face to face on the third Monday of each month at Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road (near Weymouth Swimming Pool), DT4 0HU. Meetings again start at 7pm. The club has ample free parking and a light



and airy bar which allows good social distancing. Meetings usually feature a speaker of interest and cover a variety of topics relevant to cancer but also some general-interest subjects. There is always a chance to chat informally to other members and many lasting friendships have been made in this way. We help at events, like the Macmillan Mighty Hike, organise outings, offer activities such as regular table tennis and get involved in fundraising. The group is recognised by HMRC as a charity and is completely self-funded and run entirely by volunteers.

In 2018, C'Siders set up a cancer rehabilitation exercise session called C'Fit which is still available at Osprey Leisure Centre. With a simple referral from a medical professional, patients can access the classes free of charge for 12 weeks, continuing at their own cost afterwards if they wish. C'Siders covers the cost of the twelve week offer as well as helping with buying equipment and training an instructor. This is open to anyone in the Weymouth and Portland area, not just C'Siders – although of course, we'd like you to join our group!

Everyone is welcome, whether existing members or those who are just curious about what support the group has to offer. As a group, C'Siders are there to help each other but also to have fun along the way.

If you want to know more, please get in touch.

Visit our website at [csiders.org](http://csiders.org), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/csiderswp](http://www.facebook.com/csiderswp), e-mail [info@csiders.org](mailto:info@csiders.org), or contact 07430 695462 for more information.



Csiders visit Ellen McArthur boat

## Knowing more about what's in your food

**With the easing of Covid restrictions many people will now be eating meals out and will start to notice changes to the way that their food is described.**

In the past, food and drink from places such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and takeaways were not required to display nutritional information. This made it difficult for consumers to make informed and healthier choices about the food they were buying.

From April 2022, new legislation will require large businesses with over 250 employees to display calorie information for the food and drink that they prepare for customers to eat immediately.

There are some exemptions, but any business covered by the regulations will need to display accurate calorie information at the point where a customer chooses their food. Information can be provided on physical menus, online menus, or labels.

The types of businesses covered can include:

- Restaurants, fast food outlets, cafes, pubs and supermarkets
- Home delivery services
- Cafes and takeaways within larger shops and venues, such as supermarkets, department stores, and entertainment venues such as cinemas
- Specialist food stores, delicatessens, sweet shops and bakeries
- Contract catering for example for events and canteens
- Domestic transport businesses including planes, trains and ferries.

The changes are part of the Government's strategy to tackle obesity. Having access to accurate calorie information about food and drink ordered will make it easier for consumers to make healthier food choices for themselves and their families when eating out.

Dorset Council Trading Standards will be working with businesses to help them to better understand the changes needed. If you find something you feel is false or misleading please contact Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

## Stop Portland Waste Incinerator

**The Stop Portland Waste Incinerator and The Portland Association (Jurassic Coast Against Incineration Project) need to fundraise again!**

Please help fight the proposal to build a waste incinerator at Balaclava Bay, Portland Port, which at 201m long, 54m wide, 47m high, with an 80m stack (Portland Bill lighthouse is 41m tall), and a plume up to 250m long, will be a blot on our beautiful Jurassic Heritage Coast landscape.

It's not needed as Dorset already manages its waste efficiently, recycling over 60% of our waste, so to keep this plant running, waste will be shipped in from around the UK and from overseas.

It will add to the climate emergency... The proposed waste incinerator will produce 200,000 tonnes of GHGs each year for its 30-year lifespan, together with other toxic emissions harmful to health, the environment and the biodiversity of Portland.

It's in the wrong location... the proposed waste incinerator site is in the middle of the Dorset Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, surrounded by both land and marine conservation sites and just 500m from residential properties on Portland. The site is located over 40 miles from where Dor-

set's waste is processed, so will cause unnecessary extra HGV emissions. It will be built in the middle of a tourist and outdoor leisure hotspot and as such is a potential threat to our tourist economy.

Powerful has submitted 18 new documents (600+ pages) to DC Planning in response to a second Regulation 25 notice, with comments/objections to be submitted by 7th March. We need to instruct our team of environmental lawyers/consultants to review these documents, plus the new air quality information submitted to the Environment Agency as part of the Environmental Permitting application.

Looking ahead, in order to win this battle we still need more funds, as if the Dorset planning officer is minded to approve it, we will call it in for the Planning Inspectorate to make the final decision. If the final decision is to approve, due to errors made in the handling of this application it will be taken to a judicial review, so ahead of our legal costs will be in the region of £20,000

We are sorry to have to ask again, but as the documents are highly technical, and the future holds more legal costs, we have no alternative but to ask you to help us win this battle. Thank you.

All donations are very welcome, no matter how small, and we have four ways you can donate\*... • On-line crowdfunder: <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stopportlandwasteincinerator>

• Paypal: Please use Paypal user name @tpauk (or use the QRC)

• Bank Transfer: Please email [stopwi@gmail.com](mailto:stopwi@gmail.com) for details

• Cash: Please call SPWI on 07767 268756

\*All monies raised go directly towards the legal and consultancy fees, there will be no campaign running costs taken out of these donations.

For more information: Visit [stopportlandwasteincinerator.co.uk](http://stopportlandwasteincinerator.co.uk), or the

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### PORTLAND BORSTAL OFFICERS BOWLING CLUB OPEN DAYS

**Have you ever fancied having a try at lawn green bowls? Do you already play bowls and fancy trying a new club with a wonderful six rink green set in a great location.**

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**Or call Ian Price on 07792449284 for further details or to ask any questions.**



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day*



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Instead of Valentine's Day we're celebrating Friendship Day, and this year we're celebrating by having a glass of fizz (or two), listening to some lovely music, and doing activities together, all whilst making our bonds of friendship for each other even tighter.



From all of Friary Care, staff and residents, to all of our families, we want to let you know that you are always in our hearts, and we hope you all had a special Valentine's Day/Friendship Day.



We all hope we can share our memories that we made soon.

## HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY

*Each month we look forward to sharing our activities with you.*

Visit [www.friarycare.co.uk](http://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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Stop Portland Waste Incinerator Facebook page, or join the Facebook Group 'Jurassic Coast Against Incineration' for information and updates hot off the press. Planning documents can be found on Dorset Council's Minerals and Waste Planning website, planning application reference WP/20/00692/DCC.

## Weymouth and Portland Ladies Probus

**After many months of 'No Meetings' The Weymouth and Portland Ladies Probuc Club are happy to announce that we are having meetings again.**

Our new venue is The Piano Bar at Weymouth Pavilion and we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Coffee and biscuits are available at the beginning of the meetings, usually followed by a talk. We are still exploring possibilities of lunch after the meetings. In January we had a talk from Paul Atterbury, about the filming of The Antiques Road Show. Paul also invited us to bring antiques and he was happy to talk about the items we brought. In February our Speaker was Joe Kaplonek, on The Wildlife of Dorset. This talk was accompanied by his inspired photography and his video clips. For more information about the club, drop in at any of our meetings or contact:

Yvonne Skinner. 01305 779815 or email Sarah\_simpson2@talktalk.net

## Repair Cafe Weymouth opens at spacious Top Club

**Repair Cafe Weymouth held just eight very successful events before Covid struck in March 2020.**

After a long search for more spacious premises to allow social distancing, the Repair Cafe plans to open at Top Club, set into the grassy bank of Louviers Road in Littlemoor. Founder and Chairman Ros Dean says 'Top Club is a modern, airy venue and it is an under-utilised community asset. It has free parking and a welcoming cafe/ reception area. We are really excited about

opening there on 12th March 10.30am - 12.30pm.'

