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Front cover: *Bumble Bee on a Blanket Flower (Gaillardia)*
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Memorial Hall: The hall is being well maintained.

Church: All Saints Church are running visits to the tower with the magnificent view from the top and the chance to ring a bell.

Wyke Square: The planters in the Square are still in need of some upkeep. No news on the conservation area bin.

Planning: It was reported that the developers of the Ferrybridge site are bankrupt and so work has stopped. Curtis Fields - are now proposing no affordable housing on the site.

Footpaths and Highways: While we are supposedly celebrating the Jurassic Coast path, our section has been sadly left to fall into disrepair over many years. Despite very recent efforts to mend it, it is now so dangerous and overgrown that it has been diverted from Martleaves Farm, trick cyclists and motorbikers use the approach and put dog-walkers and pedestrians at risk. The Rangers have been asked to reinstate the no cycling signs which were recently removed, along with the stiles (apparently to allow better disabled access, although at present it is difficult to imagine this is useful).

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: Residents must report whatever problems they see in relation to drug dealing or any other anti-social behaviour, 999 for a crime in progress.

Parks and open spaces: Correction from previous minutes Residents in Rodwell Road had been keen to upgrade the corner of Old Castle 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
 A broken seat at the top of West-hill Road has been replaced and is in use.

Camper vans have been using the parking area at the Community Centre in Ryemead Lane. The online review has been amended to show not suitable for camper vans to stay at, hopefully this will encourage them to find suitable paying sites.

The sewage farm had a power cut and consequently the smell and presumably discharge was really bad. SSE put generators in.

The Martleaves caravans have gone.

There was a vigorous discussion about the rights and wrongs of parking campervans on the road. Mr Chiverton Moore explained that his wife and daughter require his drive for parking, and that if the bus has any problems getting between his van and a car parked opposite, the driver is welcome to knock on his door for him to move it.

The Barge was discussed; apart from local health provision, doubling the number of those living on it (previously designed for 250 oil rig workers) troubled the meeting, as did the hothousing of 500 males.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm, next meeting is September 12th 2023 at 7pm.

Wyke Regis WI
The seafront stall held in early July was a great success, not only financially but also gave members the opportunity to engage with customers and give information about the Women's Institute and the opportunities offered.

At the last meeting Chloe, from Paragon, gave an insight into the work of the charity. Paragon is part of the You Trust, focussing on abuse and committed to ending violence against women, children and men.

As a WI, we are covering and filling shoeboxes filled with essential items for those entering refuges who do not have the time to take anything with them. Leaving the meeting, Chloe was able to take with her boxes already filled by members.

Members of the Poetry group enjoyed a lunch at The Lobster Pot, Portland Bill and afterwards, with much hilarity, enjoyed hearing

Local news

The Wyke Regis Society WykeRegisSociety.org.uk Minutes of the bi monthly meeting held 7pm Tuesday 11th July 2023

at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road
 Contact: Georgina Skipper, g.skipper@btinternet.com, 01305 761993 for apologies and Agenda

Treasurer's Report: Met with Jeff Thomas regarding planting bulbs in the churchyard and awaiting response from Emiy Brown, Parks Department. Emily Brown met to discuss the small green at the rear of Wyke Square, which has been left unmown, and agreed to mow lower down and leave the top as wild flowers, to enable easy access for walkers and dog-walkers. Any information on suppliers of bird or bat boxes would be welcome.

Chairperson's Report: Our new website, WykeRegisSociety.org.uk, is up and running. Ian, the webmaster, has included photos with captions but would welcome any further information about them.

Councillors' Reports: Cllr Helen

Toft reports the small footpath that led to the Rodwell Trail from Rylands Lane has now been claimed by Dorset Council although they have no plans for it. Nothing more can be done without a licence from DC. Ryemead Lane has a mass of uncut grass in the middle, this was blamed on broken mowers and should be sorted out soon. Wyke residents have been very active in filling in the Open Spaces forms to protect our green spaces from development.

Ryemead Community Centre needs Trustees.

A petition on the new car parking charges, which are much higher in Weymouth than elsewhere in Dorset (despite Weymouth being informed they were being 'harmonised') has been sent to Dorset Council.

Cllr Clare Sutton reported that plans are in place to close off Shrubbery Lane from Wyke Square. We do not know why Wyke was apparently not included in the list of 20mph areas recently. An Outreach is planned for Wyke Youth, presumably at the Gardens hub.



Limericks written by the members of the group. More Limericks are in the 'pipeline'. Members are looking forward to a WI picnic at the Nothe. All institutes in the Weymouth and Portland area have been invited to this occasion. From October, the monthly meetings will be afternoon meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 2pm. Potential members very welcome to attend the meetings.

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

The Trading Post has been closed for August, but will re-open on Saturday 2nd September 9.30am - 12.30pm and return to normal trading on Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm as well. The café is open so come in for a gardening chat over a cuppa with like-minded people. Membership is £10 a year - to join come in when we are open and fill in a GDPR form. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th September, commencing with complimentary cheese and wine from 7pm, meeting from 7.30pm! All are welcome! If you would like to serve on the General Committee, please contact the Secretary, Carrie Dalby, on enquiries@wrhs.org.uk, or call 01305 759668.

Island Voices Community Choir

Island Voices Community Choir started in 2005 as a result of an

Arts Council project. The songs we sing reflect the beauty of our environment and many are original. In the last year we have raised funds for Ukraine, sung at Wyke Christmas Fayre, wassailed apple trees at Tumble-down Farm and are part of the choral element of The Tempest Rerigged on Portland in September.

One of our members said about Island Voices 'It lifts the spirits - you leave your worries on the doorstep when you go into rehearsal! We are a friendly and supportive group and welcome new members. Please give us a try:- Island Voices Community Choir is beginning a new term with a completely free open workshop run by Su Lewis on 19th September 2023. All are invited to come along and sing in glorious harmony. New songs are taught by ear so no need to read music. We meet in the Peter Trim Hall, St George's Centre, Reforne, Portland DT5 2AN. Email: linkusup9@gmail.com or phone 01305 776328 for more details.

Overcombe WI

Our August meeting was our traditional lunchtime picnic at Kingston Maurward. After the cold and wet weather we have been having, we were extremely lucky to be blessed with a warm and sunny day.

