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Local news

Wyke Regis WI

Members of Wyke Regis WI began their Centenary Year with a celebratory meal in the WI Hall. Invited guests were Jenny Peston, Dorset Federation Chairman, Liz Smith, WI Advisor and representatives from Portland, Southwell and Weybay WIs.

The celebratory cake, made by Ann Pettifer and iced by Dot Vale, was cut by a former President, Iris Morris, shown with Jill Pearce the current President.



Entertainment was provided by the Ukulele group, playing a diverse selection of pieces which were much enjoyed by those present.

Founded in 1923 the Institute is a lively meeting place for a growing number of members, and there are many centenary events planned for this special year.

Wyke Christmas Fayre Halfway through the year and the organising of Wyke Christmas Fayre is gaining momentum.

Make a note in your diary Sunday 3rd December.

As well as the Kid's Fancy Dress, Best Dressed House in the Village, Best Dressed Dog, we are also adding a new category of 'Rate a Plate'. So if you fancy making something, whether it's a Christmas Cake or Pudding, something from our International community or something you have as a tradition in your family, bring it along. There will be a specific table in the Wyke Regis Social Club, bring along your plate and let people rate it. There will be a prize for

the winner, so make sure you let us know that you have made an entry.

Anyone wishing to have a stall at this years Fayre, should contact Jo on 07791 764599 or by email to jolyntaylor13@sky.com

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

The Trading Post in Rylands Lane is open Wednesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. Membership costs £10 a year per household.

Come and share your gardening experiences over a cuppa. There will be workshops propagating cuttings and seeds on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Always plants for sale and a good selection of composts. For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or leave a message on 01305 759668.

Castle Cove Open Gardens Weekend

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

The last event proved very popular two years ago. So, if you fancy a leisurely afternoon stroll, pick up your maps and entry stickers from 1pm on either day from one of three pay points: 1 Old Castle Road, 31 Clearmount Road or 6 Hillcrest Road. No need to book in advance. Suggested donation £5.00 per person with all profits going to the Friends of Castle Cove Beach Charity. Your entry sticker will be valid for both days. Refreshments are available along the route.

The Wyke Regis Society Minutes of the bi monthly meeting held 7pm Tuesday 9th May, 2023, at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road.

Contact Georgina Skipper, g.skipper@btinternet.com, 01305 761993 for apologies and Agenda.

Chairperson's Report

The Society has a new webmaster and there are quite a few updates being made. We thank the previous website manager for all her assistance over the years keeping it going.

To commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III the WRS felt it would be good to plant more

bulbs in the Churchyard on the corner of All Saints Road. Some years back the WRS and residents purchased and planted the daffodils with the assistance of Parks Dept. This time we thought that Camassia, Dutch Iris or Alliums would be nice as they would follow the daffs in flowering, A crocus 'shield' planted in the pattern of the coronation is another possibility. The WRS has approached the Church gardeners regarding this project but to date had no response.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Helen Toft has got together a small team of volunteers to tidy and clear the small footpath that led to the Rodwell Trail from Rylands Lane. This has always been a no-mans-land with the council abandoning it.

Cllr Brian Heatley brought up the problem of the vastly increased traffic using Portland Road; traffic management sending lorries up Lanehouse Hill and back via Buxton Road has done little to ease problems as the roads are quite simply not fit for purpose.

An improvement is to be made on the cycle way across to Portland. There is still a damaged wall on the corner of All Saints Church, but it appears that it will not be repaired until the junction is altered. All residents are still being asked to contact the council and give details of open spaces near them that have been used on a regular basis for any sort of leisure activity, no matter how small. This includes Wyke Gardens, Douglas Road, the little green of Wyke Square. The planning dept are looking at small spaces that are not used so they can build houses on them. These small 'green lungs' are very important to the community and we want to keep them. All new-build housing sites are given green areas but Weymouth seem to want to build on every spare green space.

The local problem of the Barge for young male refugees that is to be moored at Portland Port was discussed at length. It is a big concern to all in Wyke. The Home Office briefing just released was unclear on many points. Their claim that local groups are being consulted is not borne out. Portland Port have been asked to investigate the problem of the chaos their coaches are causing in Rodwell when trying to pick up cruise passengers, a suitable pickup point is needed.

The incinerator for Portland was refused but the company will probably go to appeal.

Traditional rubbish bins that are being replaced by wheelie bins by Dorset Waste are deemed to be totally inappropriate in conservation areas.

We are waiting to hear if the 9 and 9A bus will still be running in June. We all felt that the bus was being well used but not enough according to the bus company. Although Wyke will have the Number 1 bus it leaves Lanehouse Rocks Road with no public transport. Councillors tell us that plans for North Quay in Weymouth are still on hold. All agreed that the old Council offices should be removed, as a building company would be more inclined to take the site on without the building.

Memorial Hall

All seems okay with the hall. Bookings are coming in and the hall is being well maintained.

Church

All Saints Church had been running visits to the tower in 2022, this has proved popular with the magnificent view from the top and the chance to ring a bell. They will be booking the visits again this year. The picnic for the Coronation was well attended and went well.

