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Cllr O'Leary in the Stocks with Cllr Dickenson at St Andrews Summer fete.

Local news

Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillor update

June was a very busy month for us and July is set to be even busier. I am delighted to announce the works we have been pushing for on the roads between Coombe Valley and Seven Acres have been given the time frame of September/October for doing.

This means the roads of Brunel Drive, Barton Drive, Moorcombe Drive, Rhosewood Drive, Telford Close, Stainer Road and Maunsell Avenue will be re-surfaced. They haven't included Churchward road on this list as they don't think it's as bad as the others but we are lobbying to have it included. This has been a big issue for us and one we have been determined to solve. Once these are done the next roads on our hit list for surfacing are Cedar Drive, Sutton Road, and Willow Crescent.

We are still looking for volunteers to set up a speed watch we need around another 3 or 4 at minimum to set one up so please get in touch.

The Portland Barge is an issue that has been raised by a number of residents and we as a team are opposed to this barge. Cllr Tony Ferrari has proposed a motion to Dorset council seconded by myself to oppose the barge and request its removal. At the same meeting I will be challenging the unfair parking charge changes that penalise Weymouth residents.

Verges have been another controversial issue for residents we lobbied extremely hard for Preston and Littlemoor to be done. The issue with verges this year was due to staff shortages and mower breakage but I am pleased that our area was done ahead of most others. I am also grateful to Dorset council for clearing the path between Telford close and Preston road which is looking much smarter.

We have attended a number of local events such as the Mission Hall table top sale and the Sutton Poyntz open gardens. I also attended the annual general meeting of the mission hall management trust where Ms Anthea Heathershaw stood down after many years as chairman. I would

like to thank her for her years of dedicated service and wish Mr Bill Egerton all the best of luck we are luck to have such a great facility as the Mission hall.

The last event of June for us was the St Andrews school fete which we supported with Cllr Dickenson and his wife Joanna selling raffle tickets and myself in the stocks having sponges pelted at me. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance even if they were lobbing wet sponges at my face, but it was all for a good cause.

If anyone has any local issues please email me at Cllrlouie.oleary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or ring 07809905412. Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor team.

Overcombe WI

Our meeting this week was on one of our lovely warm evenings. We didn't book an outside speaker as we decided to have a 'home grown' one. Jill our secretary, and Jennie our treasurer spoke on their very different careers. Jill spent 25 years in

Windsor Castle as an archivist in the Royal Household.

Her office was actually in the round tower and she started there just as the tower was being sheered up as there was subsidence. Once the department moved back, she was surrounded by artwork and thick carpets. Apparently coffee time often found members of the Royal Family popping in. Jennie, on the other hand trained, after having her family, as a teacher in Wolverhampton. Although her preference was to work with primary age children, she was actually offered the job of a nursery teacher. She told of a teenage mum who was pregnant for the second time and couldn't read or write, of children attending nursery who had never heard a story or owned a book. Of a class of 15-year-olds of which only 2 were not pregnant.

These stories and careers could not have been more different yet both were extremely interesting. There were many questions from the floor and a lot of chat during coffee time on both talks.

Our next meeting is a picnic at Kingston Maurward so we are

hoping for good weather before we start again in September. How quickly this year is passing by!

Jackie Greet
WI President.

Wyke Regis WI

The Centenary events continue for the Institute. The Singers concert 'One 100 Years of Song' played to packed audiences on two evenings. The selection of songs from over the years was warmly received.

Members enjoyed a 'Centenary Lunch' in the Avenue Restaurant at Weymouth College.

The speaker for the monthly meeting had to cancel due to ill health and local author Rachel Knowles very kindly stepped in at the last moment. Her talk on Georgian Weymouth interested all and even those who have lived in Weymouth for some time learned something new. A full description of Rachel's talk will not be given here as many will want to hear her talks for themselves. No 'spoilers' here!

A day trip to Oxford, organised by Iris Morris, enabled members to enjoy the city in the beautiful summer weather and the weather also enhanced the 'Bring and Share' picnic the Art Group arranged in the Institute's courtyard garden.

We look forward to more events as the year progresses. On 17th. July members will be at a seafront stall on the Esplanade, selling books, plants, craft items, hand painted greetings cards and bric a brac. There will also be information about the Women's Institute. Come along and meet us!

The regular coffee mornings in the WI hall continue to attract many on the first Tuesday in every month, 10am - 12 noon where delicious homemade cakes are available to eat in or take away.

News from Citizens Advice

Q We've booked a package holiday to Spain. It's our first time booking this sort of getaway, and a friend recently had a terrible experience on a similar trip. What sort of help is available if something does go wrong?

A If something goes wrong with your package holiday, the Consumer page of the Citizens Advice website has information about what to do and what compensation you may be eligible for. First-

ly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all. If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value. You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this happens make sure you keep all your receipts. If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool being closed for the whole trip. There's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather. Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance and if you're still not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website.

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Fair Trade Glassware
If you were asked to name a Fair Trade product I doubt if glassware would be the first thing that you would think of.

The glassware we sell is made by CRISIL, a company dedicated to

the manufacture of table glassware, situated in Cochabamba, central Bolivia. They are a family run business providing income for over 500 families and meet all the requirements of Fair Trade from caring for the environment to protecting the people who work for them. The environment is at the heart of Crisil; they use 100% recycled glass, minimise the amount of water they use in each step of the process and use heating recirculation systems to use less gas for kilns. Following the cleaning process the glass is melted and then mouth-blown and shaped into beautiful and useful pieces for your home. All are dishwasher safe and of excellent quality, perfect for indoor or outdoor entertaining this summer.

The factory was recently rebuilt to help provide more environmentally friendly and cooler working conditions, but the components of the old building were not wasted, they were recycled in building new homes for the workers. Crisil support and train skilled craftsmen, ensuring job security for them, regardless of gender or social class.

Gregorio and Concepcion are one couple who work for Crisil. Gregorio specialises in wine glasses, connecting the base and stem, while Concepcion is part of a team that packs the finished products. The regular income they receive has helped them to build their own home. Things were very different when Gregorio worked elsewhere, as he explained. "Sometimes, owners of other places do not have money to pay every week. That is not the case in Crisil. When I was working in La Paz, sometimes there was no money to pay us so the factory gave us the amount of pay in glass and asked us to go and sell it. We had to put the price down so that, if we were able to sell it, we were not getting the amount of money that

we were owed. All that time we were working only to eat because there was no possibility of saving any money." The couple can now afford electricity, gas for cooking and also water, which is delivered by lorry and stored in a drum. Providing a good future for their four children is a priority, as Concepcion explained. "We have to pay for the children to go to school. It depends on them but we would like our children to study as much as they can. We want to save for them to study"

We stock a small range of glassware but would love to sell more if there is interest. We were recently sent double what we had ordered so rather than return it we have a Summer Special offer on a few of the glasses.

Large wine glasses were £6, are now £4.60. Small wine glasses and highballs were £5, are now £4. The offer is limited to the stock we have so come and have a look before it all goes.

We can be contacted on 01305 772842 or by email at thebridge-fairtrade@gmail.com

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Wildlife Photographer of the Year

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is a world-renowned exhibition that brings together some of the most incredible images of our natural world. On loan from The Natural History Museum in London, it is coming to Dorset Museum from 21 July to 29 October 2023 - giving local people and tourists to the county an opportunity to enjoy the exhibition away from the London crowds.

