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Cllr Tony Ferrari at Brackendown Avenue

Preston Village Hall at which only around 5-10 residents came along. In our opinion this is due to the fact the sessions were poorly advertised, last minute and held in the busiest month of the year for peoples social and family life. We do not regard these sessions as being valid consultation. We will keep residents updated on the neighbourhood plan process and will be keeping a close eye. Please get in touch with any issues.

Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councilor team
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The speaker for our 4th October meeting will be florist Fiona Penny talking about an Autumn flower arrangement.

Susie Marner
 Secretary
 Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Overcombe WI September 2023

Our first meeting after the summer was in September when we very much enjoyed a talk by Ken Francis from Weymouth Lifeboat Station. Ken spoke enthusiastically about the RNLI having been a serving crew member for thirty years until compulsory retirement, the press officer for a further ten years and now gives talks to various organisations and schools to raise awareness of their work.

Ken told us how the organising of the RNLI was structured, about the training of the crew and their liaison with the Coastguards and other emergency units. The head office of the RNLI is in Poole and is more than just their main office. The facilities which include meeting rooms, overnight accommodation, a restaurant etc are used by members of the public and is open to all. It was decided that the facilities would be to a high standard to encourage firms to use it rather than it being a basic standard just for the RNLI.

It opened in 2004 and it was expected it to take ten years to recoup the total cost. Due to its popularity, it was paid for in five years. It has hosted conferences, weddings, functions, film crews and holidaying RNLI supporters to name just a few. The RNLI started in 1824 so next year will be a big

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Our speaker this month was John Allen and his wife Julia, who came to the meeting also. For many of our members they were not strangers as John and Julia had lived in the village for years.

Not only did he speak about the history of Sutton Poyntz, but also about his involvement in, and the history of, our beloved Mission Hall. Owned by the church, it is the heart and soul of the village and when it was leased to the villagers a trust was formed. Today it is now managed and maintained by the Mission Hall Trust. It was a very informative talk that took us through the years to present day which took many members down memory lane.

We are all looking forward to our visit to Monkey World on 13th September and also to our Autumn Lunch at the Black Dog, Broadmayne in October.

Local news

Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor Update

I write this article as Summer comes to an end for all those going back to school so in typical British fashion the sun has decided to come out. August is very quiet on the council front in terms of council meetings but incredibly busy for community events including two family fun days in Littlemoor, and several BBQs, coffee mornings, and jumble sales.

We have been very busy as a team working on issues in the and around the ward including meeting with Dorset council officers in the area of land between Littlemoor and Preston containing the flood pond which is not Dorset council land, but we are trying to get maintained properly. A dedicated team of local residents from Littlemoor have taken it upon themselves to cut the paths and make the area tidier and we are grateful to them.

We have also been dealing with issues relating to planning enforcement at the building works on Overcombe Drive and Kingsbere Close where development is caus-

ing issues for those living nearby. We are particularly keen to ensure the post box on Overcombe Drive remains in use.

We are awaiting the details relating to the re-surfacing works due to take place on the estate between Coombe Valley and Seven Acres road which we have been relentless in pushing for since being elected. Once we know the specifics we will be updating residents. We now have enough volunteers to form a speed watch group for the area but would still like some more to increase viability if you are interested please get in touch as we are looking at arranging the training.

We have been working on a proposal to put to local bus providers for a new route for areas of Preston that aren't covered currently by a bus and also Sutton Poyntz. This route will likely replace the old 4a but run via Littlemoor Road as opposed to Preston Beach Road. We would like to see this tied in with park and ride in order to cover the route more widely.

We attended the drop in session run by Weymouth town council for the neighbourhood plan at

celebration of 200 years of the service. Unlike the other emergency services the workers in the RNLI are volunteers who give up their time to assist anyone in any danger on water. Ken spoke without notes, answered questions, and gave us much information.

We now approach our Autumn programme which includes the Dorset Federation General Meeting in Poole and our pre-Christmas coffee morning on 21st November to which everyone is invited and made very welcome. Put the date in your diary, 10.30am – 12 noon. Plenty of stalls, home made cake, coffee and tea at The Church Rooms, Preston, just opposite St Andrew's Church. Easy parking.

