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er Dragonfly. See page 17.*  
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Chair should contact the Council regarding the fitness of the existing Portland Beach Road for present and expected traffic. BW to explore Air Quality action groups. Stop Portland Incinerator to be invited to AGM 13th September. Also Head Girl and Boy at All Saints.

**AOB:**

Dorset Waste Partnership was praised for their speedy clear up of a fly tip at the top of Pirates Lane this weekend.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm,

**Agenda for Wyke Regis Society meeting 416/Annual General Meeting 43**

September 13th 7pm at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road (contact Georgina Skipper 01305 761993 g.skipper@btinternet.com)

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting and AGM
- Chairman's Report; Martleaves Farm; Wyke Clinic; deer herd; historic photo collection
- Membership Secretary update
- Treasurer's update and discussion
- Election of Officers - New secretary needed -
- Councillors' reports
- Memorial Hall and Church
- Wyke Square and planters ; fly tipping; waste bin
- Planning – reports and queries –
- Highways and footpaths; Smugglers bus stop; Wessex roundabout crossing
- Any Other Business
- Presentation By Stop Portland Waste Incinerator
- General discussion

**Trading Standards**

**Romance scams are crimes that break the hearts of victims, not only because of the financial loss they suffer, but also because of the loss of the relationships they believed were genuine. Thousands of people lose money to romance frauds each year after being conned on internet dating sites and social networks.**

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scammers are good at what they do; they ask lots of questions of the victim about what they want in their lives. They then use the information and turn it into a dream that becomes a reality to the victim. They use words we all like to hear to win their victim's heart, and they use psychology to hold them in their spell. Once they have established a relationship then the scamming begins. In all cases the plea for financial assistance is the key to the scam. This can be for assistance in cashing a cheque that they are unable to cash themselves, or asking for financial assistance to help them out of a difficulty they are having. For example, they were mugged, or involved in an accident, and are in hospital but cannot pay their hospital bill, or they are desperate to come to visit but need help with the money to manage that. Signs your friend or family member may be involved in a romance scam:

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- They may express very strong emotions and commitment to someone they have only just met
- They have sent, or are planning to send, money to someone they have not met face-to-face. They may take out loans or withdraw from their pension to send money. For further advice, or to report a scam to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

**Family History Society**  
**The next meeting for the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday September 16th.**

The talk is entitled 'Dorset From the Air-Then & Now' and will be presented by Gordon Le Pard. As usual, it will be held at the St, Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, commencing with tea or coffee at 2.50pm followed by the talk. Admission is £2 and non members are welcome. For more information, please contact John on: 01305 776008

**The Hardy Quilters**  
**The Hardy Quilters meet at Osington Village Hall, Shortlake Road on the fourth Friday of the**

# Local news

**The Wyke Regis Society**

**Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting no. 415 held 7pm Tuesday 12th July 2022 at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road**  
**Contact Georgina Skipper, g.skipper@btinternet.com, 01305 761993**

Lanehouse/Lynch Lane/Benville Road have become dangerous as the junctions are not designed for heavy lorries to negotiate safely.

The need for paths to be mown in the "rewilded" areas and verges in the area was emphasised.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Response from Wessex Water and WPC indicates there was no agreement to limit lorry traffic to the sewage works. GS to contact WW to ask them to change their working practices. Failing this, it may fall under the heading of a public nuisance.

GS to contact Rangers regarding herd of deer on Camp Road fields, which are being disturbed by

dogs and injured. Our new councillor is Helen Toft, Green Party. She was invited but presumably has been too busy to respond.

**Councillors' Report:**

No news on planning for Portland Incinerator expected until September.

Wheelie bins and articles being left out on footpaths on All Saints and Chamberlaine Road – letters being sent to offenders. Ferrybridge traffic lights being investigated for reasons for failures to stop. A letter has been sent from Planning to the Chamberlaine Road householder who has installed a satellite dish on the front of a listed building.

**War Memorial:**

Needs another clear up.

**Proposed Incinerator on Portland:**

The meeting expressed their concern about this and felt strongly that this was the most important event in the next few months. It was agreed that the



The first gas light installed in Wyke in 1905 outside the Swan Inn in Wyke Square.

**month.**

Our next meeting will be on Friday 23rd September, 10am - 12noon when we will have a short AGM followed by the Quilters Guild handbag collection. A wonderful chance to see miniature quilts. We look forward to visitors and new members. All abilities welcome. Contact Jenny Greenwood at [straitjen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:straitjen@hotmail.co.uk) or 01305821791.

**C'Siders Charity Gala at Anning House**

**C'Siders' Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer were delighted to be invited to Anning House Care Home by two of management team to receive a welcome cheque for £1724 following the**

**Charity Gala.**

A lovely evening with live Jazz singer, BBQ and raffle had been enjoyed a couple of weeks ago, and what an amazing result this was. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. C'Siders informal afternoon tea takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Anning House, Cross Road, Weymouth DT4 9QX.

C'Siders have an exciting programme of meetings arranged. Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more.

- 1st September: Afternoon tea, coffee and cake, Anning House at 3.45pm.
- 19th September: Members Catch Up Evening, Moonfleet Bowls Club, 7.00pm.
- 6th October: Afternoon tea, coffee and cake, Anning House at 3.45pm.

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- 17th October: Chinese Kites Workshop with Eve Hannay; Moonfleet Bowls Club at 7.00pm.
- 3rd November: Afternoon tea, coffee and cake, Anning House at 3.45pm.
- 21st November: Annual General meeting; Moonfleet Bowls Club at 7.00pm.
- 1st December 2022: Afternoon tea, coffee and cake, Anning House at 3.45pm.

The group is also delighted to be organising an Anniversary Meal, to run trips and visits to local attractions and even offer paddleboarding to members. With events planned at the Welmar Summer Fete and the Radipole Gardens' Wellbeing event, there's never been a better time to join us.

Regular activities such as a cancer

rehabilitation exercise class and weekly table tennis sessions are still available.

Please do get in touch for further details: [info@csiders.org](mailto:info@csiders.org); [www.csiders.org](http://www.csiders.org); 07430 695462.