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Polar Frame © Dmitry Kokh, Wildlife Photographer of the Year

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The exhibition features exceptional images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species, and the breathtaking diversity of the natural world. Using photography's unique emotive power to engage and inspire audiences, the images shine a light on stories and species around the world and encourage a future of advocating for the planet.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the most prestigious photography event of its kind, providing a global platform that showcases some of the best photography talent from around the world for over 55 years. Launched back in 1965, today the competition receives entries from over 90 countries all over the world, highlighting its enduring appeal. This year's award-winning images are embarking on an international tour that will allow them to be seen by well over a million people, with one of those stops being Dorset Museum.

As well as showcasing the fantastic photographs, Dorset Museum has created an exciting events programme featuring family activities, talks, and a photography workshop for adults. Details of the programme will be published

soon. Dorset Museum will be offering schools the opportunity to take part in a workshop inspired by the Natural History Museum's Explore: Urban Nature project. This national initiative looks to challenge students across the UK to help everyone better understand the nature around us.

Dorset Museum's Get up Close to Nature workshops, aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils, look to introduce pupils to the Museum's incredible collection during lively and engaging sessions. Pupils will also get an opportunity to explore the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition during their visit. During the workshops, aspiring scientists will get up close to Dorset Museum's incredible natural history collection and go away buzzing with knowledge and excitement about the natural world around them.

Dr Doug Gurr, Director of the Natural History Museum says, 'Captured by some of the best photography talent from around the world, the 100 photographs encourage curiosity, connection and wonder. These inspiring images convey human impact on the

natural world in a way that words cannot – from the urgency of declining biodiversity to the inspiring bounce back of a protected species.'

Elizabeth Selby, Interim Director of Dorset Museum says, 'We are really delighted to be bringing the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition to Dorset Museum this summer. It offers an opportunity to see the exhibition in a more intimate setting, away from the London crowds. These incredible photographs are not to be missed, and the exhibition offers something to inspire and delight visitors of all ages and interests. We can't wait to welcome people to the Museum over the summer and early autumn months to see some of the best photography in the world.'

Artwey Summer Exhibition

19th - 28th August, 10.00am - 4.00am

Weymouth Baptist Church, 18 Esplanade, Weymouth. (entrance via Custom Quay), DT4 8DT.

Over 25 local artists showcase a mix of styles and mediums in paint, print, textile art, glass, ce-

ramics, encaustic wax, driftwood sculpture, photography and more. All work is for sale, and there will be greetings cards and gifts too. Entry is free. Main access through the harbourside entrance on Custom Quay. Disabled access from the front of the church building opposite Alexandria gardens. This event has been very kindly sponsored by: The Chatsworth Hotel and Harbour Terrace, Advanced Digital Print, Dorchester, and Art2Card, Upwey.

National Trust South Dorset Association

Monday 18th September at 2.30pm 'Life in Dorset's Workhouses' a talk by Luke Moulard.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association. Brownsword Hall, Pummery Square, Poundbury, DT1 3GW NTSDA members £3 Non-NTSDA members £4 (includes refreshments/no need to book in advance).

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Elizabeth Selby, Interim Director said: 'We have been offering Kids Go Free at weekends for the last few months and we have been blown away by how well it has been received. We are very conscious of the financial challenges a lot of people are facing at the moment, so we have decided to extend this offer to all children, whenever they come during the year.'

The fun starts this summer, alongside our permanent exhibi-

tions the Museum is excited to be hosting The Natural History Museum's world-famous exhibition 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year'. Running from 21st July–29th October, more than 100 incredible images of nature and wildlife will shine a light on stories and species from around the world. The stunning photography will highlight the astonishing, varied animal kingdom, as well as reveal the impact of human activity on the planet, in a way that words simply cannot.

The National Festival of Archaeology runs from 15th – 30th July, and the Museum has a host of events planned to celebrate Dorset's rich archaeological heritage. Visitors can take a tour of the Roman Town House, one of the best examples of its kind in England. Or bring children to watch history come to life as the Vikings invade Dorset Museum. A living history encampment will showcase the lifestyles of Viking and Anglo-Saxon people, and children can get

hands-on and create their own Viking-themed art activities. The Museum has something for everyone. History, the arts, the natural world, archaeology, culture: Dorset Museum offers all this and more.

For further information on the Museum please visit www.dorsetmuseum.org

Work begins on enhancing Radipole Park and Gardens

A new refreshment kiosk, play area, sensory garden, and toilet facilities are just some of the enhancements being made to one of Weymouth's hidden gems, as construction work starts on site at a popular park.

Weymouth Town Council, working with the Friends of Radipole Park & Gardens, received just over £1 million to redevelop and make improvements to Radipole Park and Gardens from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Located off Radipole Park Drive and running alongside the RSPB Swannery nature reserve, a key feature of the revamped park will be to highlight its hidden heritage through interpretation boards and activities that will make it fun and engaging for all ages to explore.

Construction work is taking place from now until mid-December, during which time access to some parts of the park will need to be restricted, including the existing play area. This is so that the contractors, Ground Control Ltd, can carry out the huge schedule of works which will lead to multiple improvements for people to enjoy for many years to come. The amenity grass area at the north of

the park and the formal gardens to the south, along with the tennis club and small car park will remain open to the public throughout.

Clr Ryan Hope, Chair of Services Committee, said: 'It's fantastic to see work starting on site to transform our beautiful Radipole Park and Gardens, making it even more attractive for people to enjoy visiting. As well as the much-needed kiosk and toilet facilities, the basketball and tennis courts will be resurfaced, there will be a brand-new play area, improved car parking area, and new trees and a wildflower section will also be planted. Once completed, the park and gardens will be enjoyed for generations to come. I'd like to add my thanks to the Friends of Radipole Park and Gardens, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for working with Weymouth Town Council on this project.'

Stuart McLeod, Director of England – London & South at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, added: 'We know that parks are integral to our communities – they offer a place for nature to thrive, a space for communities to meet and improve our health and well-being. Thanks to National Lottery players, we are proud to support Radipole Park and Gardens in this important restoration, that will offer much-needed improvements and help to connect people to the green space on their doorstep.'

Other enhancements include a new path across the amenity grass area, relocated and resurfaced multi use games area, interpretation boards showing the park's history, a new area for playing Pétanque, new outdoor table tennis tables, and an orienteering course.

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FRIARY Care

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



Our visitors were some little baby sheep. Lambrook Valais were kind enough to come to Friary Care with three lovely little lambs' Katie, Keavie, and Kitty, and our residents had such an amazing time giving them a little cuddle.



We've also had a lovely roast dinner and relaxed with a beer or two while listening to some classic tunes. Our tables have been set up to the nines, with some very special top hats - with each top hat filled with lots of chocolate goodies. Each top hat was made by our residents to show their appreciation for all of our gentlemen residents.

We here at Friary Care love to make sure that all our gentlemen residents have a lovely time, but we'd also like to wish every gentleman in our lives a very magical, and loving day.

To all of our gentlemen and their families, we hope you've had a very happy gentlemen's day!

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Ex Weymouth RNLB Barnett Class Lifeboat up for Sale

The lifeboat named **Frank Spiller Locke** was designed by **James Barnett** and built by **Groves and Gutteridge of Cowes** in 1957.

She underwent the RNLB Naming Ceremony and Service of Dedication at Hope Cove, Weymouth by The Countess Howe on 14th June 1958

Frank Spiller Locke was built at a cost of £38,500 by a legacy gifted to the RNLB from Dr Frank Spiller Locke. She served in Weymouth between 1957 and 1976 and undertook 249 launches, saving 126 lives.