'We have nearly 50 volunteers with about 36 helping at each event. Volunteers fix items for visitors who can watch the repair. Some pick up new skills and the confidence to attempt similar repairs at home. We do not charge; we ask for a donation to help with our running costs. It's a lovely sociable event. Volunteers help visitors to complete forms to register their items whilst they enjoy a cuppa in the cafe area.'

What sort of items do they repair? The list includes electronics, electrical, IT (PCs, laptops, gadgets and games), mechanical including tool sharpening, gluing, clocks, jewellery and sewing. Ideally the repair takes no more than 40 minutes although some items need a return visit. Just turn up or google 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' to make contact.

## Weymouth & Portland Access Group

**'Making Weymouth & Portland Accessible to All'**

The Group has the objective of improving accessibility to goods, services, and the environment generally, for people with disabilities (in its widest definition including mobility or sensory impairment, mental health problems, disabling illness or injury, and people with learning difficulties), and also for those caring for young children. We represent the areas of Weymouth, Portland and Chickereil.

The Group was founded in 1989 but is examining how it can continue with its work and strengthen its role. Weymouth Town Council kindly provided the use of its Council Chamber to Volunteer Centre Dorset and some members of the Access Group to explore how the Group might rebuild, with the guidance and encouragement of the Council.

Those present, including members of Dorset Blind Club were asked about subjects of concern that they considered the Access Group should concentrate on. We would aim to hold topic meetings on those subjects and to help inform this

process;

1. We would like to hear from others (residents, visitors, and people working or studying in the area) about accessibility concerns.

2. We would like to hear from people who may be interested in joining the Group.

We need to renew our web-site but at this stage request that anyone wishing to comment on item 1, or interested in joining the Group e-mail me on mikelkelly13@btinternet.com

The draft Dorset Local Plan refers to the high proportion of elderly people in the County generally and in paragraph 4.5.1 there is a statement that 42% of Dorset's people live with a long term health problem or a disability. This is a stark statistic. The local authorities, businesses and service providers need to be focussed on the need to improve accessibility to buildings and services. Access improvements do not only benefit people with disabilities. They benefit everyone.

It is our hope that by strengthening our membership we can network more effectively with other local organisations and charities that have similar aims and continue our important work.

Michael Kelly

## Harbour Poets

**Meet in Weymouth Library & Learning Centre from 2.00pm - 4.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month to read and discuss poetry, and share writing we are working on.**

All are welcome to join us. No bookings required.

## Volunteers help plant trees in Littlemoor

**Volunteers have planted trees in Littlemoor to help create a wildlife habitat, enhance the landscape and slow down the effects of climate change.**

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Colin Huckle said: "I encourage people to join Weymouth Town Council gardeners and get involved with this tree planting event in Littlemoor this weekend to create a greener environment for all to enjoy.

"Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. You can learn new skills,

meet new people, and feel a great sense of achievement knowing that your involvement has made a noticeable difference to the area and the local community."

As well as the tree planting in Littlemoor, other areas of Weymouth have recently benefitted from our work to try to mitigate the effects of climate change, including in Wyke Regis where we recently planted a number of trees with the help of the 1st and 2nd Wyke Regis Brownies.

Cllr Huckle added: "In response to the climate threat, Weymouth Town Council declared a climate emergency and we have committed to making the council's activities net zero carbon by 2030. The planting of trees in Littlemoor and at Wyke Regis are one of many actions which we are taking in order to help achieve this."

## Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society

**The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 12th April starting at 7.30pm when John Colton will be giving a presentation about the superb Royal Horticultural Society Wisley glasshouse entitled "The Jewel in the Crown".**

The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

## Weymouth Holzwickede Twinning Society

**The next monthly meeting is on Thursday 28th April when we are planning to visit Holmes Garden Centre near Wareham.**

Anyone wishing to join us should contact us on 01305 832007.

In May we shall be taking a short boat trip on the river Frome further details will be on our web site nearer the time. We look forward to spending time with our members and being able to catch up on their news.

## Family History meeting

**The April talk presented by the South Dorset branch of The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be given by the society's secre-**



Repair Cafe Weymouth opens at Top Club

tary Ted Udall and is entitled 'What I Learnt In Lockdown' and will take place on April 22nd, a week later than usual due to Easter.

As always, the venue will be at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, commencing with tea or coffee at around 2.55pm followed by the speaker.

## Advice appointments available for the deaf community

The Advice Team at Diverse Abilities has been appointed 12 months' funding to help provide more support for people who are deaf or speech impaired and rely on communication support.

The cost of British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters attending appointments can now be paid by the Advice Team on behalf of the person seeking advice, as well as covering the cost of the appointment itself. These appointments cover benefit applications, appeals, and Lasting Power of Attorney applications, all important to helping those with disabilities secure the support they need to live their day to day lives.

Elaine Ewing, Advice Team manager, commented: "This is a fantastic start to 2022, it really is great to know that we can further support deaf children and adults, and their families, all while being able to cover the operating costs." One recent client who has benefitted from the service added: "After several failed applications, Diverse Abilities helped me to complete the DLA application for my eldest daughter and it was successful. My other daughter also had a DLA application, Diverse Abilities assisted with this, and it was successful on the first application. The team has assisted me and provided me with the BSL communication support that I needed. I could not have done it without their help."

The Advice Team is a not-for-profit service, part of Dorset's disability charity, and provides support and guidance in all manner of disability requirements including Blue Badge Applications, Carers Allowance, Personal Independence Payments, Child Disability Living Allowance and more.

Elaine continued: "While this funding is initially for one year, we're hoping to continue the service afterwards as we know just how vitally important it is for our community. Hopefully this first year will prove how necessary it is and encourage the case for it to continue." Visit [diverseabilities.org.uk/advice](http://diverseabilities.org.uk/advice) to find out more or call 0300 330 5514.

## Trefoil Travel by Trishaw

Weymouth Trefoil members had a wonderful treat recently when Des from Cycling Without Age gave everyone a short ride in his trishaws. It was great fun and comes highly recommended. There were smiles all round including the many people who were passed on the route.

Weymouth Trefoil is part of a world-  
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Trefoil Travel by Trishaw

wide organisation and of Girlguiding UK. Were you a Brownie, a Guide, a Ranger or even a Rainbow (if you are under 40!)? Even if you have never been in Guiding, a warm welcome awaits you on the second Thursday of each month at St Ann's Schoolroom, Radipole. Trefoil is Guiding for Adults – all the fun without the responsibility of the girls in our Units. As well as a monthly meeting and activities, we support local charities and join Dorset and National Trefoil events too. The unofficial motto of Trefoil is fun, food and friendship.

