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you get your booking in for a space in good time for 2022

The councillors will be doing a walk round the area in the next few weeks, this is to note any parts that need attention. There are a lot of white and yellow lines that need upgrading, this will be done over the next few months. Parts of Portland Road are to be resurfaced and we await lines outside the Smugglers.

**Proposed Incinerator on Portland:** Again, the Society is totally against this incinerator being built on Portland. The extra-large lorries using Lanehouse Rocks Road and Boot Hill that will need to access the incinerator is a big concern. There is also the worry of what will be burnt there. There is not enough waste in Dorset to make it viable so waste will be brought in from all over the country and maybe all over the world due to it being built in the Port. The top of the chimney will be in line with houses on Portland. There is no knowing what will be incinerated there. As a holiday resort, which is our main income, the worry that fumes will blow towards Weymouth and the Purbecks is an additional concern. The Society did not have enough time at the meeting to discuss this problem in any depth. The next meeting re the Incinerator is due in May.

**Planning:** The new phase of houses at Curtis Fields is on the move. Although the first phase was very eco-friendly this second phase is not so. We hear there will be no solar panels due to Government funding being withdrawn.

There is a lot of concern about the new apartments to be built at Newtons Cove, seven storeys high with 170 apartments. There is also to be a care home there which they say will bring jobs to the area but these will be Care worker positions and at the present time there is a big shortage of Care workers in the area. The very poor access to the development is a big concern.

The new houses at Martleaves are being built even though there was strong opposition to them due to their location on the Fleet facing the Jurassic Coast.

The Ferry Bridge Inn has now been demolished and apartments will be built there. The Society was not impressed with the design but did not oppose this development. The site had been an eyesore for many years, sad that Portlanders and Wykeites had to endure this when it is such a unique area of outstanding interest.

The Methodist Church on Portland Road is still up for sale, there has been a lot of interest but no sale as yet. The church on Buxton Road has been demolished and new apartments are being built.

**Footpaths and Highways:** The footpath across from the Wyke Cemetery to Curtis Fields will be closed for the foreseeable future while the new houses are built, this is a health and safety issue. Some of the footpath from Martleaves to FerryBridge is also closed and rerouted. The footpath that skirted All Saints School playing field between Rylands Land and Sunnyside Road is now closed to residents.

There is still a safety problem with the entrance to Tesco on the Portland Road and the yellow lines still have not been put in place outside the Smugglers Pub. The yellow lines would give the traffic more space to pass stationary buses, and give a better traffic flow. The ongoing problem of lorries and campervans parking in Gallwey Road means that cars and the bin waggon are unable to get down the road. Residents seem to do their best to keep the road open but there is always someone who is a little selfish. Parking on the pavement is a problem to pedestrians who will have to use the road, especially those with prams or wheelchairs.

The promised reduction of Portland Beach Road to 50mph may not now take place, which is a pity considering the danger to pedestrians trying to cross to the cafes, or motorists trying to turn right out of them. A speed camera at the Haven roundabout was suggested.

Complaints have been made about the refuse bins that are now left out on the footpath in All Saints Road. This was a particularly difficult problem when they blew into the road on the storm weekend. All refuse bins should be kept on the resident's boundary not on the footpath. If residents have trouble bringing their bins through the house they can apply to Dorset Waste Partnership for a seagull bag.

Residents have observed the problem of traffic shooting the lights at Ferrybridge. This seems to happen a lot so we wonder if there is a problem with motorists not being able to see the light as they approach the crossings. This could be an engineering problem. The councillors have offered to see what can be done.

Air quality monitoring: with all the extra lorries using Buxton Road and Portland Road the problem with air quality has come up again. All Saints School had been approached to be involved with the project to monitor the air quality around their school as there is no Council monitoring of Nox.

Anti-social behaviour: again residents have reported the problem with drug dealing in the area. This has been reported to the Police. Problem areas seem to be Wyke Gardens and near the Crab House at Ferrybridge. The Police have asked all residents to report whatever problems they see in relation to drug dealing or any other anti-social behaviour.

Dog fouling in the area is a constant nuisance. Please report any person you see not picking up after their dog. The dog warden's number was 07966 800822 but of course there is the challenge of photographing the offender in the act so that they can be identified.

**AOB:** the daffodils on the corner of All Saints Church have been lovely this year. We are hoping to plant some more near the War Memorial. The Society has offered to do a weed and tidy at the Wyke War Memorial this Spring. There is concern that satellite navigation is directing the large Sunseeker boats on low loaders north via Radipole Lane. Cllr Wheller will speak to Sunseeker on this problem.

## Local news

### The Wyke Regis Society Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting No 413 held 7pm Tuesday 8th March 2022.

at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club,  
Portland Road.

Contact Georgina Skipper,  
georgina.s.skipper@gmail.com or  
01305 761993

Minutes of the last meeting: there have been no meetings of the Society since a "stump" meeting in March 2020. It was felt that the previous minutes would be totally out of date, so we would start anew with a new agenda. If any member wanted to bring up an item from the last minutes it would be under 'any other business'. We were pleased that we had a good turnout this time.

The Membership Secretary Jon Riley has offered to take on the position of Secretary for the Society until the end of the year. This was Proposed by Georgina Skipper and Seconded by Cyril Perrin. The Treasurer has offered to share the load on this position.

Cllr Wheller spoke of the good work that Margaret Fitzpatrick and Jacqueline Kane had done for the Society, both had passed away since our last meeting and would be very much missed in the community and the Society.

**Councillor Report:** It was decided for this meeting that the councillors

would speak on subjects as they came up on the agenda.

Memorial Hall: All seems okay with the Hall, although they have suffered over the past two years with little income and as always maintenance is needed. A new water heater has been fitted in the kitchen.

**Wyke Square:** The planters in the Square are in a poor state as no residents have taken on the maintenance of them. The planter by the trough has been well maintained by Dave and has been planted up seasonally. We also have Dave to thank for making a great job of repairing and painting the seat by the trough.

The problems with the lights on the Christmas tree being turned off has been resolved and a supply socket will be installed. Some of the cost for this will be met by the Wyke Xmas Fayre Committee. The Christmas tree is always a very welcome sight for the residents in December. It was a shame that one resident decided to park his van almost in the Christmas tree over most of the Christmas period. Shame on you!

**All Saints Church:** The payment to the clock repair fund was made despite signatory problems.

The Wyke Christmas Fayre has a new committee run by the Wyke Social Club and the Church. Cllr Kate Wheller is still there to give advice. It was very successful in 2021 so make sure

Meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting is Tuesday May 10th 2022 at 7pm.

## Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

**Your local garden club! Membership is due for renewal - £5 for a year!**

Not a member? Just come in to the Trading Post in Rylands Land on Weds 2 - 4pm or Sats 9.30am - 12.30pm and join. Seedling flowers and veg available ready to plant for Spring. Potatoes and onions, too.

## Wyke Regis WI

**To mark International Women's Day, at our members' meeting in March we had some lively group discussions about our 'heroines' and how our WI and we as individuals can contribute to the international theme of 'break the bias'.**

Thinking about our heroines prompted many reminiscences and a lot of laughs and we came up with a very eclectic list, including: leading women journalists currently reporting from the front line in Ukraine; Marie Stopes; Betty Boothroyd; Florence Nightingale and our mums! We thought challenging bias wherever we saw it was important and that finding common ground with each other and avoiding stereotyping people was key. At our meeting on 14th April we will be getting up to date with the Veterans' Hub and at our 99th birthday meeting on 12th May two local bee keepers will be telling us what goes into producing their delicious honey. If you are not a member and want to attend the monthly meeting contact us by phone or email. If you want to find out more about what we do check out our Facebook page or website. Phone: 07719312901 Email: secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi www.wykeregiswi.org.uk

## Friends of Weymouth Library

**The Friends of Weymouth Library held their first event for two years - a tea party for their supporters. Over 40 guests enjoyed free tea and cakes, generously donated by Morrisons supermarket.**

A good time was had by all, includ-

ing 99 year old Bill; Iris who said 'this is lovely, the first time I have been out since Covid struck' and Pauline who remarked how pleased she was to meet up with old friends and to see actual faces again.

FOWL is a community group that supports our library, contact the secretary for more information 01305 832613.