She then went to the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, Ireland between 1977 and 1985, where she undertook 40 launches, saving 8 lives. She was then sold out of service for £12,500 in 1986 and went on to

work for a contractor for Trinity House, servicing navigation marks in the Bristol Channel, operating out of Barry, South Wales and was renamed *Louise*.

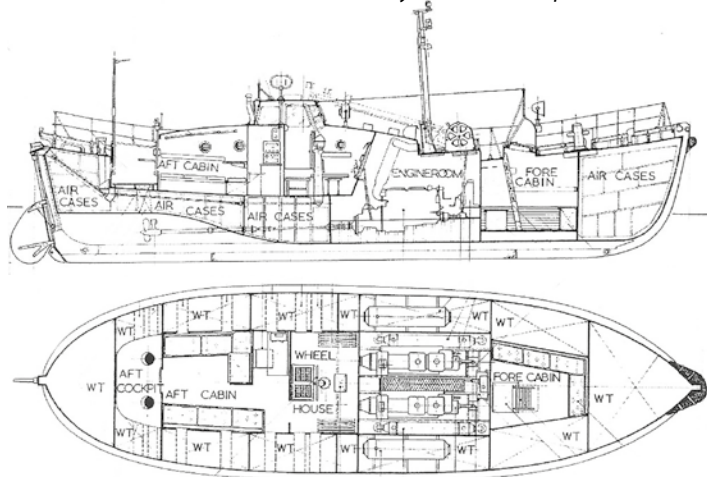
Sold into private ownership for conversion in 1992 and renamed *Resolution*, she was rescued by the current owner lying on a beach in Lowestoft in 2002 and returned to her original name *Frank Spiller Locke*. It took a seven year programme of works to restore the exterior and interior to original condition and repainted in the post 1970s RNLB colour scheme. The lifeboat is now for sale at Dartmouth for £65,000.



The lifeboat at Dartmouth. Photo courtesy of Wooden Ships Dartmouth



Frank Spiller Locke pictured off the Dorset coast



Local news

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There will still be some activities taking place in the park over the summer and the autumn while work is carried out, followed by an official park opening and full programme of activities and events in 2024. Further details will be released as the project develops.

Weymouth Beach Toy Library is Expanding!

Litter Free Dorset are excited to share that they have partnered with Weymouth Town Council and Weymouth and Portland Marine Litter Project to expand our popular beach toy library, with two additional locations on the busy Weymouth Seafront just in time for the start of summer holidays. The toy library allows visitors to borrow and reuse toys for free, meaning visitors save money, help reduce waste and stop plastic entering our oceans.

The new toy libraries will be located at the slipway next the West Hills Donkeys and the slipway in front of Rossi's Ices, in addition to the existing toy library located

on the slipway next to the Beach Office – just look out for the Litter Free Dorset flags!

Emma Teasdale, Project Officer at Litter Free Dorset said: 'We are delighted to be expanding our toy library scheme to continue to help reduce plastic waste and pollution in Weymouth! The project will also mean families can save money as they won't need to buy lots of new kit when visiting the beach, just borrow from our toy library then drop them back for the next visitors to enjoy. It's a win for both people and planet.'

Most beach toys are made of plastic and it is estimated that over 80% end up in landfill, incineration or in our oceans. Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project currently picks up around 100kg of plastic waste every month – just from the coast around Weymouth and Chesil Beach! To help reduce this, visitors can drop beach toys that have been left behind or that are broken into the toy libraries so they can be reused or recycled.

Dave Taylor, co-founder of Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project said: 'We work with a specialist company using an innovative process to repurpose the

hard-to-recycle plastics we collect, which are made into plastic board used to make furniture and other items. Please place any broken toys you find into the toy library, so they can be recycled, giving them a new lease of life, and preventing more waste.'

Plastic toys left on the beach are likely to end up in the sea, causing considerable harm to our marine environment. Over time, plastics break down into smaller and smaller pieces which can be ingested by marine life and damaging ecosystems for years to come. Cllr David Harris, spokesperson on Weymouth Town Council's climate and ecological emergency work, said: 'The expansion of the beach toy libraries is fantastic. This is a simple and cost-effective way for families to enjoy popular beach activities such as building sandcastles, while saving some pennies on buying a bucket and spade. By promoting reuse of the toys, this also helps to reduce single use plastic waste in our beautiful coastal town. Since declaring a climate and ecological emergency, this initiative is something Weymouth Town Council is proud to be supporting once again this year.'

Help prevent the spread of plastic pollution and save some pennies

this summer – use the Weymouth Beach Toy Libraries!

For more information about Litter Free Dorset and to stay up to date with their current projects and campaigns, check out the Litter Free Dorset website and social media channels:

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Greenhill Gardens Sunday and Monday Afternoon Music

Here's the August line-up of the relaxing musical afternoons in Greenhill Gardens commencing at 2pm

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Sunday 27th - Darron Garnett - 'The Voice of Cool Swing!' The First of our cool swing performers for this special weekend

Monday 28th - Tony Lowe - The

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

I have a confession to make so before reading further you might like to make yourself a nice cup of strong, sweet tea and sit down, in case the news affects you badly. Right, here goes. Now that it is all over for another year, I can confess to never having been to Glastonbury. There, it has been said - shock, horror. To be precise I've visited Glastonbury more than once. The town of is very pleasant and worth a look, but my presence has never graced the festival site. In fact, my In-house Adviser and I have tried to avoid being anywhere near Glastonbury at Festival time.

Those of you with long memories - well, it was well over six years ago - will recall that a previous Over the Hill mentioned that we once broke this rule. It was down to a lack of choice. We wanted to get to Worcester to visit Grandson George in a week when he had a little spare time off from his college paramedic training. On that journey we wasted many hours in long queues of traffic approaching, and then on, the M6. And the motorway services are best not talked about, with the great festival unwashed trying to remove five days' worth of mud in a wash-handbasin.

But there are other valid reasons for our non-attendance at the festival. It's not just the traffic chaos, nor even the cost of a ticket, which at £335 is substantial. With 200,000 tickets sold this provides Mr Eaves with a minimum of £66 million income. At that price it might just be worthwhile opening my back garden for an event.

But I digress. You have to pay your money before knowing what acts will be performing. Talk about buying a pig in a poke. Younger readers should ask their Grandparents what this means. Then there is the accommodation, or rather the lack of it. Weatherwise this year would have been bearable, but camping in a sea of mud, the normal ground state, is unthinkable. To be honest, I now find the thought of any sort of camping unthinkable. It wasn't always thus.

All Senior Citizens well remember being part of a Scout - or Guide, as my In-house Adviser prompts me - troop. The annual camp under canvas was the high spot of

our year. Or low spot, considering that your bed was on the ground. And inflatable mattresses were for wimps, even if they existed, which they didn't. Perhaps it was this early training which made Festivals seem so bearable. A Festival was just a Scout - or Guide - camp with pop music and all the discomforts which seemed so familiar. But now they have an aura about them. They are an experience to be shared with other like-minded folk. If asked, and often if not asked, people will reminisce at length about the first Glastonbury they went to and how they have been to each one since. Dedicated Festival goers certainly do not lack imagination.

It has been calculated that if everyone who claimed to have been at the original US Woodstock Festival - younger readers should ask their Grandparents what that was - had actually been there then the crowd would have numbered ten million. Though it didn't seem that many back in 1969 when I was there.

But that is another digression. Or it would be if I had really started with the point that was concerning me which was the age of the acts performing at Glastonbury in the recent past. A goodly selection of them are Senior Citizens themselves. Using the word selection to mean those I have heard of, there was Paul McCartney who was 62, Bruce Springsteen, 60, Paul Simon, 70, Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones 70 and this year Elton John who is 76. So, take heart. With a bit of practice and a gold suit like Elton's we too could be up there wowing the crowds.