Wyke Square

The planters in the Square are still in need of some upkeep. If you live in the Square you might like to put a few plants or bulbs in the planters this summer. The little green area at the back of Lymes Close was being set aside for wild flowers but the Council grass cutter must have forgotten as it was mown to an inch of its life recently. WRS have spoken to the Council

and we now have a meeting with Emily Brown, the new Parks Manager to sort it out and start again. We are hoping for wild flowers and bulbs round the edge and grass and wild flowers in middle. The new trees that have been planted are doing well, a small area under the trees by the footpath we have asked to be left wild. The Council has tried to reduce the wild leek that is taking over in some places. Fly tipping in the Square is being monitored and some residents have CCTV to see who dumps rubbish on other people's doorstep. Waste bins and motor bikes in All Saints Road are still being left on the public footpath.

Planning

No new planning in the area has been on the planning site.

Footpaths and Highways

The Society has contacted the Council and the Rangers about the problem of small motorbikes and cyclists using the footpath along the Fleet. This is now in the hands of the Councillors. We have asked for more signs to go up stating that it is a no cycling footpath. It is sad that the footpath at the back of the holiday camp has all fallen away near Ferrybridge and is impassible. We hear this footpath will be re-routed onto Portland Road.

Residents feel that the bollards at the entrance to Tesco on the Portland Road are a vast improvement and are a help to pedestrians using the store. The yellow lines have been put in place outside the Smugglers pub. The yellow lines give the traffic more space to pass stationary buses, and give

a better traffic flow. We have been waiting for 3 years for these lines to be put in, everything comes to those that wait.

Air Quality Monitoring

We are still hoping that a group from All Saints School might find this an interesting project. Please contact the Society if this subject interests you.

Anti-social Behaviour

Again, residents have reported the problem with drug dealing in the area. This has been reported to the Police. Problem areas still seem to be Wyke Gardens, Crab House at Ferrybridge, and the Rymead Fields near the Wessex Water site around the emergency exit areas. There has been a Police presence in the area around Ferrybridge. Residents must report whatever problems they see in relation to drug dealing or any other anti-social behaviour. If the problem has been moved on from Ferrybridge it will turn up somewhere else. Dog fouling in the area is a constant nuisance. Please report any person you see not picking up after their dog.

Parks and Open Spaces

Residents in Rodwell Road had been keen to upgrade the corner of Castle Hill Road with planting and wild flowers. The large green area has been left by Highways and has been very overgrown. The Council response is that all verges are left for wild flower and will be cut and raked twice a year. They hope that over the years the area will attract more wild flowers and insect life., but the area has been cut and left and the main things

coming through are nettles and large docks. The Council seem to have taken little interest in the community spirit that was offered to improve this very prominent junction.

AOB

The Smugglers on Portland Road looks very smart. Residents have remarked on the small sitting out area that is a good use of the space. As we say so often, try to use these local venues or we will lose them.

A broken seat at the top of Westhill Road has been removed, we hope it will be repaired and replaced. Camper vans have been using the parking area at the Community Centre in Rymead Lane. A resident had been asked by the campers if they could use his water. We now see this area is online as a free area to camp overnight. The Council have been asked to put up notices saying 'No Overnight Camping'. Parked camper vans have also been causing problems for buses and emergency vehicles on All Saints Road. Please let the Society know if you notice any overnight camper vans in your area.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm, next meeting is July 11th 2023 at 7pm.

Royal Manor Theatre

Summer is here and while we all enjoy our beautiful Portland summer spare a thought for your poor players who are working tirelessly hard for our next production.

A classic thriller play by Patrick

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View from All Saints church tower, date unknown, but before the Church Knapp development

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Tickets for Gaslight are available online or at the box office. Tickets are £10 for adults, £9 for concessions.

Gaslight will be performed at the Royal Manor Theatre on the following dates and times:

17th July - 22nd July at 7.30pm.

Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillor update

Thank you to all those residents who attended our meeting on speeding at the Misson Hall

in Sutton Poyntz we were extremely pleased with the turnout with over 40 residents in attendance and we thank Maria from the police for coming along to address the meeting. We will now be undertaking a consultation on 20mph speed zones in Sutton Poyntz in the next year so please stay tuned for more updates on that.

One thing that did come out of the meeting is the need for more enforcement on speeding which is why we need more volunteers to come forward to set up a community speed watch. To keep this viable we will aim to merge this with the Preston and Littlemoor team so we have a good pool of volunteers to draw upon. If you are interested please get in touch. We recently met up with highways to discuss a few local issues such as improved signage for local car parks to encourage more use as opposed to people using residential parking, chasing up the improved drainage works for Bodkin Lane and also trying to secure a date for more re-surfacing works.

On May Day bank holiday I spoke with parking enforcement on Bowleaze Coveaway (who were on



A packed hall at the Sutton Poyntz speeding meeting

their third visit of the day to this road) about parking restrictions and were pleased they were patrolling it. We hope the changes we are pushing for will make it easier to prevent obstructive parking in the area. On May 28th (Pentecost) I attended St Andrews for their first service back in the church since its works were completed. The works have really brightened the church up and I look forward to the official re-opening service. Cllr Dickenson recently met with Weymouth town council and he is lobbying for picnic benches and

fruit trees for the area around Elm Park.