Over 30 members met on the lawn opposite the house and enjoyed their food and chat. The gardens were beautiful, an absolute riot of colour, how I wish my garden was the same.

We meet again, the first Monday in September for our first meeting of this autumn, how quickly this year has passed us by. If I dare mention it as it's still summer, plans are afoot for our annual pre-Christmas coffee morning on 21st November. A date for your diaries, all welcome.

Jackie Greet
WI President

Preston Surgery News Practice Merger

The GP partners of Dorchester Road Practice and Royal Crescent & Preston Road Practice are pleased to announce plans to merge the practices under one contract. Joining forces offers many benefits to patients and practices alike. As a bigger organisation we will be able to offer the combined skills within our GP and nursing teams to the patients of both practices, and will be more attractive to recruiting new clinicians, making us more sustainable.

We anticipate the merger taking place in April 2024. Once the application has been approved by NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board, there will be a process to follow to bring our individual practices together contractually and systematically.

We will engage with you and our PPG (Patient Participation Group) over the coming months to ensure you are fully informed and have an opportunity to ask further questions or share your views with us. If you would like to be a member of our PPG, please contact the surgery.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 28th August
CLOSED Bank Holiday
Tuesday 12th September
CLOSED from 1pm
Thursday 21st September
Closed 1pm to 2pm
Saturday 23rd Sept
Flu Clinic Wey Valley School
Tuesday 3rd October
PPG Meeting 1pm
Saturday 7th Oct
Flu Clinic Wey Valley School
Tuesday 28th November
Closed 1pm to 2pm

Travel Vaccinations

If you are thinking of travelling outside the UK, start preparing for your trip especially long trips, at least 2 months before you go. You don't always need vaccinations to travel abroad. If you do, the type of vaccination depends

on which country you're visiting and what you're doing. Not all travel vaccinations are free on the NHS, even if they are recommended for travel to certain areas.

We can offer an initial Travel Consultation at the surgery, where our Travel Nurse will advise you on the vaccines you need and whether these are available on the NHS and at the surgery.

You will be given written information on what vaccines are advised and the cost of each dose or course. For vaccines not available on the NHS, you will need a private consultation at a private travel vaccination clinic or a pharmacy that offers travel healthcare services.

Please be aware that some of the vaccinations require more than one dose and some do not become effective until several weeks after the injection.

Please contact reception to book your initial travel consultation appointment where your risk will be assessed, and plans made for any vaccinations if needed. For further information and advice visit Travel Vaccinations - NHS.

Chasing Hospital Referrals

We are aware that some NHS referrals currently have a long waiting time.

Please contact the hospital department directly for information on what the waiting time is. Your GP is not able to expedite or chase your appointment.

If your clinical situation changes considerably whilst you are waiting for your appointment, please keep your GP updated.

Check Your Test Results Online

If you have had blood tests taken at the surgery please check your results online, either via the NHS App, Airmid or SystemOne. Your GP will comment on the results and any further action that may or not be needed.

Checking your blood results online instead of telephoning the surgery helps to keep our phone lines free for other patients.

Please ask at reception if you require your username and password to access online services.

Appointments

The NHS strategy is to get general practices working more closely together. There are now appointments (GP, nurse, and other clinicians) offered by the Weymouth Locality. This means you could be offered an appointment at an

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Prescriptions – the Electronic Repeat Dispensing Service (ERD)

Some patients who are on less than 6 regular repeat medications are being switched over to a new Electronic Repeat Dispensing service (eRD), which allows your GP to send a series (usually 6, 9 or 12 months) of repeat prescriptions to your chosen pharmacy all in one go. Your pharmacy will then dispense the medication monthly or 2 monthly to you over the next 12 months.

Switching over to eRD prescriptions means you do not need to put in a request for your medication each month, just visit your pharmacy to collect your medication.

NHS England recommends GP practices use eRD, as it has shown this reduces ordering problems and queries for patients, prescription signing workload for GPs, medicines wastage, and facilitates the dispensing process for the pharmacies.

We are gradually switching suit-

able patients over to this service. Patients who are suitable will be informed, and a letter sent explaining the process.

This system is only suitable for patients on regular medications, that are not likely to change in strength or dose over the coming year. It is not suitable for medications that are taken as and when needed, controlled drugs, or short-term medication.

If you have not been switched over to the eRD process, you will need to continue to request your medication each month.

Empty Waiting Rooms

Why do I have to wait to see my GP, yet the waiting room looks empty? Behind the scenes, an average GP's Day can consist of:

- Appointment Consultations
- Econsults
- Urgent Triage Telephone Calls
- Home Visit Assessment
- Laboratory Results to check and action
- Numerous Miscellaneous Tasks/queries
- Debriefing Training Registrars
- Phone calls from other clinicians
- Along with administration such as: Raising Referrals

- Dictation of letters
- Completing Medical Reports
- Actioning Medication Reviews
- Attending Multidisciplinary Meetings
- Completion of Cremation Forms
- Actioning incoming letters & emails
- Signing off prescriptions

The GPs deal with many serious conditions and situations on a daily basis, from severe mental health crises, heart and lung conditions to new cancer diagnoses and caring for patients at the end of their lives in their own homes. So, even if reception and the waiting areas look empty, there is plenty more going on behind the scenes.

There are record-high waiting lists for surgery and hospital appointments, and people who may have been put off coming forward for healthcare during the pandemic are now reaching out again. Adding into this a cost-of-living crisis that is having a dire effect on people's mental and in some cases physical health.

GP practices are at times facing unmanageable demands.

Please be patient with the Practice Team. Thank you.

Ear Syringe

For many years now ear syringing

has not been stipulated within our General Medical Service (GMS) NHS contract. If you feel you need ear syringing or micro suction, there are some local options for having your ear wax removed privately.

Ear wax only becomes a problem if it causes deafness or if your health professional requires a clear view of your ear drum.

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GP Registrars

Farewell and Good Luck to our GP Registrars Dr Sarah Lu, Dr William Bodger and Dr Jacqueline Gape who have moved on to their next work placement.

Welcome to Dr Jacob Stone, Dr Isiaka Semiu and Dr Alistair Jones our GP registrars who will be working at Royal Crescent Surgery and Preston Road Surgery for the next 6 months.