*Jackie Greet
WI President*

Wyke Regis WI

Wyke Regis members were sad to hear, at the end of July, that member Valerie Burt had died.

Valerie joined our WI in 1960 and joined the choir early on in her membership. A talented musician, Valerie conducted the choir from the 1970's until the week before she died. During this time the choir took part in Music Festivals, National Singing competitions as well as producing three shows a year in our WI Hall.

Valerie organised a memorable fête in the 1970's and participated in many of our Interest Groups. At Valerie's funeral in All Saints Church, the choir, conducted by Hilary Giles and accompanied by Jo Simpson, sang a beautiful rendition of a favourite piece of Valerie's, 'Say it with a Song'. She will be greatly missed.

Although there was no monthly meeting in August, members gathered, on a beautiful day, at the Nothe Gardens for their annual picnic and were pleased to be joined by members from Wey-bay WI.

With monthly meetings and all interest groups resuming, we look forward to a happy and busy few months.

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Throughout Autumn and Winter, there will an Evening Talk at the beginning of each month in the Club House on Rylands Lane.

A soup and dessert supper will be served after each Talk. Tickets are £10 each, booking in advance

space is limited. Joe Kaplonek will show more examples of his wonderful wildlife photography on Wednesday 11th October from 7.00pm (with a new screen!). On Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm, Estate Manager Owen Davies and Head Gardener Sophy will give an illustrated Talk on Athelhampton House and Gardens, their history and development.

The Trading Post is open on Wednesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. We can only sell to members of the society. To join, call into the Trading Post when open and complete a form. Annual subscription is £10. For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or phone 01305 759668.

Wyke Christmas Fayre

With summer drawing to a close, we start thinking about Christmas and the Wyke Christmas Fayre which is on Sunday 3rd December.

Stallholders are rapidly making preparations, but should anyone else wish to have a stall at the fayre, either inside or outside, please get in contact by email: jotaylor13@sky.com or phone 07791 764599.

And don't forget we will be holding a Kid's Fancy Dress Competition, Best Dressed house in the Village, Best Dressed Dog and Rate a Plate. So get those outfits, decorations and cooking ideas on the go. Look forward to seeing you all.

Your councillor update Weymouth Town Council

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

There are fewer formal meetings during August but it doesn't mean work does not continue. Dorset Council have always arranged some very useful training webinars and no matter how long I have served as a councillor I find there is always more to learn. I have also attended some good sessions recently on the future development and growth of our library services, and development of strategy on housing services.

The work of the Corporate Parenting Board never stops. Our looked after children and care leavers are so important. I recently attended a meeting at the new hub on Dorchester Road with some foster carers and children and some

young people joining us online. It is so helpful to talk direct to the people we work with. Many of these young people have the worst possible start in life and yet they have developed such resilience. They are such a joy, funny and clever and resourceful. Going on to further education and training and becoming fine members of our community. I would say we are lucky with our Children's Services staff but it isn't just luck, they have excellent leadership and they exhibit extraordinary commitment.

With a couple of fellow Weymouth Town Councillors and the allotment officer we thought we had nicely updated our policies. However, we failed to think how gardening changes and how hi-tech can now influence how we garden more sustainably, saving water, measuring climate change etc. So a few tweaks have been made to the policy and these will come into operation very soon. Such a diverse mix of residents now use our allotments it is fascinating. We have a new allotment manager, very experienced, and he will be making sure he gets round to meet you all in the coming month. Look out for him and say hello.

Partnership working is hugely important not just as a cost saver but as being so much more efficient. Weymouth Town Council Clerk and the Town Clerk of Portland meet regularly with senior councillors with an open invitation to representatives from Chickerell Town Council to join these tri-council meetings. Our towns are intrinsically linked, discussions on health care, bus services and housing are common to us all and we have a stronger voice across the County when we work corroboratively.

I won't apologise for mentioning the Neighbourhood Plan yet again. It is a huge and important piece of work, please do keep an eye out for how you can still get involved. Once adopted this plan will inform the future of Weymouth for some time to come, so do take advantage of the opportunity to have your say.

Mayoral engagements have been busy and I have tried as much as possible to attend those that help to support and enhance our local community and economy.