**Overcombe WI**

**July/August 2022**

**Our meeting in July celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with aptly decorated cup cakes for the members. Our talk this month was by the wonderful representatives of Cycling Without Age who have three wheeled modified cycles called trishaws. The front of the trishaw has two seats and they will take the elderly and people with reduced**

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C'Siders Charity presenting cheque at Anning House



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**mobility for a ride around the area. They happily took several of our members along the Preston Road and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.**

August saw around 30 of us having a lunch picnic at Kingston Maurward instead of our traditional evening meeting. The weather was kind to us, not too hot and sunny and we spent a couple of hours enjoying the view of the lake whilst eating, chatting and a walk around the gardens. As president I was invited to Sutton Poyntz WI for their Right Royal Garden Party. This was a lovely afternoon and very pleasant to meet members of that WI. Most of the clubs have continued for the summer, and all will certainly open up again in September.

*Jackie Greet  
President*

## Friends of Weymouth Library

### Richard Hutley – The History and Future of Policing

The Friends of Weymouth Library (Fowl) are hosting a talk by Richard Hutley, ex Dorset Police Officer on Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 10.30am.

This will be held in Weymouth Library in support of the library's events and activities. Booking is essential. Please contact Weymouth Library on 01305 762410 or email [weymouthlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:weymouthlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## Greenhill Gardens and Sandsfoot Gardens receive Green Flag Awards

**The Keep Britain Tidy award is the international quality mark**

**for parks and green spaces, and was announced during Love Parks Week.**

After two years that have seen our parks and green spaces play a vital role for people through lockdowns as a place to relax, exercise and meet friends and family safely, the news that both Greenhill and Sandsfoot Gardens have achieved the Green Flag Award for another year is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that make these green spaces a great place for everyone to enjoy. Keep Britain Tidy's Accreditation Manager Paul Todd said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making Greenhill Gardens and Sandsfoot Gardens worthy of a Green Flag Award.

'These are vital green spaces for the community in Weymouth. This award is testament to all the hard work of staff and volunteers, who do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.' Cllr Ann Weaving, Mayor of Weymouth, said: 'I'm absolutely delighted that Greenhill Gardens and Sandsfoot Gardens have been awarded Green Flag status once again. They are both such beautiful places that boast wonderful views of the Dorset coastline. Congratulations to the team at Weymouth Town Council for all the hard work that has taken place to help us win the Green Flag Awards.'

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.



## Weymouth and Portland Ladies' Probos

**The Weymouth and Portland Ladies' Probos held their July meeting in the Piano Bar at the Weymouth Pavilion.**

This was our last meeting before the summer break and there was a summery feeling in the air, as we looked out of the windows at the whole of Weymouth Beach, and with a slight turn of the head at the Harbour. Weymouth is ready for its influx of tourists and the weather was lovely. Weymouth in its full summer glory. The tourists are already arriving even though our local schools have not yet Broken Up.

Our talk was given by Hilary Green who spoke about her career as a Vet. This was both informative and entertaining.

There is no meeting in August.

Our next meeting on September 21st will be in the piano bar and Amy Brennan will be looking at any antique jewellery that members bring and talking about the items.

We normally meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and new members are welcome to join us. For further information and encouragement to join us at a meeting, please contact Yvonne Skinner, (Chair) 01305779815 or Sarah Simpson (Secretary) at [sara\\_simpson@talktalk.net](mailto:sara_simpson@talktalk.net)

## Enjoy a picnic in the parks

**People are being encouraged to have picnics not BBQs at Weymouth Town Council's parks and open spaces.**

The town council have joined partner organisations to support the wildfire prevention campaign #BringAPicnicNotABBQ which was recently launched.

Cllr Ryan Hope, Services Committee Chair, said: "We're supporting the wildfire prevention campaign #BringAPicnicNotABBQ and our advice to residents and visitors is to enjoy our parks and open spaces responsibly; bring a picnic, not a BBQ.

"Following the recent hot and dry spell, the ground has become extremely dry, and as a precaution the BBQ bins provided at Lodmoor Country Park events area and the Nothe Gardens have been temporarily removed. We will take the advice of Dorset and Wilts Fire and Rescue service and will reinstate the bins when the ground condi-

tions change.

'And while not advised, BBQs are permitted on Weymouth Beach if used responsibly. I'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation on this matter.'

For more advice on Public Spaces Protection Orders relating to BBQs and campfires in Dorset, visit Dorset Council's website. They have also issued a map highlighting areas of high fire risk where BBQs are not allowed. Visit <https://explorer.geowessex.com/cside/nobbq> for more details.

More information about Weymouth Beach is available on the website.

## Nothe Fort Sessions Summer evenings, legendary musicians and an award winning venue.

Courtney Pine, Robbie McIntosh, Ben Waters.

Legendary musicians Courtney Pine, Robbie McIntosh and Ben Waters are centre stage this August at the award winning Nothe Fort, Weymouth. They will be bringing Rock, Blues and Jazz sessions to midsummer Monday evenings.

The three Nothe Fort Sessions, on Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th August, are the brainchild of globe-trotting, Boogie Woogie Maestro, Ben Waters. He presents the top class artists with his inimitable warmth and musical wizardry.

Ben says, 'What better way to start the week than sitting back in the spectacular parade ground at Nothe Fort, listening to legendary musicians on a midsummer evening. Bring a picnic, get your feet stomping and enjoy!'

Opening the Nothe Fort Sessions on Monday 15th August will be the Robbie McIntosh Band with support from Mickey B and the Night Owls.

Guitarist, Robbie has legendary status among his fellow musicians and for good reason. A long term member of the Pretenders and Sir Paul McCartney's Band, Robbie has since appeared on countless recordings by a literal who's who in pop music including Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton, George Martin, Paul Young, Joe Cocker, Annie Lennox and Carl Perkins. He has performed in major venues all over the globe and has played at the Greatest Show on Earth – Live Aid. Robbie and his Band will give fans the chance to see and hear one of the finest guitarists of his, or any, generation playing the music he loves. The evening is completed with a top terrace view of the Wey-



Courtney Pine will take centre stage on Monday 22nd August,

mouth fireworks. Next, ground-breaking saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist, Courtney Pine will take centre stage on Monday 22nd August, presenting music inspired by his hit album, House of Legends.

Pine is a jazz legend with trailblazing talent. He has certainly clocked up the accolades, with a string of highly acclaimed recordings and numerous prestigious industry awards, including several Mobo awards, a Mercury Prize nomination and a CBE and OBE for services to music. What's more, he is a Professor of Music at Westminster University, worked with UNESCO and Tate Modern and is a widely respected TV and radio broadcaster. It's no surprise he has played some of the largest stages in the world.