As someone wise once said, you're never too old. But you can be too young, as one tiny Gouldian finch discovered. You are probably well aware that a Gouldian finch is a brightly coloured black, yellow, green, and red bird that is native to Australia. Many years ago, British people were persuaded by the Australian government to emigrate to Australia at a total cost of just £10. Perhaps the Gouldian Finch was paid with 10 pounds of seeds to come the other way, for some of them now reside in Britain. Anyway, one Gouldian finch family was living at the Duchy College Rosewarne, Camborne. Students found one of the fledglings in the

College grounds and hastened with it to the college's head technician for animal management, Kathryn Sullivan. At a mere 1.4 grams or 0.035 ounces in old money, Kathryn did not expect the little bird to survive. But she fed the little chick by painting food on its beak with a fine tipped paintbrush every half an hour for three days, then every hour. And you thought feeding the baby once or twice a night was hard work! After four weeks she - for it is a lady finch - started eating on her own and now weighs 24 grams which is nearly a whole ounce. Reportedly a happy bird she sits on anyone eating biscuits or crisps then cries until she's given

some. Not much difference from children there then. And how can you tell that a finch is happy, especially after a traumatic upbringing like she's had? I suppose the happiest finch is the one perched on the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury contemplating all the food that has been dropped onto the ground by the dancing masses while listening to an elderly gentleman giving it his all on a piano singing a song from a long time ago. But then, the well-fed finch can fly off to sleep in comfort in a five-star tree some distance from the noise. Bird brained? I think not.

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Summer Fireworks Displays return to Weymouth!

Weymouth Town Council has announced the return of the summer firework displays over Weymouth Bay. The free events will take place over five dates in July and August with the additional two dates which are sponsored by Haven!
Monday 31st July
Monday 7th August
Monday 14th August

Monday 21st August
Monday 28th August (Bank Holiday)
All the firework displays will take place at 9.30pm.
Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Kate Wheller said: "With the first display at the end of this month, we know these events will be a big draw to residents and people visiting Weymouth over the summer, boosting tourist numbers in the town.
"The firework events across Weymouth Bay always create a great atmosphere and it's also great to have two extra dates on the 7th and 21st August, which are sponsored by Weymouth Bay and Littlesea who are part of Haven Holiday Park."
Kristie Clark, Head of Holiday Home Revenue at Haven Littlesea Holiday Park, said "We value our ongoing relationship with the town council which allows us to sponsor the great work of the council's resort team. It is a key partnership which benefits both parties and the firework displays are a terrific example of benefiting the enjoyment of Weymouth community residents and visitors alike' Where possible, people are encouraged to leave their cars at home and walk or use public transport when getting to and from displays.

Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour! 2023 Theatre Tour

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is bringing the latest action and adventure films to big screens around the UK and Ireland in 2023.
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Banff tour films are chosen from

hundreds of entries into the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival, which is held every November in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The UK and Ireland tour will visit over 50 locations in spring and autumn 2023.
For more information and to book tickets, see www.banff-uk.com.

Film highlights include:

A Baffin Vacation

Most summer holidays don't involve skiing hundreds of kilometres over a frozen fjord in the Arctic Circle, but adventurers Erik Boomer and Sarah McNair-Landry are not most people. On a romantic getaway with a difference, the duo set off on a 45-day expedition through the remote landscape of Baffin Island in Canada, in search of stunning cliffs to climb and unexplored rivers to whitewater kayak.

Bridge Boys

Kept away from towering cliffs abroad because of lockdown, top British climbers Pete Whittaker and Tom Randall are forced to look closer to home for adventure. Enter one of the most unusual climbs ever attempted – a 2,600ft

horizontal groove beneath a motorway bridge on the M5. Sleeping on ledges suspended from the bridge, the pair face ferocious climbing moves, bridge-shaking traffic and police suspicion on this extraordinary challenge.

Saving Glaciers

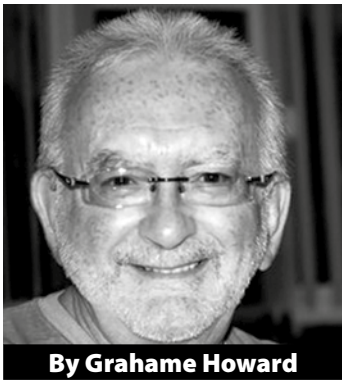
Determined that the melting and eventual disappearance of glaciers can be averted, Felix and his team set out to create a complex snow cabling system, recycling glacial meltwater back into snow. With enthusiasm, resilience and love for the mountains, these passionate locals are hoping to save winter for future generations.

Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society

The society will be holding its Summer Show at the Southill Community Centre on Saturday 19th August from 2pm to 4pm.
Everyone is welcome to come and see what the society's members have entered, with categories covering flowers, vegetables and fruit, floral art, cookery, handicrafts and

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By Grahame Howard

A Trip to London

One of our Grandson's lives and works in Canada. He'd been there for about a year when he decided to come over to the UK for Glastonbury. Therefore, all of the family agreed to meet him and his girlfriend in Westminster on the Saturday prior to Glastonbury commencing.

The CO straightaway flew into a panic, 'I've nothing to wear' she exclaimed. To me, this was ridiculous as she has at least four wardrobes, one of them filled with clothes she has yet to wear. However, it was a waste of effort trying to voice this to her; I would only have had 'the look'. Therefore, a shopping trip was arranged. I did try telling her that we were only going for the day but this fell on deaf ears.

Off we went the next day to look at various clothes around the South Coast. She decided on a pair of black trousers and selected a tan and black top to go with it. I think it was probably the wrong thing to say when I told her that she looked like a bumble bee. She didn't speak to me for an hour or so after which she said because I had ruined the shopping trip, we were going home; shopping expedition over.

We did better the next day, she had forgiven me and off we went to another area. She felt that she needed a short coat for the trip. I reminded her that it was 30 degrees in the sun, she would swelter. But she wouldn't have it and, after three hours, a rushed lunch, my weary legs followed her into yet another store. She noticed a small suede jacket which she liked. I reminded her that she would swelter in London wearing that. She told me that she would take it off if she became hot. I resisted the temptation to say, 'Why bother then?' and she bought the coat. Eventually, the day came for the trip. We had to get up at 5am as the train was booked for 07.24 and the CO wanted to be early. She had decided that she wouldn't wear the new coat as it may get ruined if it rained; therefore, it was left at home. As we boarded the train, it began to rain and I just stopped myself from saying that she should have brought the coat with her. But I never said a word as I wanted a peaceful journey. We reached Bournemouth and some more of our other family climbed onto the train and joined us.

We were a little worried as it was the day for Trooping of the Colours and thought

it would be packed but we saw no big crowds. This was partly because of our son who navigated us through several Tube trains, until we arrived at our destination. The plan was, the rest of the family were staying overnight in Notting Hill and they wanted to leave their luggage there. Unfortunately, they couldn't do this as their check in was not until 4pm. So they had to carry all their gear around. We met our Grandson in Hyde Park and after several miles of walking, we visited a very nice Italian restaurant. Pleasantly fed, we were led to Portobello Road market which was packed. I expected to see Del Boy there but it must have been his day off. The sun was so hot that I had to wear my cloth hat that I had in my bag. The CO said I looked like Worzell Gumidge and I was lowering the tone. She had her new straw hat on resembling Lady Docker but I was content with my old hat.