I have been challenging the recent change in parking charges. Going back to 2019 when I was first elected I called for a fair rate of charges harmonious across the county and I still believe that to be the best way. I believe the focus should be on filling empty car parks in off peak months as opposed to rinsing customers in the summer months.

Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz council-

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Artizan International

I have just returned from the annual BAFTS (British Association of Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers) Conference which is always inspiring but particularly so this year as the first speaker was Susie Hart MBE from Artizan International.

Susie founded Artizan International in 2013 on her return to Harrogate, after 10 years living in Tanzania, where she founded the social enterprise Neema Crafts. The Neema Crafts Centre provides training & employment for differently-able people, who would otherwise need to street beg to earn a living. Susie started the project with three deaf trainees, on a budget of just £400. The centre has now grown to employ over 120 people with a huge range of disabilities, all of whom are now able to support themselves & their families with dignity & pride.

Susie set up Artizan International to pass on this model to other developing countries where people with disabilities are still discriminated against and they now have projects in Peru and Ecuador. In Ecuador they have established a training & social enterprise centre for people with a wide range of disabilities. As in other parts of Latin America, differently-able people are often to be found on the margins of their society, excluded from employment and therefore consigned to a life of poverty. These are bright, capable people who long for the same chances as everyone else. Artizan International trained and sent out UK volunteers for 1-2 year

placements, to establish the project and train its first 3 groups of artisans, before handing over to a local Ecuadorian couple to lead the project. They are now in the process of doing the same in Peru. The centres in Ecuador and Peru provide training in paper-making, jewellery, screen-printing and sewn textiles, providing disabled artisans with skills and employment to lift them out of poverty. Following their training Artizan International equip them with everything they need to have their own workshops at home, vitally important for those who are wheelchair bound or have limited mobility. They are free to run their own businesses but Artizan international also commit to buying a large quantity of their work every fortnight. This model is extremely emancipating, but also provides a vital safety-net of a regular income, allowing them to support themselves and their families.

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Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society

The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 11th July starting at 7.30pm.

The well-known local nature expert Bob Ford will be talking about the flora and fauna of Tumbledown Farm. Tumbledown is a 27 acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, now being developed into a community asset by producing and selling local fruit and vegetables, supporting people with volunteering and learning opportunities, and protecting the local environment. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

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We had an amazing street party (even if it might be inside), and we've all enjoyed watching the procession of King Charles and Queen Camilla, and then taking our photo with them as we've managed to get some cheeky cardboard cut-outs of the two esteemed royals. We've had music, with Martin and The Choir providing some lovely tunes, we've also had a fun quiz that was all about the royal family, and we've also had a moment reminiscing about the previous coronation over a lovely glass of champagne. All the while we've had a breakfast fit for a King, an afternoon tea (with homemade cakes) fit for a King with family and friends, and traditional fish and chips fit for a King - truly a feast fit for a King in lots of different ways! This weekend we've had so much fun and laughter, we really have celebrated the Friary Care way! All that's left to say is: Long Live the King!

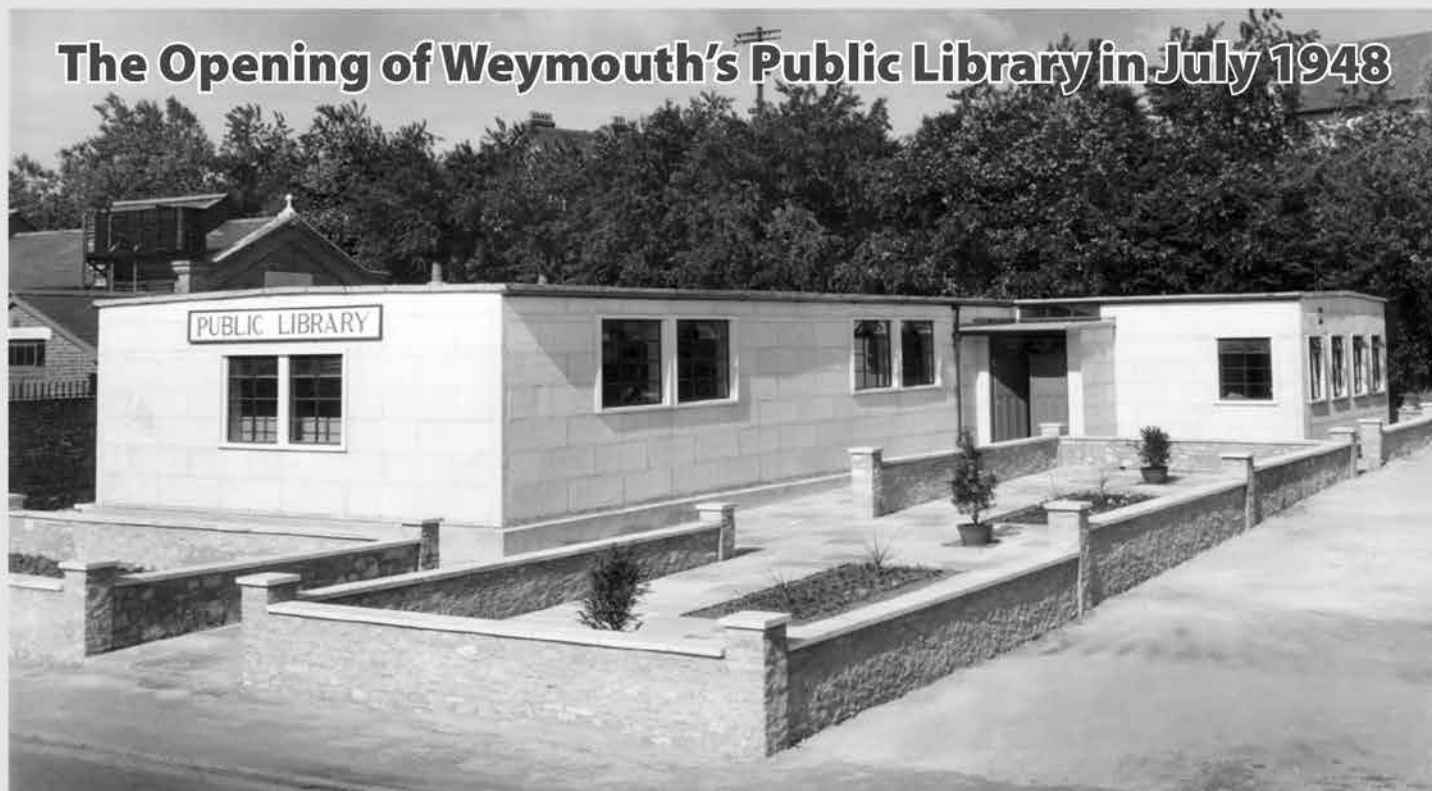
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The Opening of Weymouth's Public Library in July 1948