This is a rare treat to have a musician of his reputation and pure talent setting the stage alight with an exhilarating Caribbean cocktail of ska, calypso, merengue and reggae, topped with an abundance of screaming soprano saxophone. With special guests, saxophonist Tom Waters, presenting Abel's collective, this is an evening not to miss.

Finally, and by no means least, Monday 29th August brings the curator of the Nothe Fort sessions, Ben Waters with The Ben Waters Band to the stage.

Described by Jools Holland as 'his favourite pianist of all time' and Blues & Rhythm as 'Quite simply the best boogie woogie piano player in this country today', Ben has sold out stages from the Opera House to the Royal Albert Hall. He has worked with industry leg-

ends such as The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Paul Weller, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more.

Ben and his Band will present a blistering set of electrifying piano-led rock & roll, boogie-woogie, stomping blues and swing, to delight audiences on their home ground. With support from Dorset's rockabilly sensation, The Surfin Birds and a ring side view of the Weymouth fireworks to complete the evening.

Advance Tickets are on sale now at [benwaters.com/gigs](http://benwaters.com/gigs). VIP tickets include a champagne reception, meet the band, the best seats in the house and more! Gates open at 5.30pm. Start 6.30pm. Picnics are welcome and there is a Licensed Bar and food sales at the venue.

If you are looking to bring friends and family, there are special group prices and discount child tickets on offer.

### Sculpture marks 10th anniversary of Olympic and Paralympic sailing events

To mark ten years since Weymouth took centre stage for the sailing events at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, a commemorative sculpture was unveiled at a community event.

The unveiling was carried out by Cllr Ann Weaving, Mayor of Weymouth on Friday 5th August at the Nothe Gardens. Ambassadors and torch bearers from London

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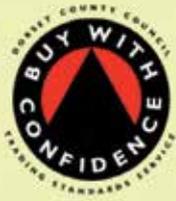


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Weymouth Town Council worked with the Dorchester-based Arts Development Company to help commission artist Brendon Murlless to create the sculpture. The unique design features a boat styled on the one used by Ben Ainslie in which he won gold for Team GB at the Games. Ben is one of the most successful sailors in Olympic history, winning medals at five consecutive Olympics from 1996 to London 2012.

The sculpture features numbers and symbols inspired by the number of participants in the Games – 380, countries competing – 63, and the five medals won by Team

GB in the sailing events. Portland stone has also been used to create six waves, representing six continents.

As well as the unveiling, a community event was organised by Weymouth Town Council and people are encouraged to come along, bring a picnic, and enjoy a host of free activities. These included children's mini-Olympic races, face painting, pebble painting, a mini nature trail and live music.

There was also a display of information to find out more about services and projects run by Weymouth Town Council, and an opportunity to find out more about the Friends of the Nothe Gardens.

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The new sculpture in Nothe Gardens

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# Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

**These days the arrival of hot weather seems to bring out the worst in excessive official information. Senior Citizens are bombarded with advice – or more properly, instructions – to avoid going out when the sun is at its highest, to drink lots and lots - of water, unfortunately, not nice chilled white wine - to keep windows closed and curtains drawn and generally not to panic.**

As generations that have lived through many nasty things, a soundbite not to panic is an insult, and the suggestion that we Senior Citizens cannot deal with higher than average temperatures is demeaning. But there is one subject on which official advice is strangely quiet. This relates to the important matter of the best below waist apparel to stave off the worst effects of heat.

Now all gentlemen – I will not get into a gender debate here – gentlemen Senior Citizens are blessed with a pair of knees that have matured to a state of perfection over the years and hence deserve to be displayed. So shorts should be worn with pride. Note that it is not appropriate for postmen to be wearing shorts in January. They risk frostbitten kneecaps and anyway they are far too young for leg exposure.

But I digress. As the sun comes out, so do my legs beneath my shorts.

This however leads to a far more awkward dilemma which I am sure you have already considered which is of course, what to wear on your feet. This is not a reference to sandals, which are an obvious choice, but to what to wear with the sandals. Purists suggest that the only proper answer is nothing ie bare feet, to take full advantage of the cooling effects of skin to air contact but, of greater importance, because it is more stylish, But as an influencer of some renown I suggest a far more sensible and attractive alternative.

Before I do however, some history. A while ago, a little before the time of even a Senior Honoured Ancestor (for definitions of Senior Citizen ages see past editions of Over the Hill) the Romans decided that the United Kingdom – which was even less united then than it is now, but that's another story – was an ideal holiday destination. Untroubled by airport chaos, train delays or cross channel ferry/tunnel hold-ups they came here in droves, mainly soldiers on leave. Locals of the period usually clothed themselves in animal skins, bright blue 'Woad' make-up and ran around barefoot.

On the other hand the holiday makers continued with the standard form of attire they wore back home in Italy. Starting from the top this consisted of a helmet to keep off the sun or rain, A tunic, rather

like a long mini-dress or kilt, belted at the waist with a short sword for dealing with pickpockets (not that they had any pockets) plus – wait for it - socks and sandals.

As Publius Cornelius Tacitus wrote in his history of the Emperor Agricola (best read, I think, in the original Latin) socks should be worn because 'Multo commodius est'\*\*\*. And that reason, if good enough for those sensible Roman style setters, is certainly good enough for me. So my suggestion is ankle length white socks with your sandals. My In-house Adviser is in full agreement with this choice. Either that or her silence means that she doesn't care one way or the other. However Grandson George, representative of the younger generations, seems overly affected by the sight, or rather non-sight, of my toes. Now most peoples' feet are not their best feature – though feel free to disagree – especially when combined with fallen arches, as in my case. As a youngster this affliction caused me to suffer many twisted ankles on a regular basis and curtailed my very promising career as centre forward for the local Scout Troop team. It was goalie or nothing for me, which proved very difficult wearing glasses.

But I digress again. So the tactful covering of feet in sandals with aesthetically (hope the spell checker is working) pleasing and very comfortable white calf length socks is exactly the right combination. And while on the subject of socks and sandals, it seems that young parents have forgotten the nursery rhymes and lullabies that we used to sing to our children. I suspected this might be the case

because when anyone asked my name I used to say 'Hubbard. As in Old Mother.....' and they would get it immediately. Nowadays it just results in a blank stare.