Further details from Christine Buffrey – [christine.buffrey@gmail.com](mailto:christine.buffrey@gmail.com)

## Royal Manor Theatre

**Hello again, from all of us at the Royal Manor Theatre! We've just about got over the tremendous turnout for our pantomime, Alice in Portland. What a great run it was! With such fabulous efforts across the board, with our wonderful costumes designed and lovingly crafted by Sandra Fretwell and her team, to such a splendid performance by our actors and working from another superb script from the creative genius of Jo Mackay. We truly enjoy entertaining you all and it's great to be back at the Theatre.**

We have some excellent events coming up, starting with Yes! Yes! UCS! On March 18th, a funny, dramatic musical of sorts chronicling the community spirit of striking dockworkers on the Clyde. With some fab musical numbers and hard hitting drama, from Townsend Productions, this is not to be missed!

Further on, in May we have a special presentation of the feature documentary, Lawrence after Arabia, where the film is to be screened and will be followed by a Question and Answer session from the director and producer. Lawrence after Arabia is on May 9th, see the website for more information on booking.

Then to see out May we welcome back some Live music and Film on May 21st. The last music and film event was a great success and should not be missed, even at the low, low price of free entry!

Call out for aspiring script writers! You all may remember our '15 minute' production a few years ago, where

we performed scripts submitted from our members. Well, we're doing something similar this year and are looking for some scripts! So if you're an aspiring script writer, drop Jo Mackay an email with your script to be read at a special script reading event on April 19th. Send your script by email to Jo at [jodave49@yahoo.com](mailto:jodave49@yahoo.com)

Finally, a reminder that we are always on the lookout for new members and helpers. So if you fancy seeing what this theatre stuff is all about, acting, backstage, front of house or simply helping with the upkeep of our beautiful venue, drop us a line on the Facebook page or via email, or simply ask one of us at our forthcoming events. There's always a place for you at the Royal Manor Theatre!

## Hedgehog Talk

To mark Hedgehog Awareness Week (1st to 7th May), Hedgehog Friendly Portland is hosting 'The Hedgehog Predicament', an illustrated talk by the well-known wildlife photographer, Colin Vardell. Featuring wonderful images of hedgehogs, their lives and the hazards they face, Colin explains why these iconic creatures are now on the IUCN's Red List as 'vulnerable to extinction', and what we can do to help them.

A recently published study, The State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2022, reports that hog populations in towns and villages have stabilised and may even be increasing slightly, but that populations in the countryside have continued to decrease sharply. This shows that what we do in our gardens and public green spaces to help hedgehogs really does make a difference: Creating hedgehog highways between gardens, leaving some areas untamed for foraging and nesting, offering water and supplementary food, checking carefully before strimming or mowing, and using wildlife friendly pest control.

Find out more at the talk on Friday 29th



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Hedgehog Friendly Portland  
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## Get composting

**The Recycling Team, Dorset Council** Spring is a perfect time to think about making compost for our gardens, hanging baskets and window boxes. Composting is great for the environment. It improves soil - helping to create healthy plants and reducing the need to water and fertilise. It's easy to make, can save money and you only need a small outdoor space. Dorset Council is offering compost bins at prices as low as £6 and there is an extra buy-one-get-one-half-price deal (plus delivery). This is for a limited number of bins so hurry whilst the offer lasts! See [getcomposting.com](http://getcomposting.com) for details.

Free compost bins are also offered to schools. We offer up to two compost bins and two caddies, plus a visit from a team member. Visit [dorsetcouncil/recycle](http://dorsetcouncil/recycle) for more details.

Like any recipe, your compost relies on the right ingredients to make it work. Good things you can compost include teabags, plant prunings, cut flowers, vegetable peelings and fruit waste (add citrus peelings sparingly). These are considered 'Greens'. Greens are quick to rot and they provide important nitrogen and moisture. Other things you can compost include cardboard eggboxes and crumpled up paper, which are considered 'Browns'. They provide fibre and carbon and also allow important air pockets to form in the mixture.

Twigs, grass clippings and leaves can also be added, but they will take a long time to break down if large quantities are added at one time.

Items that are best avoided are meat, fish, dairy and any cooked food. Dog poo or cat litter, as well as diseased plants and pernicious weeds (eg. bindweed), should be also be kept out. The compost is ready when it's brown and crumbly. Dig into the soil in early spring or late autumn to improve the soil structure and act as a slow release fertiliser.



## Wyke Regis WI

**Following a lively members' meeting on 10th February, Tuesday 1st March saw us opening our doors once again to friends and neighbours for our monthly coffee morning.**

It was lovely to see so many people getting reacquainted over coffee and homemade cakes and browsing our regular books and bric a brac tables. Keep the date (first Tuesday of the month 10-12am) in your diaries. Also for your diaries - our singers are giving a concert in our Gallwey Road hall on the evening of the 10th and 11th of May; these are always very popular so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Our next members' meeting is on Thursday 10th March, 7pm, when we will be celebrating International Women's Day. If you think you might be interested in joining our WI you can come as a visitor for up to 2 monthly meetings for free before deciding whether to join. As well as our monthly meetings (usually with guest speaker or activity) and coffee mornings, we have the following interest groups in the hall, all of which are open to non-members for a small donation:

- Art Club (2nd Thursday 10am)
- Book Club (first & third Thursdays 2pm)
- Craft Group (every Friday 2pm)
- Gardening (every Tuesday weather permitting 10am)
- Poetry Group (2nd Wednesday 2pm)
- Scrabble (3rd Wednesday 2pm)
- Singers (every Tuesday 7pm)
- Table Tennis (every Tuesday 2pm)
- Ukulele for Fun (1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm)
- Whist (1st Wednesday 2pm)
- Quizzes (last Wednesday 2pm)

For other events and ongoing news check out our website and Facebook page or email or phone us.

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email: [secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk)  
Phone: 07719312901.

## Preston Village Market

**Saturday 9th April 10am - 12.30pm. St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston.**

Come along to see what we have at our Spring Market. Time to browse and select plants for your garden; so visit our plant stall. We will also be selling some lovely crafts, including jewellery and cards. There will be fresh produce and free range eggs from Wyke Oliver Farm. Our local author will be selling her books and our Avon lady her wares. Cakes, preserves and savouries will be on offer. There will be much more including a Traidcraft stall. Delicious refreshments will be on offer.

This time we are raising funds for Dorset Deaf Society, Supporting blind and partially sighted people to live happy lives and St Andrew's Church Funds, to support the community.

Free entry, but donations to our chosen charities gratefully received.



Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Cllr Colin Huckle, visits Air 107.2

## Air 107.2 celebrates new transmitter

**More people around Weymouth and Portland will be able to listen to local radio thanks to an increase in power of Air 107.2's transmitter in Wyke Regis.**

Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Cllr Colin Huckle, visited the station's studios - based at Westfield Arts College - to see first hand the work Air does to support the local community.