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Friends of St Andrew's Primary School

The Friends of St Andrew's Primary School would like to thank everyone who supported our Summer Fete this year.

The 1st July turned out to be a fantastic day with glorious weather, entertaining performers and plenty of fun.

So, whether you sponsored the event, sold on a stall, volunteered your time, bought a raffle ticket or attended the fete, we want to thank you.

We made a fantastic profit of £2736.20, once all expenses were paid, which is just incredible, given that this was the first year for the new Friends of St Andrew's Primary School team.

Thank you again and hope to see you at a future event.

Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor Update

For us the month of July started out with sunshine but also a meeting at Preston Village hall. The meeting was to discuss with First bus provision and services (or lack thereof) in Preston & Sutton Poyntz.

Despite packing the hall out, ironically First Bus failed to show up to the meeting. Despite this, the meeting was a success and we came away with a number of ideas to put to First Bus about provision in the area including running a bus service around Sutton Poyntz and the Oakbury Drive area then going down towards Littlemoor and into town via the new retail park and the park and ride. This would kill a lot of birds with one



Cllr O'Leary judging the Sutton Poyntz sponge selection

stone.

On the community front we attended the dedication service at St Andrews Church following its restoration works. We also joined by Cllr Bill Trite vice chair of Dorset council and the Mayor of Weymouth. The church looks bright and vibrant following these works and I urge you to drop by and view it.

After being hurled with sponges while in the stocks at St Andrews school, I was delighted to be pelted with a much better type of sponge when I had the tricky role of judging the Sutton Poyntz village show cake competition. It was no good for the diet but it was worth it!

We have been working on a few issues around the ward, including a new sign on Eastdown Avenue after the last one became broken and a new pedestrian sign as you enter Sutton Road as the previous one was very badly marked.

We have had a number of the footpaths in the area cut back and tidied and arranged for graffiti to be removed from Preston Beach Road (which we are lobbying to be cleaned up in general). We have also cleaned up a dirty sign along Coombe Valley Road.

We are close to getting enough speed watch volunteers but really need more. If you would like to volunteer please get in touch.

Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillor team

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are racing to figure out how to make the best use of this technology.

AI has already helped:

Doctors analyse patient data, identifying health risks, developing personalized treatment plans and speeding up the development of new treatments.

An application that translates expressions on faces into sound to help people with visual impairments 'see' the emotion of the person they are talking with.

Research into bee populations, vital for our planet and food supplies, by analysing worldwide data from hives fitted with internet sensors, microphones and cameras.

However, AI can also be used negatively. Scammers and fraudsters can use AI to better trick people out of money. Using technology, they can pretend to be genuine businesses, change their voice to sound like someone they are not and to fake customer reviews on retail websites.

Enforcers and regulators are taking steps to come to terms with the AI challenge.

In the UK, the Government has proposed that AI must be used safely, be technically secure and function as designed. It must

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Trading Standards News

Artificial intelligence and scams

Artificial intelligence (AI) uses computers and machines to maximum advantage to mimic the problem-solving and decision-making capabilities of the human mind. Businesses and government organisations around the world



Klinik progress update

To all patients of Wyke and Lanehouse Medical Practice,

From 11 September 23 we will be using a new, improved system called Klinik.

This is a web-based consultation tool which will make access quicker and more timely for those who are able to contact us online.

It will also reduce wait times for those patients who don't have access to the system online by freeing up the phone lines.

To see how Klinik works, watch a short video by scanning the QR code below or visit our website:

www.wyke-regis-and-lanehouse-medical-practice.co.uk



You can also use this dedicated, temporary email address to send in any questions about Klinik: klinikfeedback@outlook.com

If you have any queries in the meantime, please speak to a member of the team during your next visit.

FRIARY Care

Wow, what a day Friary Care has had at the Sea Life Centre!

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



Our residents started the day by enjoying beautiful fresh air as we walked to the Sea Life Centre - it was so nice to enjoy the sun shining down on us as we left the home. And then we (staff, residents, and family members) lined up to go inside, ready and eager to have a day to remember.



We had such an amazing day! We saw so many captivating different species of fishes, sharks, otters, penguins, and we were even able to pet some starfish - and we even had time for a little splash. We all then enjoyed a lovely picnic with staff and family members, which was really nice to see.

Once we got back to the home, we finished off the day with a KFC takeaway tea and a glass of wine. All in all, we had such an amazing time and can't wait for the next lovely day out here at Friary Care! #FriaryCareSealife #AmazingDayOut 🦀 🦑 🐠 🐡 🦋 🐝 🐛 🐞 🦄 🌈 🐾 🐶 🐣

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

Over the Hill was inundated with emails last month. There were no less than two, yes, that many. Please try and contain your excitement at this news.

As you might anticipate, one was from Mrs Barnacle of Wyke, the other from a new and discerning correspondent, Mark in Osmington. Their locations demonstrate the wide area that Over the Hill covers. Both wanted to correct my spelling of the Glastonbury Festival's founder Mr Eavis, which appeared as Mr Eaves. This error is down to my proof-reader, but we will move on swiftly for fear of retribution.

You probably aren't aware that Mick Jagger and I were born less than thirty miles apart, in the same year and within five days of one another. This makes us both Mature Senior Citizens. I always thought that Hitler was trying to kill me with his doodlebugs, but I suppose he might have been aiming them at Mick as well. If you don't know who Mick Jagger is, or what the word doodlebug means, ask a Senior Citizen.

Recently there was quite a lot written in the newspapers about Mick, but I was rather overlooked. However, peering into a mirror, modesty aside, I do feel that my facial features have lasted better. And for once my In-house Adviser agrees. It has been alleged that - and how can I put this delicately - Mick has been acquainted with some 4,000 women over the years, which may account for his slightly careworn exterior. It's difficult to imagine the effect of that many In-house Advisers. But I digress.

The reason for mentioning birthdays is that the Department of Work and Pensions has just sent me confirmation of the promised 25p increase in my weekly pension. Whoopee. I can hardly contain my indifference. Moving on to more important matters, it is said that gorillas share over 98% of their genetic code with human beings. Peering into the same mirror, I feel that I am better looking than the average gorilla, but that probably depends on who you ask, my In-house Adviser or a lady gorilla. And even the former might not be certain. But again I digress.