The time flew by and before too long, we had to get back to Waterloo to catch our train. I was dreading the underground but, I need not have worried as the family came with us so we didn't get lost. The CO and I did have a slight altercation trying to choose which train we had to get on. She said Platform 14, I knew it was platform 10. She wouldn't have it and in the end I told her to go to her platform and I would go to mine. She relented, and we got on the right train.

We got settled in a nice seat and were happy to relax when an announcement came on the speakers that those going to Weymouth needed to be on the first five carriages. This was crazy as I had checked this out and we were on No 5. However, they must have sneaked five other carriages on and we were now carriage 7. The CO gave me 'the look' again and commented that she knew I couldn't be trusted, charming I thought. We eventually moved again and relaxed in the very comfy seats. 'I don't want to bother you, you twonk, but we are in First Class' the CO whispered in my ear. 'What?' I shouted, making some of the other passengers look back at us. 'We'll have to move again,' I told her. 'Oh leave it, no one will say anything, but take your hat off just in case.'

Just then the ticket collector came into the carriage, and we were the first one to be checked. He was very nice and said in a quiet voice, 'You're in First Class, Sir.' He said we would have to move unless we paid extra, which were £10 each. We decided against this and began to make a move. He told us to leave it until we reached Southampton and then move. His shift was over then. This is what we did.

Finally we were settled for the next hour or so, and as we pulled out of Poole Station, the new ticket collector came round, a rather stern looking chap. I was grateful that he hadn't seen us in First Class; we would probably have been sent to the Tower of London. He looked my way and said, 'Hoy, mate, is this your hat?' Someone had left an army type hat behind. I

shook my head and he gave me another dirty look and threw the hat on the luggage rack above us and with a mumble of words, he walked off without checking our tickets.

I thought about taking the hat as it

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Redevelopment of the deep water quays at the port has enhanced its cruise and cargo handling operations as well as its service provision for vessels including those from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

It enables the port to meet rising demand and keep ahead of the trend for increasing sizes of cruise ships, including liners of up to 350m in length.

The investment is the largest in the port's 27-year history and comes as it welcomes a record 130,000 passengers over the coming cruise season.

"When we embarked on delivering this for the port there were many who thought that it couldn't be delivered within the required timescale, cost and quality.

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Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Our speaker this month was Harry Barnes, well known for his involvement in the local church and community and therefore no stranger to many of our members.

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Justice's of the Peace, a title that has stayed with us ever since. Only men were able to take the role and they were given incredible freedom to hold court in private houses or hotels with people being able to be sent to jail or even more shockingly to be whipped. In the 1400's only land owners could be elected as JP's, a rule that lasted for hundreds of years

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Feeling Better with **Abigail Langstone-Wring** BSc FETC D. Hom MAR MFHT
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Royal College of Nursing Cancer Nursing Practice journal publishes service evaluation of reflexology at UK NHS Dorset County Hospital cancer service.

I am extremely pleased and proud to announce the publication in May 2023 of 'Patients' experiences of clinical foot reflexology in a hospital cancer service' (Abigail Langstone-Wring and Judith Whatley) in the Royal College of Nursing (RCNi) Cancer Nursing Practice (cnp) journal (Evidence & Practice). A fitting end to my professional relationship with DCHFT and the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust. The Open Access external double-blind peer reviewed article was informed by data evidence from NHS DCHFT Clinical Reflexology Clinical

Audit (registration number 4923) of 2078 reflexology/oncology patient data collected 2019-2020 at three clinical sites within Dorset County Hospital. The route to publication in such a high-ranking nursing journal was complex. My colleague and I could have submitted to other journals but out of respect for all the patients who accessed the reflexology service at the hospital and support shown to the service by nursing staff from the service inception in 2014 we felt it appropriate to publish in RCNi cnp. The processes involved from submission to peer review were complicated and subsequent editing was emotionally quite painful at times. We both were under pressure to amend and re-send several versions before reaching final draft stage. All that being said the published end result was well worth all the effort. Local charities/support groups Fortuneswell Cancer Trust: Ducks and Drakes

Cancer Trust: The Living Tree: C Siders: New Man Prostate Cancer Support have been informed of publication. To read the full freely available article google doi: 10.7748/cnp.2023.e1841. Coming from a non-nursing background undertaking a clinical audit was daunting, stressful and a time-consuming endeavour. I voluntarily took up the necessary challenge of this task to provide evidence that complementary therapies can be effective in NHS clinical settings. I wish to thank DCHFT audit department for their technical support and patience without which I couldn't have completed my task. The important audit patient feedback data helped shape the service to what it is to-day. Highly valued by patients the service operates Monday to Friday mornings at three sites in a NHS secondary care cancer service. To ensure sustainability of an externally funded service operating within the NHS safety, quality and cost effectiveness is constantly monitored. As a patient focused service, capturing patient experience data has shown to be an effective method of identifying service strengths and weaknesses from the service users perspective. Giving patients a voice to express how they rate a service, how they benefit from it (or not) and where changes might be made is vital to ensure needs are being met and that funding applications

are evidenced based. This service model of the complementary therapy Clinical Reflexology was found to be safe, therapeutic and beneficial, cost effective, sustainable and transferable. Using a combined consent/evaluation form patients were invited to identify their physical or psychological concern (symptom) and the effectiveness of the therapy was measured using a before and after numerical scale. The highest rated concern was anxiety followed by pain, swelling and peripheral neuropathy. All patients appointed a lower number to their concern (symptom) following reflexology. The article concludes that Clinical Foot reflexology can offer patients with cancer relief from symptoms associated with their condition or cancer treatment... what more needs to be said!

I hope the publication will add gravitas to the reflexology service DCHFT, support future funding, inspire other complementary therapists and be of interest to other health care providers. 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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right through to the beginning of the last century. Over the years the magistracy has evolved with Parliament and Royalty tweaking and changing the rules about who would be eligible, what they should or should not be paid and what aspects of society and law they can deal with.

A lively Q and A session followed Harry's talk and it was interesting to hear how in many ways little has changed but what is evident is the massive amount of people who have been dealt with by the Magistrates courts and how it is that poverty has, through the centuries, caused major problems leading people to break the law, how cost cutting has much reduced numbers of magistrates and ses-

sions taking place, and how this is affecting how long it takes for offenders to be seen. We are now living through more change than had occurred in the previous 600 years and, it can be predicted, that with the technology now being introduced into the system, it gets hard to begin to guess what the future may hold.

The rest of the meeting time was taken up with discussions and planning for the WI quiz, a planned trip to Brownsea Island, a trip out to Monkey world, a good number of meals out, drawing the raffle, awarding prizes for the flower of the month and for the competition to find members Favourite Villain and, importantly who will make cakes for our Annual Garden

Party in August!
Sue Davis
President
Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Families with children are welcomed if accompanied by a supervising adult. Children can achieve a stamp for their Do One Thing -

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Chesil Beach Litter Pick

We'll be meeting at 10am on Saturday 29th July, on the sea wall (Cove Pub end). All equipment will be provided.

We will be mostly on the beach but would love to also have a clear up around the Skate Park, as an area that has been identified by the youth council as important to young people locally.

All the plastic waste collected will be added to their recycled materials sculpture, 'Fish & Strips', which is being displayed as part of Portland Marina's 'Plastic Shores' project during Portland Week in August.

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Ironically, the duplicitous Lago says the famous lines "O beware my lord of jealousy! It is the green-eyed monster which doth mock the meat it feeds on" to Othello. Perhaps he enjoys his machinations even more, knowing that he has warned his boss; and of course Othello ignores his warning and brings on his own tragedy.