A recent survey of two thousand parents showed that about half didn't know all the words to Baa Baa Black Sheep, Row Row Row Your Boat or Jack and Jill. They probably would remember them if they were the theme tune to Love Island, the Squid Game or Frozen, but that doesn't seem too likely to happen any time soon.

Paying by cash also seems to be on its way out. It may be just me – alright, it probably is just me – but when you offer cash at the till there seems to be an unspoken thought in the mind of the shopkeeper that perhaps you are too untrustworthy to be allowed to have a credit card. Recently when paying for a £4.20 item I passed over a £5 note and a 20 pence coin, simply to avoid a pocketful of what the RN refer to as shrapnel ie small change. This was greeted with great suspicion by the young person at the till, and the manager was called. After some private discussion I was given my 20p coin back and 80p in change. Probably lucky that a Police Armed Response Team weren't summoned to ask me to account for myself. So if in the near future you come across someone on the seafront in shorts, sandals, white socks, singing Humpty Dumpty and with his pockets bulging with coins, say hello. It's probably me.

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Cllr Ann Weaving, Mayor of Weymouth, said: "We wanted to commemorate ten years since the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events took place in Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour. Nothe Gardens has been chosen as the location for the artwork because it's a reminder of the spot where spectators gathered in their droves to cheer on the competitors during the sailing events. It also provides the perfect backdrop for taking and sharing photos of Dorset's beautiful coastline. 'I also want to encourage people to join us at the community event running alongside the sculpture unveiling. Bring a picnic, take part in the family-friendly activities, and find out more about Weymouth Town Council's services and projects.'

Artist Brendon added: 'I have designed my sculpture to celebrate the 2012 Olympics sailing events in Weymouth and Portland, to tell a positive story about the participants and how they came from all over the world to compete here.

When people look at the sculpture from Nothe Fort Gardens it will silhouette against the sea where the sailing events took place.'

## Have you ever thought about learning to ring church bells, but...?

**In most countries, church bells are rung by tugging on a rope. Either the rope pulls a hammer against the bell, or it is fastened to the clapper and pulls the clapper against the bell. In either case, the bell itself doesn't move.**

In contrast, the traditional sound of English church bells is made by bells which swing through a complete circle, and ring as the clapper is thrown from one side of the bell to the other. The bell is swung using a rope, an activity that many people associate with monks yo-yoing up and down. The reality is much more interesting, although it rarely involves flight. It requires technique rather

than brute strength, since the bell itself does most of the work and the ringer just has to help it on its way. The skill comes in learning to vary the speed of the swing so that some bells can overtake others and change their position in the ringing order – hence 'ringing the changes'.

There are three churches in Weymouth where the bells are hung for full circle ringing. This autumn we are joining forces to run an introductory course, 'bell-ringing basics'. The course will last six weeks, will be entirely practical, and should get you to the point where you can safely ring a bell unaided and start to experience ringing as one of a team. By that time you will probably know whether bell-ringing is for you, and can decide whether you want it to take it further and join one of the local tower bands.

The course will be held in the tower at All Saints church, Wyke Regis, on six Saturday mornings starting on 24th September. If you are interested, contact Michael Dillistone, tower captain at All Saints, on [micheal.dillistone@btinternet.com](mailto:micheal.dillistone@btinternet.com) (note the unusual spelling of the first name) or call 01305 784902.



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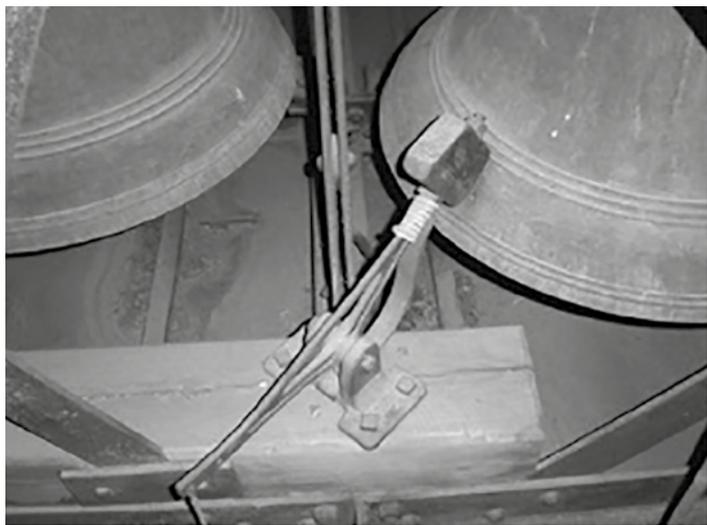
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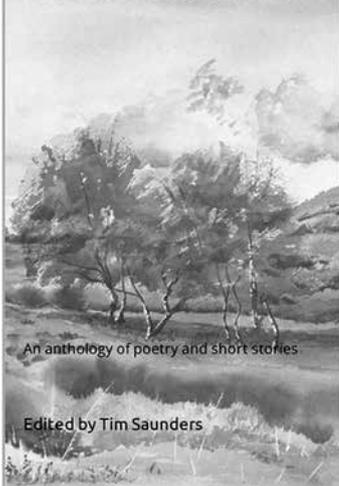


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## Music by the Sea -- Greenhill Gardens, Weymouth

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Sunday 4th September -- Singers and Amazing Entertainers The Decadettes are on the Bandstand from 2.00 - 4pm.

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy their music with Weymouth Bay as the magical backdrop. Admission is free but a donation is appreciated.  
<http://www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk>

A Friends of Greenhill Gardens Event.

## Parish Fete

A 'Parish September Celebration' is being held in the Gardens at the Convent of Mercy, Wyke Road on Saturday 10th September from 12.00 - 4.00pm.  
See poster on page 16.

## Arts & Crafts Fair

Weymouth Bay Methodist Church.

Every day 15th - 20th August 10am - 4pm.

Lots of craft stalls, bric a brac and plants.

Food available all day - hot drinks, cakes and bacon rolls.

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## Preston Village Market

Saturday 1st October

Please make a note of our next village Market which will be held in St. Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston DT3 6BU 10am - 12.30pm when we will be selling our usual high standard of Crafts, Plants, Edibles plus much more. There will be delicious refreshments available.