This genetic similarity means that a lot of human behaviour is similar to that of gorillas (particularly after

a couple of pints of beer, drunk by the humans that is, not the gorillas). This is clearly demonstrated by the effect mobile phones have on the apes, which is very similar to the effect it has on human teenagers. Nassir, a 13-year-old Western lowland gorilla living in Toronto Zoo became so enthralled with the phones shown to him by visitors that he became distracted, anti-social and ceased to interact with other gorillas. It appears that teenage gorillas have a lot in common with teenage boys, In Lincoln Zoo a gorilla called Amare - Mrs Barnacle likes to know the names of any animals mentioned but Mark hasn't expressed a preference - became the victim of bullying when he was so intent on watching a mobile phone that he didn't notice another gorilla preparing to attack him.

And before you ask, none of these gorillas has a birthday anywhere close to mine. The lack of mobile phones in our youth is the reason that Senior Citizens like you and I are such normal, well rounded, nice to know human beings. In our younger days we spent all our time interacting with other real people. It didn't bother us that we didn't have the latest gizmo because nobody on our street had it and we didn't know what we were missing. If indeed we were missing anything.

Another story which attracted my interest because I have been visiting there for the last sixty years was set around Snowdon. And yes, I know that Snowdon is now officially called Eryri, but I've been calling it Snowdon for far too long to change. The story involved Jeckyll the parrot. With other owners and their parrots, Molly and Jeckyll travelled from Derbyshire to North Wales. The object of their trip was to let Jeckyll to fly in different air space with his other parrot chums that he regularly accompanies in Derbyshire. Not every Senior Citizen knows the old proverb 'Don't fly parrots too far from home, because they are not homing pigeons'. That's because I have just invented it.

But sure enough, things went wrong. A Welsh peregrine falcon on the lookout for food in the skies over Cwm Idwal, which I know well, thought Jeckyll would be a tasty morsel for lunch, and swept down

to catch him. Luckily the falcon failed in its objective but by then the parrot had flown off and got lost. Molly set off to find him up the side of Glyder Fawr which at over 3,000 feet is a good grunt to climb, as we experienced hill walkers say. Jeckyll has learned a few words, but these are limited to such things as "Hello" and not to "You can find me about 300 feet above you to the left by the tree". Hence it took Molly a while to locate him, but finally they were re-united. However, by now they were stuck on the side of a steep slope. Well Molly was stuck, and Jeckyll wasn't going to try to fly to safety in case the falcon appeared again. So

Molly phoned the Mountain Rescue Team. They turned out and hastened up the hillside, to be greeted with relief by Molly and "Hello" from Jeckyll. They were safely roped off the hillside, both together because the Jeckyll has a perch attached to the top of Molly's rucksack. It's a gentle heart-warming story. But before I get any more emails from Mrs Barnacle, Mark or anyone else there are no typos this month. The parrot's name is not spelled Jeckyll as in "The strange case of Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde" but Jeckyll as in "The strange case of Parrot Jeckyll and Owner Molly".

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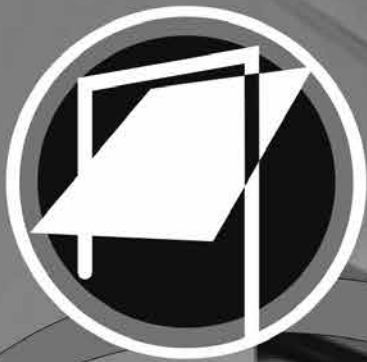
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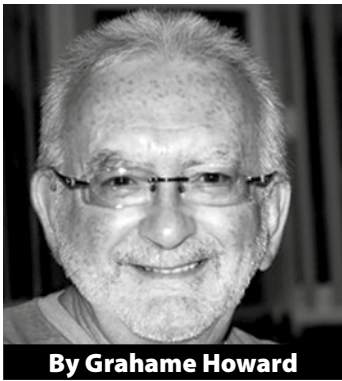
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By Grahame Howard

Three Birthdays, Covid and a Kennel What a month we've just lived through. I never planned to have a small lake down my garden, it just appeared with the torrential rain that we've had. I now have to swim to get to the greenhouse, not that there's a lot in it except weeds, spiders and cobwebs. Oh, there's a lemon tree and an orange tree in there too and a large display of petunias that the CO reminds me, constantly to water. I keep reminding her that there is no need to at the moment because the rain has been so heavy that it leaks in there soaking the plants.

The rest of the time has been celebrating birthdays, my son in laws, my sons and my 40ish + birthday. The CO said that mine is more like my 90th. Do Not Believe Her. I am nowhere near that age; flipping cheek. We celebrated my son in law's birthday in style. As it was his 60th, a place was hired and as my grandson has his own band, with my daughter as the vocalist, we had a rave up. The downside of this was that we were delegated to help with the preparations. My grandson and I were responsible for blowing up 60 balloons. After struggling with 4, my grandson said he couldn't do anymore because tying them up was scraping his finger and would affect his guitar playing. So, I was left to carry out the whole task myself - what a con.

The party got into full swing and there were people up dancing. I must say, that I have never seen my son in law move so quickly, he was flying around the dance floor like Anton from Strictly. The CO said he looked more like a waxwork edition of Fred Astaire. It was only the level of alcohol he had consumed, normally he wouldn't go anywhere near a dance floor, except of course to carry a pint past there. Still he enjoyed it. After the celebration, the family excluding us, went on to a night club. I say excluding us because, we were the registered dog sitters and guest house hosts. They were all coming back to our place to stay overnight after time out. We gave them a key as we've outlived that kind of stuff.

My daughter's dog, Teddy, had come to stay as well. He is a lovely little Pomeranian but he has this habit

of not wanting to let you in unless he knows you. He was barking and growling at us as if we were burglars. We were not, we were drowned rats as it was still pouring with rain, and I don't think he recognised us. Eventually, the penny dropped and he realised it was us, this changed the barks into licks. I think I preferred the barks actually.

