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Councillor O'Leary, Ferrari and Dickenson at Bowleaze Cove way

have held more public meetings and resident surgeries than other Weymouth councillors combined but please do not feel you have to wait for these events or to see us at Church, at the shops, or a coffee morning to raise issues, please feel free to get in touch via email or telephone anytime. Thank you and God bless from Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poytnz Councillor team. 07809905412. Cllrlouie.oleary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Friends of St Andrew's Primary School

The Friends of St Andrew's Primary School would love to invite all the local community to our annual summer fete on Saturday 1st July between 12 noon and 4pm at St Andrew's Primary School Weymouth DT3 6AA.

We will have a bouncy castle, emergency services vehicles plus a refuse lorry exploring recycling options, craft stalls, events stage and refreshments.

Any businesses who would like to advertise in our event brochure please contact pta@standrews.dsat.org.uk. A full page advert costs £20, half page £10 and quarter page £5. This will be distributed to all attending the fete plus emailed to all parents at the school.

Hope to see you there!

Osmington Village Show

The Osmington Village Show is back! Hosted by The Osmington Society on July 1st. Horticulture, craft, photography. A fun day out for the family, 11.00am - 4.00pm in Osmington Village Hall.

If you've made it, grown it, we want to see it! Rosettes and cups for the winners, kindly sponsored by local companies. For the full programme, classes, and Competition Entrance Form please visit <http://www.osmington.info/> or Facebook: 'The Osmington Society'. Contact Diane Moore at dmrood@gmail.com, 01305 246187.

Fantastic footpath

A popular footpath with the local community at Old Granary Close, has been given some new steps which take footpath s1/157 up a slope into the local countryside around the Preston area of Weymouth.

The replacement steps were installed by our Greenspace Team (Central) along with one of our

Local news

Councillor update for Preston and Sutton Poyntz

As I write this update to you coronation is round the corner and I look forward to helping and attending as many events as possible to mark and celebrate this important event. Whether it be a fun day in Littlemoor or a street party in Sutton Poyntz it's wonderful to see this event so properly celebrated.

As a committed monarchist it is important for us to celebrate these occasions which are both wonderful pageantry and a great display of our patriotic feelings, but also an important constitutional matter.

We recently attended the annual general meeting of the Sutton Poyntz society where the issue of speeding in the village was raised. In response we arranged a meeting on the 24th May at 6pm at the Misson Hall with the police and road safety team in attendance to discuss enforcement and a move to a 20mph limit. Getting 20mph limits and getting greater enforcement which is an issue across the

whole Littlemoor and Preston ward can be helped by a community speed watch team we need about 5 or 6 volunteers (we currently have 3) to join the team and help tackle the issue. If you would like to volunteer then please let me know.

The draft Weymouth neighbourhood plan is to be discussed at Weymouth town council. We as the Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillors team will be speaking up to ensure that our area is not the dumping point of new development and will fight for an open and honest process in regards to the neighbourhood plan. I would like to remind residents that our next public meeting at Preston Village Hall is on the 5th July at 6pm when Richard Gagg from First bus will be attendance. We need a good turnout at this meeting to fight for our bus service and for improvements to it. If you need a lift to this meeting then please get in touch and we will arrange for one.

I always try and use this article to highlight the issues we have been working on and things we have planned. As a councillor team we



New steps at Old Granary Close

valued contractors. It is hoped that lots more people will now be able to use this public footpath to access the Coombe Valley area.

Top Folk Acts Head for Wessex Folk Festival

Some of the country's top folk acts will play alongside local favourites when the Wessex Folk Festival returns to its traditional, two-day format over the weekend of June 3 and 4.

Top of the bill on the main stage on Saturday will be Merry Hell, the popular Lancashire-based eight-piece folk-rock band, who recently added Weymouth's Simon Swarbrick to their line-up on violin. A favourite with audiences at festivals and folk clubs across Britain, Merry Hell play an energetic mix of their own songs that draw on the best of the folk music tradition.

Festival Director, Bob Ford said: 'I'm really excited that we can now announce the full stage line-up for the Wessex Folk Festival. We have a line-up of nationally known and local acts on two festival stages and I have been amazed that so many great acts have agreed to join us for the first two-day festival since 2019. It cements our position as one of the very best and largest totally free folk festivals in the country.'

Radio 2 Folk Award winners, The Trials of Cato, are another leading act making their first appearance at the Wessex Folk Festival. The Welsh/English trio feature banjo, bouzouki, guitars and mandolin to create new takes on traditional folk songs.

Songwriter Reg Meuross makes a return to the festival, bringing his captivating songs that tell stories of struggles and injustices, past and present. Songs in a contrasting style will be provided by the ever-popular Gaz Brookfield, who teams up with fiddle player Ben Wain for the festival.

The intricate vocal harmonies of Devon-based duo Harbottle & Jonas will provide some intimate moments and an exciting close to the festival is promised by Wight Hot Pipes, who play their own songs alongside covers from all genres, enlivened by the sound and spectacle of fire-breathing bagpipes.

Bob Ford added: 'Festival goes will be able to see some great local acts like State of Undress, Emma Gale and our own David Gordon. There are even shanty teams like Dorset Wrecks, as well



Folk rock band Merry Hell will top the bill at the Wessex Folk Festival.

as the chance to enjoy lots of Morris dance sides and to shop at the many stalls that will be lining the harbourside. I can't wait.'

The full line-up for the main stage is: Merry Hell, Trials of Cato, Reg Meuross, Harbottle & Jonas, White Hot Pipes, Gaz Brookfield, Nine Dead Mice, State of Undress, Chimney Fish, Dorset Wrecks, Emma Gale, David Gordon, Jim Chorley.

Appearing on the harbourside stage will be: Moonfleet, Weymouth Ukuleleans, On Reflection, Porter Black, Chimney Fish, Show of Fingers/Tree Fellahs Ceilidh, State of Undress, Hickory Moon, Boodle, Bridport BroadSides, Bere Essentials, Bimbling, Wild Rover Set.

The Wessex Folk Festival website at www.wessexfolkfestival.com has full details.

Volunteers wanted for Folk Festival

Wessex Folk Festival is on the lookout for volunteers to help make this Summer's event a success.

Volunteers are needed to carry out a range of tasks, including stewarding and selling programmes, at the music and dance festival that takes place on June 3rd and 4th around Weymouth quayside. As one of the leading free festivals in the country, Wessex Folk Festival depends on volunteers for its success.

Sharon Scurlock, the festival's Volunteer Co-Ordinator, explains: 'Volunteers are critical to what we're looking to do in so many different roles, to keep everyone safe and to help the festival run smoothly. We're looking for people to assist and direct visitors around the site, collect donations to help assure the future of the festival, sell programmes and other merchandise, like badges, and just generally help out wherever

they're needed.'