It has been a delight to attend the Fireworks throughout the summer season. As well as becoming hoarse shouting out the countdown. I have also been out with members of Weymouth and Portland Lions Club who manage the

Mayor's Christmas Fund each year. We have been shaking collection buckets each Monday night and will be out again on Bonfire night. The Lions have set up an online donation page as so few people carry change these days, you can find details on their website or WTC. Leo the Lion joined us and it was fun watching the children roaring at him.

Some people say the Mayor is no longer needed or wanted so I was pleased to find the number of youngsters anxious to have their photo taken with the Mayor and shake my hand.

Our Parks and Gardens Team with the community engagement officer held two children's events during the school holidays centred at Lodmoor Country Park and Radipole Park Gardens. Children were able to go on a bug hunt, identify flora and fauna, create seed bombs and bird feeders and generally have a lot of fun.

Last year Ukrainian refugees celebrated their national day in Nothe gardens, this year families from across Dorset met in Bourne-moath. I was very pleased that Cllr Luke Wakeling was able to join me for this event as he worked hard with the Weymouth group when evacuation first started last year and has maintained contacts.

The community hub at Hope House in the grounds of St Johns Church is continuing to grow. The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band gave a brilliant concert in the church recently to raise funds, you may also have heard them in concert at the Jubilee clock.

Weymouth has such a long history of involvement with our armed forces and we still have a very strong connection with all uniformed services. I am very proud of the supportive role the town has played and I have laid wreaths and raised flags at a number of memorials over the past few weeks.

The children are now back at school and people are returning to work. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and feel rested and ready for the months ahead. As I write this it is a beautiful hot and sunny day, I hope that these days will continue for while yet.

Instances of Covid have increased and there is a new strain so if you are offered a booster vaccination do try to accept and remember stay safe.

You can continue to follow me on the Mayor of Weymouth, Dorset Facebook page or Cllr Kate Whel-

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ler Facebook page. And of course, I am generally to be found walking around Wyke Regis, on the bus or in town.

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God Bless,
Kate Wheller

Bridge Fair Trade Shop Introducing Some of our smaller suppliers

At this time of year we start to think about getting ready for Christmas and that means contacting some of our smaller suppliers which is always a joy.

Fair to Trade is run by husband and wife team Melanie and David. They work closely with, and often visit their producers who are either members of the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) or have close connections with groups that are members. We particularly like their hand embroidered cards from Bangladesh and the painted

hanging crosses and hearts from Kashmir. For Christmas we have also ordered a selection of olive wood decorations produced by Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans.

Karakorum is a small company established by Natasha in 2015. Natasha and her partner had spent nearly 2 years travelling on their bikes and she returned to the UK inspired to start working with many of the Fair Trade artisans they had met on their journey. Karakorum was once the capital of the Mongol Empire, a relatively small city but one of the most important on the Silk Road, the ancient trade route between the West and The Middle East and Asia. Natasha chose the name for her company because that is what she believes it to be – a small but important route for trade around the world. Karakorum have a beautiful range of gifts, including a wide variety of African basketware, available through their on-line shop. We buy our Swazi Candles through Karakorum; perfect gifts for these darker evenings. Comfort International are a charity working in 5 Central African countries; Rwanda, Uganda, DR Congo, Burundi and South Su-

dan. They work to rebuild lives devastated by poverty, genocide and conflict. We support them in a small way by selling their baskets and banana leaf cards from Rwanda.

Cadwyn, as the name suggests, is a Welsh company selling both Welsh and Fair Trade gifts. This is not as surprising as it might sound as in 2008 Wales became the first Fair Trade Nation, something the Welsh people are very proud of. As part of their Fair Trade range Cadwyn sell Thuya Wood boxes from the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, soapstone ornaments from the Kisii Province of Kenya and wooden coasters from Burkina Faso. They know the people who make their Fair Trade gifts personally and have a Fair Trade agreement with all of them.

Suppliers like these are making a huge difference to the lives of the people who make the products which is why we are so happy to support them.

We are still uncertain about the demolition work which is pending on North Quay and the impact it will have on us. If we need to change our opening times we will keep our Facebook and google listings updated or please call the shop before making a special trip. We can be contacted on 01305

772842 or by email at thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com

The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, 24 Trinity Road, Weymouth, DT4 8TJ

Opening times Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 – 4.00.