The official opening and dedication of the new Weymouth Public Lending and Reference Library on Westwey Road, was carried out by Alderman JA Attwooll, Chairman of the Library Committee, on Monday, 12th July, 1948 at 3.00pm.

The committee met in the St John Ambulance Hall, Westwey Road and the Mayor, Alderman A P Burt, JP, introduced W C Berwick Sayers, the past president of the Library Association of Croydon Public Libraries, who addressed the assembly.

The Mayor then invited Alderman Attwooll to address the assembly and invited those present to accompany him to the Library for the opening ceremony.

At the Library, Councillor Oxley,

Vice-Chairman of the Library Committee, handed to Alderman Attwooll a presentation key, who then opened the door of the building and declared the library officially open. The dedication was then performed by the Rev Canon C A Plaxton, following which the Mayor, Alderman Attwooll and members of the public entered the building and the Mayor was registered as the first borrower. The Library was then opened to the general public.



Description of the building as built

The building is constructed of Orlit Prefabricated units of precast concrete beams, stanchions, roof slabs, and two-leaf cladding, the outer leaf being in cream stucco finish. The whole of the interior concrete is treated with anti-condensation paint.

The Library has a floor area of 1,800 sq feet and provides Lending, Reference and Juvenile Sections, together with Workroom, Librarian's Office, and Staff Cloakroom.

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Above: The children's section.

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

Remember Private Fraser in the long running BBC series Dad's Army? If not, perhaps you are a bit too young to be reading Over the Hill, so ask your Granddad or Grandma for details.

Anyway, Private Fraser was the dour Scot who regularly exclaimed, in the midst of some minor WWII Home Guard crisis, 'We're doomed. We're all doomed' in a broad Scottish accent. Must confess that with all the gloomy news around at the moment James, for such was his first name (although the scriptwriters for some obscure reason also nicknamed him Taffy) might have a point.

When trying to take my mind off miserable things I turned, as no doubt you often do, to reading about astronomy. Experts from three leading American universities have been studying a star 12,000 light years away. Not sure how far a light year is, but 12,000 of them are, I suspect, an awfully long way. Probably take about the same time to cover that distance as it takes to get along Portland Road in Wyke on a sunny mid-summer day. But I digress.

The scientists, led by Dr Kishalay De, have produced a report on some of their findings which makes fascinating reading. Well, the bits I understand do. But it is gloomy enough to cause Private Fraser to really shout 'We're doomed.' Dr De, who could be a character in a Bond movie with a name like that, says that their study of the star showed that at the end of its life it entered a red giant phase, as we knowledgeable stargazers call it. This caused it to pull orbiting planets inwards. When close enough they burned up in a burst of light.

The bad news is that our sun is going to do that to Earth. And the even worse news is that this will happen in a mere five billion years from now. Depressing thought, is it not? And I do feel very guilty at mentioning it as it is bound to upset Mrs Barnacle of Wyke Regis. Regular readers will know that Mrs Barnacle bombards me with emails. In addition to the two she sent a couple of years ago she has sent yet another one asking if Over the Hill could include some happy stories for a change. Since I thought it contained nothing but feel-good information clearly

something has been lost in the translation between my thinking and my typing.