Anyone who can spare a few hours over the weekend should email volunteer@wessexfolkfestival.com or complete a form on the festival's website at www.wessexfolkfestival.com/volunteers/

World Fair Trade Day

This year, World Fair Trade Day was held on Saturday 13 May, a day to celebrate the achievements of the Fairtrade Movement and to remind ourselves of the importance of the principles of Fairtrade.

The day was organised by the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) an international network of over 450 Fair Trade enterprises from more than 80 countries that focus on supporting, developing and promoting businesses who are committed to Fair Trade. This year the theme for the day was 'Reimagining the Economy: Regenerative Businesses for the Future.' The current economic model has brought about unsustainable levels of resource consumption, environmental degradation, and social inequality.

And thinking about environmental degradation, The Great Big Green Week this year is to be held from the 10th to the 18th June and is the UK's biggest ever celebration

of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

In their promotional film the organisers say -

'We have hope because solutions to the climate crisis already exist. We need to cut emissions and move towards cheaper and cleaner renewables. We need to protect and restore our natural world and we must support people at home and overseas from the worst effects of climate change. Together we will show decision makers that we want to see more and faster action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down the cost of living to keep the next generation safe.'

It is up to all of us to make this a reality.

We expect to have rice, tea, coffee, chocolate and all the other crops not grown in the UK, available in our supermarkets but it is the farmers who produce them who are most affected by the extremes of climate change.

In Malawi they are used to frequent droughts and floods but these are getting worse and crops are regularly destroyed. Then in March Malawi was hit by Cyclone Freddy which caused catastrophic flash flooding. Half a million people were displaced and over 1,000 killed. The nation's power grid was crippled when the hydroelectric dam was rendered inoperable.

In East Africa too they are on the brink of famine. Five failed rainy seasons in a row have killed livestock and crops driving over 7 million people from their homes in search of food. Heavy rains came in March this year but that was not good news. Flash flooding from the heavy rains killed dozens and affected 300,000 people in Ethiopia and Somalia. Rivers flooded and homes, schools, and health facilities were destroyed along

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the banks of two rivers in southern Somalia and eastern Ethiopia. Although rainfall can provide some relief, intense rainfall following extensive drought washes away crops and topsoil. Most of the farms in the area also lack the infrastructure to store water for future use. Following this unexpected heavy rain further drought is expected.

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Trading Standards news: Protected Food Names

What do Champagne, Parma Ham and Scotch Whisky all have in common? They are protected food names. Dorset and the South West are also home to some fantastic traditional foods that carry the same legal protection as some of these well-known foods, such as watercress!

Dorset and the surrounding counties are home to the watercress industry, with several of the largest growers based here. Between them they supply the majority of all watercress sold in UK supermarkets. Watercress using 'Nasturtium Officinale seeds' has been grown in flowing water to a traditional production method used for over 200 years. Recently this industry came under threat from cheaper imports of 'Landcress'

being passed off as Watercress. Other cresses may look similar but are not produced in the same way, and do not have the same characteristic 'peppery' taste or contain the same levels of nutrients. To counter this the industry came together and successfully applied for the name 'watercress' to be protected and it was awarded the status of 'Traditional Speciality Guaranteed'.

Other foods produced in Dorset that are protected include Dorset Blue Cheese, West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese, West Country Beef and Lamb, and the newly registered 'New Forest Pannage Ham' made from pigs that are fattened up on acorns whilst roaming the New Forest!

Looking more widely across the region there is also the famous Cornish Pasty, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Wiltshire Cured Ham, Fal Oysters from Cornwall, Cornish Clotted Cream and Cornish Sardines.

There are three different types of protection. These are Protected Geographical Indication (PGI), Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and Traditional Speciality Guaranteed' (TSG). You can recognise protected food as it must carry an appropriate logo. Anyone wishing to produce a food that carries a protected food name must be audited against a published specification before they start to sell the food. Trading Standards typically carry out these audits to help both protect food names and the interests of local food producers.

Sutton Poyntz Open Gardens

The village of Sutton Poyntz welcomes you to their Open Gardens on 17th and 18th June.

There will be 21 gardens to visit



Dedication of Repaired Greenhill Fingerpost

Recently the Weymouth Mayor dedicated the refurbished finger post at Greenhill, Coombe Valley. The event was attended by those who supported the reconstruction, namely the Dorset CPRE, Dorset AONB, The Sutton Poyntz Limited and Roger Bond of Normtec who carried out the refurbishment.

Cllr Ann Weaving, Mayor of Weymouth said 'I would like to thank Peter Jones for his efforts in having this fingerpost reinstated. I am delighted that people visiting our area will now have clear directions to help them explore our wonderful communities' This finger post is now in pristine condition and will for many years point visitors to some of the most interesting areas of Dorset.'

with an admission programme which will give you details of each garden and a map, These will be available at the Mission Hall where you can also buy refreshments. Outside the hall there will be a plant stall.

The gardens will be open from 12 until 5pm and parking will be available.

The price is £5 per person and if you wish to come on both days, the cost is still £5. All the monies raised will be divided equally between CRUK and Dementia UK.

There will also be a Scarecrow Trail displayed around the village.

We previously held an Open Gardens in 2015 and it was very successful, so we are hoping this one will also be very well supported.

Please make a note in your diaries and come along for a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Castle Cove Open Gardens Weekend

Twelve gardens around the Castle Cove area are open to the public on the weekend of 24th and 25th June from 1pm – 5pm.

The last event proved very popular two years ago. So, if you fancy a leisurely afternoon stroll, pick up your maps and entry stickers from 1pm on either day from one of three pay points: 1 Old Castle Road, 31 Clearmount Road or 22 Hillcrest Road.

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gested donation £5.00 per person with all profits going to the Friends of Castle Cove Beach Charity. Your entry sticker will be valid for both days. Refreshments are available along the route.

Girlguiding Rainbows

Rainbows welcomes all girls from 4 to 7 years old for play, learning and tons of fun in a colourful, safe space.

She'll laugh, sing, make new friends, develop self-confidence and make a happy mess (and help clear it up!) as she chooses her way through our programme of activities.

She'll have plenty of magic moments: she might become a time traveller, an animal tracker, a pop singer, a stargazer. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.

1st Wyke Regis Rainbows meet Fridays 5 - 6pm at Wyke Regis WI Hall, Gallwey Road. Places are available to start June or September 2023 - register your enquiry Register a child - Girlguiding - select 1st Wyke Regis Rainbows.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jane - Leader at 1st Wyke Regis Rainbows.

Wyke Regis Women's Institute

The Annual Meeting was a busy and interesting evening. The retiring President, Ann May, reported that the Institute is thriving with new members joining. It had been a busy year with plans for the Institute's Centenary year playing a major part.

The Institute was founded on 16th May 1923.

Each interest group presented a report and confirmed the value of these groups, offering members a wide variety of opportunities.

Jill Pearce was elected President for the year 2023/24.