The power increase of 25 to 100 watts comes as a result of a Weymouth Town Council Community Grant.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Colin Huckle, said: "With help from a Weymouth Town Council grant, Air 107.2 - which is run by dedicated volunteers - have

been able to upgrade their transmission equipment, providing a more powerful broadcast signal. As Mayor of Weymouth, I really appreciate being given the opportunity to see how our grant funding is being used for the benefit of the community, and I would like to thank all at the station for inviting me to look around the studio."

A celebration cake was made for the Mayor's visit.

Managing Director, Robson James, said, "We're proud to support the communities of Weymouth and Portland with local content and great music, and thanks to the new transmitter, we are reaching part of the area we didn't before. Despite the consolidation of

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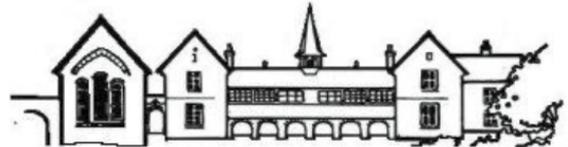
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Book Early - Our popular Quiz Nights always sell out!

## Friends of Weymouth Library

**Friends of Weymouth Library are up and running again with a programme of events.**

They have a tea party social in March and a talk about Weymouth in the Time of Jane Austen in April - these events are sold out, but do come along to the library in Great George Street on Saturday 23rd April to enjoy a free piano recital at 12 noon and bring your lunch to eat while you listen.

More details of FOWL from the Secretary or Chair of FOWL 01305 832613/750557 or look on the website [fowl2017.wixsite.com/fowl](http://fowl2017.wixsite.com/fowl)

## The Bridge Fair Trade Shop

**A thank you from Malawi**  
We have been overwhelmed by the response to our 90kg Rice Challenge. We sold all 90kg in the first week, even before Fairtrade Fortnight had begun so promptly ordered another 90kg! As I write this at the end of the fortnight we have

**less than 20kg left so 160kg in 3 weeks - amazing.**

On behalf of the farmers of Malawi I would like to thank everyone who supported this challenge, those readers who made a special effort to come and find us, and the church congregations who got involved. One bag at a time, we made a difference.

And now our thoughts turn to Easter so don't forget us when looking for your Easter gifts, cards and of course fairtrade Easter Eggs.

If you would prefer, or are not able to get to the shop, we can be contacted through our Facebook page The Bridge Fair Trade Shop or by email at [thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com) to arrange collection or delivery.

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### We love... Leisure!

The evening leisure courses for adults at Weymouth College are an ideal way of learning a new subject in a relaxed environment and making new friends at the same time!

Full details of the courses running next term will be on the College's website shortly. Together with all of the usual courses - which include Art, Brickwork, French, German, Guitar lessons, Photography, Pottery, Sewing, Sign Language and Spanish - we will also be offering Floristry for the first time.

For more information about these courses, please ring 01305 208818.

### We love... career second chances!

Ever wished you'd gone down a different job path after leaving school? Well thankfully, a lot more employers are open to 'mid-life switchers' these days! JP Morgan recently targeted this market with their Switch programme for people who want to move into financial services sector.

The Dorset Echo is currently advertising for a community reporter, top requirement - passion! (how fitting for this love issue!)

From their website: 'For the first time, previous journalism experience or education is not essential. We want people who are passionate about local news, care about their communities, and want to make a difference for people living in them by telling their stories. In order to be considered, you need to have at least five GCSEs with Maths and English at a grade C or above (or equivalent)!'.

Remember (or equivalent) is our Functional Skills Maths and English should you need it to apply.

We love... the Council job website!

Always a good variety of roles! Currently need various types of school staff - cleaners, admin, teaching assistants.

### We love... hearing about our ex students progress!

This usually happens when we bump into them when out! So today we heard about Victoria who, thanks to getting her qualifications here, has been able to move from retail to a clerical role and she loves it! Also Cheryl who has got a job as a doctor's receptionist. Well done both!

### How to fall in love with Maths!

Maths doesn't have to be a struggle, here are 5 handy tips to help you fall in love with the 'M' subject!

Download apps on your mobile phone There are some great apps available to help improve Maths skills. Apps such as Sumquest, Maths Riddles and Puzzles and Math Workout to name a few. Play board games

Everyone loves to play board games! Games such as Uno and Yahtzee are fantastic for improving Maths skills and can help with mathematical thinking.

Use online video tutorials There are some excellent Maths video tutorials available on YouTube that help with Maths and offer great tips to make Maths more enjoyable.

Learn from real life situations Cook a pizza and cut it up to learn about fractions. Try and work out the discount on that special outfit you're after. Guess the total of the supermarket shop by adding the items up as you go around the shop.

Play puzzles and card games Puzzles such as Sudoku or card games such as 21 are a great way to train your brain and learn about number and pattern.

### We love... Jay Blades and Readeasy!

In a previous issue we reviewed Jay's autobiography and we all enjoyed his

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out more.

That's it for this month – we also hope you know why we've used an apostrophe. If not, why not consider an English course with 106.

### Your councillor update

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

I trust you all came through storms, Denzil, Eunice and Franklin safely and with minimal damage to trees and fences.

Both Dorset Council and Weymouth are now officially holding face to face

meetings.

WTC's meetings take place in the Council Chamber in the office building in Commercial Road. Meetings are streamed live via facebook. Residents can contact the office to attend just to observe or to ask a question. Should you wish to ask a question but not attend one of the officers will read your question for you., and an answer will be read out and a copy will be sent to you. (I am making a bid that this building should be known as the Town Hall.) Dorset Council record the meetings and they are live streamed via YouTube. It is possible to log on to watch the meeting but the facility to take part remotely is still being tested and we hope will be available soon. This will be very helpful for members who may not be on the committee but want to ask a question on a single item; especially if they live some distance from County Hall. Residents wanting to ask a question but are unable to travel to County Hall will also be able to use this remote facility once tests are complete. Residents are able now to attend and ask questions at committee in person; contact Democratic Services, DC. Or send the question by letter or email. It will be read out for you and answered at the meeting and an answer will be sent to you. I have attended about six meetings in person now with a few more scheduled in the coming week. It is lovely to be able to see people again but amusing that in some cases people have changed in two years and are not always recognisable. Lost weight, put

it one, lost hair or changed the style or colour!

Many of us are still also wearing masks, which doesn't help.

One officer asked my name – we have worked together 20 years! This will prove interesting next week when I chair in person my first Corporate Parenting Board meeting, many of the department have never met me in person.

Both Portland and Weymouth Foodbanks continue to be very busy and don't anticipate this situation easing whilst prices continue to rise. Please remember them when you do your shopping and in your prayers.

Plans are moving ahead with members of the Church congregation for a jubilee beacon at Church Knapp for 2nd June. And residents of Old Wyke through Wyke Social Club are planning a party in the Square. Look out for further information on both these.

Remember the Register magazine is available on-line, please tell anyone who asks. Please remember; the best way to contact me is by phone 07850 060947; 01305 839747 ( you can leave a message on either number – but remember to leave your name and phone number) or to email me at [cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk). Please continue to stay safe – hands – face – space.