But Mrs Barnacle has a point. There seems to be very little uplifting or amusing news about at the moment, and the report I started with doesn't help. It was clearly the right time to consult my In-house Adviser, whose sunny disposition has been known to charm the birds out of the trees and to melt the iciest personality. Could she suggest something to help both me and Mrs Barnacle feel happier? Initially, as can sometimes occur in communication between me and my In-house Adviser, there was some confusion. For example, we occasionally have different views of what the words 'right' and 'left' mean in the context of directions when travelling. Or how much is a reasonable amount for me to spend going to watch an international rugby match in Cardiff. Or... but I digress again.

Setting to work like a ferret up a drainpipe she unearthed many heart-warming stories. Such a lot that there were too many to read and I panicked and felt doomed. Thankfully, the antidote of a large gin and tonic helped calm me down, and a second made me positively euphoric. And able to use long words. But that's another digression.

Apparently, in a new book 'Built to Move' the authors – both as fit as a butcher's dog, as my dear old Mum used to say – suggest that sitting on the floor for thirty minutes a day can help us live longer. Turns out on studying more closely that it isn't the sitting on the floor that is good for us, but the getting down and up again which increases our mobility. You might ask – or you might have gone for your own large G&T by now – why sit on the floor at all? Why not just get down to the floor then stand up again immediately. I tried that and discovered that after getting down I needed thirty minutes to recover my breath before trying to stand again.

But on to further comforting news, about Mars bars. Quite fond of these in my hill walking days in icy conditions, because unlike many other such bars they do not freeze when the temperature drops below zero. Take one next time you

climb to the dizzy heights of the Nothe Fort in winter. Then you won't starve if the St Bernard dog with the whisky barrel cannot get to you through the snow. But that's yet another digression. The point is, or was, that Mars bars, for years wrapped in plastic, will henceforth return to being covered in paper. Better for our planet and much easier to access. If you can't get the paper off, you can suck on it until it goes soggy and you get to the chocolate underneath. This couldn't happen with plastic. And last but not least, yet another report informs us that Abbotsbury is the sunniest village in the UK with an average of 1,904 hours of

sunshine and just 117 rainy days. As we are bound to share a lot of the same weather as Abbotsbury this is good news indeed. I do hope that this has made Mrs Barnacle happy. I apologise for starting with the story about sad events which will occur just a mere five billion years away, but I hope you agree much better followed. Easy exercises to keep you fit and prolong active life, great news about paper covered Mars bars and lovely weather in Dorset are just what the doctor ordered. So hopefully Private Fraser was wrong and we're not really doomed after all.

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In Osmington Mills, this very rare event caused water to run off the land causing a dam to burst. This resulted in water sweeping down the valley; flooding properties, washing away bridges and widening the channel. For one resident living in a property next to the stream, they thought "It was the end of the world", as they took refuge on the first floor and saw trees being washed upright down the valley. Flooding like this is very rare; but there are many narrow steep-sided valleys in Dorset where, after very heavy rainfall, water levels can increase very quickly.

In Weymouth, Prim Hughes recalled to the Broadway and Upwey Historical Society the moment the floods hit " During the afternoon of Monday 18 July 1955 it got very, very dark. By 4.00pm it was as dark as night and the rain started falling, continuing until about 7.30pm. Army lorries went up through Church Street shouting out 'don't worry if it gets any worse we're all ready on Dorchester Road to evacuate you. Children

thought it was quite exciting." Rose Amey's father one of many locals who went out to rescue people caught in the floods. "Father was friendly with the people who ran the Chipperfield's fun-fair. When the flood happened he pushed our small rowing boat up under the railway bridge to help rescue the women and children. For several days our house was full to the brim with people. The men at the fair stayed behind for a while to make the place secure and to rescue what they could. They had a monkey in a cage in the middle of the fair. They left it there, the rumour being that the takings from the fair were kept in the bottom of the cage. The monkey was not the most friendly animal and only the fair workers could enter the cage safely."



Above: Photos of the Osmington Stream flood of 1955



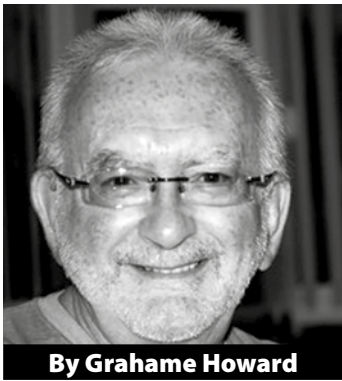
Park Street July 1955



Chipperfields Fairground With Radipole Lake in the background July 1955



Littlemead, Upwey after the flood



By Grahame Howard

It's all about fingers

Well, here we are almost in the month of July and at the time of writing, I must say that the weather has been amazing with long hot, sunny days. Let's hope that it stays this way until December (that is almost Christmas - just a reminder).