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Aquafit

Exercise in the water with a smile. Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Osprey Leisure Centre. All abilities 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. 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 through

out 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. Knit & natter on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.30 and all are welcome. Membership is £6 pa but non members welcome. 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. Chantal on 01305 835757.

Ladies Keep Fit

Exercise to 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

Mondays in school term time, 2pm - 3.30pm at the Frank Reynolds Community Centre, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email: elizabeth.ian.messer@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. To book a place phone Fran on 832430 or 07817825527.

Osmington Village Hall

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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

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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.

Watercolour Art Classes

Thursdays, 1-3, Broadway and Upwey Memorial Hall. Starting September 7th. Beginners very welcome and those wanting more input on techniques to improve their work. Call Jan 07746 871134 for more info.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Shops

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Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Association

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

Weymouth & 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 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.pmam

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.

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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.s.kipper@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
www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi
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.

Yoga JAX

Thursday mornings 10.30 - 11.30 Hope Redemer Church, Trinity Street, off Hope Square, Weymouth. Basic Vinyasa yoga, gentle, restoring, traditional. Phone 07543 627944.

Portland Award. Prize for the piece of marine litter that has started it's journey from the furthest away location! So looking forward to seeing what you find.

Osmington Parish Fete – OsFest!

Osmington Village Hall and Parish Field. Supporting locally involved charities and our Parish Church

Sunday 6th August, 12 noon until 4.00pm sees the return of the popular OsFest! - Osmington Parish Fete and Family Fun Dog Show — opened this year by Festus Deriman Morris Side. This is a lovely community event, with fun and games for all generations.

You can enjoy established favourites such as the Classic Cars Display, the Beer and Pimms Tent, the Bouncy Castle and the usual fabulous variety of stalls and games – including the Famous Osmington Egg Toss!

Live music will be provided by local bands and musicians, and traders selling a nice variety of goods will also be on the field. We look forward to seeing you there.

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HPV and teenager booster catch-up clinics

If your child has missed their HPV vaccination or teenage booster vaccination session in school, they are still able to receive the vaccinations this academic year at a community catch-up clinic by 14th August 2023.

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Fairy Rings

The appearance of a grassy circle slowly but persistently forming on the small front lawn, raised an alarm call! Could this be a fairy ring developing? Although Fairy Rings may be acceptable on pasture land or open areas they become a deep concern when found on lawns. But, what are fairy rings, and how did they earn such a picturesque name?

The Concise Oxford Dictionary (COD) defines a fairy ring as ...'a circular band of darker grass caused by fungi, and attributed to dancing fairies.'

Dr Hessayon, in his reference book on lawns, ignores the dancing fairies, and divides fairy rings into three grades with Grade 3 containing but a few toadstools that are of little consequence and thus can be ignored. Grade 2 he stipulates as a ring of dark green grass forming at the edge of the circle, and although this may be irritating, providing the lawn is well fed, it can be tolerated. However, should the fairy ring become composed of two rich green grassy circles with a band of barren soil between them, matters turn serious for Dr Hessayon describes this as a Grade 1 Fairy Ring. These circles were once believed to be caused not only by fairies but by lightning, tethered goats, and stallions 'running in circles,' whilst on the South Downs today, rings centuries old and several metres in width, can also be found.

Sadly, if the two circles of grass form close to each other with a circle of barren soil between them, the lawn now requires careful, serious and complete replacement. Threads of mycelium spread outwards at a rate of 6-12 inches /15- 30.5cms a year, the size of the ring indicating its approximate age. Fruiting bodies appear from late summer onwards and their flesh, apparently, is edible. If dried, it can be used as flavouring for soups and stews but, beware, for apparently it can be easily confused with the deadly *Clitocybe rivulosa*. Accuracy regarding identification therefore needs very great care! The research undertaken eased the concern regarding the grassy circle on the small lawn in the Small Garden for although there were occasionally a few fungi appearing in different places across the lawn, there were no dramatic double rings of long green grass separated by an inner circle of soil and toadstools. Nevertheless, impressed by the severity of Dr Hessayon's observation and advice, the lawn will be very carefully tended and treated in a determined effort to avoid the very demanding effort required were it really a fairy ring.



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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 Ripers

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8.00am Thur Morning Prayer St Francis

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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
	10.00am	The Holy Eucharist	Broadway
Thursdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway
	10.00am	The Holy Eucharist	Broadway
Fridays	8.45am	The Angelus with Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer with communion	Broadway
	10.45am	Coffee Morning	Broadway
Saturdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

The Parish of Wyke Regis is now in vacancy as Brother Alasdair has left to take a new role in Derby. We are therefore reliant on locum priests to cover services.

This may mean that some services are cancelled or changed at short notice. To get up to date email alerts on service information, please ask to be added to our email list by emailing info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

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

8.00am Said Holy Communion (This may be cancelled; please check notice board or website)

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 (This may be cancelled. Please check noticeboard or website)

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 Bingleaves Green at 10.00 am

Fellowship Group meeting 2.00pm

Craft Group - Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly

Singing for Fun - monthly at All Saints

Friday Choir Practice - All Saints 5.45pm

Fellowship events

Friday July 28th Picnic at St Edmund's and on August 11th and August 25th at 12.00 noon

Tuesday 8th August at 2pm. Singing for Fun with Robert

Forthcoming Events at All Saints Church

This summer we are offering morning tours of All Saints tower to coincide with each monthly Coffee Morning from June to September. The next set of tours will be on Sat 15th July. Climb the 100 steps and enjoy the panoramic view at the top of the tower. Tour tickets £5. Go online at parishofwykeregis.

org.uk/events for four times, and to book your place.

All Saints Coffee Morning

Sat 15th July. 10.00am – 12.00pm All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cakes, books, Fairtrade stall and, of course, chat.

Film Night

To Kill a Mocking Bird Wyke Regis Memorial Hall, Satur-

day 29th July.

Atticus Finch, a lawyer in Depression-era Alabama, defends a black man against an undeserved rape charge, and his children against prejudice.

Admission £5.50, includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

Contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve a seat.

All Saints Sea Front Stalls this summer Weymouth Esplanade Wednesday 26th July and Thursday 17th Aug

Forthcoming Events at St Edmund's Church

Fellowship Picnics on:-

Friday July 28th.

Friday August 11th at 12.00.

Friday August 25th at 12.00.

Local news

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All pupils school age year 8 who have not received their first dose of the HPV vaccination and all pupils school age years 9 and 10, who have not received either their HPV (first or second dose) and/or their Teenage Booster (Td/IPV and Meningitis ACWY) vaccinations, can still receive their vaccinations at a catch-up clinic until the 14 August this year.

It's easy to book by calling 01425 891162 or email dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net with your child's details.

Enjoy our rivers and coast safely

During the summer, some of us enjoy going for a walk by a local river or spending time at the coast. It's important to know the risks of water and how to keep yourself and others safe to avoid getting into danger. From rip currents to tides, cold water shock to waves, being aware of the dangers will help you to stay safe.

Whenever you are around water this summer, make sure you and your loved ones follow the water safety code:

Stop and think: take time to assess your surroundings. Look for dangers and always research local signs and advice.

Stay together: when around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded beach.

In an emergency: Call 999. Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

Float: If you find yourself in danger in the water - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Children can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer

This summer, encourage children and young people to keep their minds and bodies active by joining the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Ready, Set, Read' which focuses on games and sports - a great way of encouraging young people to enjoy reading and moving more over the school holiday.