God Bless. Kate  
Cllr Kate Wheller.

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# Wessex Musical Theatre

A journey from our early days as Weymouth Operatic Society to our new beginnings as Wessex Musical Theatre

**World War Two has ended and Weymouth Operatic Society returns to the stage. The year is 1947, the production is 'A Country Girl' and the venue is Alexandra Gardens Theatre. The Pavilion, requisitioned by the military during the war, is still closed.**

In May 1951, Weymouth Operatic staged 'The Belle of New York' at Alexandra Gardens Theatre. An untimely power cut drastically halted an evening performance. According to the Dorset Daily Echo 'When all seemed to be lost, Weymouth's Entertainment manager, Mr Bernard Beal, sprang into action. He went out of the theatre, started up his car, drove it into the theatre foyer and illuminated the stage with the headlights.' The show must go on.

The Pavilion was going through vexing times. In 1951 and under new management, live entertainment returned to the theatre, renamed 'The Ritz'. Repairs were made to the building but these soon proved inadequate. In 1954, a major fire burnt down the building and a replacement was built. The new theatre opened in 1960, renamed 'The Pavil-

ion'. 'A magnificent building 20 years ahead of its time' said the National Operatic and Dramatic Association's Conference Speaker (Dorset Evening Echo April 18th 1961).

The Operatic Society led a nomadic existence throughout much of the last century, forced to change its rehearsal base many times. These included 9 Market Street, the Arts Centre, the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, the 'Operatic House' in Derby Street and church and council premises throughout Weymouth. Members joked that they had to attend rehearsal in order to know exactly where the next rehearsal was going to be held. Luckily, rehearsals are now held at Hope United Reformed Church; a beautiful building and a wonderful venue for Christmas shows.

In 1956 Nancy Moore secured her first principal part in 'Pink Champagne' by Johann Strauss. Nancy went on to play many principal roles, spanning many decades. Now, one wouldn't associate the Society with gambling but on 26th September 1956, the racing page of the Daily Mail approached Nancy for her tip

at Ludlow. Her selection, Precipite, (4-1) was a winner.

The 1950s saw increasing sales of home televisions and the growing popularity of cinema. Both had a devastating effect on live entertainment in theatres across the country. The 1959 televised World Cup matches from Sweden did not help audience numbers for the Society's Spring production of 'Gypsy Princess' and it suffered a £50 loss. However, the following decade set new records for audience numbers. Over 7,000 tickets were sold for 'White Horse Inn' in September 1960.

'Our attendances during the week have been better than for many of the professional shows at this theatre' claimed Mr Kaile, president of the Society. 'Thirty thousand people in the town must be disappointed to have missed it.' (Southern Times, 29th September 1960). Ticket sales in the following years exceeded even this. Live theatre can live alongside television and football after all.

It is unforgivable to be late for the first floor rehearsal of any production but when the culprits are both

the producer and the musical director, they need a good excuse. The production was 'White Horse Inn'. On the day, Peter Welford, the musical director, was travelling back from the north of Scotland. He arrived in Weymouth after 6pm but managed to get to the Arts Centre and start rehearsal shortly after 7pm.

Meanwhile the producer, Frances Davis was returning from Falmouth, where her husband was staying. Four train changes later, she arrived at Weymouth station. The person waiting to pick her up was waiting on the wrong platform causing her further delay. However, she managed to honour her 5.30pm appointment at Graham Herbert's photography studios to direct a photo shoot of the principals for the theatre programme. She then met the ballet team for the first time and finally she started rehearsal for full chorus half an hour later. Apologies for lateness were readily accepted.



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## Livestream

The main parish service continues to be livestreamed at 9.30am on Sunday Mornings which 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/>

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](mailto:info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk)

**Events at All Saints Church, Wyke Regis. Dates for your diaries.**

**Quiz Night.** Saturday 2nd April at Wyke Memorial Hall, Chamberlain Road, Wyke.

The Hall doors will open at 7.00pm and the quiz will commence at 7.30pm. Quiz players will be grouped into ta-

bles of six and refreshments will be on a bring-your-own basis.

Entry is £5 per head, payable on the door. There will be a raffle and £2 worth of raffle tickets will be included with your entry fee.

Book your place by adding your name to the list at the back of the church or by contacting Jane Thomas at [porthsawsan@aol.com](mailto:porthsawsan@aol.com) or on 07712 179932. If you have already organised your team of 6 that's fine, but don't worry if you haven't got a full team or you're not in any team as we will sort all that out on the night. We're very friendly.

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All Saints Church, Portland Road, Wyke Regis.

On 23rd April. 7.00pm.

'This Green and Pleasant Land' An A Capella Choral concert given by Parnham Voices, a Beaminster based choir who gave us a taster session last year and impressed us. This may include one or two instrumental interludes too.

Doors open at 7.00pm and concert commences at 7.30pm with just a brief interval halfway.

Refreshments available before and after concert.

Tickets:- £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Book on our website <https://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/parnham-voices>

## Concert by Sandtmer

Friday 25th March at 7.30pm.

Sandtmer – an indie-folk band, originally from Southeast England but now based in Weymouth. They write and play their own songs and have a terrific range of music: percussive guitars, vocal harmonies and weird rhythms. More information and tickets available at <https://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/sandtmer-concert/>

## At St Edmunds church, Lane House Rocks Road.

### Table Top Sale/Craft Fayre.

26th March 2pm – 4pm. All welcome. With Craft Workshop to make posies for Mothering Sunday.

Event includes children's craft group and a mini St Edmunds Fayre. Proceeds to Weldmar Hospital/St Edmunds.

To purchase a table (£10.00 plus a raffle prize) contact Julie Norris on 07979 375263

### Mothering Sunday Service

Gather at 10.00am for parish breakfast followed by

Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 11.00am with distribution of posies.

### Easter Party 9th April.

A ticketed tea party at 2.00pm. Details on our website.

# Local news

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## Recycling bins installed at Prom Café

**In a bid to make Weymouth a cleaner and greener place to live, work and visit, new recycling facilities are being trialled at the Prom Café.**

Products that will be collected and recycled from the café include compostable waste such as tea bags, as well as cans, plastic bottles and card, glass bottles, and drinks cartons. The sign above the recycling station will show how much of each waste has been recycled every week.

We also use Vegware products in our cafés for cups and lids on takeaway drinks, cutlery, and some other food packaging, which are all compostable, reducing single use plastics as far as possible.

It is hoped the measures will lead to increased recycling rates at the café and supports Weymouth Town Council's policy to reduce single use plastics across its operations. This policy was agreed at last month's Full Council meeting.

Cllr David Harris, spokesperson on the council's climate and ecological emergency work, said: "Introducing these colourful bins will help to increase the amount of waste that can be recycled from the café. To help prevent plastic-pollution in our beautiful town, we felt it was important to remove or replace single use plastics across the council's daily operations and services."