The CO has been in training for Wimbledon, well, she has been getting strawberries ready, together with the Pimms. She's also been out in the garden with her racket smashing a tennis ball at the wall, much to the annoyance of Henry - not our cat but the neighbour, because the ball keeps rebounding off the wall and shooting over his garden. One particular afternoon the ball knocked his coffee off a garden table. He was not happy. But the CO flashed her blue eye at him (she couldn't flash the other one as the ball had crashed into it making it swell up. I on the other hand have not been able to join in with this because I have had Trigger Finger:

'Trigger finger is a condition that affects the tendons in your hand. It can make it hard to bend your fingers or thumb. Trigger finger symptoms include, stiffness or clicking when you move your finger or thumb. It may also sometimes get stuck in a bent position. Treatments for Trigger Finger include painkillers, wearing a plastic splint on your hand, steroid injections and sometimes surgery. Trigger finger can happen if a tendon or the area around a tendon in your hand becomes inflamed and swollen.' (Info NHS)

My GP felt it would be helped by having a series of steroid injections. I had the first one in June and boy did I know it. It felt like the needle was six inches long and rather like a knitting needle. The pain was tremendous and I felt like shouting out loud, in fact I think I did. Following this, I thought it was over but, the doctor informed me that this was only the injection to freeze my hand and the real one was following when my hand had become numb. When it was, he produced another needle, similar to the last but about two inches longer. This was when I discovered that my hand wasn't

numb at all, the pain was horrific and I thought the needle had come out of the other side of my hand. After a short time, I was able to move my middle finger quite well but it was still a little painful. As the day went on, it felt better and I was able to move it quite well, which was a relief.

Prior to this time, I had to manage with my middle finger either refusing to open from my hand or with it sticking out straight with the other ones closed. This was quite embarrassing as, when I was driving - which was not easy - my finger remained sticking upwards and the other drivers must have felt that I was giving them a rude sign. Henry, from next door, actually mentioned this by stating that he took a dim view about me sticking my finger up at him. However, he was ok when I explained my condition.

This was not the case when I had a delivery from Amazon. The driver kindly carried the said parcel to my door and, as I picked it up he noticed my rude finger gesture and as he drove off, he did the same to me. I thought about reporting him but, realised that he had a point.

This condition is not easy and is extremely painful because the finger or thumb gets in the way when it is either closed or open. I did try to be excused the many jobs I was allocated but, the CO was not having any of this. She can be a right a slave driver at times. But, I did have my respite because, when I had the injection the doctor told me that I could do no heavy lifting for two days, in fact, better to have complete rest. I was overjoyed as I told the CO. I did though exaggerate because I told her it was two months. I did feel guilty about this and told her it was two days rest but, this could be extended to two weeks if I continued to be in pain. The CO settled for two days and moved all of my chores over to the day when I would be fit again.

I have got two more injections to have and when I see the GP again, I will ask him to give me a note explaining that I need a complete months rest. Do you think I will be successful? No, neither do I, but it is worth a try I think. Perhaps you could write in with a sympathy letter to the editor, explaining your concern about my condition and asking him, if he will consider giving a whole page to why the CO should be more caring in this case. That might just work. But spare a thought, it is very difficult to do some of the chores when you only have three good fingers on your hand to cope with. Perhaps, I need an outside carer, Kim Kadashian springs to mind. Then

again, probably not because I want to live a little longer. So that is mine and the CO's adventures this month. I hope the weather stays fine for you. Make the most of it, as I said earlier, Christmas is not far off now. Time to consider what pre-

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Family History meeting
The next meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday 21st July and

will feature Brian Margetson with a talk entitled 'The Search For Great Grandmother's Farm.' The presentation follows the speaker's personal journey to former East Germany endeavouring to find any remains of his great grandmother's farm.

The talk will take place at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole DT3 5EW at 2.30pm preceded by tea or coffee.

Admission is £2 for members and £3 for non-members. For more information call John on 01305 776008.

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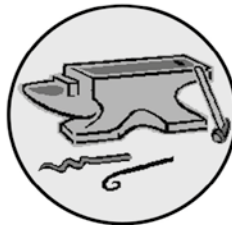
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Ros, an excellent speaker, talked about how every batch, and batches are quite small, is unique.

How at different times across the year, there are usually about nine different varieties but the gin Ros brought for us to have a taste of at the meeting was geranium, quite a new one which most of us agreed was very tasty.

Ros told us how gin has been a popular drink for hundreds of years, and in the distant past was often made in peoples own homes using almost anything edible with juniper, but these often almost lethal spirits were known to cause terrible drunkenness and damage to families. And so in the late 1700s it became illegal to produce gin except a very small number of very large distilleries that were registered and licensed, an enforceable situation that was maintained until 2001 when the law was changed so that small gin producers could apply to be registered. This change in the law stimulated many new names on the market, many new flavours, and renewed popularity and the introduction of the vast number of new flavours that are around today.

The big providers produce massive quantities, Gordons making 60 million bottles a week, whereas at Fordington they only make small batches, always handmade, always therefore unique, and only ever using a small range of wherever possible organic ingredients, like apple and blackberry and elderflower, either home grown or from local farmers.

We heard how it is that to ensure the content of the gin is as it should be in relation to alcohol content etc, HMRC have the right to call un-announced at any time of day or night to carry out checks. We also hear how heavily taxed gin is now and concern the Government having announced that soon there is to be a further tax increase.

There were of course a few mem-



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Members of Sutton Poyntz WI with scarecrows

bers who turned down the chance to have a taste but most enjoyed a very small geranium gin and tonic. I would like to reassure readers that there was no danger of members over doing it! The little medicine tots really did only provide a taster!