Entry Free but donations gratefully received for our chosen charities. This time we will be raising funds for

Dorset Search and Rescue and St Andrew's Church Fund.

## Dorchester Country Market

**Our Market is open every Friday from 9am - 12 noon in The United Church Hall, South Street Dorchester DT1 1BY (other entrance, Charles Street -opposite Library).**

We sell home made cakes & biscuits, sweet and savoury pastries inc. gluten free range, also preserves and pickles; Flowers, plants and home grown vegetables (in season). We have a huge range of hand made craft items (perfect for that original gift).

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on Friday 30th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Market 9.30am - 11.30am Please support us with raising funds for the Cancer Care Nurses.

## Cycling With Friends

**At an interesting WI meeting the team from 'Cycling without age' talked about their charity and how it helps people with limited mobility.**

I immediately thought of a friend that lives in an independent living home called MacPherson House



Cycling With Friends

in Preston. A home that allows my friend to live safely and independently with like-minded residents. Getting on to the 'Cycling without age' website I was able to arrange a morning of cycling with Des, one of the pilots covering the Weymouth area. Des picked us up from MacPherson House at 10.30am and we were taken by trishaw around Overcombe, along the seafront to the harbour area then on to Radipole Park and finally on to the Lodmoor area. Be-

fore heading home we had an ice cream at the Caddy Shack, near the rugby club.

My friend really enjoyed having the ability to get out and experience a sense of freedom.

We shall definitely do it again soon.

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## Parish of Wyke Regis

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### Sundays

8.00 am Said Holy Communion

9.30 am Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee.

### Wednesdays

There will be no 10.30 am Holy Communion during August but evening services as below:

Wed 17 August 6pm Choral Evensong with Laudemus

**Wed. 24 August 6pm** Taize Service. All Saints (This beautiful service of Chants and Readings will help you to centre yourself on the presence of Christ led by the Rev'd Betty Port)

**Wed. 31st August** Celtic Holy Communion A Eucharistic service and music in the Celtic tradition. Within the service there will be an opportunity to be anointed for healing. Led by Rev'd Geoff Hebborn

The first Sunday of each month will be a Café Church at 9.30am especially for children, with toast and refreshments followed by a short service of music, praise, prayer and a story for all the family. All are welcome.

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 11.00am Holy Communion Service every fortnight alternating with Service of the Word led by Lay Ministers.

**Wednesdays 1.00pm** - Mother and Toddlers group is held weekly at St Edmund's Church in term-time, with Toddlers Praise on the first Wednesday of the month. Please bring along your children and grandchildren and meet up with others. All welcome.

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

On the 3rd Saturday in the month a Coffee Morning will be held at All Saints from 10.00am - 12 noon, with tea, coffee, cakes, book stall, companionship. Please join us.

**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:

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book.com/groups/allsaintswyke/  
Parish website - <https://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live/>

**Our weekly Pew Sheet** is also published on our website with up-to-date news and readings.

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, Portland Road, Wyke Regis

### Wednesday 17th August: Choral Evensong

6 00pm, with Laudemus, a Bryanston based group. All are welcome.

### Saturday 20th August: Coffee Morning 10.00 – 12.00

Coffee, tea, delicious cakes, chat, and excellent book stall.

### Saturday 10th September: Ride and Stride

Ride + Stride is a sponsored walking or cycling event for everyone. Choose a walking or cycling route that takes in some of Dorset's historic churches along the way, invite some friends and family to join and/or sponsor you, and enjoy a lovely day out. Money raised will be divided equally between your own church and the Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) and will help to ensure that DHCT continues to support the funding of essential repairs and improvements to Dorset's wonderful churches. For more details of how to take part for All Saints contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174.

Saturday 17th September: Coffee Morning 10:00 – 12:00 and Tower Tours

Coffee, tea, delicious cakes, chat, and excellent book stall. Also, another chance to book yourself on a guided tour of All Saints church tower: climb the 100 steps to the top to enjoy the 360° panoramic view that awaits and see the bells at first hand. Visit the parish website, [www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/](http://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/), for full details and to purchase tickets.

**Saturday 17th September: Promenade Concert with Wey-**

## mouth Concert Brass.

Tickets available online at [www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/](http://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events/)

## Saturday 24th September: Bell-ringing Basics course starts at All Saints church.

See article elsewhere in this issue for contact details.

## Saturday 24th September to Sunday 2nd October: Big Green Week.

More details of All Saints church BGW events will be available next month.

## Dates for your diaries.

### Sunday 2nd October

Harvest Lunch and Skittles at St Edmund's Hall, Lane House Rocks Road.

### Saturday 8th October

Quiz Night 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Chamberlaine Road. Contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve your table.

### Saturday 15th October

Coffee Afternoon 2.00 – 4.00pm and Tower Tours. See details above for 17th September Coffee Morning.

### Saturday 22nd October

Film Night 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. An opportunity to enjoy a classic film (and a glass of wine). Contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve a seat.

### Sunday 6th November

Choral Concert by Nota Bene 5.30pm.

### Sunday October 2nd

Harvest Lunch and Skittles at St Edmund's Hall, Lane House Rocks Road.

### Saturday October 8th

Quiz in Memorial Hall, Chamberlain Road. 7.00pm.

### Sunday 6th November

All Saints Church. 5.30pm. Choral Concert by Nota Bene

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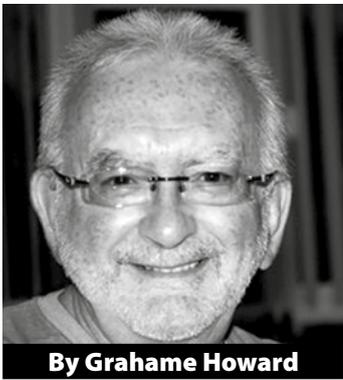


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By Grahame Howard

**Never a Dull Moment Well, here we are, nearer to Christmas than we were last month. That is wisdom don't you think? We are in early autumn well, close anyway.**

One can always tell because there is dew on the car most mornings and the spiderwebs are everywhere. Is it only me, but when I go out of the door to take Charlie for his walk, I usually get a face full of them. They're everywhere, especially on the hedges and conifers. There will be a national arachnophobia crisis if this carries on. I do not like spiders very much. I used to have to visit a house where this lady kept a tarantula in a glass case. I wouldn't have minded so much, but I always had to sit next to it and it used to eyeball me. The lady saw me looking at it once, and asked me if I would like to hold it. I politely refused this and couldn't wait to get out of the place.