Family History Society The October meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be held on Friday October 20th at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Mike Randall with his talk 'Son of a Spy'.

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

Preston Village Market Saturday 7th October 10am -12.30pm

Our Autumn Market will be held in St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, DT3 6BU. With Christmas just around the corner, there will be plenty to choose from for early Christmas presents, among a variety of crafts, cards etc. We will also have plants and bulbs, edibles and more for sale.

Our Avon lady will be joining us as well as a Fairtrade stall. Delicious refreshments available.

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This time we will be raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society Forget-Me-Not Appeal. Supporting those who work with dementia sufferers and St Andrew's Church Fund. Free Entry but donations to our chosen charities gratefully received.

Singing For Fun

Join Robert Smith in All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis on Tuesday, 10th October at 2.00pm for an afternoon of singing popular songs and songs from the musicals.

Everybody welcome so don't be shy!

Jumping Jimmy Thunder

Local legend Jumping Jimmy Thunder still got it at 80 as he wows his fans at summer fete.

Primrose lodge Care home had a summer fete Jimmy a resident at the home said he would like to sing a few of his Elvis numbers.

He came out dressed like the local star he is and drew the crowd off the street also backing him were local entertainers Good for Tunes Home manager Lisa Summers said it was great to see Jimmy doing the things he loves I remember watching him myself he is such a local legend it's a privilege to care for him.

One onlooker said it took me back watching Jimmy Thunder I used to watch him in my twenty's down at Vicky lodge Portland and different venues in Weymouth he played all over Weymouth and Portland what a local legend good to see him still entertaining the crowds what a fantastic day for all.

Home manager wanted to thank all people involved for making the fete happen it was a fantastic day.

Wyke Stores Rebooted as Cafe and Community Hub

It's been some time since Wyke Stores (in Wyke Square) was able to welcome local people, but we have a plan to re-open it as a coffee shop, essentials food store and community hub.

Our plan will involve providing work-space for local small businesses and home workers, and space for local groups to run activities, as well as cafe and non plastic refill facilities.

We would really like it if you would contribute your thoughts and

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Local legend Jumping Jimmy Thunder

suggestions about the way the store might support the needs of the local community. Please email us using the address below, and we will forward you a short survey. This will allow us to make sure we are offering something that you would value and use. All responses will be treated confidentially.

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A. A car is a major purchase and the buying process can seem daunting. but the Citizens Advice website has information on what you should do when buying a car and what you can do afterwards if something goes wrong.

If you're buying from a trader, choose one with an established name and a good reputation. Ideally, they will be part of a trade association or follow the industry's code of practice. It's much riskier to buy via an auction as you'll have fewer legal protections so read

the terms and conditions carefully before you bid.

If you buy from a private seller. try to inspect the car at their home address. Make sure the car's details are correct by using the DVLA's free online vehicle information checker. You'll need the registration number, MOT test number, mileage and make/model of the car. Also, check the car's MOT history on gov.uk Keep a copy of these results as well as the original advert or description of the car. You might also consider getting a private history check to see if the car's been reported stolen, still has money owing on it, or has been in a serious crash. This will cost about £20.

Check if the car meets emissions standards to avoid paying extra charges when driving through clean air zones. Inspect the car before buying, preferably during the day when it's not raining and, if you have the appropriate insurance, take it for a test drive for at least 15 minutes. Once you've decided on a car, don't be afraid to negotiate on the price. If you take out a loan or finance, make sure you can afford the repayments over the lifetime of the contract. If you pay with cash, you will have fewer protections.

If despite doing all these checks, you find something wrong with the car after you've bought it, you

may have a legal right to a repair, the cost of a repair or some money back but it's on a case-by-case basis. For more information, check out the Citizens Advice website or call its consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Rachel Rogers

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Please note that I do not work on Fridays.

News from Trading Standards

Single-use plastics ban

Single-use plastics are only used once before they're thrown away. The problem with plastic waste is that it doesn't break down, it only breaks up into smaller and smaller parts. This impacts the environment and wildlife for years to come.