It being that time of year our members could enjoy seeing, sitting on the bench outside the Mission Hall 'our' King and Queen, disguised as scarecrows having been made by our members for the Sutton Poyntz Scarecrow Competition.

Following a cup of tea and lots of chat the rest of the meeting was taken up with discussions about the success of the recently held coffee morning, the forthcoming WI Quiz competition, a planned trip to Monkey World, a proposed trip in September to Brownsea Island and, choosing venues for future meals out. As always plenty to look forward to!

Sue Davis
President
Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Overcombe WI

Our meeting in May was our belated Coronation Celebration and our 42nd Birthday Party. Many members came wearing their home-made crowns and wearing patriotic colours.

We were entertained by Sue from Snooks, Hatters from Bridport, ably assisted by her friend Sharon. Well, the merriment when we tried on the hats, from a pith helmet, through sun hats, to warm winter hats and frivolous wedding and Ascot wear.

Snooks was started in Bridport in 1896 by Tommy Snook and is alleged to be the largest hat shop in the country. In 1959 it moved, still in Bridport and was run, and still is, by his nephew Roger Snook.

Sue explained that a Tilley hat, very popular these days, has a secret compartment for a key and paper money. It was first made by Alex Tilley in 1980 and has two straps as they were originally used for sailing. This prevented them being blown off. One story Sue told is of an elephant eating a Tilley hat, and it 'came out' 5 days later entirely intact! Sue was extremely knowledgeable and explained the difference between various hats, a trilby and a bowler for example. Gamekeepers wore top hats and in 1849 Edward Coke, younger brother of the 2nd Earl of Leicester found they were often knocked off during their work at Holkham Hall in Norfolk. He therefore commissioned an amended shape and height of the hat to relieve this problem, it was subsequently made by George and William Bowler. Hence its name. The trilby its was originally made for women and owes its popularity to Georges du Maurier who wrote the gothic novel Trilby: the Panama hat, comes in various shapes and prices, hand woven in Panama from straw harvested in Ecuador. This is just a snippet of the knowledge Sue has, and she looks fabulous in all the styles, how lucky to be a woman who wears suits hats. The assistants in Snooks are known as Snookettes.

After this wonderful entertainment we enjoyed a glass of something bubbly and a slice of delicious Victoria Sandwich, a nod to royalty before going on our very merry way.

Our speaker in June was the much travelled author, Eve Bonham, who spoke to us about how to start writing a novel, the research, planning and the actual writing. After finishing the writing she works to PEP, Pruning, Editing and

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Organisations

Accordion Club

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Aquafit

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

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

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

Rector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay. All Saints, Portland Rd. 01305 784649 info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk Every Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Communion

Every Sunday: 8.00am. Said Holy Communion unless Rector is away. 9.30am. Sung Holy Communion St Edmunds, Lane House Rocks Road. Every Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion or Prayer Service of the Word Every Wednesday in term time - Mother and Toddler group. 1.00pm. 1st Wednesday of the month - Toddler Praise 1.00pm. Please see our block of parish information earlier in the paper.

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

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

Preston Pre-school

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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

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Shops

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

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

59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.

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Weymouth Outlet

Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Estate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel: 770760. Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Weymouth & Portland Holzwickede Twinning Association

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

Weymouth & Portland Branch, 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.

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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.skipper@gmail.com

Wyke Regis WI


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



Wyke Regis WI



Coffee Morning
10:00 - 12:00

1st Tuesday of each month
at
WI Hall, Gallwey Road

Polishing! She writes for about 5 hours each morning and says it is necessary to be disciplined.

Eve's latest novel which she used as an example is Dear Magpies. It's the story of a grandmother, in search of her long-lost grandchildren recounted through a series of letters and emails. As Eve, with her husband has settled in Dorset she has set this novel in our county. She has been writing novels for 20 years but prior to this has lived and taught English in Asia, France, worked as a journalist, as a fine art auctioneer in Bonhams Fine Art Auctioneers, (being London's only woman auctioneer at the time), business woman and round the world sailor. Eve has had a most interesting life and her talk was most entertaining.

Two very different evenings but both extremely interesting and entertaining in their own way.

Jackie Greet. WI President

Your councillor update Weymouth Town Council

(Wyke Regis) and Dorset Council (Rodwell and Wyke Regis) Mayor of Weymouth Dorset:-

Today is somewhat grey and overcast but we have had some terrific

weather recently haven't we? It has again been a busy month despite my resolution to take things easy.

Many councillors have received emails and letters from residents castigating us for our lack of action on the siting of the barge in Portland Port. Neither the Home Office or Portland Port consulted residents or Councils before agreeing to the barge being moored off our towns. Portland Port is a private company they do not need to consult, but since their activities have a direct bearing upon us it would be nice if they did. Subsequently they and the Home Office have held some public meetings. We have been assured that badly stretched resources will not be impacted by the presence of 500 extra people in the area. We have also been assured that all security measures have been taken. None of this is actually very reassuring and none of their arrangements makes it right to house refugees in this way. We have a proud tradition of being hospitable to those in need this is not the way to demonstrate it. Direct your emails and letters to the Home Secretary and to Portland Port, they are the ones promoting this as a good location and a good solution. Copy your MP who I know is not happy about this particular choice either.