Compostable waste from the café will also be taken to Weymouth Town

Council's community grow space at Tumbledown. Cllr Harris added: "Compostable waste will be shredded at Tumbledown. Once the waste has broken down it will be used as compost on the land to grow fruit and vegetables sold through our community veg box scheme, so the benefits are huge." If the trial at the Prom Café is successful, we will extend the recycling facility station to the Beach Café kiosk at Brunswick Terrace.

## Have your say on local green spaces

**If you're a resident, community group, landowner, or business then we want to hear about the local green spaces you value in Weymouth.**

The Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is calling on people to nominate local green spaces across the town. These will be considered in Weymouth's Neighbourhood Plan, which provides everyone in Weymouth with the opportunity to influence the decisions that will affect the town's future, from the way that land is used for housing, business, retail and leisure, to the protection of green spaces.

Local green spaces are defined as small pockets of land, close to where people live, which are of particular importance to communities because of their beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife.

If you would like to nominate a local

green space then you can put this forward by the closing date of Wednesday 6th April.

Cllr David Northam, Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said: "Protecting local green spaces that local people value is an important step in shaping Weymouth's Neighbourhood Plan. We know where most of these important spaces are located but we're asking residents, businesses, community groups, or landowners to come forward and tell us what local sites are important to them.

'The more people who join us in gathering this evidence the stronger will be the case for formal designation within the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan, providing similar protection to the Green Belt.'

Further information on identifying local green spaces is available online:

If you know of a site that meets these criteria, visit our website to download a form and email it to [Neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk) by the closing date.

Alternatively, you can post it to Weymouth Town Council, Council Offices, Commercial Road, Weymouth DT4 8NG.

Email [Neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk) to register your interest.

## Weymouth Beach Sports and Community Festival

**Weymouth Town Council is inviting sports organisations to be part of Weymouth's annual Beach Sports and Community Festival and is of-**

## fering grants to help local clubs run activities for younger residents.

2022 marks a decade since Weymouth hosted the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events. To celebrate this occasion, Weymouth Town Council will be working with local sports clubs to run a multi-sports event on Sunday 24th July. This will round off our annual Beach Sports and Community Festival which runs from 12th to 24th July on Weymouth beach.

We're inviting clubs to register their interest now because there is a lot of planning involved in putting on a festival of this size. We're hoping clubs will come forward who want to deliver a range of fun, beginner-friendly activities on the beach which are related to their sport, and that young people can take part in.

As a thank you and to support young budding sports stars of the future, each club delivering an activity as part of the Sunday event will have the opportunity to apply for a sports grant of up to £250 to be specifically targeted at the club's youth and diversity activities.

This event ties in with the national #PassTheBaton campaign, which highlights the successes of Team GB and ParalympicGB and the opportunities that came from London 2012.

If your club is interested in taking part in our multi-sports event, or in running sessions at any point during the Weymouth Beach Sports and Community Festival, please email [events@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk).

The closing date to email expressions of interest is Thursday 31st March.



# Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

**My In-house Adviser has not been mentioned often in the recent past. This is not because she has had nothing to say. On the contrary she has had so many wonderful ideas that it is difficult to select between them. So in despair I have given up trying.**

But recently she directed my attention to a clipping from a newspaper. A clipping because we haven't gone digital yet, nor ever likely to. But I digress. As there was no date on this clipping she might have been waiting for a good time to present it to me. It concerned a report published in the British Medical Journal 'Open'. You may have seen it? If so you can skip the next bit. You may want to skip it anyway, but that's up to you. The clipping was a report based on a study of 500 adults in Singapore split into two groups. One group contained only Senior Citizens who underwent physical and cognitive tests. I think the last just means they found out how good their memory and attention spans were.

Anyway it turned out that a combination of lots of light housework such as washing up, bed making, tidying and cooking plus heavy housework such as vacuuming and window cleaning was very good for you. Senior Citizens who did all this had significantly sharper mental abilities and better physical capacities. No problem with that idea at all.

The real question, and it took me a long time to work out the answer, was why had my In-house Adviser bothered to show it to me? The answer came in a flash when sitting in the front room (that's what we call the lounge in the South Wales valleys wherever the room is in the house) and she asked me to lift my feet so she could run the vacuum cleaner under them. She obviously had my best interests at heart and thought some housework duties would improve my well being. But it would be cruel to deny her the health benefits of her weekly routine so I am leaving her to it, as always. Never let it be said that I am selfish.

But not wishing to appear ungrateful, in return I searched for a report which would interest her. Surprisingly she was not overjoyed with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accident report that appeared at her breakfast table. Or rather at her place at our breakfast table. This dealt with the riveting fact that compared with 2019, in 2021 the number of people struck by lightning went up by 500%. Undoubtedly you, like me, are profoundly interested in this amazing fact and would like to know more. My In-house Adviser just skimmed it and said she was going to make the bed. She missed reading such gems as lightning sometimes does strikes the same place twice, and that it doesn't always go for the tallest object. This last was disturbing because being vertically challenged I thought I was safe enough anywhere out and about in a storm. But equally it is not really a good idea to place too much faith in the conclusions of any learned report. After all, scientists are human beings just like us, and equally likely to be struck by lightning or make a mistake.

There is evidence of this in another report, this time from Down Under, a great country also known as Australia to which a long time ago we used to recycle human beings. But I digress yet again. The report appeared in the 'Australian Field Ornithology Journal' and was submitted by the gloriously named University of the Sunshine Coast. Sounds more glamorous than the Manchester Metropolitan University, the Liverpool Hope University or the BPP University. Not even sure what or where this last one is. These are undoubtedly all fine establishments of learning but it you were casting about for somewhere to study then the University of the Sunshine Coast sounds far more appealing than the Liverpool Hope University.

But I digress once more. The senior author of the study, Dominique Potvin, said they had set out to discover more about how magpies cooperate with one another in the wild. To

do this the team had devised high tech equipment to track the magpies' movements. This comprised a super lightweight tracker attached to a specially developed harness fixed to the birds backs. Five wild magpies were trained to feed from a modified bird table, which could download the tracker information and recharge the tracker batteries remotely. So far so good. The birds were trained to use the special bird table, the trackers were on the harnesses and the harnesses were attached to the birds backs. All was set for a flood of information about the birds movements and social interactions. The only flaw in the whole process was that no-one had explained what was going on to the birds themselves. So within ten minutes the adult female in the group used her beak to break the harness on a younger birds back and within a few hours a couple

more harnesses had gone and after three days none were left. Now I suppose this result provides considerable information on the co-operation between the birds but not a lot about their movements or how they get on with one another. Certainly not enough for a learned discourse on the subject. I imagine Dominique (she can call me Chris) and her team were just a little bit upset at the outcome, or rather the lack of outcome, of their experiment. But probably no more disappointed than my In-house Adviser was at the failure of her idea, which was meant to get me to take up the sport of housework. Do you think it would help matters if I explained that my response was not idleness but a genuine wish to see her physical and mental well being improve? No, I don't either. Best just keep my head down.