Talking of spiders, my daughter was bitten by one recently. She was in a pub with her husband and felt sharp discomfort. This discomfort turned into a nightmare for her. She had to attend A&E because her leg had swollen pretty badly and she was in a lot of pain. The hospital confirmed that it was a False Widow Spider bite and gave her medication to help take the

swelling down. It took about 10 days before she felt better.

Moving on, I have just celebrated my birthday, and what a blessing that was. Among my presents from my kids, I received three Miles Davis albums and a John Coltrane one. I love laid back jazz, especially with a quintet of perhaps, trumpet, sax, piano and drums like Mr Davis used to offer. With a glass of wine, the lights turned low and the music playing it is a fantastic way of relaxing. I tried to recruit my 17 year old grandson to this form of music but, he feels it is not for him. He's at music college and plays lead guitar in a local band in Weymouth - the metallic and heavy rock stuff. Not the type to relax to but, I must say, the band are very good.

One highlight of my birthday was a meal out at an Italian restaurant. The CO booked a table for four but, in the end, it was just the CO, my daughter and myself who attended. The thing is, the CO forgot to inform the waiter that one person was unable to attend and we sat there for at least 45 minutes before he took our order. He kept going by but whatever we did, we were unable to catch his eye. In the end, hungry and seriously dehydrated, the CO said drastic action needed to take place and she shouted to him, 'Hoy,' in her best eastender accent. This did the trick. He stopped dead in his tracks and while he was coming over, I went to the loo and my daughter suddenly realised she had dropped some money on the floor and was under the table trying to find it. He was very apologetic and told the lonely CO that he thought there was a fourth diner coming. She suddenly realised that she hadn't mentioned this and apologised. After that,

with the food ordered and my daughter suddenly finding her money under the table and my return from the loo, we had a lovely meal and my birthday was complete.

As some of you know, I have to wear hearing aids. The ones I have been using since before Lockdown are brilliant, but a few months ago, one of them stopped working. It would work for a time and then stop again. It was a very frustrating time. This was exacerbated by the fact that I couldn't get an appointment straightaway. There was a six weeks queue. This was agony, as anyone with a hearing loss knows. I couldn't speak on the telephone because I could not decipher what the person was saying. One chap even said to the CO, 'What's the matter with him, don't he understand English?' The CO told him that I didn't. Thanks for that. During the six week wait, I came to the conclusion that if everybody spoke in a very high voice, I would be able to understand what they were saying. Speaking in a deep voice was like listening to a bassist playing down a coal mine - yes they do this at times.

I then remembered that it is all

about different tones. With myself, I struggle with the lower tones but can usually understand the high ones. Therefore, if you meet me in the street or wherever, remember to speak high. Anything other than that, I just can't make it out.

However, I finally got my appointment and was told that the amplifier on the aid had stopped working. This was replaced and I could hear again - for three days, when the same thing happened. This time, I managed to get an emergency appointment and was re-fitted with another aid. This time it worked, thanks to the very experienced audiologist.

So all is well; the CO has just left a 'JOBS TO DO' list on my desk. It reads:

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The weather outside is scorching, and things are also heating up at the Theatre! We're getting ready to welcome the fabulous B-Side festival and we're gearing up to get back on stage with 'A Bunch of Amateurs' the superb love letter of a play to

**Amateur Dramatics written by Nick Newman and Ian Hislop, of Private Eye and HIGNFY fame. It's going to be terrific!**

The joint production of the Hardy shorts by Rose and Anne Marie Goldthorp and supported by the Royal Manor Theatre has now wrapped! The films will hold their premiere at the Theatre in November. It has been a great privilege to be part of this and give the opportunity for our members to be involved.

B-Side is back at the Royal Manor Theatre this year, serving as a hub

for a wide variety of artists and performers, from the 8th - 11th September. Including a new film by artist Duncan Whitley - Kimberlin (2019). Kimberlin is a short film about the discovery of an underground cinema cavern on the Isle of Portland in Dorset. See the B-side website, and the Royal Manor Theatre Facebook page for more. 'Riding Out' on October 5th, sees cycling superstar Simon Parker share the highs and lows from his 3,427 mile cycling expedition around the of the UK during the global pandemic. Supporting the book of the same name, 'Riding Out' guests will be taken along for the ride via a series of intimate anecdotes, high quality short films, photos and audio clips. Simon has seen success with documentaries and books and is a leading light in the cycling world. Not to be missed!

As mentioned, the A Bunch of Amateurs rehearsals have started. We're all having a great time bringing this marvellously funny production to you all in a few Months. Performance dates are October 17th to 22nd. See You There!

Finally, the event you've all been waiting for, Rocky Horror Night

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This is a most inquisitive dragonfly and will often fly up close to the face of someone walking along a path in its territory.

The male has mostly greenish spots along its upper abdomen apart from segments 8, which has blue spots, and segments 9 and 10, which have blue partial bands. There are also blue spots on the sides of the abdomen. The abdomen is slim and it is distinctly waisted just below the junction with the thorax.

Females have slightly broader abdomens than males but are otherwise quite similar except that they have only green spots and complete bands on segments 9 and 10.

The Southern Hawker is a very common sight in summer throughout England and Wales. This dragonfly is less common in the north and occurs in just a few locations in northern Scotland.

Mainly seen flying over ponds, or



slow-flowing streams or hawking along leafy country lanes, like other members of the Aeshna genus this beautiful insect flies for long periods without resting, which makes it a difficult creature to study and photograph.

In Britain the Southern Hawker can usually be seen on the wing from mid June to mid October. The female lays her eggs in summer and early autumn by stabbing her ovipositor into rotting decaying marginal vegetation or rotting wood. The eggs lie dormant through the winter and then hatch in the following spring.

Southern Hawker nymphs take three years to reach maturity, during which time they feed on small invertebrates including the nymphs and larvae of other insects as well as tadpoles and, when they can catch them, newborn newts (known as efts).