## Love Your Library Event

**In March we saw the first of our monthly Love Your Library events take place. A small group of eight regular library members joined us for refreshments and a talk by Linda and Vanessa from The Harbour Pests.**

It was a relaxed, fun session with limericks being written and poems discussed. We certainly found it a lovely way to start the week; listening to the chatter and laughter as we carried on with our usual library duties!

This month the event will be celebrating Earth Day and it will be held on Friday 22nd April from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We have invited a member of Wyke Horticultural Society to talk and there are a few spaces left so please contact the library if you would like to come along. We hope to see you there!

Nikki & Carol

## News from Dorset Trading Standards

**Dorset Council has become a driving force for the prevention of illegal puppy breeding across the county. Asking people across Dorset to 'Stop and Think' before buying a puppy.**

Dorset Council Trading Standards and Environmental Health Teams are working together to raise awareness of the multi-million-pound puppy breeding trade that is happening right under our noses.

Covid 19 has brought a significant increase in both the selling of illegal puppies and the cost of puppies. With more people working from home, dog ownership has become more attractive and easier. This very lucrative market means that puppies are being sold from unlicensed breeders, too often without any consideration of the

welfare and environmental needs of the puppy.

An unlicensed puppy breeder is someone who does not have a dog breeding licence but who earns more than £1000 per year from selling puppies.

Dorset Council has updated its website facilities to allow users to check if breeders are licensed, to report unlicensed breeders, and tips on knowing what to look for and check when buying a puppy, including:

- No puppy should be sold under the age of 8 weeks and the puppy should be microchipped
- Always see the puppy with its mother
- Never buy/collect a puppy from service stations, pubs, car parks or any public area, the puppy should be in the home of the breeder.
- If your puppy is advertised with a 'passport' this could mean they've been imported
- Check whether your puppy has been vaccinated and has been socialised before you take them home
- Buying from an unlicensed breeder could mean that your puppy may not have the right medical records and could have hereditary health issues which could lead to heavy vet bills in the future.

If you suspect dogs are being bred illegally then please report it to Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0800 223 1133.

## National Trust South Dorset Association

**Thursday 28th April at 2.30pm 'Inn Signs & Dorset Pub Stories' a talk by Rob Curtis, Blue Badge Tourist Guide.**

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

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**Tuesday 17th May at 2.30pm 'The Restoration of the Japanese Garden at Kingston Lacy' a talk by Andrew Hunt, Kingston Lacy Head Gardener.**

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW

NTSDA members £3 Non- NTSDA

members £4 (no need to book in advance)

Contact:- geoffwrench@lineone.net

## Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society

**The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 10th May starting at 7.30pm when we will be hosting a plant sale.**

Come along and find some bargains ready to get planting in your own garden - advice will also be available from experienced gardeners. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

## Royal Manor Theatre

**We're full of the joys of Spring at the Royal Manor Theatre, with the tremendous sell out crowd for the Townsend Production's performance of Yes! Yes! UCS! It is great to see the support for the theatre. But, laurels are not to be rested upon.**

On April 19th we will be reading submissions from budding playwrights and performers for our 'Shorts' production. And if you're reading this before the 19th, there's still time to submit your script/idea to JO Mackay at jodave49@yahoo.com, or message the Facebook group, or visit the website for more information. If you're not into the interwebs, leave us a message on the phone at 01305 860 792.

Also coming up is the postponed screening of Lawrence: After Arabia, and tells the story of the last years of the life of the 20th century hero, T E Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia. Lawrence was a writer and poet with friendships with GB Shaw, Thomas Hardy, Henry Williamson, EM Forster, Siegfried Sassoon and others but he was also a political agitator and good friends with Winston Churchill.

Lawrence lived at Cloud's Hill, his simple cottage near Bovington in Dorset where he spent years escaping the 'Lawrence of Arabia' and hero epithets by using pseudonyms and changing his name. He still had strong ties with his Arab friends, was building bridges with Mosely and the Blackshirts and was also prepared for a leadership

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The showing in Weymouth was a sell out, so grab your tickets early from the link on our website to avoid missing out!

To see out May we welcome back some Live music and Film on May 21st for 'Portland Rocks!'. Last years music and film event was a great success and should not be missed, even at the low, low price of free entry! Get there early though, as you do not want to be disappointed.

Finally, a call out to anyone wishing to get involved in a partnership production we have coming up for the next few months to produce a live action interpretation of several Thomas Hardy short stories. These will be filmed on location and onstage at the Royal Manor Theatre. If you want to be involved, or just want to help out on production days, do get in touch via our email address [info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk)

We are always on the lookout for new members and helpers. So if you are curious to 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!

## Iconic Folk Festival gathers support

**Wessex Folk Festival is to receive financial support from We are Weymouth, the organisation run by Weymouth BID (Business Improvement District) to promote Weymouth.**

The popular Festival was recently welcomed by Weymouth Town Council as one of the iconic events returning to the town this year.

Dawn Rondeau, We are Weymouth, Chief Operations Officer said: 'We are excited to have the opportunity to support the Folk Festival this year as it returns to the town post-Covid. The South Harbourside is a vibrant business community within Weymouth and to encourage footfall to this part of the town during these festivities is great news for all those situated there.' As plans take shape for the return of the free Folk Festival over the first weekend in June, it has been announced that the Wight Hot Pipes will bring a lively finish to Sunday's music on the stage in Hope Square. With a reputation for energising audiences, the six-piece band from the Isle of Wight uses bagpipes to fuse music from all genres from Celtic to dance and rock and claim to have taken piping 'to the next level!'. More performers

will be announced shortly.

The 2022 Festival will break with the traditional format to tie in with this year's Jubilee Bank Holiday celebrations. Pub sessions and workshops will begin on the Friday night (June 3rd) and continue throughout the weekend. Morris dancers will be at sites around the town on the Saturday (June 4th) and on the Quayside on Sunday (June 5th). A stage in Hope Square will host musical performances throughout the day on Sunday, followed by an outdoor Ceilidh in the Square so that everyone can end the weekend dancing.

The Wessex Folk Festival website at [www.wessexfolkfestival.com](http://www.wessexfolkfestival.com) has full details.

## Overcombe WI

### April 2022

**A very pleasant meeting was held this month which included our Annual Meeting followed, after refreshments, by our monthly meeting. The existing committee minus one were re-elected as was Jackie Greet as President. Margaret Sibley retired from not just the committee but also as secretary. A position she has held for many years. Margaret was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a thank you for all her considerable efforts over the years.**

We were very fortunate to have our WI Advisor for Dorset Federation with us for the meeting. She gave a most interesting presentation on the 'workings' of The Women's Institute from the individual institutes through to The National Federation of Women's Institutes. It is surprising how many of the positions in running the organisation are held by volunteers. The WI has been running now in Great Britain since September 1915 when Madge Watt immigrated from Canada and saw the value of setting up Institutes in Britain. The first meeting was held in Llanfairpwll on Anglesey in North Wales.

Many WI members are involved in the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), this was formed by Madge Watt in 1930 after she returned to Canada. Although specifically open to women there have been apparently two male fully paid-up members. These were Colonel Richard Stapleton-Cotton and his dog Tinker. The Colonel played a major part in setting up the first WI meeting in Anglesey.

Our various clubs are continuing to meet including our second book club. 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. Garden visits are being planned although with fuel at such a high price we are trying to keep our visits locally whenever possible.

We are looking forward to the com-



The Wight Hot Pipes will bring Hope Square to life.

ing months and hope for some better weather soon. Take care.

Jackie Greet  
President

## World Fair Trade Day May 14th

**World Fair Trade Day is a global event that aims to draw attention to the objectives and achievements of the Fair Trade movement.**

There are many people in this world who feel that everyone deserves decent wages and working conditions, regardless of where they live, and these people have created World Fair Trade Day. It is a day to remember the men, women and often children, who work in appalling conditions for little reward so that we can enjoy the food, gifts or clothes they produce. The Fair Trade movement campaigns to improve the lives of workers and small producers, especially those within developing economies, by asserting their rights and raising their visibility within international trade.

The first World Fair Trade Day was held in 2004 and was organised by The World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) which had been formed in 1989. It continues to grow and is now a worldwide festival of events celebrating the Fair trade movement and the contribution it is making in the fight against poverty and exploitation, climate change and the economic crisis, all of which have the greatest impact on the world's most vulnerable populations. WFTO believes that trade must benefit the most vulnerable and deliver sustainable livelihoods by developing opportunities for small and disadvantaged producers. The focus for this year is Climate Justice. Tackling the climate crisis is not just good for the planet but is often a matter of survival for the worst affected who are facing extreme weather conditions and perennial calamities.