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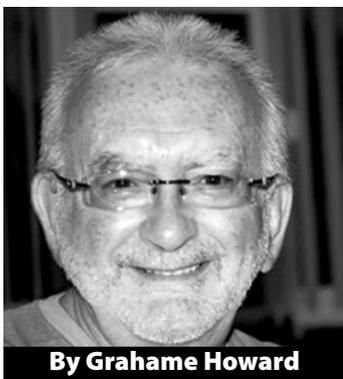
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By Grahame Howard

### The Giant

There are many myths and legends regarding the infamous giant of Cerne Abbas. This historical figure can be viewed in full form from the car park, just off the Sherborne/Yeovil road. However, what is the history concerning this very strange sight on the hillside surrounding the beautiful village of Cerne Abbas? There have been many theories over the years; one of them is below from the internet:

Its existence was first recorded in the 17th century, and in the 18th century, drawings were made and distributed. The figure has long been associated with fertility, and couples struggling to conceive used to sit on the giant's large erect penis for good luck. In the 20th century, the eccentric 6th Marquess of Bath and his wife paid the giant a visit after they struggled to have a child. 10 months later, a daughter, named Silvy Cerne was born. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, theories were

put forward as to who created the giant and what he represented, ranging from obscure Pagan figures to a Roman version of Hercules, a schoolboy prank to an insult directed at Oliver Cromwell. Precisely who carved the Cerne Abbas Giant or why remains unclear: a historical mystery we will never know the answer to.

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One theory is that St Augustine, who founded Cerne Abbey, tried to convert the inhabitants of Cerne. This was not received very well and St Augustine and his fellow monks had cow's tails pinned on to the back of their habits. The enraged St Augustine however, got us revenge and the villagers themselves grew real cow's tails. The generations to follow were also born with these tails and this remained for some time. Now if you believe this, you may need some help, however, when we last visited Cerne about two years ago, the CO mentioned that she had seen a couple of older men walking along with trailing cow's tails. Now, if the CO saw this it must be true. Argue with her at your peril.

The giant himself carries his share of legends. The CO told me that many people including locals, believe that the giant actually existed and he was a real ogre. He ravaged the land around Cerne and really annoyed the local farmers by stealing some of their sheep. In order to put a stop to this, the fairies helped the villagers to capture him and flatten him out, where they laid him, permanently on the hillside. Now this has got to be true because the CO told me and insists it is. If you

don't believe her, which I don't, write in and complain. It's about time she was put in her place.

Many lovers are convinced of the giant's magical and potent powers, especially in his anatomy. As we read earlier, they have been known to linger on this spot convinced that the giant's potency will enhance their own. Just the fact that the Marquess of Bath brought his wife to Dorset to sit on the giant and was successful in her having a daughter, speaks volumes; and no doubt, there will be many more. In fact, once this is out, the queues will be enormous with traffic jamming the road for miles.

When you think about it though, the giant is a major crowd puller. Whenever I have been that way, there is always some people in the little car park photographing him. He is known the world over. When we were in Australia some years ago, a couple of people asked if we lived near the naked bloke on the hill. I wondered who they were on about at first and the CO's ears pricked up thinking she had missed something worth watching. I told her that they were probably referring to me and after she had nearly choked with laughter, she said, 'If they were referring to you, they would have asked if we had seen the little fat bloke.' She is so full of wit at times.

Changing the subject, I suppose we had better get used to our TV screens being full of Wimbledon again. It was a shock to hear that Novak thingy bob won't be playing this year. I had to laugh when the news was full of his antics in Australia when he said he

wouldn't be having the Covid job. They should have known he wouldn't with name like he has - Novak.

I had an email the other day hoping I have a nice Easter and have I made any plans for Christmas yet; would I be having family around for a large celebration or will we be going out for Christmas lunch. I mean, I know that I joke about it a lot, but asking me if I have decided what I will be doing for lunch is a bit much, don't you think? At least, we won't have to worry too much about Covid restrictions and self isolating, but that's about as far as we have got.

Thank goodness that Call the Midwife has finished. It drove round the bend, I suppose you'll disagree with me, the CO, who loves it, does. She sits there watching and Charlie, Henry and myself have to remain quiet for the whole hour, if we make one sound, we get 'the look'. When we have received 'the look', there really is no hope for us. It can take days for her to come round, I mean, what is wrong in putting a Mike Oldfield album on, loudly, while she is watching the TV. I can't see the problem and neither can Charlie and Henry, they hate the program just as much as I do. Well I suppose I will have to re-wire the record deck because she flicked the switch off and cut the wire. It's not on is it? I know you're on my side, I can just sense it. See you soon.

Grahame



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# Letters...

Dear Editor,

**What an interesting article in the February issue of the March Register magazine, about the history of the Whitehead torpedo factory.**

I was particularly interested as being born and bred at Wyke and living there during the war years I have witnessed a lot.

My father worked at the Whitehead factory as an engineer during the war and after, The Germans were always trying to bomb the factory, although no doubt due to the run-in, many bombs went into fields between the playing fields at the bottom of our garden and the fields adjacent to Rylands Lane, which is now a housing estate.

They did hit the factory one day, my father went back to work after lunch and found an unexploded bomb under his bench! One of the Germans' attempts was using a single plane flying from the direction of Wyke Church towards the factory, resulting in it flying over our house while we were in bed. The pilot dropped a cluster of bombs in our back gardens, the plane was extremely low and each bomb crater ran into each other. Torrential rain had softened the ground, which saved us and the bombs missed the house by milliseconds. We eventually had to move out as the back of the house suffered damage and had to be shored up. We moved to 52 Williams Avenue, with my grandparents and lived in fear every time the sirens went.

I think the Germans were following us, my parents rented a house near the Marquis of Granby pub. The Germans dropped bombs nearby and blew all the windows out. Our next house was a cottage in the grounds of Fleet House, now privately owned. They dropped a sea mine on Chesil Beach which did not cause any problems. I found a German map once, washed up on Chesil Beach, which showed fleet house on it. The large greenhouses probably stood out for navigating.

My wife and I flew on a day trip from Bournemouth to Salzburg with Bath Travel to visit the film locations of The Sound of Music. The combination of seeing the film, visiting the film locations and reading your article about the factory and Lieutenant von Trapp and my father working at the factory, brought everything together.

The torpedoes from the Whitehead factory were test fired across Portland Harbour. I had experience where one escaped. My wife and I were in her fathers' motor fishing boat, in Weymouth Bay, en route to Portland Harbour, when a torpedo narrowly missed us, having escaped through one of the breakwater entrances. Of course, it would not have been armed, but having just missed our small boat, it would have caused damage, due to the speed it was travelling.