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- 9.30am St Nicholas, Broadway
- 10.15am St Francis, Littlemoor
- 10.30am St Osmund, Osmington (2nd/4th/5th)
- 11.00am St Laurence, Upwey
- 4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Rippers
- 6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (Presence Service 2nd Sundays)
- 6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (Celtic Prayer 4th Sundays)
- 7.30pm St Andrew, Preston (Worship by candlelight every Tuesday)

## Who's Who

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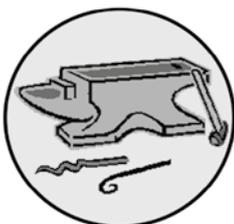
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We were pleased to welcome Jackie and Margaret as our special guests from our sister WI Group at Overcome. We were pleased to celebrate a number of our members Birthdays and to also hear that it was Margaret, our guests Birthday too.

For this special occasion we welcomed everyone with a glass of Pimms and instead of our usual practice of members providing the food we decided to splash out and had a delicious spread provided for us by Helen the caterer. It was indeed a lavish spread, which allowed for many 'doggy bags' to be taken home at the end of the party!

After tea we were entertained by our very own Ukeladies. This Ukulele band which was set up a few years ago and is led by one of our members Liz Slee, played in the garden for us. It was a great sound and the distribution of song sheets meant we were able to join in singing some old favourites and then handing out percussion instruments added to the fun. All in all, it turned out to be a great Jubilee Celebration for our Patron Queen Elizabeth.

Our next meeting is on the 7th September Rene Dewhurst will be talking to us about the work done at The Horse Course..

## Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society:

**The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 13th September starting at 7.30pm when Martin Young will be talking about Hostas, Hesperanthas and Heucheras.**

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## Your councillor update

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

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we are experiencing in Weymouth and across Dorset.

I wonder whether we will have a hose pipe ban imposed on our gardens? My veg have recently been exposed to an invasion of caterpillars so I am not sure how much will be left to water.

Have you had family to stay? I am delighted to say my house has been full of teenagers all summer. I am also very pleased that my family are water babies and are never happier than in, under or on the water with an occasional ice cream; Rossi's of course. Although many other brands have been consumed.

I hope you have managed to take part in some of the many events taking place across the town to remember the 2012 Olympics. I am particularly impressed with the sculpture on the Nothe, which I really like. The Art trail, I think is lovely, really brightens up some drab buildings and the sculpture trail too.

I mention this most months but will make no apology for doing so again it is so important. Do consider whether you could foster a Dorset child. It is so rewarding and the more foster carers register actually with the Council service the better it is for children and for the County. Dorset's 'in house' foster service receives very good reports nationally and the level of support is well regarded and appreciated by our carers.

I mentioned the proposed meeting with the company who organise our firework displays. I attended this earlier this week and it was very interesting and useful. The company WTC use is not the biggest or the best but is certainly numbered among the best. They are both exhibitors and whole sellers which means they are able to have full control over the fireworks they use. Importing increasingly from Europe (Spain) reducing air miles, rather than large containers from China. Manufacturing regulations in Europe are much stricter and better enforced so we know no child labour is being used and that the materials and chemicals are of the best quality. Copper wire is now stripped from the plastic casings and both are recycled, cardboard and paper is recycled and recyclable and biodegradable. 'Thrust' mechanisms are now far more envi-

ronmentally sustainable. Of course, there is still an impact but the industry is working hard to be more climate conscious. It is interesting that the environmental impact of a low noise display is greater than that of the regular display. However, I know lower noise is appreciated by pet owners and people with various cognitive disabilities. A full report will be brought to the Services Committee shortly to be assessed but personally I am assured that in terms of the enjoyment experienced and the economic benefit to our seaside town that Firework displays should continue. We also discussed alternatives and currently drone displays are not a financial option. We can and should explore sound and light displays; we have staged some impressive shows in the past. We need to encourage people to attend by bus, bike or walking and to continue to press for a proper park and ride. The impact upon the environment of travelling to events in the town is probably greater than the impact from the event itself.

I mentioned a few months ago that I am working with Cllr Harris WTC and Cllr Kimber PTC on regenerating the W&P Access Group. This is ongoing however if you have a disability and would like to take a role within the group or just be part of the group please do get in touch. I am meeting with a representative of the group and Aster Housing early in September to walk around Wyke and identify where dropped kerbs are inadequate. Please let me know of any issues you are aware of. Over the years I have walked most of the town and surrounding area with Access members in mobility scooters and wheelchairs to gain an oversight of the difficulties encountered. But access is more than just dropped curbs, we need to be aware of the hazard or A-boards, inadequate signage, overhanging hedges trees etc. I am always very pleased to hear of problems in any area.

If any of the issues I have written about interest you and you would like to know more or provide me with more information, do please get in touch.

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).

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Approximately 14 cms in length, these tiny and gregarious birds are common residents in Britain, their main habitat being woodland areas and hedgerows, or clusters of gorse and hawthorn. Their nests are dome-shaped in construction, and are lined with soft materials such as spiders' webs, feathers, and hair, and covered with lichen. Occasionally, such nests can be found high up against the trunks of tall trees, with a small entry hole near the top.

Both sexes are involved in the construction and lining of the nest where anything from 7-12 white eggs, speckled with fine reddish spots, are later laid. In general there is but one brood a year. Incubation takes from 12 – 14 days, the female only sitting on the nest, but both parents are involved later after the young have hatched and need to be fed. Born blind, and sometimes naked, the young are helpless, but within approximately two weeks after hatching, they are fully feathered and can fly. Bobbing and undulating in flight, the long-tailed tit is rarely found on the ground. Even when perched, it will continue to flick both tail and wings.

The long tails of these lively, delightful and entertaining little birds, are approximately one and a half times the length of their tiny bodies, and mainly black except for a narrow strip of white feathers underneath.

The body is mostly white with a slight touch of pink below the wings and around the rump. The head is also white but with a black band running from the beak and just above the eyes, across the back to the tail, whilst the wings are black and tinged with pink and white.

Their diet consists of seeds and leaf buds as well as spiders and small insects, all of which can be picked up easily with their small but strong beaks. They have also been seen to catch and tackle caterpillars which can be held down with one foot whilst biting off the caterpillar's head. The parents will remove the wings from butterflies and moths which they have caught, and behead spiders before feeding them to their hungry and demanding young. The beaks of the long-tailed tits are slightly curved in order to prise open seed husks and insects' tiny eggs found clustered on the undersides of leaves and on tree trunks and branches. With precarious balance needed in the gathering such food, this species has developed strong toes for grip, together with their unusually long tails to assist their balance.