According to estimates, England uses 2.7 billion items of single-use cutlery, most of which are plastic, and 721 million single-use plates per year. Of these, only 10% are recycled. If 2.7 billion pieces of cutlery were lined up, they would go round the world over eight and a half times (based on a 15cm piece of cutlery).

Previous efforts to eliminate avoidable plastic waste, include:

- One of the world's toughest bans on microbeads in rinse-off personal care products announced in 2018.

- Restrictions on the supply of single-use plastic straws, drink stirrers and cotton buds in 2020.

- Plastic Packaging Tax in April 2022 whereby a tax of £200 per tonne was introduced on plastic packaging manufactured in, or imported into the UK, that does not contain at least 30% recycled plastic.

- The 5p single-use carrier bag charge, in May 2021 which was increased to a minimum charge of 10p and extended to all retailers, taking billions of bags out of circulation.

Last year the UK Government consulted on banning other types of single use plastic and they reported that over 95% of those who responded to the consultation were in favour of the bans.

So, in October 2023 a new ban on other single use plastics is set

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Wild Plants of Weymouth



Pyramidal orchid. at White Nothe. Photo: Iain Ross

Pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*)

The photo, left, was taken on a very steep slope east of White Nothe, the Pyramidal Orchid is a highly distinctive wildflower with a pyramid shaped head of bright pink flowers. This hardy plant reaches on average 10–25 centimetres of height, with a maximum of 60 centimetres. The stem is erect and unbranched. The basal leaves are linear-lanceolate with parallel venation, up to 25 centimetres long, the cauline ones are shorter and barely visible on the stem. The arrangement of hermaphroditic flowers in a compact pyramidal shape is very distinctive and gives the orchid its common name.

The colour of the flower varies from pink to purple, or rarely white, and the scent is described as "foxy". The flowers have six tepals, being three small sepals and three petals. Two small petals are on the sides, while the third and lower (labellum) is large and trilobate. At the back of the flower there is a tubular spur of about 1.5 centimetres (0.59 in) long, while the labellum bears two lateral small flaps. The flowering period extends from April through July.

The pyramidal orchid was chosen as the County Flower of the Isle of Wight, where it abounds on the islands chalk landscape. Like many orchids, it requires a specific fungus to be present in the soil in order to bloom.

It is a flower that prefers milder climates, pyramidal orchid can be found growing at various sites across Eng-



land and Wales, but it is much scarcer in Scotland.

Originally a flower of chalk and limestone grasslands, the pyramidal orchid has shown a penchant for more artificial environments in recent times. Colonies have appeared along motorways and ring-roads, canals and marinas and even at one time at Stansted airport.



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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

The French –the last successful invaders of this country, but that was way before our time so we won't hold a grudge – have a saying 'Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.' Fluent French speakers such as you and I know this means 'The more things change, the more they stay the same,' which sounds even more profound after a glass or two of a good Burgundy red wine.

But I digress. Senior Citizens, with their vast experience, have many examples to demonstrate the truth of this statement. Youngsters, that's anyone who is not a Senior Citizen, believe that everything that happens nowadays is brand new, unique and cannot possibly be understood by anyone older than them. We must correct this notion and point out that not only have we seen everything, we've done most of it as well, long before the youngsters were even born.

For instance, bullying is not a new problem. It happened to us at school regularly. Especially if, like me, you were not the largest in class nor the fastest runner. My school friend Peter and I fell foul of the local bigger lads. We dealt with the threat of physical violence by sticking together and swinging our heavy satchels at our oppressors, rather like Roman gladiators fighting wild animals in the Colosseum. They even mockingly called us by different names. In my case Fred, and in Peter's case, Pod. But we reacted as if it was the most natural thing in the world to respond to a name that wasn't yours. In fact, I was known as Fred for over a decade, and when the mother of classmate asked him if there was a Chris Hubbard in his class he replied no, but he knew a Fred Hubbard.