The monthly coffee mornings are proving to be a convivial meeting place for both members and non members. All are welcome to come along on 2nd. May for coffee and delicious home-made cakes.

Further information about the Institute can be found by phoning 0771931 1209 or email secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk. <http://www.facebook/wykeregiswi>

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Stories of the Fairground during the last world war plus Coronation Celebrations!

It was with real pleasure that we welcomed our speaker, Kay Townsend. This was not the first time we had enjoyed a talk from her but the previous time was during lockdown and was on zoom rather than a face-to-face meeting. Kay's topic for this talk was from her book 'Fairground at War 1939-45'



Sue cutting the cake

She told us of the governments first response being to close down all of the fairgrounds and many of the showmen were called up to serve in the war. The women were employed in the munition factories and working on the land.

We heard how within a month the government had a change of heart and decided to lift some of the restrictions so that fairs could open but that the rides should be shrouded to dim the lights. They were also instructed that only 5 x 25-watt bulbs could be used on each stall and everything shut down by 10pm. In fact, the showmen were encouraged to open

the fairgrounds but it was a difficult time because so many of the men were away at war. They ran at about one fifth of their usual capacity, the women learning to drive and the old people, the young, and the sick working, they managed to keep the show on the road. Kay tells the stories so well and along with some wonderful illustrations it was all excellent.

In order to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla we started the afternoon with a glass of Prosecco and Kay proposing a toast. After her talk we enjoyed a fabulous cake made by one of our members Angela Paulson. The rest of the meeting was taken up in discussions about our plans for the future.

Sue Davis

Weymouth South Scout Group 80th Birthday Celebrations

The scout group based in Rylands Lane, Wyke Regis is celebrating its 80th Birthday this year.

The group is one of six groups currently running in the Weymouth & Portland area and the Weymouth South group has over 150 young people aged between 4 and 18 currently actively attending one of our weekly sessions. Our Groups 5 sections are; Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

We would like to invite you all to our 80th birthday open afternoon on Saturday 10th June at the scout hut in Rylands Lane between 12.30pm and 5.00pm. The afternoon will be a mixture of traditional scouting activities as well as a display of our groups history. There will also be some light refreshments and a raffle as we are fundraising to have a defibrillator placed in the local area as a way of saying thank you to the commu-

nity for keeping scouting going in Wyke Regis for 80 years. If you would like to donate a raffle prize or if you would like to donate to the fundraising for a defibrillator please do contact us - we would love any support that you can give.

We would also like to hear from anyone who was a previous leader at the group or who was in scouts in the Rylands Lane group at any time in the last 80 years. We would love to see your photos and badges and hear of your scouting memories.

Finally, we are so proud that scouting is incredibly popular and strong in Wyke Regis and we really want to keep this going for many, many years to come but for this we need adult volunteers. If you are interested in giving a few hours as week or a month to our group, please do come along on the 10 June to chat to our leaders or alternatively contact our Group Scout Leader Adrian Parry on scoutleaderadrian@gmail.com or by messaging on 07826 334438

and we will return you call. Thank you from the bottom of our group scarves for all of your support over the 80 years.

Library News

Meet the Authors

If you need some reading inspiration, join us at one of our forthcoming author events in the next few months.

Whether you're an aspiring writer, or you simply like to recognise and appreciate the work of authors, these great events enable customers to find out more about an author, hear about their writing process, and ask a question direct to the author.

6 June - Jane V Adams (online event) will be talking about her latest book for the National Trust. Nature's Wonders is a mix of evocative writing, beautiful photographs and facts that are too good to keep to yourself, an inspiring

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Celebrating

Spring at Friary Care



Our two care homes in Weymouth are Kingsley Court and Friary House



All our staff, residents, and their loving families, have been going 'quackers' over our newest and cutest friends here at Friary Care - ducklings! Our four little ducklings - who we've called Daffy, Donald, George, and Duck - eggs-citingly hatched right here at Friary and since then all the residents have had so much fun with them, getting to pet them, feed them, and just generally admire how cute they are!



It's been such a delight to have these little cuties here. We've watched them grow from the very start, taken some lovely photos with them, and given them a tour of Friary Care! Oh what a joy it's been to have these little beauties about. Their cute little waddles have made us all smile and laugh so much - they've made us all very happy. And that's what it's all about here at Friary Care: just another day continuing to live our best lives!

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10 June - Ben Aitken (in person) at Weymouth Library and Learning Centre - Best-selling travel writer Ben has written 5 amazing books, each exploring community, connections, fun and friendship, all written from the heart. His latest book is 'Here Comes the Fun - a year of making merry.

Library Talk

The Friends of Weymouth Library speaker on Saturday June 3rd will be Ian Williamson, who will talk about his travels in Australia, particularly Tasmania, where he trekked across the Cradle Mountains.

Talk begins at 10.30am. Tickets are £2 for FOWL members and £3 for non-members; tickets can be obtained in the Library. Refreshments provided and everyone welcome.

Open Garden

National Garden Scheme Open Garden at Swallows Rest B&B, South Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. DT4 9NR. 3rd and 4th June, 2pm to 6pm.

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Royal Manor Theatre

Exciting news! The Royal Manor Theatre will be producing a performance of 'Gaslight' by Patrick Hamilton starting July 17th, running to the 22nd July. It's fully cast, but if you want to be part of the production, either as part of the art department, costume making, backstage or helping out front of house, drop us a line.

The Gaslight production is taking the Thursday slot for rehearsals, The Theatre and Film Group is moving to a Tuesday at 7.30pm, where we'll be partaking in all sorts of great activities, from Improvisation, to Prop making, to Stage Reading and Stage-Craft, to Short Films and You Tube bits

and much more. It's an informal affair, a great way to build up confidence, and introduces people to the wide world of Theatre and Film. The Theatre and Film Group runs every Tuesday at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Email info@royalmanorthatre.co.uk for more information, or just pop down.

We're helping out with this year's Hardy Short Films, created by Rose and Ann-Marie Goldthorp, to be shown at the Theatre later in the year. Last year's series of short films were a great success, and they're looking forward to the films this year.

Stay tuned for some exciting news on our Autumn productions, I'd listen very carefully though, as we'll be saying it only once...

We have a number of places remaining in the Playmakers. If you're children (6-16 years) would like to attend, contact Dave on davidmackay53@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who supports the Royal Manor Theatre by being part of our productions, helping out with the working party, and for buying tickets for the events hosted at Portland's very own Theatre.

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Family History Meeting

The June meeting will be held on 16th of the month and is entitled 'On The Parish: Tracing The Fate of Your Pauper Ancestors' and will be presented by Luke Moulard.

The illustrated talk explores what life was like in Dorset's workhouses following the adoption of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 and takes a look at some of the records available.

As usual the meeting will be held at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, DT3 5EW beginning with tea or coffee and the speaker at 2.30pm. Admission is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

For more information call John on 01305 776008.