Long-tailed tits, like other members of the same family, can suffer badly during very cold and severe winters for they are small and vulnerable, and need to feed regularly. Consequently they will roost, huddled together to fend off the biting winter winds. Long-tailed tits may start to brood at the end of their first year, and some of this species have been known to live up to eight years of age.



Juvenile long-tailed tit. Photo: Iain Ross. Inset: Long-tailed tit eggs.

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# Organisations

**Beachview Community Centre,** Beachview Close, Wyke Regis, DT4 9JA. My Place Dorset run a lunch club, every Friday from 12.00. Please call Michelle Wilson to pre book on 07920 428039

## **Blind & Partially Sighted Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm**

Weymouth Community Safety Centre, Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jenny Clift . 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.

## **Community Angels**

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

## **The Cygnet Group**

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

## **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.

## **Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action**

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

## **Dorset Kidney Fund**

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

## **Friends of 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 quiz-

zes 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

## **Hardy Quilters**

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

## **Harbour Poets**

Meet in Weymouth Library & Learning Centre from 2-4 pm 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.

## **Ladies Social Badminton**

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

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

We meet on Mondays in school term time, 12.30 - 2.30pm at The Frank Reynolds Community Centre on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email: elizabeth.ian.messer@gmail

## **Littlemoor Library**

Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm;  
2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm.  
Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm.  
Fri 2.00pm - 5.00pm.  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

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

Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon.

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

## **Mulberry Bush Pre-school**

Littlemoor Road. Children from 2 years 9 months, a fun and safe environment in which to learn through play. Monday to Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm. Contact Nicki Saunders  
Email: mbpreschool@standrews.dsat.org.uk for more detail. Or just pop in!

## **Osmington Archery Club**

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

## **Osmington Leisure**

Table Tennis is held on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

## **Osmington Lunch Club**

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

## **Osmington Village Hall**

07387 118300 osmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com. www.osmingtonvillagehall.co.uk.

## **Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds**

ERector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay.

Tel: 01305 784649

Email enquiries:

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www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk

All Saints, Portland Road.

Every Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Communion

Every Sunday: 8.00am. Said Holy Communion unless Rector is away.

9.30am. Sung Holy Communion

St Edmunds, Lane House Rocks Road.

Every Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion or Prayer Service of the Word

Every Wednesday in term time - Mother and Toddler group. 1.00pm.

1st Wednesday of the month - Toddler Praise 1.00pm.

Please see our block of parish information earlier in the paper.

## **Preston Pre-school**

Where learning is fun, in a free flowing environment indoors and outdoors. Children from 2 years. Funded places available.

Monday - Friday 8.45am to 2.45pm

For more information, phone 07826515321, e-mail prestonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk or simply come and visit us during our opening times.

## **Preston Table Tennis Club**

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

## **Preston Pantomime Group**

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall

New members welcome from age 14 upwards

Contact Julie on 832620.

## **Portland Gig Rowing Club**

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

## **Repair Cafe Weymouth**

Volunteers repair broken items in return for a donation. Events are on the second Saturday of the month from 10.30am - 12.30pm, except July and August., The Top Club, Louviers Road, Littlemoor DT3 6AY with free car parking. Items repaired include electronics, electrical, IT (PCs, laptops, gadgets and games), mechanical including tool sharpening, gluing, clocks, jewellery and sewing.

See www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. Email repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

## **Scottish Country Dancing**

Thursday 7.30pm - 9.45pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southhill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from Judy on 833660 .

## **Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group**

Details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

## **South Dorset Caledonian Society**

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

## **South Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society**

St Aldhelms Church Centre Spa Road on the 3rd Friday of the month tea or coffee at 3pm and the talk at 3.30pm. Contact no is John on 01305 776008.

## **South Dorset Woodcarving Club**

Tuesdays, Upwey Old School Village Hall 7- 9 pm

Club Secretary Jennie Vallins  
jennyanddavev@btinternet.com  
07920144332.

## **SSAFA**

Pilgrim House, 1 Hope Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TU. (By appointment only)

Urgent enquiries: 01202 742934. Office Number - answerphone: 077 26127 532.

## **The Light Spiritualist Church**

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

## **The Menzies Art Group**

We meet in the Menzies Room at the rear of the Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall, Victoria Ave, DT3 5NG on a Thursday morning from 9.30 -12.30. (starting from 6 July) We currently

have a few spaces available for enthusiastic painters! For more information please contact Carol on 01305 787769

### **Weymouth Stroke Support Group**

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

### **Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Shops**

Wyke Regis:- 82 Portland Road, Tel 788369. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm.

Weymouth :-71 St Thomas Street. Tel: 783523. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Sun 10am-4pm.

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### **Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society**

Meets on second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7.30pm - September to Christmas and February until the end of May. Meetings held at Weymouth Connect, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth DT4 7QL. Parking available. Please contact Mrs Roz Hope. Tel: 01305 815747, email: rozhope6@yahoo.com for further details. New members warmly welcome!

### **Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Association**

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

### **Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association**

Meet 1st Friday of each month at the Wyke Smugglers, Portland Road, DT4 9AB. Full Membership open to serving or veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm. Associate membership to those with an association with the Fleet Air Arm.

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

### **Weymouth and Portland Quakers**

Meet first and Third Sunday of each month 10.30am at the Fire Station, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tea and Coffee after. Doors are locked after 10.45am. Tel: 01305 788452.

### **Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)**

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings

8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman. wpsac@gmail.com

### **Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church**

WI Hall, Gallwey Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm. All are welcome.

### **Weymouth Carers Group**

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, 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 Drama Club**

A local drama club for adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week. For information on how to join, please contact the secretary, Jacqui Trent on 07709601567 or curtainraisers7@gmail.com

www.weymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

Beavers - Friday 5.30 - 6.30

Cubs - Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00

Scouts - Friday 7.00 - 9.00

Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00

Brownies - Thursday 5.00 - 6.15

weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

### **Weymouth South Scout Group**

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane

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: weymouth-southgroup@gmail.com

To join our waiting list: weymouth-southwaitinglist@outlook.com

### **Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society**

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsmc.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 4pm.

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 - 10.am-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 Surgery hours - Monday - Friday -

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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

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