You can show your support and make a difference to the producers lives by choosing Fair trade alternatives when you shop. It is often difficult to know what to look for as the familiar

Fairtrade Mark is predominately only found on food products but many producers of gifts and clothes are members of the World Fair Trade Organisation and the WFTO logo will be found on the tag or on the website if you are shopping online.

At The Bridge Fair Trade Shop the vast majority of what we sell is Fairtrade but we don't sell clothes and so it is good to know that other shops in Weymouth also sell Fairtrade items including Bija, Baan 57 and La Luna. If there are others I would love to hear about them.

As an encouragement to shop Fair Trade we will be offering a 20% discount on everything in the shop for one day only on Saturday May 14th so if you haven't yet discovered us, now is your chance. Together we can make a difference.

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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## A Quiz and Chilli Supper Night

**Osmington Village Hall DT3 6FT Saturday 7th May 2022 - doors at 6.30pm for 7pm.**

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## Lighting up the Jubilee Clock for good causes

**After lighting up the Jubilee Clock throughout 2021, the council will once again be lighting up the clock**

## face of the iconic Weymouth landmark in 2022 to raise awareness for good causes.

After considering nominations from the public, the following charities and events have been chosen by a panel of councillors:

Weymouth and Portland Scouts 22nd - 25th April

RNLI May Day Campaign 1st May  
Dorset Mind / Mental Health Week 9th - 15th May

Foggys 12th May

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd - 5th June

Weymouth Armed Forces & Veterans Celebrations 17th - 20th June

For more information about the chosen causes, visit our website: [www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/lightour-jubilee-clock-for-charity/](http://www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/lightour-jubilee-clock-for-charity/)

## Daphne's Flight

Osmington Village Hall DT3 6FT

Monday May 23rd 2022

Doors at 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £18 from <https://www.daphnesflight.com> (booking fee) or 07816 832554 or [osmingtonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:osmingtonmusic@gmail.com) (no fee)

We are delighted to have secured this booking with the inimitable Daphne's Flight - it's rare for them to appear in a small live-music venue like ours.

Daphne's Flight was created 25 years ago by five of the leading singer songwriters of their generation - Chris While, Julie Matthews, Melanie Harold, Helen Watson and Christine Collister.

Described as one of the most exciting vocal groups to emerge on the acoustic music scene, their energy on stage is matched only by their collective talents, Daphne's Flight are unrivalled and sit firmly in a class of their own as singers, musicians and writers

It's with great anticipation that they will finally be touring the new album in the spring. For very personal reasons Christine Collister is unable to join them but Julie, Chris, Helen and Mel are delighted to welcome into the fold Miranda Sykes (Show of Hands) on vocals and double bass, adding yet another exciting new element to the band. Join them on what promises to be an unmissable return flight to the stage.



Daphne's Flight appearing at Osmington Village Hall.

## Historic Commemoration Returns After Covid

One of the area's oldest charities remembered their benefactor after a two year break due to Covid, when the trustees of the Sir Samuel Mico Charities gathered on Friday 8th April at St Mary's Church, Weymouth, for the annual commemoration as written by Sir Samuel's in his will 357 years ago in 1665.

Despite COVID the trustees have carried on supporting the young people of Weymouth and Portland with scholarships, tools for apprentices, grants for those undertaking further educational studies at college and university and other projects to develop the areas young people.

This year trustees were joined by HM Lord Lieutenant of Dorset Angus Campbell Esq, the Chair of Dorset Council Cllr Val Potheary, Mayor of Weymouth Cllr Colin Huckle, The Weymouth Town Clerk Jane Biscombe, Mayor of Portland Cllr Sandy West and Mayor of Chickerell Cllr Mrs Elspeth Turner as well as the Freeman and Alderman of Weymouth & Portland.

After the service the mace bearers of Weymouth lead the trustees, VIPs and beneficiary down St Mary Street and on to the quay where they ended up at The George Inn on the Quay for refreshments. All were in their official colourful regalia with a traditional spectacle only seen once a year in Weymouth.

Gary Hepburn, Chairman of the Trust said 'It is great to once again to be able to mark Sir Samuel Mico's bequest to the young people of Weymouth and Portland after having to cancel the commemoration for the last two years due to COVID.

Despite Covid we have however continued Sir Samuel Mico's wishes and helped 116 young people from Weymouth and Portland with all sorts of educational and other actives since February 2020.

We are also grateful to Weymouth Town Council who this year lit up the Jubilee Clock in green and yellow in honour of Sir Samuel Mico."

The commemoration service is an annual event laid down in Mico's will of 1665, when a laurel wreath is placed

beneath his coat of arms in St Mary's Church. Mico decreed in his will that an annual service should be held in the parish church and a "good divine" (vicar) should preach and afterwards the trustees and beneficiaries gather for lemonade, wine and hot cross buns and beneficiaries should report to the trustees on their progress

More Information from Gary Hepburn 01305 548007 Opt 2 or 07796 991964

## Communities in Weymouth empowered to shape design of neighbourhoods

Weymouth is one of 25 areas in England to have been awarded a share of £3 million to help shape new neighbourhoods.

The announcement by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities awarded Weymouth Town Council's Neighbourhood planning group £30,000 to develop what's known as a design code. The codes are a collection of planning principles that help shape new communities - such as specifying local building materials or deciding the layout of streets.

From Carlisle to Weymouth, the councils announced as part of the Government's Design Code Pathfinder Programme will benefit residents who will be able to have their say on the development of new homes, buildings and amenities, such as shops and workspaces in the area, helping to foster a sense of pride in the places they live.

Weymouth Town Cllr David Northam, Vice Chair of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said: "We are delighted to have been selected to take part in this programme, following a rigorous assessment of all the applicants.

'Weymouth Town Council will be offered support from a panel of experts and £30,000 of funding to produce a design code which sets out how resilient coastal communities can be achieved in practice. This will ensure that our communities benefit from the development of high-quality homes in well-designed neighbourhoods, which are well connected and respond well to the natural environment.'

The design codes will be used as examples that communities across the country can draw on to produce their own, with support from the Office for Place at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The full list of councils and projects that were announced can be viewed online.

To get involved in shaping Weymouth's Neighbourhood Plan, which sets out the policies that are used to help make decisions about planning applications in the area, email [neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk) or visit [www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/](http://www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/)

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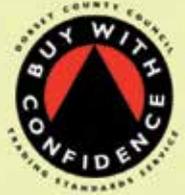
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## £10,000 boost to town's Armed Forces celebrations

The Ministry of Defence have awarded Weymouth Town Council £10,000 to support the council's annual Armed Forces celebration, taking place this year from Saturday 18th to Monday 20th June.

The event starts on the Saturday morning at 10am with an impressive military vehicle convoy display on Weymouth Pavilion's forecourt, joining a variety of ex-service associations and charity stalls on Weymouth Seafront.

From 11am to 3pm, there will be a tribute to the forces with a sing-along featuring popular vocal group The Decadettes. At 3.30pm the military vehicle convoy will then start their engines and parade along Weymouth Seafront.

On the Sunday at 11am, an open-air service will take place at the Cenotaph on Weymouth seafront followed by

a parade of veterans along the Esplanade, and historic military vehicles. Band performances will take place in the afternoon together with a display of the historic vehicles.

The celebrations conclude on Monday 20th June at 10.30am with a flag raising ceremony.

Cllr Ann Weaving, Deputy Mayor of Weymouth said: "We are honoured that the Ministry of Defence has recognised Weymouth's Armed Forces celebrations as a flagship event, and we are grateful for the generous grant of £10,000 which will go towards putting on an event of this scale."

"After having to scale back the celebrations due to the pandemic, we're delighted to be able to reintroduce the full event this year. We look forward to welcoming hundreds of veterans and their families to the town, filling the hotels and guest houses and recognising the incredible work that our armed forces have contributed to our country."

Cllr Christine James, Armed Forces Covenant Champion added: "Veterans have made and continue to make a major contribution to our nation. The Weymouth Armed Forces Day Celebrations is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the tireless work carried out by veterans and their associations."