On a happier note the regeneration work at Radipole Park Gardens is about to start. This has been a long project hampered by the pandemic, but WTC staff have worked hard behind the scenes and I just know you will be pleased by the results. Similarly Tumbledown Farm plans are progressing and providing another useful and rewarding green open space within the town. I was very pleased to attend a Civic Society Award ceremony recently where Tumbledown received a commendation for the work they have achieved.

I have mentioned before that as a Town Council we in Weymouth are able to give much stronger focus to our community, to support local organisations and communities and generally enhance the feeling of well being and pride among our residents. The town has a community support fund that can award grants to local groups so do always check both Weymouth Town Council website and Facebook page as well as those of the organisations and groups that interest you.

Dorset Corporate Parenting Board, of which I retained chairmanship, received most of the annual reports at their most recent meeting and I am pleased to report that we have received good reports from Ofsted and our services are progressing well. The future of our young looked after children is so



important. As part of my role as President of MV Freedom I attended the AGM and was pleased to learn that the charity is financially sound despite activities being curtailed during Covid, numbers of volunteers are being maintained and access to the water for those less able remains very important. The Charity is always pleased to hear from people wanting to come aboard as well as those who want to join as volunteers whether as crew, skippers or fund raisers. Some of you may be aware that I accepted a nomination and was proud and honoured to be elected Mayor of Weymouth early in May. My deputy is Cllr Alex Furhamm, a local Wyke 'boy'. (I believe he has been in the horse trough – if not please do rectify that) . I hope that with this range over the generations we will be able to achieve some good work.

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 use-



Overcombe WI's Colourful Coronation celebration and 42nd birthday Party.

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Normal Sunday worship in church

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

8.30am Holy Trinity, Bincombe

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

9.30am St Nicholas, Broadway

10.15am St Francis, Littlemoor

10.30am St Osmund, Osmington (2nd/4th/5th)

11.00am St Laurence, Upwey

4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers

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

Weekday Worship

7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew

12.45pm Wed Prayer Meeting St Francis

8.00am Thur Morning Prayer St Francis

Sunday 9th July

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

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

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

4pm Patronal Service at St Osmund's Church, Osmington.

A celebration service with refreshments.

SIACES to grow in faith

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

Who's Who

Team Rector

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

Team Vicar

Rev'd Philip Elliott

(Holy Trinity, Bincombe; St Laurence, Upwey; St Nicholas, Broadway; St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers)

The Vicarage, 526 Littlemoor Rd, Weymouth. DT3 5PA (01305) 459971 weymouth.west.ridgeway.vicar@gmail.com (day of rest Monday)

Team Administrator

Shirley Mitchell, The Team Office, 4 Church Rd, Preston, Weymouth. DT3 6BU (01305) 837147

weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

Community Angels

A volunteer service offering companionship, errands, home visits, lifts to appointments, activities, shopping etc

(01305) 834866 standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk

Hall Hire

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston,

Shirley Mitchell (01305) 837147 sachurchrooms4@gmail.com

St Francis' Community Room, Littlemoor

Anne Field (01305) 832532 anne_field@talk21.com

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

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

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, Fair trade stall and, of course, chat.

Livestream

Our 9.30am Sunday services are also live streamed. 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](https://www.facebook.com/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 11.00am Sung Holy Communion alternating with Service of the Word

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

Regular parish activities

Monday Walking Group - meet at

Bincleaves Green at 10.00am.
Fellowship Group meeting 2.00pm.
Craft Group - Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly.
Singing for Fun – monthly at All Saints June 20th 2.00pm.
Friday Choir Practice – All Saints 5.45pm.

Fellowship events

Friday 23rd June. Picnic at St Edmund's and on 14th July and 28th July at 12.00pm.

Tuesday 4th July at 2.00pm Book Group
The books are The Salt Path, by Raynor Winn and Daughters of the Silk Road by Debbie Rix.

Tuesday 11 July at 2.00pm. Singing for Fun with Robert.

Forthcoming Events at All Saints Church

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

community.
Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together from every corner of the country to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet and celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change.

So far, we have planned the following GBGW activities:

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

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

to come. Go to www.parishof-wykeregis.org.uk to find out more.

All Saints Tower Tours this summer

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 Saturday 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 tour times, and to book your place.

All Saints Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th July: 10.00am – 12.00pm

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cakes, books, Fair trade stall and, of course, chat.

Film Night: To Kill a Mocking Bird

Wyke Regis Memorial Hall, Saturday 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 August.

Forthcoming Events at St Edmund's Church

Fellowship Picnics on Friday 23rd June at 12.00pm
Friday 14th July at 12.00pm
Friday 28th July at 12.00pm

Rose Queen Festival Saturday 8th July 1-4pm

Stalls, Entertainment, Tombola, Raffle, Plants.
Refreshments, all welcome.

Local news

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ful 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 its 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 Chickerell 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 won't 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

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