Dorset writers and poets invited to enter new literary prize

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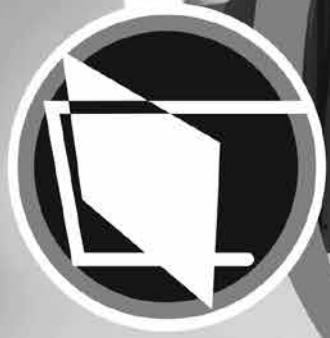
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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

Our current monarch is well known for his 'green' credentials. I am probably less well known for mine and have never knowingly hugged a tree. But all Senior Citizens are concerned about the state of their planet, and we support methods to reduce global warming.

However, to help with this there was a recent suggestion that we might be asked to use up to seven recycling bins for different types of waste. This seemed to be going a bit far and sounded a huge number. Then I realised that we already have three, or four if you include my garden waste bin. So, it's only three more, but they might be the straw that breaks the camels, or to be more precise, my back.

It is relatively easy to work things out at the moment. If it's food waste it goes in the brown bin, if it's a newspaper, clear plastic or a tin it goes the green one and everything else goes in the grey. Except glass bottles which go in the open box. Nearly forgot that one, which makes five in total. But what sort of problems will there be with seven bins? Will we for instance have to segregate different newspapers into different bins? And then we would have to find somewhere to keep this multiplicity of receptacles and worse still, have to remember on what day each one is due to be emptied. Endless opportunities for discord leading to all sorts of additional marital stress.

For example, my In-house Adviser might insist that it is the purple bin being emptied today while I am sure it is the turquoise one. And it will not go well for me, right or wrong.

But I digress. My concern for the environment extends to reading reports to educate me on what's good and what's bad for our climate. A recent article dealt with Britain's boggy peatlands which are, and I quote, 'a vital secret weapon against climate change, capturing carbon and protecting against flooding and drought.'

They are also described as a wind-lashed and waterlogged home to a vast array of important flora and fauna. The efforts being made to sustain our peat bogs are all very commendable, for apparently they store three times more

carbon than all our forests. But I must declare slight mixed feelings about all this. Some ten or more years ago, with friend Hugh, I undertook to walk Wainwright's Coast to Coast route right across England from St Bee's Bay in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire. The guidebook says that the latter, once a fishing port, is now a tourist destination and famous for the fossils which may be found on its beach. Which is a pretty good description of Hugh and me as we stood there after 13 days of walking.

The full walk is a distance of about 197 miles (or 220 with our navigational skills) and as you might suspect it has quite a few ups and downs, or as I like to call them, Over the Hills. Wainwright's guide suggested that we should start with our feet just in the Irish Sea, and, collecting a pebble from the beach, finish 197 miles later with our feet just in the North Sea, throwing the pebble into it. A laudable idea, but somewhere along the 197 miles my pebble was lost. And I certainly wasn't going back to look for it.

But I digress again. Part of the route goes over the high plateau of the North York Moors which are - you've guessed it - mostly peat bog. There is a famous quote which says, 'When you're up to your neck in alligators, it's hard to remember that your initial objective was to drain the swamp.' Or to put it another way. When you've spent six hours trudging across a featureless, wind-lashed, waterlogged plateau knee deep in mud, it is difficult to focus on the wonderful assistance peat bogs provide to the planet. I defy anyone not to consider cheerfully swapping a carbon emission or two for a mile of flat, solid, dry path.

Toiling on towards the sound of gunfire - at least we weren't the target. Who would want to be a grouse? - towards the end of a long, long day we dropped down towards Keld and to our surprise came upon a sign pointing up a farm track promising 'Cream Teas.' We briefly considered whether this was the equivalent of the 'wreckers' along the Jurassic Coast who lit fires to lure ships onto the rocks so they could plunder them. Would we follow the sign only to

be set upon by rucksack robbers who would steal the only thing we had that was worth anything, our dry socks? But the lure of a cup of tea and a cream scone was too much and we took the gamble. The tearoom turned out to be a barn open at one end furnished with tables and benches. At least it was dry and out of the wind. It was also surprisingly crowded with about 10,000 inhabitants - Hugh and me and 9,998 midges. But the scones were homemade, the tea hot, wet and plentiful and it was served by a number of delightful young children. Some years later, watching a now well-known TV programme, I spotted the farm as

the home of the 'Yorkshire Shepherdess.' The whole family are now very famous TV personalities, but Hugh and I met them first. That evening we stayed in Keld, the halfway point of the walk, in the hotel which I had last stayed in nearly 50 years before when it was a Youth Hostel. All the rooms here had notices on the walls saying 'Don't open the windows. It lets the midges in!' Which goes to show that conservation depends on your point of view. The peat bog was our idea of hell, but to captured carbon - and ten million midges - it was heaven.

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Weymouth Drama Club All My Sons

Thank you so much all of you that came to see this special show. I am sure you will agree that the performances were spectacular as was set and lighting. We look forward to going back to The Bay Theatre in the near future.

The Regina Monologues with Baggage

We are in rehearsal for our next Production which will be £12 at The Warehouse Theatre in Hope Street Weymouth. The run is from Thursday 1st June to Saturday 3rd June. Tickets from www.weymouthdramaclub.com

An all-female cast will bring you The Regina Monologues by Rebecca Russell and Jenny Wafer. Three Catherines, two Anne's and a Jane Six women with one thing in common - marriage to a man called Henry - have passed into historical legend. Of course, it couldn't happen these days? This moving and funny play gives a modern twist on their stories.

Deborah Walton is playing Katherine

This play appealed to me as it is a convincing, entertaining contemporary drama about six intertwined stories of the female experience of 'the ginger one'. Also, it's given me the chance to gently dip my toes back into acting and work with a great group of talented, female club members.

Sadie Knight is playing Anna

It has a beautiful balance of laugh out loud moments and punch you in the gut moments. The emotions within the play can shift so quickly yet effortlessly. It's relatable in many ways, combining the past with the here and now: nothing has really changed.



Megan Mitchell is playing Katie

Personally, I've played quite a few comedic characters but this production gives me the opportunity to play someone in the middle of very a complex and traumatic situation - recounting this through her monologues.

Rachel Turberville-Smith is playing Cathy

I am really excited to be taking part in this play with my fellow actors. The monologues capture the characters of the women and it is a clever retelling of the story of 6 women whose lives were we all think we know but told through a modern lens. Funny, shocking and poignant in equal measure. Great cast and director as well!

Julie Knight as Director

The ticket gets you two for the price of one. We will also be presenting an additional one act play to complete the evening - Baggage by Bev Clark see two women with very different lives share their stories and become friends. It's been a while since I directed and it's great to be back and with such a wonderfully talented and enthusiastic bunch of actresses. Both plays are a real actors challenge and I love working on the

detail together with the performers to get the very best version for our audience. I am so very lucky to be supported by Jan Dench, an experienced director herself who brings a sharp eye for detail.