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party

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## Your councillor update Weymouth Town Council (Wyke Regis) and Dorset Council (Rodwell and Wyke Regis) :-

Life is slowly returning to normal but we are far from being Covid free in Dorset so please do continue to take care. Use your mask in less well ventilated areas and continue to be diligent with hand washing and distancing. Remember the next person you meet might be vulnerable.

Our foodbanks are still reporting record demands and as the increase in fuel bills and food prices continues we do not anticipate that improving in

the near future. If you or someone you know requires help or support please ask them to contact the CAB or other voluntary bodies for a referral. Thank you all for your continued support.

Shortly after the development of Old Wyke Square was completed residents in the Square approached Wyke Regis Protection Society concerned by cars parked on the paved areas. Large concrete planters were acquired and planted, watered, weeded and generally maintained by members of the Society. (now Wyke Regis Society) Now only one member of that original team remains and unsurprisingly no longer wishes to be solely responsible. We are enormously grateful to her for the amazing displays we have had

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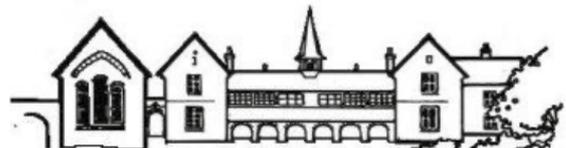
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# Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

**Our household is not very eco-friendly when it comes to paper. We have a delivery every day of two national newspapers, the Echo and of course the Register once a month. The Register always contains a wonderful OHT article that I couldn't have written better myself. Highly recommended.**

But I digress. Recently the Echo published a letter from Tim, a gentleman who had lost his cat and spent much time walking the local area searching for him. Stan, for that is the cat's name, was described as small, pure white and without ears which should hopefully have made him easy to spot. I do hope by now that Stan has been found and is safe back in the bosom of his family. If not, and you have spotted him, then contact me and I'll pass on the news. In his letter Tim said that during his search he had discovered something quite unusual. As he walked the fields calling out for Stan, every sheep answered to the name. Tim was amazed to find that all the local sheep were called Stan.

Here I can definitely put his mind at ease. Those of us who have the good fortune to come from Wales, such as my In-house Adviser and I, can reasonably claim to know a thing or two about sheep. Wales is second only to New Zealand in the number of sheep per head of population so we have access to a fair bit of expert knowledge. In fact, it is no exaggeration to consider that sheep are almost part of the family. Hence I can say without fear

of contradiction that every sheep is not called Stan. The reason they appear to respond to the name is because, like all pleasant woolly coated animals they do not wish to appear standoffish or rude. If someone walks amongst them calling out "Stan" they are too polite to ignore him, but walk over to say "Hello". This gives the impression to a sheep non-expert that they are all called Stan.

Little known facts such as this are one of the reasons why OHT is so highly recommended. And there are more facts to come. Now that travel to foreign parts is once again possible, thoughts turn to exotic sunny holiday destinations and Henderson Island came into the news. As you are undoubtedly aware, Henderson Island is one of the four Pitcairn Islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The newspaper article says that it is about the size of Oxford. Now this may mean something to you, but I have no idea how big Oxford is. However my research shows that Henderson Island is about 170 times bigger than Chickerell.

But I digress again. The novel *Moby Dick* was based on the true story of an American whaling ship which was sunk by a sperm whale. The crew escaped in the lifeboats and rowed to the Island. What follows makes me wonder how they were found, but read on. It does appear that it is not the ideal place for a holiday - Henderson Island that is, not Chickerell. Firstly it is right in the path of a major Pacific cur-

rent, which means that many hundreds of items of rubbish a day wash up on its beaches. Over the years some forty million items of garbage, much of it plastic, has cluttered up the landscape.

Secondly it turns out that until recently nobody knew exactly where Henderson Island was. An aerial survey in 1937 plotted it in slightly the wrong place which recent measurements have only just corrected. Perhaps we should stick to Tenerife for our holidays. Everybody knows where that is.

Which of course brings us naturally to the topic of children's names. My full name is twenty-two characters long with a couple of spaces for good measure. This has been a hindrance all my life. In my early years exam forms never had enough space for me to print my name in full, and by the time I had managed to write it in very small capitals half the allowed exam time had gone. Well that's my excuse for my poor exam results. No doubt you have your own. Anyway, it appeared from reports that the Tesla billionaire Elon Musk and his on-off partner Grimes (aka Claire Boucher) had solved this problem for their children by naming their first born son "X" and younger daughter "Y". But it turns out not to be quite so simple, because X's full name is "X AE A-12". Still, although a little tricky to say, it is fairly short. However, it turns out his sister's name is

actually "Exa Dark Sideræl" or, obviously, Y for short.

One or two of you, like me, may not be aware that Exa refers to the super computing term "exaflops" or one quintillion floating point operations per second. Dark comes from dark matter which hypothetically comprises 85% of all matter in the universe and Sideræl is a more "elven" - yeah, right - spelling of Sidereal, the true time of the universe, star time or deep space time. So now you know!

The baby is also nicknamed Sailor Mars for reasons I confess are beyond my full understanding. It would be difficult for anyone reading thus far to claim that they have not been provided with any number of interesting facts. These facts have also passed the "Was my In-house Adviser still awake on reaching the end" test. If she was, then they are worthy of your consideration.

Do feel free to pass on these gems of knowledge to those less fortunate living outside Dorset. But by far the most important thing to remember is that not every sheep is named Stan. To believe so is to risk causing the same offence as calling every Scotsman Jock, every Welshman Taffy or every Englishman Rupert. And believe me, causing offence to sheep is something to be avoided at all costs.

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## The Elms - King George III & Mrs Horsey's ghost

The Elms (known in recent years as the White House) is a Grade II listed building, which Historic England dates to the mid - late 19th Century.



The Elms

According to the current owners, when local school groups pass the house on their tour of the village they are told by the tour leaders that this is where the President of America lives! Given the previous holder of that title, thank goodness that isn't the case.

However, it seems that this house has a few good stories worth telling young visitors, which although not proven true, do have some interest.

## I recently read that 'the Elms was built circa 1815 for the illegitimate son of George III'

On further research, I discovered the name George Rex, the reported son of King George III and Hannah Lightfoot the fair Quaker (records claim they had three children). The relationship between Hannah and George III is well documented and there are also documents recording their marriage in secret in 1759.

Hannah disappeared when she was due to be married off to Mr Axton and even her own Mother had no news of whether she was alive or dead. Hannah was born in 1730 at St John's Wapping. In later years after her disappearance, there



Reputed to be a portrait of Hannah Lightfoot by Joshua Reynolds ay Knole



George III

were entries suggesting she was using the surname Wheeler (her Mother's maiden name).

It is claimed that George Rex lived much of his life in South Africa in exile, so as not to cause embarrassment to King George III and his wife Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. He died there in 1839. His sister Catherine Augusta married a Welsh doctor and the graves of George III and Hannah's granddaughters were rediscovered in 2018.

King George III came to Weymouth regularly between 1789 and 1805 and the carving of the White Horse on the hillside around 1807/8 could well have prompted 'his son' to build a house

close by after his father's death in 1820. Tithe maps for the area show that in 1839 the Elms was already built and



The Elms in 1839

the land was then owned by Yeoman Thomas Hare. The occupier was Anne Grasett - the widow of Elliot Grasett, and a lady of independent means. Her daughter Anna Grasett later married Edward Wood.

Earlier maps, if they exist, may well give us a clue to whom the original lands were bought for, and what year the house was actually built and so prove the link to George Rex.

## History Detectives - 'Mrs Horsey's ghost'

Another story that has been given to me to look into at the Elms, is that of Mrs Horsey's ghost.

It is claimed that in 1907 The Elms was bought by Mrs Horsey. In 1976 Mrs Horsey aged into her 90s talked to the Cartwright family who lived at the Elms at the time about a ghost of a young woman. Mrs Horsey reported that this apparition walks from the old drive entrance across the garden and out through the wall near the boundary to the church yard.

Horsey is a local landowning family name, but the owner during this time were the Foot family. Further research using the census records and electoral roll showed the owner at the time was Mary House Foot, a spinster who had been left the house by her father George Foot. The 1921 census indicates the owners then were Henry Kent and his wife Alice. Henry died in 1928.

So who exactly was 'Mrs Horsey'?

It may be that the lady was referring to House, the middle name of Mary Foot. However, Mary Foot died in 1914 so it could not have been her that relaid the story.