Not long after this, we went to visit someone in hospital and a few days later I came down with a dose of Covid. I'd had the booster jabs a few months back but, it still got me. I felt awful, the worst anyone has ever felt I think - the CO has just read this and said 'rubbish'. She just has no sympathy at all. Anyway, I couldn't taste anything and the ability to smell anything had disappeared too. But what bothered me the most was that my tongue was black. I Googled this and I read that there have been quite a few cases lately of this. It made me feel a little reassured but not a lot. The CO decided she didn't want to catch it, so she moved into our spare bedroom. Charming, I felt like Billy No Mates. I suggested it might be better if she moved into the shed but I just got 'the look'. I didn't really care anyway because I felt so awful, my throat was on fire and my head felt like a woodpecker was hammering against it. It may have been but I just drifted off to sleep. The feeling of Billy No Mates continued for a while until I felt better and people would come near me again. Even Charlie and Henry had stayed away. You know who your friends are at such a time, don't you?

I survived this trauma and after a week I felt much better, so the Co felt that a shopping trip to town would be helpful as she wanted to buy a kennel.

'Charlie doesn't need a kennel!' I protested.

'Yes, you're right, but Henry does' she replied.

Reader please be aware that the Co was not referring to our neighbour, Henry. He didn't need a kennel but I figured that he would try it out if he had the chance. Needless to say, the CO had her way and we drove down to The Range. There was a plastic one but the Co felt a wooden one would be better and heavier, just in case of high winds. I doubted this but remained quiet as I have learned it's not good to disagree with her.

We got home, after I had struggled to the car with this flat pack kennel on my shoulder that felt like I was carrying a brick building. Finally at home, I erected the said kennel and hooray, the Co felt that I had done a good job. Wonders will never cease. We stood the kennel out the back of the house. Charlie went up to it and

peed against the side, which didn't please the CO. Henry just looked at it as if to say what on earth is that. But later, he tried it out and he spends lots of time in it now. Storm Antoni changed that for a day or so when it blew, the kennel over on its side. Fortunately, Henry didn't see this so,

all was well. I shudder to think what would have happened if he had been inside. I suppose it would have been my fault.

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Grahame

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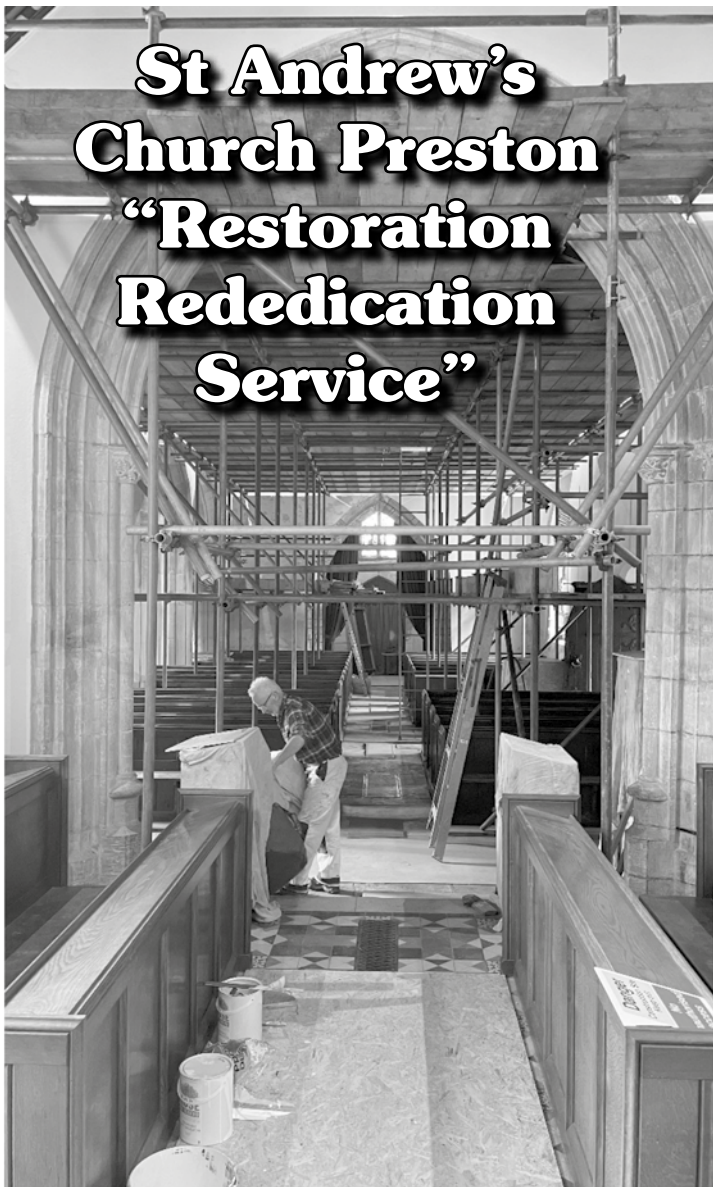



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St Andrew's Church Preston "Restoration Rededication Service"



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Following six years of extensive restoration work, St Andrew's Church is now fully restored to its former glory, even the colour scheme following research by professional conservationists 'Humphries & Jones', very much reflects the warmth and beauty of years past.

St Andrew's Church is over 600 hundred years old, built by the Normans in about 1367, and stands on a site that has presented as a place of Christian worship for the local Preston community, as far back as the Anglo Saxons. The work has included a new

pathway and entrance with Victorian lamp standards lining the entrance way, a new roof, substantive external repointing and stone replacements, and then finally, the internal restoration, from new wall linings, plastering, fabric and stone repair, and very sensitive re-decoration.

The service of rededication was conducted by the Team Rector, Revd James Menzies, with readings taken by Councillor Kate Wheller the Mayor of Weymouth, choral singing by the St Andrews Choir accompanied by the church musicians and led by Ginny Croad, and church organist John Tallon. At the end of the service, Harry Barnes on behalf of St Andrews Church presented flowers to Simon Crumbleholme, whose long-standing local family construction company had undertaken the contract work throughout the various stages of the restoration and, Peter James of Crickmay Stark Architects based in Dorchester, who

prepared the detailed specifications, contracts and, oversaw the programme of work.

Following the service, a reception was held in the Church Rooms where a celebration cake, provided by Jules Howard, was formally cut by the Mayor Kate Wheller.