Future Productions

We run about 5 shows a year at venues including The Pavilion, The Bay Theatre and Nothe Fort as well as our own little theatre in Hope Street. The membership is open to all, and all plays have open auditions - our next show (after Regina Monologues with Baggage) will perform at the Warehouse Theatre in July. This is a show written and performed by club members. It is called 'Blue' In this comedy, Will and Juliette struggle to navigate their way through the day-to-day. Constantly irritated by each other, things go from bad to worse when they are reminded of an upcoming dinner with Juliette's somewhat dysfunctional family. Will they make it to dessert? Or will their troubles lie heavier than the mushroom soup starter? Other shows are planned for October with a Panto in January. If you are interested in taking part in the productions, then why not

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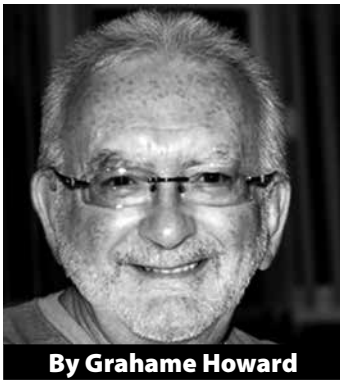
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By Grahame Howard

June Weather

Well, we are already arriving into the sixth month of the year - June and some believe the first month of summer. Apparently, many marriages are held in this month as it can usually be relied on to offer nice, sunny weather. Well, I'm not too sure about that as previous years have shown very wet Junes, but, if you have a wedding coming up this month, I hope it is lovely weather.

Talking about the weather, I'm beginning to get frustrated by the various weather apps that predict what we will be having over the next week or so. No two are the same; in my experience one App says that we are likely to have dry weather and another says it will be wet and windy. So which one do you believe. I chose the first one recently, the one predicting warm and dry conditions and it bucketed down while I was out. I was like a drowned rat with a hood up.

The weather presenters tend to be uncertain as well, they predict high winds and torrential rain with the risk of flooding and we go out as if Noah has finished making the ark, dressed in wet weather clothes, hat and wellies and the sun shines. Recently, on a visit to Weymouth Quayside to watch my grandson play guitar in his band, it forecast windy showers. Therefore we went with our wet weather coats on and I was sunburnt on my face - honestly!

However, the best was on the CO's birthday. We had done various things and later in the day it was decided that we would go into town for tea and cake. My wife's friend joined us and we had a lovely time eating and chatting and then it was time to leave. We knew this because the workers were wiping our table down, sweeping around us and taking our cups and plates away before we had finished. To top it all, as I opened the door to leave, the heavens opened and it rained in buckets.

Our car was parked over the other side of town so we had to run to try and stay dry. It was flipping impossible because, all of a sudden it turned to hail and as it bounced off the cars it sounded like a flock of woodpeck-

ers were on the bonnets. We survived this, but must have looked silly because at every doorway, we stood inside to shelter for a minute or so until we finally reached the car. I lost count of the doorways we ran into but by then, it had become a popular pastime and one had to wrestle to get to a dry spot. Our friend, had just bought a new backpack and so, she used this to shelter her head from the downpour. When we arrived at the car, we were all drenched and none of us could see out of our glasses as they were covered in rain water and were beginning to steam up as well. And then of course, as usually happens, the windscreen steamed up too so we had to wait while this was clear. My point being? The weather forecast had been fine and dry and yet, we ended up saturated. So why do we have weather apps and presenters in the first place?

Actually, the CO could do a great job of predicting the weather. Where we live, we have a great view of the old Ridgeway and Bincombe Bumps. These give a decent idea of the weather coming in and so my question to her is, 'Why didn't you say we were going to have a downpour?'

But I am sure that June will be a good month, it has to be because Wimbledon will be on the TV, won't it? I mean, think of all of those strawberries that will go to waste if we have continuous downpours. I like to see the chaps that are on their hands and knees waiting for the order to pull the great sheet over the court. I bet that is a heavy thing to pull around, even with a dozen or so people to help. It's a pity that they don't have the roof of the centre court speeded up. I know it has been made faster, but it needs to be super fast to avoid disruption. When the roof is closed, even though there is air conditioning, it must be hot, and as for the players, running around in hot conditions like that, it must be stifling. Yet, I would do that if I could win great financial prizes like they do.

The CO gets quite uppity when she plays tennis. She believes that her opponent should hit the ball to her. She doesn't like it any other way. I know, I have been the person that has done this and had to watch the CO walk off the court moaning about how insensitive I am. "We don't play to win, but to enjoy!" she told me last time. And she has never played again. I put it down to bad sports-person-ship. (I must try and keep the woke people from criticising me).

Anyway, I'm off for a game of tennis as my weather predictor, has told me it will be fine. I'll take my wet weather coat just to be on the safe side. See you soon.

Grahame

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Weymouth Rotary Club donate £1,000 towards beach wheelchair

Weymouth Rotary Club have donated £1,000 to Weymouth Town Council to go towards purchasing a new beach wheelchair for Weymouth's award winning beach.

The wheelchair would provide those with restricted mobility the

opportunity to be able to go down to the water's edge using the access mats that are laid down the beach.

Weymouth Town Council already has two beach wheelchairs which are made available to the public to use for free and this donation will help towards the cost of buying a new chair once the rest of the funding is secured.

Club member David Langridge says, "Weymouth Rotary President David Langridge says, 'I am delighted that the Weymouth Rotary in its 100th year have been able to donate £1,000 which will help towards a new beach wheelchair. This will provide those with restricted mobility access the opportunity to go down to the beach front. It is great to be able to support such a worthwhile initiative such as this as we have done for the past 100 years in Weymouth' Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Ann

Weaving, added: 'My sincere thanks go to Weymouth Rotary Club for their generous donation, it really means a lot. Weymouth Town Council recently received another donation of £1,000 from Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, which means we are a step closer to securing a third beach wheelchair for people to use when they visit enjoy Weymouth beach.' If any other local communities or clubs would like to donate towards the cost of a beach wheelchair, or if you have any questions regarding the wheelchairs, please email resort@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk

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So come and have a go at Wellworthy Bowls' Big Weekend on 26th, 27th or 28th May.

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National Trust South Dorset Association

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Allergic Rhinitis = could the cause be tree pollens.

At this time of year I see many children and adults with classic symptoms associated with Allergic Rhinitis or "Hay Fever". Symptoms such as congested sinuses and ears, constantly runny nose, asthma, wheeze or difficulty breathing, itchy eyes, and pollen food syndrome or oral allergy syndrome may all be triggered by Tree Pollen.