An interesting tangent however, was the question of what happened to the Foot family. A couple of years ago, I was contacted by the descendants of the Foot family who wanted to know what happened to the family and the family fortune. They had an extensive family tree and had traced their ancestors back to the Elms.

The Foot family owned the Elms from the late 1880s to 1914.

George Foot (a gentleman) and his wife Elizabeth had two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary.

In 1890 the eldest daughter Elizabeth married a social climber Richard Dampney. Dampney was the son of a farmer, but had trained as a Chemist in London. He befriended his new

Father-in-law and became a trusted companion, albeit of short duration. Less than two years after he married into the family, George Foot died, followed by Dampney's young bride Elizabeth in 1897. Fortunately, George Foot had entrusted his new son in law with the family fortune and left him to look after his second wife and daughters. A few months after his young wife died, so did her mother and all three were buried together in a row at St Osmonds churchyard.



Exactly a year after his wife's death, Dampney remarried another Gentleman's daughter Miss Churchense.

With the death of his sister in law, Mary Foot in 1914 (at the age of 48) Dampney sold off the Elms to Henry Kent and moved back to London with his new wife.

One of George Foot's grandchildren Anne Reed born in 1868 wrote:

'My grandfather George Foot lived at the Elms in Osmington for many years and it is where he died and was buried with his second wife, close to the South porch entrance of Osmington church. Nearby is a gate which he gave as a thanks offering for permission he had to walk through the Vicarage, thus saving him a long walk round'

No doubt the fate of the family must have raised questions in the village at the time, especially with regards to the sudden death of the bride Elizabeth Dampney and the quick remarriage of her spouse, even if nothing untoward happened. The ghost story may have been invented at the time, as part of this local gossip.

Whatever the story, no doubt the ghost was glad of the shorter route from the Glebe lands at Shortlake to the churchyard too?

Lucy Wyman

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over the years. I have received a few offers of help which is splendid but I am looking for more volunteers, could that be you? Please get in touch and after Easter we can meet and decide on a way forward, the more help the better and we can arrange a roster for watering etc. You know what they say many hands make light work.

I spent an hour recently with the member of Highways DC staff responsible for our area and we have indentified a few issues that would benefit from some increased attention. I hope after Easter to do a complete drive around Wyke with the Lead Dorset Council highways member to highlight areas long overdue for attention and help him become more acquainted with the problems we have. Some on my list, but I am sure you will have your own - All Saints Road, High Street etc used as a 'shortcut' avoiding the top of Portland Road; speeding through Old Wyke, traffic congestion around the schools, the dreadful road surface of High Street and Marlborough Avenue, safety issues around Tesco; overlarge vehicles using Gallway Road; etc.

Following closure during lockdown, new committee members seem to be getting to grips with breathing new life into the Ryemead Lane Community Centre. Do please keep an eye on their on-line notices and give them all the support you can. It is a great community space.

I hope many of you have noticed and your children tried out the new play equipment in the Williams Avenue playground. Thanks to Cllr Becky Blake for persisting with that project after her election to Weymouth Town Council.

Keep an eye on the developments on the Marsh, whilst not in Wyke it is accessible safely along the Rodwell Trail. When permission was given for the building of houses on Curtis Fields money was allocated for play facilities on the Marsh. It seems such a long time ago but I am delighted that with the second phase now under construction the money has been released for that project which is nearing completion. So many years ago now we held consultations with children and young people on the site and what we have there now with the playground, basketball and soon to be skate/BMX park and the Parkour is a direct result of their ideas.

Weymouth Town Council are negotiating with the Moonfleet Indoor Bowls Club for access to public convenience facilities, too. So long term plans are finally all coming together. Essential attributes for being a councillor - patience and perseverance.

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.

Please continue to stay safe - hands - face - space.  
God Bless. Kate

Cllr Kate Wheller.

## Wyke Regis Christmas Street Fayre

**The next Wyke Regis Christmas Street Fayre will take place on Sunday 6th December from 11.00am - 4.30pm. Put the date in your diary and be sure not to miss the Christmas event of the year.**

After 12 years of organising the Street Fayre I am standing down. My thanks to Colin Huckle who has acted as treasurer for many years and is also retiring. I am confident that we are leaving the event in very capable hands.

Members of Wyke Regis Social Club and All Saints Church gave huge support for Christmas 2021 and will be joining together in full charge for 2022. Jo Taylor has contacted all stall holders, if you are interested in taking part but haven't heard from her you can also contact her at jotaylor@sky.com, she will be supported by Elaine Colebrook as the new treasurer and Charlayne Apsey all from the Social Club. Jeff Thomas, Lynda Ferry and Maxine Foster will be leading for All Saints Church. You will recall the spectacular Raffle Prizes for 2021, if you would like to donate again please contact church members. For entertainment please get in touch with the club members.

I hope that as the pandemic finally comes under control the popular Wyke Regis Society display will return for 2022. And Santa is already on alert. As you know there were problems with the lights for our Christmas Tree in the Square for 2021. In order to prevent that from happening ever again I have been in touch with Weymouth Town Council (WTC) and Dorset Council (DC) and arrangements are being made for a permanent electric supply to be installed. We will delay distribution of the funds that were raised so that we can cover that cost if we need to. .

Wyke Christmas Street Fayre is a community event organised and run by and for local people. All money raised is donated to causes within Wyke Regis. If you would like to be involved in next years event, if you would like to run a stall or entertain contact those listed above or me at kathywheller@gmail.com

I will be pleased to pass your inquiries to the new organisers  
I look forward to seeing you all again for Christmas 2022.

## Weymouth And Portland Ladies' Probus Club

**The Weymouth and Portland Ladies' PROBUS club held their meeting in March in the Piano Bar at the Weymouth Pavilion. Despite the rain on that day, some more of our members turned up, who we had not seen since before 'Lockdown'.**

We also welcomed one new member and I believe one or two more ladies have expressed an interest in joining us, and I hope we see them soon.

Our April meeting is on Wednesday 20th April and the Speaker is Dr Jeremy Barker speaking about Sir James Thornhill, a local artist, and friend of Christopher Wren. Some of his work can be seen in St Paul's Cathedral, in the Royal Academy and also in St Mary's Church, Weymouth on the wall behind the altar. New members will be welcome at this meeting.

The speaker for our May meeting is not yet confirmed.

The June meeting will not be at the Pavilion. We will be going to the Wishing Well in Upwey for a cream tea to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We hope to see all of you at our May meeting.

For more information please contact: Yvonne Skinner (Chair) 01305 779815 or Sarah Simpson (Secretary) at Sarah\_simpson2@talktalk.net.

## Full steam ahead for Dorset's award-winning D-Day Centre

**Castletown D-Day Centre has opened its doors for 2022 with volunteers and new Curator Chris Webb at action stations for a busy summer season ahead.**

The Centre's team got off to a busy start on their first day open (2/4) by welcoming a coach group of 50 ex-Royal Navy medics, along with on-the-door admissions.

For the first time the centre will open every day of the week from 10.30am - 3.30pm, with more groups and schools booked to visit.

The team spent last winter updating and introducing new displays, including

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# All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

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

## A word from the Rector

Over the last two years we have been become physically distanced from each other and coming back from that is not easy. I would like to issue everyone an invitation to come back to our church this spring to make it a celebration of life. We promise you there will be a warm welcome. From April or May we will be beginning hopefully a new family service and we long to see children and families as a regular part of church life. I wish you all every blessing.

*Br Alasdair.*

All Saints Church on Portland Road, Wyke Regis is open for the following:-) Sundays

8.00am Said Holy Communion  
9.30am : Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee.  
Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee, normally.

All Saints Church is open for visits and private prayer from 10.am to 12 Noon

on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Please call in.

St Edmunds Church, Lane House Rocks Road.

Sunday 11am Holy Communion Service every fortnight alternating with Service of the Word led by Lay Ministers.

Tuesdays 5pm – 6pm. A quiet evening service with reflections and prayers can be shared live, or watched later, using the links below.

Wednesdays 1pm - Mother and Toddlers group is held weekly at St Edmund's Church in termtime, with Toddlers Praise on the first Wednesday of the month. Please bring along your children and grandchildren and meet up with others. All welcome.

## Livestream

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.parnhofwykeregis.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  
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## Events

At All Saints Church, Wyke Regis. Dates for your diaries.