The challenge runs until 23rd September in libraries across the whole of Dorset County. The aim is to read six books and collect the challenge stickers along the way! This can include e-books or listening to e-audiobooks.

On completing the Challenge you will get a medal from the library and a personalised certificate sent to your school for presentation. If you do not wish your certificate to be sent to your school you can collect it from your library instead.

Autism in Schools pilot launched

Autistic children and young people in Dorset will have a better educational experience following the recent launch of the Autism in Schools Project.

Autism in Schools is a national project which aims to ensure mainstream schools offer environments in which autistic students can thrive, supporting good mental health and promoting a sense of belonging for this group of young people.

16 schools from across the Dorset Council area have so far been invited to take part in this project which will be rolled out to the schools involved in this first wave during the next academic year. The schools include at least two from each of Dorset Council's locality areas.

My Memories of the Big Flood

From the Wyke Register No 71 September 2011, by Mrs M Muro.

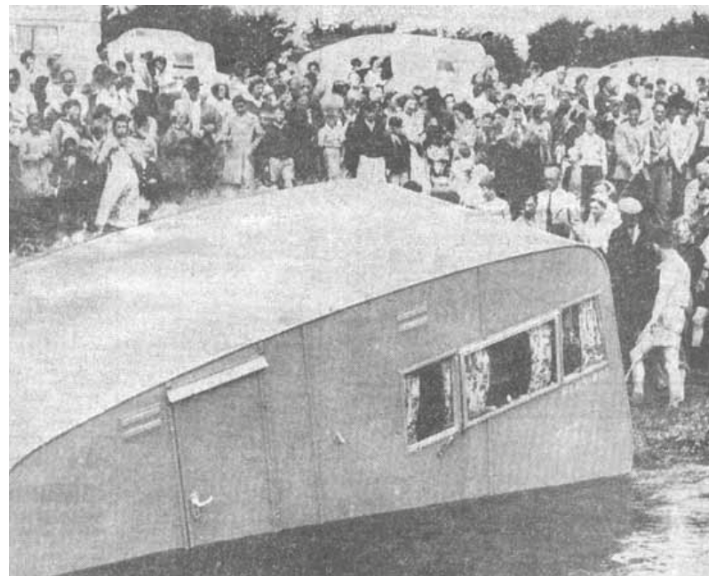
I was almost 17 and worked as an assistant in a small hat shop in West-ham Road which stood opposite the present site of Wilkinson.

Going home by bus after work that day was unforgettable. I had never seen a sky so black and menacing. The rain was torrential, with lightning and thunderclaps one on top of the other. Hope Square was flooded with a drain acting like a fountain. The double decker bus had to crawl through the water in order to try to prevent it coming over the open platform at the back.

Next morning I bussed into town to go to work. When I turned into Westham Road, I could hardly believe my eyes. It was underwater as far up as George Street and Westham Bridge had disappeared from sight. It seems that so much debris had washed down river, it had blocked the bridges sluice gates. The swans and ducks had a field day, exploring the sudden unexpected extension of their territory. In order to reach my shop, I realised I'd have to wade, so off

came my precious stockings (shop girls pay was not good so I had to be careful). I had no choice but to hitch up my skirt, modesty abandoned, and wade to the shop. My boss, a lovely lady called Pat Harvey, was amazed to see me. She managed to open the door. A dry towel and hot drink was very welcome. She lived above the shop with her husband and they had been woken up and managed to rescue her precious stock and take it upstairs.

At one point we were amused to see a swan gliding into the doorway where it pecked at the glass several times, I presume it saw its reflection. The water gradually began to recede. When it was just above ankle deep I was astounded when a lady came into the shop and asked to see some hats. She had a function to attend the next day and wanted a new hat. Several were brought down for her to try and she eventually found one she liked and splashed off, well pleased with her purchase. Once the water had receded, we had to clean up. I remember the smell lingered for quite a while. The memory will last forever.



Aftermath at a Preston caravan camp. Photos from Weymouth and Portland Times July 22nd 1955.

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

It is difficult to get a balance in these articles between informing you of Dorset Council news, Weymouth Town Council news or what the Mayor has been up to (or boring you to death). I hope many of you will log on to either my Cllr Kate Wheller facebook page or the Mayor of Weymouth facebook page for more of this news.

The question of the barge to house asylum seekers rumbles on. The refit seems to have taken longer than expected and cost more than expected. No real news yet on how exactly the health and well-being of these young men is going to be catered for but we continue to be promised that it will not impact on residents of Weymouth and Portland or the wider area. You must make up your own mind on that. I am pleased to see that Richard Drax MP continues to speak in the House on the subject, (I suspect he and I are not looking from the same angle) I don't know how much notice is taken and it is a shame that other Dorset MPs are not supporting him.

The lack of accountability of Wessex Water and others is rightly causing a lot of concern. I am an all year round sea swimmer myself. It is extraordinary to think that WW was borrowing money seemingly to pay shareholders but not to repair the infrastructure. Now they suggest they will borrow more to do the repairs and charge us more! There is a Notice of Motion being tabled at Dorset Council this coming week asking government to address the situation of raw sewage being discharged in to our rivers and on to our beaches. I am sure it will get support, I am less sure what the government will do.

Post pandemic the ward work load continues to be very heavy, if I have not responded to your email I hope it is not because it has slipped through my net, so do re-send if too much time has elapsed. I always respond. The lack of affordable housing, always a problem seems to have escalated. I wish I could help everyone who emails or phones. I can't magic up houses. Dorset simply does not have enough homes, and yet we continue to build homes that will clearly become second homes for wealthy out-of-towners or those wishing to increase their holiday cottage portfolio. I hope that Dorset Council will support moves to add a council tax premium to homes not used as prime dwelling. There are, of course ways to manipulate this but it would be a start. Car park charges will also be the

subject of debate at the next Dorset Council meeting, I hope. A petition is being presented by Weymouth residents and supported by Weymouth Town Council. At the time of local government reorganisation (2019) one of the aims was that services, fees and charges would be harmonised across the Unitary Authority. I was naively optimistic that would happen. Now, suddenly that aspiration seems to have been abandoned in favour of charging over the odds for parking in some locations. This irrespective of the impact on local people, predominately low waged or retired, and scaring away visitors. Having a huge impact upon businesses who have struggled to survive post pandemic.

We have also become less tolerant and less considerate since lock down. My mail box is full of complaints about loud music, dogs barking and most of all cars blocking driveways and access to homes. There isn't very much I can do other than offer sympathy but if you recognise yourself a little bit you could make a difference.

I recently attended a meeting to discuss the future regeneration of the Ryemead Lane Community Centre. This is a lovely hall, with a field and parking. They have a mother and toddler group, bingo, table tennis and other clubs but there is the potential for so much more. The centre always hosted a thriving lunch club. The residents who raised funds and established the centre and formed the trust are anxious to retire. We are looking for new younger trustees and committee members. Could this be you? You don't need to live in Wyke Regis and you don't need to have a loads of time; just a little. Many hands make light work. If you are interested please contact me in the first instance. There will be an AGM in September more details in next months Register.

I mentioned the League of Friends of Weymouth and Portland Hospitals last month. I was really delighted to attend the opening of the new Evergreen Unit at Westhaven Hospital. This is a beautiful, tranquil palliative care unit set in the heart of our community. Westhaven has always played a key role

across the area in the care of the elderly and those at the end of life. Their staff and volunteers are exceptional. It will be such an asset to have this unit within our community. Many elderly people are reluctant to be taken too far from home where their loved ones are unable to visit. The hospital holds a special place for me; my mother ended her nursing career caring for those at the end of their lives here. It has a wonderfully happy atmosphere, a truly caring place. The Evergreen Unit is one of the facilities I will be supporting during my Mayoral year.