Tree pollen occurs from late March to mid-May (followed by grass pollen and weed pollen). Trees that flower and produce pollen in Spring in the UK are Birch, Hazel, Alder, Poplar, Ash and Oak. With

the Silver Birch being responsible for 25% of the population being affected. In Europe, the prevalence of birch pollen sensitisation is estimated to be around 8-16%, and of those, approximately 70% cross react with food sources (pollen food syndrome). Foods include: almond, apple, apricot, carrot, celery, cherry, hazelnut, kiwi, nectarine, peanut, peach, pear, plum, potato, soya and walnut. Birch trees produce pollen via yellow catkins that hang down from the branches, like other tree pollens, the pollen grains are incredibly small and fine. Tree pollen can be carried long distances by the wind or even a light breeze, so direct contact may not be necessary to experience symptoms. The weather plays a significant role in the production, distribution and dispersion of pollen. The amount of daylight, or the 'photoperiod', is also crucial to pollen production

because of photosynthesis. If the weather is cloudy then plants and trees will produce less pollen. Tips from Allergy UK website. 'Check pollen forecasts daily and stay indoors wherever possible when the tree pollen count is high. Hay fever symptoms usually appear when the pollen count exceeds 50. Rain washes pollen from the air so counts should be lower on cooler, wet days. Keep car windows closed and the air intake on 'recirculate' when driving. Keep windows closed when indoors. Avoid drying clothes/linen outside when pollen counts are high. On high pollen days, shower and wash your hair and change your clothing, especially before going to bed. Wipe pets' coats with a damp cloth to remove pollens when they have been outside. Wear a mask, wrap-around sunglasses and a hat with a large peak or brim when outdoors to keep pollen allergens out of your eyes, face and hair. Wearing a face mask has been shown to reduce symptoms of hay fever, by reducing the amount of pollen we inhale, as well as creating a warm humid environment to breathe in which reduces the reactivity of the nose'. Some individuals especially children can find symptoms extremely distressing especially so when sleep is affected. Pharmacists can help with advice and over the counter medications for adults and children such as anti-histamines. There are homoeopathic and herbal remedies that may be beneficial. We are fortunate in Dorset to have a local Homoeopathic Pharmacy in West Stafford, Galen Homoeopathic, helpful with advice and supply of specific pollen remedies. Locally we also have a Medical Herbalist, Eleanor Gallia (MNIMH) Nether Cerne Herbs. Self-help to support the immune system might include increasing the intake of Vitamin C, Zinc and Selenium. You can do this by either eating foods rich in these vitamins and minerals or by

using supplements from your local health food shop. You might try an elimination diet to see if foods are contributing to your symptoms. My experience gained over many years has led me to conclude that the most common symptom triggers are the proteins found in animal based dairy products, pork products and chocolate. It is easy to trial to see if this approach is helpful, simply eliminate the foods (replace with plant products to avoid nutritional deficiencies) for a few weeks and then if feeling better re-introduce one at a time. If the symptoms re-appear you have found your trigger. Elimination diets are recognised as having value if used in this way. Keeping a food diary can also be useful and is recommended as being beneficial in the identification of food triggers. Nutritional Therapy is not confined to addressing the diet alone, I work holistically, taking into account a person's individual lifestyle. When under stress the body produces high levels of adrenalin/cortisol these natural chemical hormones can trigger the auto-immune system to produce a causal chain of symptoms. Clinical Reflexology is thought effective in treating these symptoms by calming and re-balancing the sympathetic and para-sympathetic systems of the autonomic nervous system to support the auto-immune system. It has also been found beneficial in encouraging drainage of the lymphatic system so reducing congestion. If you think I might be of help please get in touch.

Contact Tel 01305784986 abigailwring@btinternet.com www.dorsetclinicalreflexology.co.uk Abigail is fully qualified, insured and DBS checked with over 30 years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology, Nutritional Therapy, Homoeopathy and Counselling.

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Your councillor update Weymouth Town Council

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

I am writing this the day after the coronation. If you had celebrations or are having them over the weekend I do hope you have all

enjoyed yourselves. The weather was cold and drab not unlike as I recall the last coronation.

We all have different views of the monarchy and I have no doubt over the reign of King Charles III the role of the royal family will change. The only thing I know for certain is I would not have braved the damp to drink a toast to President Trump.

Earlier this month the councillors and residents who have been working tirelessly on the production of the Neighbourhood

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Organisations

Accordion Club

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Aquafit

Exercise in the water with a smile. Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Osprey Leisure Centre. All abilities welcome. No need to be able to swim. New members always welcome. Margaret on 01305832944 or 07977191547.

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.

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 Lodmoor Country Park

Aim to protect, maintain and improve the Park for all to enjoy. We have tree trails, gym equipment, a children's playground all free and we hold events such as Sparkle in the Park, table top sales and Pic-a-Book-Nic. Contact 01305 770772

Friends of Weymouth Library

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

Hardy Quilters

Patchwork and sewing group. 4th Friday of the month from 9.30am - 1pm - all abilities welcome. Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington DT3 6EY. Contact Chantal on 01305 835757.

Ladies Keep Fit

Music classes for the mature mover. We have a few vacancies at the Southill Community centre on Thursday mornings 9.45am till 10.45am. Please contact Linda 889119. Try the first class free.

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

We meet on Mondays in school term time, 2pm - 3.30pm at the Frank Reynolds Community Centre on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email: elizabeth.ian.messenger@gmail.com

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

At St Andrew's School. Children. 2 years 9 months to school age. Contact jjones@standrews.dsat.org.uk

Osmington Archery Club

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

Osmington Art Group

We meet each Thursday afternoon in term time at Osmington Village Hall from 2.00pm till 4.00pm. Bring your own art, whatever it is, and draw, paint, collage, in a relaxed atmosphere and pause for tea and cake or biscuits (and a natter), at half time. Phone Sheila 01305833150 or email sheilaedmonds@hotmail.com.

Osmington Leisure

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

Osmington Lunch Club

The club is now meeting on the third Friday of the month. A two course meal is available with a glass of wine for only £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

Rector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay. All Saints, Portland Rd. 01305 784649 info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk 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.

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

Every Thursday morning St Andrews Church Rooms, Preston 9.00 and 12:30 for beginners and advanced, men and women. cmpilates@live.co.uk

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. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E:repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.00pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from Judy on 833660 .

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 Radio Society

We meet on the second Friday of the month, Weymouth West Scout Hall, Granby Close, DT4 0SR from 7.30. www.HamRadioSouthDorset.com, E:stuartvanstone@btinternet.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 starting at 3.00pm. Contact no is John on 01305 776008.