**Concert of English music** over the Centuries at 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 7.00 pm and concert commences at 7.30 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.parnhofwykeregis.org.uk/events/parham-voices>

At St Edmunds, Lane House Rocks Road

## Rose Queen Fete.

Saturday 9th July. Opening at 1pm. Something for all the family including various stalls, toys, books bric a bac, jewellery and refreshments. Please join us.

## Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at All Saint's Church

Will take place on Thursday 2nd June There will be activities for all the family throughout the afternoon from Noon. These will include:

A Service of thanksgiving for our Queen; tours of the Bell Tower; Treasure Hunt; refreshments; Memories of 1952 and Coronation on a video; Jubilee Beacon Lighting at 9.45pm.

Please watch out for more details next month.

17th August at 6.00pm.

**Choral Evensong** by Laudamus, a Bryanston based group At All Saint's Church. Portland Road

# Local news

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ing a fully renovated WW2 United States military ambulance. The Centre also features fascinating stories of real life local characters from the era, including Lt John Stone from Weymouth who was awarded the Military Cross for exemplary gallantry.

Castletown D-Day Centre brings to life the important role that the Port of Portland played in the D-Day landings, and pays tribute to the incredible sacrifice of thousands of US troops whom left for the occupied beaches of France on 6 June 1944.

The D-Day Centre includes an impressive array of authentic WW2 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.

New Curator Chris Webb knows the area well after spending 20 years working with Coastguard helicopter operations on Portland. Prior to that Chris spent 13 years serving with RAF search and rescue teams in the UK and abroad, including the Falklands Islands.

Chris said: 'The great thing about Castletown D-Day Centre is that as well as being incredibly hands-on

and interactive, it's educating visitors, many of them families with young children, about what happened all those years ago and why it is still important to remember in today's world.'

As a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, the Centre relies on volunteers, admission income and community goodwill to deliver an incredible immersive experience for thousands of people every year.

Chris adds: 'We're looking for volunteers from all walks of life to join our team. No experience or knowledge is needed, just an interest in history and the significant role the local area played in D-Day.'

Chris and the team hope to support local events in the borough, and welcome returning cruise ship passengers – many of them American – following an absence of two years due to Covid. 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 D-Day Centre enjoys a sweep of top reviews on Facebook, Google and Trip Advisor, where it has also picked-up a prestigious Travellers' Choice Award.

People are advised to check the D-Day Centre's Facebook page for any changes to opening hours before travelling. Find more details about the centre and contact details for volunteering on website [ddaycentre.com](http://ddaycentre.com) or Facebook [@castletownddaycentre](https://www.facebook.com/castletownddaycentre).

## Dorset Art Weeks

**Thirty years on and still rolling, yes Dorset Art Weeks is thirty years old, and was begun in 1992, and**

**perhaps you might be interested to look back at its origins, and at the first groups who helped set things in motion.**

It's had many changes with different personnel helping to keep it running, but it's original concept was that the organisation was intended to be for Dorset artists and craftspeople, and to be run by them.

It's intention was, and still is, to provide a showcase for creative work produced by creative people living and working in the county.

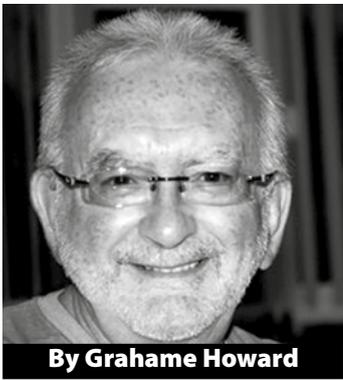
The original idea came from John Makepeace, furniture designer and maker, who had seen a similar event taking place in Oxfordshire. He was so impressed by what he had seen, and spoke with the county Librarian, Carl Earl who asked Joanna Moreland the county's Arts Development Officer to look at possibly organising a similar event. She contacted a long list of creative people in Dorset, there are many of course, and the first event happened in 1992, for one week only! It proved to be so successful to both the general public and to artists alike, that there was a need for a committee to help run the next event two years later, and a group of us responded to the call for volunteers.

None of us had any experience at all in running what was to become a large event, it's now regarded as being one of the largest such cultural events in the whole country.

We were heavily indebted to Joanna Morland to guide us along our way, her knowledge and experience proved an invaluable counter balance to our enthusiastic responses to the many

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By Grahame Howard

### Post Lockdown

**This subject is a contentious one. Many feel it is almost as if Lockdown never existed. Others feel that it should never have ended and still others feel that the restrictions should still be in place. Hardly anyone wears a mask now and things are beginning to get back to normal, or are they? What is normal anyway? Week ending 31st March, four million or so people tested positive with Covid. Our faithful NHS staff are working flat out but at times, it can seem that no one is listening to them.**

There seems to be some challenges facing us; try to order free lateral flow test kits from the government website and you will get nowhere. It appears that the only way this can be accomplished is to have Covid symptoms in the first place. If we are sensible, safe-guarding people, wouldn't it be better to have these kits so we can be sure before we go into close contact with our families and others? The statistics tell us that Covid is still prevalent so, to me, it makes sense to be able to do these tests periodically.

Yet we are told that the restrictions have ended and we are to live with Covid being around us; yet, it is easier to win the Lottery than book a face to face appointment with your GP, the restrictions are still in place there.

Still, moaning over - for a moment anyway. There have been some positives since the lockdown, one of these being that I can now fit my own tubes on my hearing aids. These need changing every three months or so and usually, I would go to Audiology to have this done together with a check over. Of course,

Audiology ask people to stay away and ring in for batteries and supplies such as these; they will then send them out. There are a few appointments if you are lucky but the waiting list seems to be about three years. (Sorry Audiology, just saying). Anyway, I have become quite good at doing this task; mind you, the first time was a disaster. One hearing aid was much too tight around my ear and actually bent it over, if I had gone out in the wind it could have flapped and I would have flown away. The other, was ridiculously too long and kept falling off every time I spoke or coughed. However, I am not going to consider doing this for a living though.

I also had to smile during Lockdown, because we couldn't go to the hairdressers. Most men turned into long haired hippies. People who had always looked so dapper were catapulted into lookalike pop stars. Many of us tried to cut our own hair, but it was disastrous with wonky fringes, basin type hairstyles and hair sticking up all over the head because it was short one side but longer the other. I had my own hair trimmer, so, to a degree, I was ok. Trying to cut the back of my head though, especially attempting to do a straight cut in the neck was quite a challenge. I made the mistake of asking the CO to do this for me. Whether she did it on purpose or whether she genuinely tried, I ended up with a 'V' rather like a rat's tail in the back of my neck. On my request, she tried again and then again and in the end my neckline was up towards the top of my head, quite like the old short back and sides that men had during National Service days, not that I was one of them, I was too young for that; but you get the idea. Probably you would like this type of hairstyle, if so, I am sure that the CO would be only too pleased to do this for you. Anyway, that is enough of that, Did you know that there is Maypole dancing in Cerne Abbas on May Day? You see, stick with me and you will learn things. Traditionally, this takes place next to the Cerne giant, Can you imagine that; first of all, climbing that hill when you've probably had celebratory drinks and then dancing round a flipping May pole. It would be like taking

your life in your hands, one false move and you could roll all the way down the hill, while people sitting on the Cerne giant, doing their own thing, look at you as if you're mad. The CO says that she is up for this, she likes nothing better than a good May poling session when she has sunk about six pints of ale. No, she doesn't, I lied, she usually only has five pints.

These is also Scottish Country dancing, now this is something that we could all become involved in. There could be nothing better than this, first thing in the morning, before you go to work. It would set you up for the day. When I was working for social services, the team felt it would be good to do Tai chi before work each morning. They felt it would be ideal to do this in a park nearby to the office, whatever the

weather. Needless to say, this never got off the ground but, Scottish Country dancing was high on the list. Let's face it, we can all do with some exercise, this could be the answer. You don't have to be Scottish to do it, but it helps; I don't know why but I would imagine it would be helpful. The CO says it would be, so it has to be right. Kilts would have to be worn though. Perhaps we could start a trend in the South Dorset area.

Anyway, after a few senseless words, I have now reached the end of this elite paper. Thank you for reading it and I will speak with you next month. Hopefully it will be t shirt and shorts weather then.

Grahame

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### Sciatica and the role of Dermatomes.

According to the NHS website Sciatica occurs when the sciatic nerve which runs from your lower back to your feet is irritated or compressed. Resulting in stabbing, shooting or burning pain in the buttock, with tingling pins and needles, numbness or weakness in the back of the leg, foot and toes. It usually gets better in 4 to 6 weeks but can last longer.