To round off the occasion, Harry Barnes gave an interesting multimedia presentation on the history of the church, an overview of the various stained glass windows within, the monuments and tablets, and how some of the more turbulent years such as the Reformation and the Commonwealth had shaped the 600 year old church, into what it is today, and still at heart of Christian worship within the Preston community.

As one of the several local Councillors attending on the day put it, 'truly a glorious day of celebration, and one to be remembered'.



Ginny Croad (forefront) conducting the St Andrews Choristers.



Presentation by Harry Barnes to Simon Crumbleholme (left) and Peter James (right)



Cutting of Celebration cake by Mayor Cllr Kate Withers

Historical Overview of St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's was constructed in around 1375 AD. It was preceded by a smaller Norman chapel on the same site and, there is significant evidence to support the claim that an Anglo-Saxon church preceded them both.

The first recorded Prebendary was James de Vercelii, in the year 1226. Whilst the fundamental architecture is of Norman construction and design, significant enhancements during the 15c and 16c witnessed the introduction of several Gothic overtones.

The initial construction was in all probability based upon the previous design architecture, that is say a simple nave with no separate sanctuary, The altar situated in the east elevation with no concept of a chancel. The original font (still in use today!) situated at the entrance of the church as part of the traditional Pascal journey, and in lieu of a formal traditional baptistry.

In the 15c when the sanctuary and narthex were added, we see the introduction of the first Gothic style overtones, typical of the Medieval era, and never better ex-

emplified than by the substantial pointed archway let into the east elevation wall to provide a spacious and imposing entrance to the newly added sanctuary.

It is interesting to note the position of the altar tightly against the east elevation such that the priest had his back to the congregation hence no one could actually witness the details of the Sacrament, unlike post Reformation altars. Also, the introduction of the hagioscope (squint). This provided vision of the host being elevated during the Sacrament for those not permitted to enter the church, such as lepers or undesirables, hence they are also known as leper windows or lynchnoscopes. When the south arcade was added, the hagioscope no longer



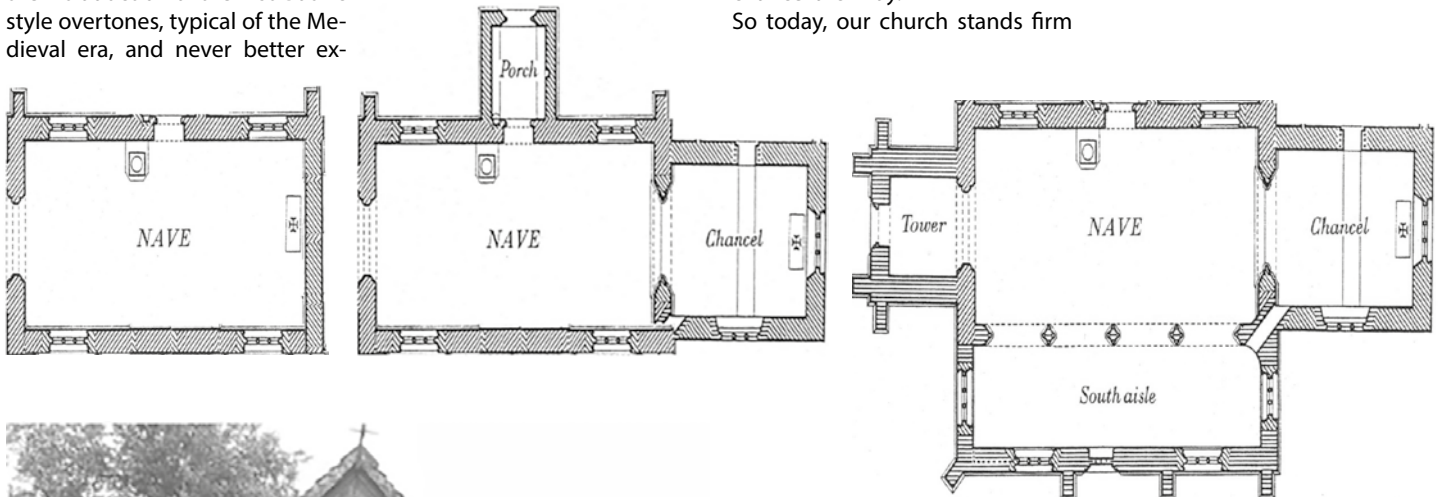
provided access from outside the church.

In the 16c, we see the removal of the south elevation wall and the church further extended creating the south arcade, again with characteristic Gothic pointed arches. The tower was added, and the west elevation wall given way to a most impressive example of Gothic archways, to mirror the 15c chancel archway.

So today, our church stands firm

to the Glory of God, despite the ravages of time and even the forces Cromwell and Iconoclasm in 16c, evidenced throughout the fabric of our church, and with God's Grace, will stand testimony to His Word, for countless more generations to come.

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have appropriate transparency, an identified legal person responsible for it, and its use must comply with future regulatory guidance. Within the European Union research is being carried out in various industries to attempt to create a thoughtful approach to

rules, but at the same time some member states, such as Italy, have taken a firmer approach and have currently banned certain AI applications altogether. Similarly in the US, the Federal Government is assessing the impact of AI, while some states are looking to draft

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Sutton Poyntz Village WI

It's always rather special when a members birthday falls on a meeting date and this was certainly the case at our August meeting when one of our members, Morag Griffiths, came to our meeting, bringing her sister along, as part of her 90th Birthday celebrations.

The meeting should have been the Annual August Garden Party held in the Mission Hall Orchard, but this year a wet and windy day meant we needed to bring the meeting indoors. So, the tables,

laden with delicious homemade cakes, were set out in the Mission Hall. Morag a well-known local ex restaurateur, and all of the members were offered a Pimms (or none alcoholic alternative!) on arrival before settling in for a very relaxed afternoon of chat and a game of 'Shot in the Dark' and a special luxury raffle.

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Being indoors meant it was very different to how we had planned it to be but, in good old WI tradition, the members had provided ample portions of homemade cake and the members acting as hostesses for the afternoon did a grand job of distributing lots of tea and cake. Then members were in good voice for a hearty rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for Morag and the five other members with Birthdays this month.