South Dorset Woodcarving Club

South Dorset Woodcarving Club
Tuesdays, 7 - 9pm - Upwey Old School Hall, Church Lane, Upwey, DT3 5EQ
Contact - Dave: 01305 812064 or Andy: 07739 020839. Find us on Facebook. email: southdorsetwoodcarving-club8@gmail.com

Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust – Dorchester Area Group

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

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 Hospiccare 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.
59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.
10 Hardwick Street. Tel: 777774.
Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm
Weymouth Outlet
Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Estate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel: 770760. Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

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,

www.registermagazine.co.uk

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 07733333274, 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 Choral Society

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Monday 7.30 to 9.30pm during term time. You can join at any time of the year. www.weymouthchoralsociety.org info@weymouthchoralsociety.org. uk or Melodie on 07929 519973.pram

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

General = weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com

Waiting List = weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com

Monday - Squirrels aged 4 to 6; 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

Scouts - aged 10½ to 14; 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

Tuesday - Cubs aged 8 to 10½; 6.00 to 7.30 pm.

Explorers aged 14 to 17; 7.45 to 9.30 pm.

Wednesday - Scouts aged 10½ to 14; 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

Thursday - Cubs aged 8 to 10½; 6.00 to 7.30 pm.

Friday - Beavers aged 6 to 8; 6.00 to 7.15 pm.

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@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

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 – 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

Wyke Regis Nursery

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Wyke Regis Society

www.wykeregissociety.com
Meetings second Tuesday two-monthly, 7pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or georgina.skipper@gmail.com

Wyke Regis WI

General meetings are at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT49AJ. The various interest groups meet at regular times during the month, details on our website. For more information contact us: 07719312901. Email: secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk
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www.wykeregiswi.org.uk

Yoga

Sutton Poyntz. Small groups at our home studio on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also Chair Yoga (a standing and seated practice) at the Mission Hall on Wednesday mornings. Contact Isabelle on 07970 772963 and Lea on 07973 268836.

Plan presented the first draft to Weymouth Town Council. It has been an absolutely huge piece of work and thanks were given to all those involved. Apart from a consultant employed to ensure that procedures were followed and that every element was covered those taking part all volunteered many, many hours freely. Hence I was surprised by the rancour from some members who disagreed with the draft. DRAFT is the important word here, the draft is now out to you living here in Weymouth. It is very important to have a robust neighbourhood plan as it will feed in and inform the Dorset Local Plan. Please make every effort to read the plan, ask questions if you are unsure of any part. The plan covers all aspects of our lives in Weymouth. Please make your comments.

When I was a child Portland Harbour played a significant role in the lives of very many of us. Our Dads were in the Navy, were en-

gineers at the dockyards. Or were scientists. Our small boats took trippers around the harbour to see the ships of her 'Majesty's navy'; and even in the winter boarding houses were occupied by visitors working short contracts there.

Portland Port still looms high for many of us, but sadly not always in such a positive way. The ongoing questions over the location of Powerfuels waste incinerator are still a worry. The location of a barge to house asylum seekers presents a lot of potential problems. As yet not wholly answered. I can see that the barge allows for cost effective accommodation and that it and others need to be moored somewhere. However, I cannot agree that a site with such poor infrastructure and communications is the right one. I am sure that if I had braved the deprivations in reaching the coast of France, crossing the English Channel in a small boat and being placed in inhospitable hostels a

short stay on a boat on the Jurassic Coast of Dorset would seem a blessing. Whilst we are delighted to see so many visitors arriving on amazing cruise ships, the size of small towns, and we love to hear how much they love our vibrant harbour and beautiful beach, how much they boost our economy I am not sure. The buses that transport those visitors use the route from Portland bringing them in to Hope Square via Rodwell Avenue. The bus companies and the port are reluctant to consider an alternative route because the traffic issues makes turn around times unfeasible. But turning one large bus in Rodwell Avenue is a real problem, turning a string is just completely unacceptable for residents.

All three of your Dorset Council elected members for the ward have made representation to Dorset Council, as has Cllr Wakeling of WTC.

We are told that DC, the bus company and Portland Port are in discussion and we will be invited to take part in that discussion in due

course. I would have thought talking to us sooner rather than later would have been wise but that does not seem to be the way. What else is happening?

There has been a cabinet reshuffle at DC ahead of the Annual Meeting next week. There is no longer a member representing the south Ridgeway conurbation in Cabinet. That seems short sighted and a shame. The member now responsible for assets knows Weymouth well and I am hopeful that we will be able to build a good relationship with him. I worked very closely with him in his previous role. I expect to retain my role as chairman of the Corporate Parenting Board, and I hope to tell you more about this next time.

Weymouth Town Council will also hold its Annual meeting in the coming week but have decided as far as possible to maintain stability on committees.

The grand Mayor making event no longer takes place in keeping with us now being a town council but

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Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June 2023
12.00pm - 5.00 pm



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www.weymouthridgeway.org.uk

The Weymouth Ridgeway Team offers a wide range of services and a warm welcome to all.

Normal Sunday worship in church

8.00am St Osmund, Osmington (1st/3rd)

8.30am Holy Trinity, Bincombe

9.15am St Andrew, Preston
St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)

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 Ripers

6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (4th) Celtic Prayer

Weekday Worship

7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew

12.45pm Wed Prayer Meeting St Francis

8.00am Thur Morning Prayer St Francis

Sunday 9th July

9.15am Celebration Service at St Andrew's Church, Preston.

To celebrate the completion of the restoration works and reopening of the Church.

After the service there will be a slide show and presentation in the Church rooms (with coffee and cake) on the history of the Church and works carried out.

SPACES to grow in faith

Tue 10.00am Ridgeway Bible Study Group [fortnightly] Preston (01305) 834604

Who's Who

Team Rector

Rev'd James Menzies - The Vicarage, 2 Primula Close, Littlemoor, Weymouth. DT3 6SL (01305) 835921 revjamesmenzies@outlook.com (day of rest Monday)

Team Vicar

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Team Administrator

Shirley Mitchell, The Team Office, 4 Church Rd, Preston, Weymouth. DT3 6BU (01305) 837147 weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

Community Angels

A volunteer service offering companionship, errands, home visits, lifts to appointments, activities, shopping etc (01305) 834866 standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk

Hall Hire

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston,
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Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz
Maureen Morris (01305) 835533

New Weymouth Ridgeway Team Ministry Newsletter

If you would like to receive news and information about what is happening in our churches please contact me on: weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or 01305 837147.

Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

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

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

All Saints Church, Portland Road, Wyke Regis is open for:

Sundays

8.00am Said Holy Communion
First Sunday of the month 9.30am Café Church, with refreshments beforehand.

All other Sundays 9.30am Sung Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.

Fridays

10.30am Said Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.

Saturdays

Third Saturday of the month Coffee Morning. All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cakes, books, Fairtrade stall and, of course, chat.

Livestream

Our 9.30am Sunday services are also livestreamed. An order of service is published each week so you can join in with the hymns and prayers. You can connect via any of the following links:

Youtube - youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live

Facebook - facebook.com/groups/allsaintswyke
Parish website - parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live

Our weekly Pew Sheet is also published on the website with up-to-date news and the readings for the service.

The church is also open for visits and private prayer. Please call in.