Treating this condition with Clinical Re-

flexology CR or any form of 'hands-on' therapy is not always straight forward. To relieve symptoms and produce an effective outcome it is vital to determine whether the underlying cause is muscular (involving the periformis) or skeletal (facet joints) or a combination of both. This can be achieved by conducting a thorough assessment of the patient, drawing on a sound background knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

The spinal column is divided into 31 segments, each with a pair (right and left) of anterior and posterior nerve roots. Anterior nerve roots are responsible for motor signals to the body, and posterior nerve roots receive sensory signals like pain. The anterior and posterior nerve roots combine on each side to form the spinal nerves as they exit the vertebral canal (spine).

The sciatic nerve exits the right side of the spine below the 5th lumbar vertebrae and disc. To enable access to this nerve via the foot using CR is best explained by understanding the action of the medically accepted existence of Dermatomes. (patterns of sensory nerves)

There are 5 lumbar dermatomes (L1-L5) that supply sensation from these spinal nerves in the lower limb (leg, foot, hip, etc.) the disks below them, and the corresponding area of the lower back. L1 - The hip and groin area L2 - The inside of the thigh L3 - Knee L4 - The inside part of the ankle bone (medial malleolus) L5 - Bottom of the foot and toes 1-3

There are 5 sacral dermatomes (S1-S5) located below L5. S1 - Toes 4 and 5, and the outside part of the ankle bone (lateral malleolus) S2 - The outer side (lateral portion) of the heel bone (calcaneus) S3 - The middle portion of the buttocks, perianal area, penis, and scrotum. S4 - The skin over the perianal area (in addition to S5); perianal areas, and genitals. S5 - The skin over the perianal region (along with S4) and the skin immediately at and next to the anus. 1 coccygeal nerve that originates in the spinal cord and emerges at the

level of the tail bone (coccyx). Because the distribution pattern of the spinal nerve dermatomes is so defined, the dermatomes can be used to detect the area or location that causes the sensation of abnormalities along its location in the human body. For example: If a patient had sciatica (nerve pain from the irritation of the largest nerve in the body, the sciatica nerve) with signs and symptoms of low back pain and numbness and tingling on top of the right foot, the doctor could recognize this as a problem with the nerve that comes out below the right side of the fifth lumbar vertebra (L5) and disc. The most common cause of this particular medical situation would be a rightward herniation of the disc beneath the fifth lumbar vertebra (L5). Dermatomes. Nerve Mapping. [https://www.emedicinehealth.com/dermatomes/article\\_em.htm](https://www.emedicinehealth.com/dermatomes/article_em.htm)

Using CR techniques in conjunction with identifying the appropriate dermatome it is possible to effect a positive result by reducing pain. Once the pain intensity has been reduced further CR work on the muscles of the lower back etc will promote further relaxation throughout the body. This releasing of muscular tension in turn allows tendons and ligaments to soften and facet joints to move more freely. The patient is then able to carry out stretching exercises and engage in appropriate exercise to maintain pain free mobility. This sequence can often take place in one CR session. If you suffer acute or chronic muscular/skeletal issues consider CR...relief may lie in your feet!

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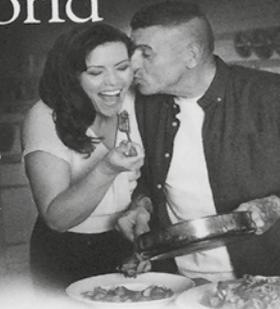
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technical details that cropped up.

It's probably true to say that without her skills, and attention to detail, not to mention her willingness to go the extra mile, that Dorset Art Weeks would not be where it is today.

One of our original ideas was that the members on the committee would represent the separate areas of the county, but very sadly many of our number are no longer with us and have passed away, they are

Stan Davis (painter), a proud advocate of being a totally abstract painter, from Swanage in the East, Tom Honeybourne (furniture maker) who had moved his small, but successful furniture making business from London to Manshay Barton in the West, and Jon Ellis (painter and sculptor) who developed his highly successful art/radiator business, his designs from copper tube, came from when he re plumbed his house in Fifehead Neville in the North. Their considerable contribu-



tions were invaluable, and helped set us on what was to be a very successful path.

Jenny Surridge (painter and printmaker) represented Poole, whereas I, Roy Winstanley (painter and sculptor), the chair, lived, and still lives in Preston in the South.

Jenny suffers from ill health and is

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 10.15am St Francis, Littlemoor  
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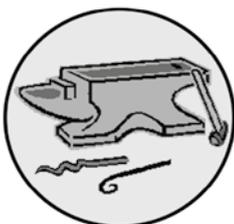


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# Wessex Musical Theatre

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

**In 1991, Weymouth Operatic Society's production of 'Iolanthe' was directed by Frances Davis. Seventy-six years earlier, in 1915, she performed in a Weymouth production of 'Babes in the Wood'. She was a talented child actress, born in to a very musical family.**

Frances started directing WOS shows in the 1950s, her first being 'Pink Champagne' in 1956 at the Alexandra Gardens Theatre. This director was diminutive with a strong voice. Hilary Langmead, a present member of WMT remembers her fondly:

'Frances directed quite a few of the shows that I was in when I first joined in 1976. I seem to remember that she and her husband Frank were in quite a few professional productions when they were younger. By the time I knew her she was in her 80s but didn't look it. She was a tiny little lady and used to wear shorts at rehearsals. Very strict and wouldn't put up with anybody talking whilst rehearsing. She used to call everyone chaps, male or female and would stand at the side of the stage the whole week of the show keeping an eye on everyone. We were all in awe of her. Happy memories.'

'Carousel' was performed by WOS in 1998, the third time in the society's history. 'This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is given the full treatment by Weymouth Operatic Society in a lavishly dressed production that pulls out all the stops' wrote Marion Cox in the *Dorset Evening Echo*. The production enticed many ex-WOW members to join. Weymouth Operatic Workshop, or WOW, was founded in 1982 after a Weymouth Operatic production of 'Oliver' in that same year. Two members, Janet Stockley and Pauline Wootten, were asked to form a junior society to create an environment in which young people (aged 10 to 18 years) could learn and perform musical theatre. Forty years on, WOW is still going strong.

Full musical productions for any society have always been expensive to

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The 1990s saw a significant return to

Gilbert and Sullivan light opera. In fact, there were seven G & S productions that decade. A particularly memorable one was 'Yeoman of the Guard' in 1990. Lynne Brooks played leading lady, Elsie Maynard. Unfortunately, Lynne lost her voice because of a flu bug. Chorus member Marian Makin stepped in by singing Lynne's numbers from the wings, leaving Lynn to mime the words on stage.

The 1991 production of 'Iolanthe' directed by Frances Davis was her first Gilbert and Sullivan show, despite her long career. Back in 1956, she told the *Dorset Daily Echo* "Operatic societies did a grand job, but possibly conveyed the wrong impression to many people by their very title. Most societies actually produced musical comedies but many people were scared off by the word 'operatic'."

Sixty-three years later WOS took heed of Miss Davis's advice, removed the word operatic and became Wessex Musical Theatre.



Above: Frances Davis

Below: A rehearsal for 'Oliver!' in 1982. The wall behind them displays all their previous shows.

Series concludes next month.



## Local news

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no longer able to make paintings or prints.

But back in the nineties we would meet in a variety of settings, often in the Colliton club in Dorchester, but also around kitchen tables, often Jon's or Roy's, but also in quite a number of kitchens and village halls around the county, trying to cover as many areas as we could.

Tom's wife Julie would be on hand to take the minutes and distribute copies, and Jon's wife Caroline (textile artist), and Jean, Roy's wife would be on hand to help with discussions.'

We were amateurs, but with the very best of intentions, and looking back, hopefully we didn't make too many mistakes.

Our early 'brochures' were really a single A2 sheet of paper printed on both sides, and the artists paid a really small sum to enter. We were without any form of commercial sponsorship, and we weren't even sure that the second

event proper might take place at all, that is until all the venues were entered and paid for, which was I think, probably by February of 1994.

We had been on tenterhooks over the Christmas period, for without funds the event couldn't take place at all, but of course once the fees came in we were under serious pressure to make things happen...to finalise the details of brochure design, to look for, and set up a network of local organisers who helped by connecting artists to one another, brochure distribution, signage, and much more, we set up group shows, and of course diplomatically massaged the egos of a small number of artists who strayed from the simple regulations!