We are not having an August walk but the last walk was a saunter around the Lodmoor RSPB reserve on, a rare hot day for this summer. We found some of the paths were rather overgrown but there was lots to look at and we found a few shady spots to enjoy the lovely vistas. Next month we are off to Monkey World so I'm hoping we will come back with some good pictures to share!

Sue Davis
President
Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Citizens Advice

Q My children are starting new schools in September, one in primary and the other secondary. Between uniforms, PE kit and catching the bus each day the costs are adding up and I'm not sure how to cover it all. Is there any help I can get?

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start is the Citizens Advice website where you'll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority if your children can't walk because it's dangerous or too far. Your LEA is part of your local council that deals with education in your area. Contact it directly to find out exactly what support it offers.

If you're on a low income, your LEA may be able to help with activity and school uniform costs. You're likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. There may also be a local charitable scheme that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist.

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This has been a divisive topic between those who want to see it pulled down and those who feel it should be reused but, rightly or wrongly, the decision has been made. From our position on the harbourside the actual demolition is going to be very disruptive. We don't know when they plan to begin but we are told the process will take 15 weeks and presumably all car parking will be lost for the duration. It is possible that work will begin in the autumn which could adversely affect our sales in the months before Christmas. Whilst I appreciate it may be more difficult to get to us, please don't forget us when you begin your Christmas shopping. The farmers and artisans who produce what we sell continue to rely on us to sell their products. If you are part of a church or organisation with regular meetings and would like us to

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Family History Meeting

Instead of presenting their regular talk on the third Friday of the month in September this year, the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be staging the society's Annual Open Day and AGM on Saturday 30th September at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth.

The programme for the day will include the talk 'The Empress of Ireland' by Helen Baggott at 10.45am

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and 'Life in Victorian Britain' by Paul Atterbury at 2.30pm. A Morris dancing display will also feature at 1.45pm. A number of family history-related societies will be present and available to help answer relevant questions. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be available throughout the day, except when the talks are on, entry is free for everyone and visitors will be able to come and go as they please. For more information call John on 01305 776008.

Art and Craft exhibition

Saturday 26th August - Monday 28th August 10.30am-4.30pm.

Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall, Mission Hall Lane, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth.

Original paintings, prints, cards, mosaics, felt work, resin work, batik, digital art, painted stones by five local artists Debbie Elsmore, Caroline Nairn, Julia Hawker, Ian Law and Phil Hawker.

Refreshments available. Proceeds to Weldmar hospicecare.

Greenhill Gardens Sunday Afternoon Music

Local group 'Scandals 21' are appearing on the Bandstand in Greenhill Gardens, The Esplanade, Weymouth.

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Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society

The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 12th September starting at 7.30pm when local horticulturist Martin Young will be talking about making a garden attractive to butterflies.

Come along and find out how this important pollinator can be helped to survive and thrive. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

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Greenhill and Sandsfoot Gardens awarded Green Flag Award

Greenhill and Sandsfoot Gardens awarded the coveted Green Flag Award as they are officially recognised as two of the country's best parks!

The news that Greenhill Gardens and Sandsfoot Gardens retained the accreditation - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces - is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for these green spaces so that everyone can enjoy them.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager Paul Todd MBE said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in both gardens in achieving a Green Flag Award.

'Greenhill and Sandsfoot are both a vital green space for the community in Weymouth bringing people together and providing opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles. The staff and volunteers do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award, and everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement.'

The clockhouse at Greenhill is one of the highlights of the gardens and is currently having a refurbishment. The replacement of the clockhouse will allow the public to see the fascinating workings of the clock, giving them the pride of place they deserve. This project has been designed, managed and funded by the wonderful Friends of Greenhill Gardens.

Sandsfoot Gardens is a great open space near the Rodwell Trail and offers a café, toilets, amazing coastal views, along with the ruins of Sandsfoot Castle. A feature pond with a fountain provides another focal point of the gardens.

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

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Golf Club supports Dorset County Hospital

Dorset County Hospital Charity recently received a major donation from Weymouth Golf Club following two years of fundraising activities.

Weymouth Golf Club's past Captains, Patrick Crane and Simon Etherington, were delighted to hand over a cheque for £14,217 to representatives from the hospital and members of the Dorset County Hospital Charity team.

The money was raised during the various Charity Events at each Captain's year in office, plus the Golf Club's Pink Day, which is a Charity day in memory of members who have passed away from Cancer-related illnesses.

Patrick Crane, Captain of the club for 2021-22, had nominated the Fortuneswell Ward at the Hospital as his chosen charity, in thanks for the fantastic quality of care and treatment received by friends, and members of the club.

To find out more about how to support the work of Dorset County Hospital Charity visit: www.dch-charity.org.uk

To talk to a member of the Charity team phone 01305 253215 or email charity@dchft.nhs.uk



Simon Etherington (second left) and Pat Crane (second right) from Weymouth Golf Club with Vicki Kingston, DCH Charity Fundraising Administrator (centre) and members of the Fortuneswell Ward and Paediatric Diabetes teams

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 or the Mayors Blog via Weymouth Town Council 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. And you will be aware that despite a few men being moved in they were then removed for health reasons. 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 more supportive.

As we feared the Powerfuel planning application has gone to appeal and so that is again an issue threatening our health and well being.

The lack of accountability of Wessex Water and others is rightly causing a lot of concern. Before my health scare I was 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! I have received a number of complaints about the smell of effluent from the Wyke Regis sewage works, living in Wyke I am aware when it is a problem myself. I have spoken to Wessex Water, who are aware. Please continue to report direct to them.

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 resend 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 were the subject of debate at the last Dorset Council meeting and a petition was presented by Weymouth residents and supported by Weymouth Town Council. It was agreed that there would be discussions in September, too late for this season. 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 are struggling to survive. I am hopeful that now that other tourist areas eg. West Bay are complaining we might be listened to.

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 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, led by former and much loved late Cllr Jim Churchouse, raised funds and established the centre. Those remaining 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 to follow.

I mentioned the League of Friends



Presenting the Civic Award to representatives Annerose Weiler and Becci Newman working through Help the Homeless.

of Weymouth and Portland Hospitals recently and 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 Evergreen Unit has a wonderfully happy atmosphere, a truly caring place. This will be one of the facilities I will be supporting during my Mayoral year.