Mike Richards  
Wyke Regis





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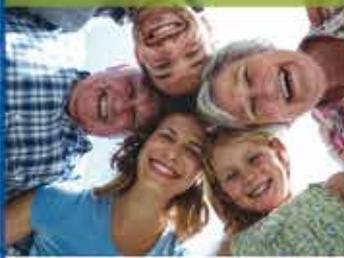
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 9.30am St Nicholas, Broadwey  
 10.15am St Francis, Littlemoor  
 10.30am St Osmund, Osmington (2nd/4th/5th)  
 11.00am St Laurence, Upwey  
 4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Rippers  
 7.30pm St Andrew, Preston (Worship by candlelight every Tuesday)

## Easter Services

### Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

Usual service schedule inc  
 10:30 Combined Service with Palm Procession at St Laurence, Upwey  
 15:30 at St Andrew's Church Rooms/Church, Preston

### Tuesday 12th April (Tuesday of Holy Week)

19:30 Candlelit Evensong at St Andrew's Church

### Thursday 14th April (Maundy Thursday)

11:00 Chrism Eucharist at Salisbury Cathedral  
 18:00 Passover (Seder) Meal at St Francis' Church (booking required via Ruth Peers at [StFrancis-ruthyj77@gmail.com](mailto:StFrancis-ruthyj77@gmail.com))  
 19:00 The Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper at St Nicholas, Broadwey

### Friday 15th April (Good Friday)

11:00 Good Friday Service (all age) at St Francis' Church  
 14:00 The Hour at the Cross at St Laurence, Upwey

### Saturday 16th April (Holy Saturday)

20:00 The Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity, Bincombe

### Sunday 17th April (Easter Day)

Usual service schedule

## Who's Who

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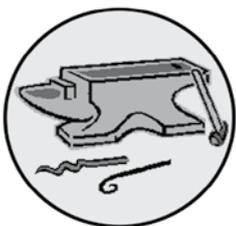
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## Tracing your ancestors

Genealogy is much more than just tracing your family tree; it's about discovering your heritage, creating a story about your family, and possibly even creating a medical history.

Often people who start researching have a basic desire to know where they came from and how they got to where they are today. They start with their parents or grandparents and begin to move backwards through time. But one of the most valuable and important things to do, is document and connect with the people that are alive right now.

Interviewing family members can uncover a wealth of information that no website or record office will provide. People have customs, stories, photos, keepsakes. If you start talking about the past, you will uncover all manner of information you never realised existed.

A few years ago, I started looking back at my grandmother's family his-



Margaret Corbett Matthews

tory. Her cousin Margaret, who was a spritely octogenarian, lived nearby in Preston, so I went to have a chat with her about the family to find out what she knew.

Margaret had lived in Preston and prior to that Portland for many years. She explained how the family had established a car company in the Midlands, which initially manufactured bicycles, but moved on to develop into a car manufacturer. Many of the family members worked there.

Our ancestors in common who had eight young children, ran a successful local shop not far from the car factory. Tragically both parents, Edwin and Sarah passed away suddenly aged just thirty-two years old in 1901, and left the children orphaned. Only four of the children survived this terrible start to life, including Margaret's mother and my great grandfather.

Because she never knew her grandparents Edwin and Sarah, Margaret could only remember what she had been told by her mother Violet and other family members when she was growing up. Prior to moving to the Midlands, the family had been successful weavers from Hook Norton in Oxfordshire for many generations. Using the parish records, the census returns and birth, marriage and death certificates, I followed the trail back.

I discovered that the Civil war in Oxford had quite an impact on the family fortunes; in 1646 our ancestor was killed in the siege of Oxford, it was



Margaret De Clare

common then for land to be taken and Royalists executed. I discovered Margaret's eleventh times great grandfather Sir Richard Calcott held the title of Williamsote of Oxfordshire. He was born in 1485 and died in 1535. At this point the family records changed from recording them as just land owners or squires. The records became quite detailed and comprehensive, with coats of arms, paintings and family mottos. Using the free family history website ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) I managed to unearth a full pedigree of Sir Richard, whose great grandmother was Lady Agnes Ann De Stafford and great grandfather Sir James De Fremington. Back a few generations further, I found Margaret's twenty-first great grand-

mother, Margaret De Clare, the Countess of Cornwall who was born at Tonbridge castle in Kent on 12 October 1293 and who died in Staffordshire on 9 April 1342. Her grandparents (and Margaret's 23rd great grandparents) were King Edward I of England (Longshanks) and Queen Leonor De Castilla. Apparently, it is rumoured that a vast number of us are living ancestors of the Plantagenet Kings and Queens, with about one in two hundred being direct descendants of Eleanor of Aquitaine.

If you fancy trying to find your family ancestors, there are a number of websites that you can use to help you, and you don't necessarily need to sign up for expensive annual subscriptions. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) is a free website provided by the church of the Latter-day saints [www.freebmd.org](http://www.freebmd.org) is a free service of birth, marriage and deaths in the UK transcribed by volunteers [https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online\\_parish\\_clerk](https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk) A directory of the online Parish clerks who assist with researching family history in their particular region.

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## How do you say that?

Here are two words that can mean different things to the speaker and the listener: **sensitive** and **bonny**.

Sensitive means, of course, capable of feeling sensation, like the famous sensitive plant. A person called a sensitive is believed to feel things others don't, a sort of medium; but the word is also used in a derogatory way to describe someone unable to ignore something bad, the assumption being that we all feel the same things, to the same degree. Two hundred years ago the word used was 'sensible' and you may still hear 'sensible of' used occasionally to mean 'aware of'. 'Insensible' usually means unaware or blind drunk, as opposed to 'insensitive', which is unaware or uncaring.

Down south we think now of Bonnie Prince Charlie's epithet as a compliment on his handsomeness, but perhaps it wasn't? I remember in my teens when I had lost some weight my grandmother saying 'I prefer you bonny', which evidently meant a bit plumper, and the old rhyme with Sunday's child being bonny and blithe comes from a time when not looking thin was a definite turn-on. On investigation it appears that BPC was indeed on the plump side, so although it seems odd, the rebel standard was raised under the name of Fatty Prince Charlie.

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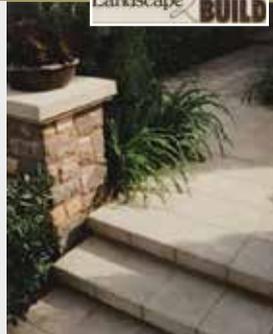
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Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm  
Weymouth Community Safety Centre, Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jenny Cliff . 01305 787065.

## **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.

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## **C'Siders - Cancer Support Group**

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## **Friends of Weymouth Library**

Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) group supports and promotes our Library. We have a free knit & natter and informal coffee morning (free biscuits too!) on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.30 and all are welcome. Our programme of events, talks quizzes and socials raises money for library projects and equipment Membership is £6 pa but non members welcome to our events. More details from 01305 832613/750557 or fowl8521@gmail.com www.fowl2017.wixsite.com/fowl

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## **Hardy Quilters**

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## **Harbour Poets**

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## **Lip Reading and Communication Skills Weymouth Class**

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## **Littlemoor Library**

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## **Littlemoor Library**

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## **Osmington Leisure**

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## **Osmington Lunch Club**

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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 Women's Institute

General meetings are at 7pm 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.wykeregis-

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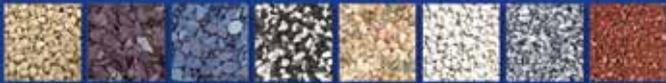
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