St Edmund's Church, Lane House Rocks Road is open for:

Sundays

Every fortnight 11:00 am Sung Holy Communion alternating with Service of the Word.

Thursdays

First Thursday of the month during term time, 1.00pm Toddlers Praise.

All other Thursdays during term time, 1.00pm Little Saints Baby and Toddlers Group. Please bring along your children, grandchildren or Godchildren and meet up with others. All welcome.

In addition to the livestream service the parish also runs a live local news programme at 6.00pm on Saturdays and a quiz at 7.30pm the same evening. These can be accessed using the livestream links above.

If you want to get in touch with us we can be contacted on 01305 784649 or email info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Regular parish activities

Monday Walking Group - meet at Bincleaves Green at 10.00am

Fellowship Group meeting 2.00pm
6th June at All Saints - Street Pastors presentation. All welcome
Craft Group - Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly.

Singing for Fun - monthly at All Saints.

Friday Choir Practice - All Saints 5.45pm.

Visit to Weymouth and Portland by the Archbishop of Canterbury
The Archbishop of Canterbury will be visiting the Diocese of Salisbury during the weekend of 9th to 11th June, including a day in Weymouth and Portland. More details will be available soon on our parish website.

Forthcoming Events at All Saints Church

Churches Count on Nature 2023
10.00am to 2.00pm, Sat 3rd to Sun 11th June.

An opportunity to engage with the natural world and take part in our churchyard wildlife count.

Churches Count on Nature is a Love Your Burial Ground Week activity, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards. It is a joint initiative promoted by, among others, the Church of England and A Rocha UK.

We are looking for people who would like to spend a quiet hour or two in our beautiful churchyard observing and recording the variety of wildlife to be found there. A friendly welcome and written guides will be provided. If this would interest you, please contact

Jane Thomas on 07712 179932 for more details or visit parishofwykeregis.org.uk. In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted. The data will be used to determine where different species are located in the country. This can aid churches in increasing biodiversity on their land for the enrichment of the environment and local communities.

Head North, live at All Saints: Celtic music with a difference
Sat 10th June, 7.00pm.

Head North is a 5 piece band playing a mix of traditional and progressive Celtic music, with some Transatlantic additions and original tunes. Reels, jigs and marches are reinterpreted and complemented by slow airs and songs

sung in 3 part harmony.

The band is based in Dorset, Hampshire and Wales, but has strong Scottish roots. Somewhat unusually, band members' ages range from 30s to mid 60s, which only serves to enhance the creative mix!

Tickets £5, available online at parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events. Also, from Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174.

Great Big Green Week
Sat 10th to Sun 18th June.

Join us for GBGW and help to raise the profile of climate change and show why it is relevant to our community.

Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together from every

corner of the country to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet and celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change.

So far, we have planned the following GBGW activities:

From 11.00am, Wed 14th June: Picnic and Churchyard Tour. The tour, which will include the wildflower area we planted last year and our unique labyrinth, will be conducted by a local botanist.

10.00am to midday, Sat 17th June: Fair Trade Coffee Morning. All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cakes, Fairtrade, books and, of course, chat.

There will be other activities to come. Go to www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk to find out more.

Local news

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a new Mayor will still be elected at the Annual meeting. However, residents have an opportunity to meet the new Mayor and other councillors at the Weymouth Town Council Expo taking place around the Jubilee Clock on Saturday 20th May between 11.00am and 2.00pm. Various community groups, volunteer groups, charities, associations and organisations across the town will be present so please join us.

The staff restructure is progressing well and new members of staff are becoming embedded well into the work force. It is a relatively small work team and the ethos of flexibility within and around roles and teams is becoming the norm. The pandemic was challenging but we have worked through that and are most definitely on the right track to having a strong and effective Town Council representing the views and needs of all the residents of Weymouth. Whilst I am impatient to move on I am very proud of all we have achieved so far. We are stronger, more community focused and much more responsive.

I am now back at work and I am feeling stronger but it is still important that I do not go back to my bad old habits. Working full time will now mean 40ish hours not 80 hours. I might not respond to your messages quite as quickly as I used to but please rest assured if you really need to speak to me I am here and I will respond. I have a responsibility to myself and my family as well as to you, and I am

sure you understand that. 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 clearly) or to email me at cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. Facebook – [cllrkatewheller](https://www.facebook.com/cllrkatewheller).

Covid 19 booster vaccinations are now available for over 75s and vulnerable people, please access the service. Deaths from Covid 19 do still occur.

Please continue to stay safe – hands – face – space.

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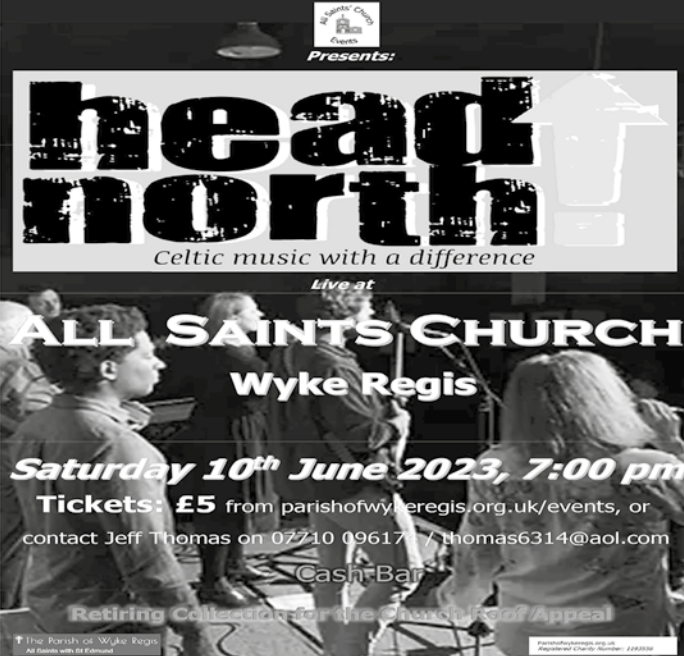
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Cash Bar

Retiring Collection for the 2023 Appeal

How do you say that?

Now that barbecue season is fast approaching I have been thinking about the word "grill". It applies to something that in the past was called a gridiron, a crisscross of metal heated in the fire to roast meat on (and one of the many forms of medieval torture).

The version used to filter the air or wind has a French spelling, "grille". Oddly, it is supposed to be related to "grail", as in the Holy Grail. There seems to be little in common between a griddle and a vessel, but perhaps the link lies in the fact that the oldest grills were probably griddlestones, solid flat stones heated in the fire, and these could have transmuted into shallow ceramic vessels which would not be suitable (as the grail is generally accepted to be) for drinking from.

Despite often seeing it spelt BarBQ, the word has come from an ancient Caribbean language, probably Arawak, via Spanish "barbacoa", so "barbecue" is the closest we can get in English. Happy barbecuing!

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