I was very pleased to 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 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.

www.bepartofresearch.co.uk Facebook Weymouth Research Hub

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 to break the cycle of rough living and drug and alcohol abuse. Sometimes constant tooth ache is so all absorbing 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 professionals 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 six at Wyke Junior School just before the end of term and chat with the children about the exciting things they had undertaken to win

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them. It was nice to meet some of the parents who were justly proud of their off spring. 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.



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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. Next year will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day and joint celebrations are being planned between Portland and Weymouth Town Councils and Dorset Council. Please watch for more details as these start to evolve. We hope to involve as many community groups as possible.

I have raised flags, laid wreaths and dug the first sod for the Radpole 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. Weymouth, Mass.

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. Listening to a short talk on their history was fascinating.

The Veterans Hub on Portland Road received the Queens Award of Excellence for its charity work. One of the last commendations signed by the late Queen Elizabeth II. It was presented by the Lord Lieutenant Mr Angus Camp-

bell. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance. This has proved to be a really wonderful asset not just to former military personnel but to the local community as a whole. Well done to all those who have worked so hard to make it what it is.

When I was first contacted by Andy Price telling me of his plans for a Veterans Hub I had difficulty sharing his vision but he was so passionate I was more than happy to give him all the support I could. I'm so glad I did. I was recently contacted by Sam at Dry Dock wanting to create an alcohol free

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4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers

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Wednesdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
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	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway
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	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

The Parish of Wyke Regis is still without a resident Rector but we will be welcoming Reverend John MacKenzie to the parish in the Autumn. The Induction, Installation and Institution of our new Rector will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm at All Saints Church.

However at present we are still 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 now open normally from 9.30 until 5.30pm for visitors and private prayer. Please call in, you are most welcome.

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 09.30 Sung Holy Communion, followed by refreshments

Fridays.

10.30 am Said Holy Communion, followed by refreshments (This may be cancelled. Please check noticeboard or website).

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.

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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.

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 Saturday 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

Friday Choir Practice - All Saints 5.45pm

Forthcoming Events at All Saints Church

This summer we are offering morning tours of All Saints tower

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to coincide with each monthly Coffee Morning from June to September.

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 19th August. 10.00am – 12.00pm

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

All Saints Church Cream Tea afternoon

Saturday 9th September, from 2.00pm

To mark both this year's Ride and Stride day and Dorset Architectural Heritage Week, the church will be open for afternoon Cream Teas, as well as guided tours of the church tower (bookable online, see above).

Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday 9th September from 2.00pm for tea and a scone with jam and cream, and if you're going to be cycling or walking that day, make sure you get back in

time to round it off with a cream tea! There will be books, chat and music too.

Summer Concert Series, featuring All Saints' organ

All Saints Church Saturday 26th Aug – with Simon Clarkson
Sun 10th September – details to be confirmed

The second in our short series of summer evening concerts will be given by organist Simon Clarkson and includes music by Stanford, Parry and Coleridge-Taylor.

Simon is Head of Academic Music and Organist at Sherborne Girls School. He regularly contributes to the Sherborne Abbey recital series and plays with several ensembles. When not performing or teaching he is active as a composer and arranger.

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All Saints Church Tower Tours

Saturday 9th September 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Saturday 16th September 9.00pm and 10.00am

This summer we are offering morning guided tours of All Saints church's iconic tower. Climb the 100 steps and enjoy the panoramic view at the top. Tour tickets £5. The next and final set of tours for this year will be on Saturday 9th and 16th September.

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All Saints Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th September, 10.00 am to midday

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cakes, books, Fairtrade stall and, of course, chat. Once again, we will also be offering guided tours of the church tower (bookable online, see above).

Quiz Night

Wyke Regis Memorial Hall Quiz Night
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Saturday 7th October, 7.00pm
Doors open 6.30pm. Entry fee £5 (includes £2 of raffle tickets) payable on the door. Bring your own refreshments. Team (max 6) and individual entrants welcome. Contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve.

Events at St Edmund's

Bingo
Saturday 19th August.
Doors open for 6pm. Eyes down 7pm.
St Edmunds, Lane house rocks Road, Lanehouse, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

Parish Picnic at St Edmund's.

Friday 25th August at 12.00

Christmas Table top sales.

Saint Edmund church hall.
11th November 2-4pm
9th December 2-4pm (In aid of Weldmar.)
Tea cakes & warm welcome. Raffles, prizes, .
(£5 in advance to hire a table- call Julie on 07979 375263)

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pub. Learning my lesson I have tried to be supportive and was very happy recently to cut the ribbon on this new venture. Located at the top of St Thomas Street in Weymouth, Dry Dock is light and airy and comfortably furnished. Customers can sit at the bar or at small tables scattered around the room. A wide choice of alcohol free beer, cider and lager is available as well as wine and cocktails, and coffee. There is a snooker table and darts and dominos and a wonderful juke box with an awesome collection of records. If you want somewhere to meet friends and feel more relaxed away from the noise or rowdiness of drinkers, but don't quite want a tea room do visit Dry Dock.

I held my Mayors Civic Service on 6th August and was very pleased to be led by the Mace Bearers and Junior Mace Bearers along Wooland Gardens with the High Sheriff of Dorset Mr Colin Weston, all in our ceremonial dress. 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 was very informal, lead by clergy, singers and musicians from across the town

and was a very joyful event. In keeping with my emphasise on community, representatives from many voluntary and community groups joined me. Some that I am involved with personally but many others too packing the church.

If you or your organisation didn't receive an invitation, perhaps you aren't on our data base? That can be rectified, please get in touch for the future. As promised there was cake and as always with All Saints Church it was plentiful and very good. I was pleased to be able to present a Civic Award to representatives Annerose Weiler and Becci Newman working through Help the Homeless, who were nominated for the award last year by Cllr Tia Roos and confirmed by former Mayor Cllr Ann Weaving. Finally, may I remind you of the Fireworks on Monday nights throughout August. It was a great innovation to use Weymoth Bay for the display as they can be seen from right along the Promenade and beyond. I do hope you have managed to get down at least once to join in. They really have been spectacular. I have really enjoyed joining in the countdown each week.

I am not sure how but I missed last months deadline so this is 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

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

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