But friendships were made that were long lasting, even from that day to the present. We had follow up meetings, usually held in Dorchester at the end of each event, in which views were expressed and stories told of how things

had been for individual artists.

As years have passed by personnel have changed, and the event grew and has become much more professionally organised, it's now run by Paul Newman who with his small team is based in Symondsburry, but at its heart DAW still remains the same grass roots organisation as it ever was, simply to promote the work of Dorset artists and craftspeople. Long may it continue to roll!!!

The Weymouth and Portland localities are well served by their artists and craftspeople, amongst which is artist Merete Bates at Wildacre, Ringstead Bay, Bill Crumbleholme, an old DAW stalwart and the Upwey Potters are at the old school hall in Upwey, also Di Pattinson is at Cacklebury Farm Upwey, whilst mother and daughter Caroline and Annie Sharp at 11, Cleveland Avenue, are showing sculptures made from willow and woven textiles respectively.

Portland has many artists and craftspeople amongst which are Emma

Foster who is intending to make an Art Weeks trail map, and is with 6 artists at ArtSpace82 in Fortuneswell.

Please look out for the Art Weeks brochures, in which are the details of all the county's entrants, especially those in our local area.

Roy's new work, along with pieces from previous years will be on show at the Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz where you will be assured of a very warm welcome, as you will be in all our venues.

## Artwey Artists exhibiting during Dorset Art Weeks

**Artwey CIC are a local, vibrant and enthusiastic art group with over 80 members.**

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29th May. All free entry except where stated. Artists and locations are:

## Weymouth

Artwey @ The Nothe Fort. 20 artists and lots of different media right in the centre of the fort. Fort admission charges apply (concessions available).  
 Artwey @ The Old Town Hall, 15 artists and lots of different media. Free entry. Olivia Nurrish (painting) Belinda Sales (ceramics) and John Davey (sculpture) at Castle Cove Merete Bates (Painting) at Ringstead.

## Portland

Lyn Kirkland (encaustic wax), Kate Arbon (silver jewellery), Podi Lawrence (Painting) and Antje Rook (Textiles), Liz Wright (painting) Emma Bradley (glass) and Keith Holdaway (bookbinding).

## Dorchester

Artwey@The Jubilee Hall, Poundbury. Over 20 Artwey artists joining with other groups in a spectacular joint exhibition on the theme of 'Its up to Us'. Moonigooni (Glass) @ Higher Bockampton  
 For more details such as specific locations and opening times, see [www.artwey.co.uk](http://www.artwey.co.uk) or email [daw@artwey.co.uk](mailto:daw@artwey.co.uk)

## Sutton Poyntz Village WI

### 6th April Annual General Meeting

At last, after a two-year gap, we managed to have a face-to-face AGM in the Mission Hall.

On the agenda was a full Committee Report from our secretary Susie Marnier detailing all of the activities, the array of speakers and topics covered and our journey through Zoom meetings during lockdown, our starting to have actual meetings but needing to use the Church Rooms to give us more space, and then our happy return this year to our home ground at Mission Hall.

Val Dawe gave us a reassuring Financial Report that showed that we have retained our level of income so that we are not only solvent but that we can confidently plan the programme of events for the next year.

In my Presidents report I gave thanks to a number of committee members

who have contributed massively to the success of the group over the years and have retired from their committee roles in the last year. I was able to confirm that in the last month we have been pleased to offer membership to some new members who have been on our waiting list and, while we do still need to maintain a waiting list, we are able to encourage potential members to come to the Monday morning craft and chatty group. This weekly meeting is not an actual WI meeting but as an offshoot of WI is attended by a number of members interested in craft, or enjoy playing the board game Rummikub.

The President and the Committee members willing to serve another year were duly elected thus meaning that a year of interesting meetings and activities can be anticipated.

Prizes for the members who have won the highest number of 'flower of the month' and 'topic related' competitions were won by Marilyn Townsend and Steph Scriven.

As a backdrop for the AGM we had asked members to bring in examples of Craft work they had produced. This resulted in a wonderful array of paintings, rather fabulous patchwork quilts and knitted jumpers for humans and bears! We had charming miniature dolls house pieces, jewellery, cushions, hand made cards and lots of pieces of ribbon work which included a number of beautiful ribbon Easter eggs made at a recent members workshop.

So much talent in our midst, and we enjoyed a short explanation from each of the creators of all of these pieces and about the process and motives for making them.

The meeting concluded with everyone partaking of tea and delicious scones, jam and clotted cream!

Sue Davis  
 President, Sutton Poyntz Village WI

## Mural art trail locations submitted for planning approval

A mural art trail proposed for the town is a step closer to being launched after Weymouth Town Council submitted planning applications for several of the locations.

Working in partnership with We Are Weymouth, the locations and designs for the interactive trail which need planning permission can now be viewed on Dorset Council's planning website.

They include the public toilets at Overcombe Corner, Greenhill Gardens Café, Weymouth Library wall, and the town council's Beach Operations Building on the beach. The gable end of 24 Trinity Road will need listed planning consent.

Other sites which don't require planning permission include the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre store at Stone Pier, Weymouth Town Council's store at Nothe Gardens, and the alleyway at St Mary's Street Church.

Further planning applications are due to be submitted on sites including the

Red Lion pub wall and the gable wall on the side of the New Look building, taking the total number of sites to 10. The New Look building will need listed building consent.

Dawn Rondeau, Chief Operations Officer for We Are Weymouth commented:

"Some of the art celebrates the history of the town whilst other pieces highlight the core themes Weymouth is known for with nautical and musical interpretation."

Subject to gaining all the necessary planning approvals, the mural trail is due to go live in the summer. There will be a trail map and QR codes to give people taking part more information about the amazing artworks and history of Weymouth.

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

## **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 Monday of the month on Zoom and the third Monday of the month at The Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road (Near Weymouth Swimming Pool) DT4 0HU. Meetings start at 7pm. Visit our website at csiders.org, Facebook at www.facebook.com/csiderswp, e-mail info@csiders.org, or contact 07430 695462 for more information.

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Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm.  
Fri 2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

## **Littlemoor Library**

The library holds the following:  
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## **Osmington Lunch Club**

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**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, Bethany Hall, Westham Road, next to Wilko. 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  
Scouts - Friday 7.00 - 9.00  
Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00  
Brownies - Thursday 5.00 - 6.15  
weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

**Weymouth South Scout Group**  
Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane  
Monday  
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.  
Tuesday  
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.  
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, 7.45 - 9.30pm.  
Wednesday  
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.  
Thursday  
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.  
Friday  
Beavers aged 6 to 8, 6.00 - 7.15pm.  
For general inquiries: weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com  
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**  
New Venue Now Meeting at the Holy Trinity School, Cross Road, Weymouth. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Meetings held usually 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting & Dec meeting on the 2nd Thursday)

**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 2.00pm. Further details on 784056.

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

**Wyke Regis Horticultural Society**  
Trading Post Openings. Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm; Wed 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Annual Membership £5 may be taken out at our shop during opening times. www.wrhs.org.uk

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

**Wyke Regis Community and Sports Association**  
Monday  
C'Siders - Cancer Support Group Table Tennis from 2pm to 4pm  
Tuesday  
Weenies - A group for Toddlers and their parents/carers from 9.30am to 11am.  
Tuesday  
U3A Table Tennis from 2pm to 4, pm  
Tuesday  
Prize Bingo from 7pm to 9pm.  
Wednesdays  
NHS Leg Club from 9.30am to 11.30am.  
Thursday  
NHS Leg Club from 9.30am to 11.30am  
Friday  
NHS Leg Club from 08.45 to 11.30am  
Sunday  
Wargames - all ages- mid-day to 5pm

**Wyke Regis Library**  
Mon - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 6.30pm  
Wed - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5.30pm  
Friday - 10am - 1pm  
Saturday - 10am - 1pm

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

**Wyke Regis Medical Practice**  
Portland Road, Wyke Regis - 782226  
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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.wykeregiswi.org.uk or Facebook page www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi/

**Yoga**  
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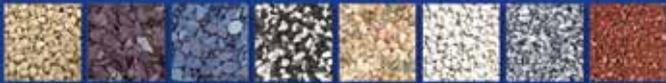
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