I was very pleased to help cut the ribbon on a new NHS Research Hub located in Linden Court at Radipole Lane. They will be undertaking trials on new vaccines initially but this will build up to trials on other drugs and research into the histology of many other diseases. This is an exciting project working closely with other units around the country. Quite a coup for it to be located here bringing real jobs to the area. Please go on line to find out more as they are keen to recruit volunteers to take part in the research.

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Similarly medically based, I did spend 40 years working for the NHS. Dentaaid

The Dental Charity which I first became aware of over 25 years ago when it was providing much needed dental care to the third world; is now working within our communities here in the UK. They recently received a grant from Weymouth Town Council to help provide dental care for those striving break the cycle of rough living and drug and alcohol abuse. Sometimes the constant tooth ache is so all involving even to think of rehab is too much. Dentaaid also provide help to the victims of domestic abuse and offers dental health education to schools. All services once provided by the NHS, indeed I worked for the school dental service! But sadly no longer covered. They are visiting Weymouth once a month, staff come from across the south west but local professional are also volunteering their time. I was pleased to visit the unit when it was parked up outside The Lantern. I was able to talk to the patients and thank the volunteers.

I loved having the opportunity to present the Junior Duke of Edinburgh Awards to members of year 6 at Wyke Junior School recently and chat with the children about

the exciting things they had undertaken to win them. It was nice to meet some of the parents who were justly proud of their offspring. I hope they will all go on to even greater things and enjoy their time in their senior schools. Being from a military background I always love Veterans Weekend. No longer able to attend with my late father sadly but very ably escorted by my grandson instead. I am unashamedly a very proud grandma. I am always so pleased to talk to those who join us for the commemoration of past conflicts, to meet up with their old friends, and to enjoy our beautiful town. They travel from all over the country, some from as far as the Borders and Scotland itself. The reports are always the same, ' the best Veterans Celebration' of them all.

I have raised flags, laid wreaths and dug the first sod for the Radipole Park Gardens Regeneration. A member of the council from Weymouth, MA, USA visited us for a few days with her family and it was lovely to offer them tea and Dorset Apple Cake and tell them about our town. They took a walk along the beach which they told us was much nicer than theirs (of course). You can follow them on their facebook page.

St Andrews Church in Preston has been undergoing a lot of restoration work recently and so I was very proud to be asked to read the gospel at their rededication service. It is a beautiful old church. Lisyening to a short talk on their history was fascinating.

I am at the moment planning my Mayors Civic Service. With the end of the old Borough Council and the pandemic this old tradition had fallen out of favour. It is a choice that not all mayors will want to follow but it is important to me.

The service will be very much ecumenical, lead by clergy, singers and musicians from across the town. I hope it will be a very joyful event. In keeping with my emphasis on community representatives from voluntary and community groups will join us. Some that I am involved with personally but everyone is welcome. If you haven't received an invitation, perhaps you aren't on our data base? That can be rectified please don't let that stop you from attending. And if you don't belong to group please do join us if you would like to. Everyone will be welcome. Sunday 6th August at 3.00 at All Saints Church, Wyke Regis. I am told there will be cake. Well, A long one again, I hope

you made it to the end. If you want to contact me the best way 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. cllrkatewheller@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk Facebook – [Cllrkatewheller](https://www.facebook.com/Cllrkatewheller). Or Mayor of Weymouth Dorset

If you would like the Mayor to attend your event contact mayor@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Very much as I have said repeatedly since our creation in 2019 I am very anxious to promote our community. I will attempt to give priority to attending community events where the Mayor or Deputy can add extra value to the event, to raise a profile or to increase a fund raising opportunity. Sometimes that 'added value' is not easily apparent but I found from my last experience that useful insights and contacts can be gained by visiting other towns who may be working on projects similar to those we are promoting. My health is paramount and I will not be accepting invitations across the County just to go on a 'jolly'.

Already I have been quite busy. My first engagement was to attend the Rotary Club annual dinner, Cllr Fuhrmann joined me for this event and it was interesting to learn that despite the pandemic the club continued it's amazing record of fund raising not only for local charities but also for national disaster funds. Well done. I was able to join the League of Friends of Weymouth and Portland Hospitals for their AGM. Hon. Alderman Peter Rendall was re-elected as their chairman. It was interesting to hear of the work they have supported at Westhaven Hospital to create a palliative (end of life) care unit for local people. This will be formally opened in a few days time.

The Annual Town meeting which is a public meeting where all residents have an opportunity to speak and question councillors and officers was held as part of the Weymouth Community Expo. No –one questioned us so the assumption must be you are all reasonably happy? This was an opportunity for the retiring Mayor Cllr Ann Weaving to present her civic awards. A number of local organisations and charities were also present to showcase the work they do throughout the community. The event was very well attended thank you all for giving up

your time for this successful day and we will certainly do it again next year if you are interested in taking part contact WTC office. We did enjoy wonderful weather! We hosted a visit from our twin town – Louviers in France. The first visit since the pandemic and they were delighted that their stay coincided with the Fayre in the Square. They really enjoyed the atmosphere and suggested that their Rotary Club and ours might partner a joint event and ideas ? They are also keen to explore the possibility for exchanges for sports clubs so anyone here interested please contact me so that I can put you in touch. As always the laying of a wreath at the US Memorial was very moving and since this year was on a bank holiday was very well attended too.

I am sure most of you are aware of the terrific fishing opportunities around our coastline and that our charter boat skippers have a reputation for being among the best in the world. This industry adds greatly to our local economy so I am always pleased to attend events at the Angling Society. None more so than the junior angling awards. The youngsters both boys and girls are so enthusiastic about their fishing and the support that older members give to them is exceptional. Thank you all so much. Weymouth will host the European Angling Competition towards the end of the season.

Cllr Fuhrmann was able to attend a performance of the incredible

WOW company which he and his young daughter really enjoyed. I attended the Civic Society Award ceremony, I learned that the society although called Weymouth covers Chickereil and Portland too (I knew Portland of course) .

New and refurbishment projects from all three towns won awards but most interestingly the society have extended their remit so awards were made to Tumble-down farm, The project to insert tiled information plaques adjacent to sites of particular historic value and the beautiful replacement wall around the church at Radipole. This work was carried out by volunteers who had never done anything like it before. Well done.

I was pleased to hear about the work at Castle Cove Sailing Club to make sailing more inclusive by encouraging young local sailors when I attended their 100th birthday party. Attending the 40th birthday party of the Amber lites Majorettes was a huge pleasure. The young performers are so committed and have raised so much for local charities over the years. Of course that commitment is more than matched by the adult helpers – a real community resource. Lastly this month the launch of the King Charles III coastal path, this will run for 2700 miles improving existing paths and adding areas that have not been accessible to the public before. And yes I did get an opportunity to speak about the problems with the path at Ferrybridge. I

hope it wont be so long this time to get that repaired and reopened. No one wants to walk the coastal path through a housing estate. I am aware that doesn't look like 40 hours a week but I do assure you I have cut back. I will be busy this year but the concerns of ward residents are my priority. 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. 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). Mayor of Weymouth Dorset Facebook.

Please continue to take care. Deaths from Covid 19 do still occur.

God Bless.

Kate

Cllr Kate Wheller

Below: The Mayor and guests at the opening of the Evergreen Unit at Westhaven Hospital.



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