And what about this 'new' idea of a 'gap year' involving 'foreign' travel. Admittedly in the 1950s it was a gap fortnight, three weeks tops, and foreign was anywhere more than 100 miles from home. But we did it all without a safety net. Nowadays youngsters can ring Mum and Dad from the depths of the Peruvian jungle for help, advice, or a transfer of funds. Back in our day, once we left the Welsh valleys, phoning home was nigh on impossible. We had to find a work-

ing red telephone phone box and have a considerable quantity of small change available. We could then ring the wealthy family two doors down from our parents and ask if they would be kind enough to bring them to the phone, or at least pass on a message. No, once you journeyed fifty miles away from home you might as well be on the moon. You were most definitely on your own.

Nowadays, foreign travel is undertaken by public transport. Back in our day it was hitchhiking. You stood on the side of the road and waved a hopeful thumb in the air. Your next lift might take you five miles or fifty. My In-house adviser – when she wasn't yet In-house so was merely my adviser - and I travelled west through Wales and on into Ireland, hitchhiking from youth hostel to youth hostel throughout the length and breadth of that marvellous country. What we hadn't bargained for was the shortage of vehicles on Irish roads in those days. This lack of cars was compensated for by the warmth and hospitality of their drivers.

Late in the day, with a drizzle setting in, on the side of a quiet road surrounded by fields – I recall the donkey which put its head over the fence to see who these strangers were - we still had a long way to go to our hostel in Killarney. We were beginning to despair when a lone car passed and seemingly ignored our desperate thumbs. Then it screeched to a halt, reversed and the driver asked where we were going. He said he was stopping in the next village to meet his mother, but if she wasn't in the pub, he would take us on the 25 miles to Killarney. Saying our goodbyes to the donkey we climbed aboard, silently praying that Mum would not appear. He took us into the pub and bought us a drink while we waited. Thirty minutes later we were on our way to Killarney and were dropped outside the door of the hostel.

On another 'foreign' trip Pod and I hitchhiked the 500 miles from Cardiff to Braemar in the highlands of Scotland for a walking tour. After a fortnight we set off for home, with only enough money left for one meal en route. No credit cards in those days. At two in the morn-

ing we had reached halfway home and were dropped at a transport café where we ate our one and only meal of the two days. It was a choice between another sausage or a mug of tea, but the lady behind the counter took pity on us and let us have the tea for nothing. We then walked four miles to reach the main route to South Wales and waited under streetlights so we could see and be seen, just after some traffic lights. Forty minutes went by without a single vehicle passing in any direction, though for some strange reason the traffic lights still went through their colourful operating sequence. Then a rather large car

pulled up at the lights going our way. More in hope than expectation we leapt to our feet, smiled, and waved our tired thumbs – and he stopped. The driver said he was going to Gloucester, 150 miles away, and would welcome some conversation to keep him awake. I crept into the back seat and fell asleep, leaving Pod to talk through the remaining night. Over 60 years later he still reminds me of his self-sacrifice. So it's true; nothing really changes. There are still unkind bullies, foreign travel, and lovely, generous people. Thankfully more of the latter than the former.

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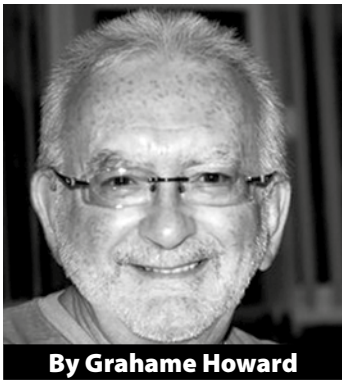
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By Grahame Howard

Mobile Phones and stuff

Have you ever noticed how many people are glued to their mobile phone just lately? I was in a hospital waiting room a few days ago, and out of, perhaps forty people there, at least, thirty of them were on their phones. It's the same on a bus, a train, doctors surgery, dentist's, supermarket and even walking down the street. I've observed young mothers checking their phones as they take their children to school, often, oblivious to what their child is doing. It's almost like an addiction.

Before mobile phones, I very rarely used a telephone box to make a call, in fact, unless it was urgent, it never entered my head. Now, it appears that people are speaking on their phones most of the time. For some people, it is part of the whole of their day and they even shop and cook while speaking on their phone. I'm not saying this is wrong but, could this be distracting them from what they should be doing? Even in church these days, bibles have been swapped for reading the Word that has been downloaded on to their phone. Then if something comes through, they begin checking this out and are distracted. Are they waiting for God to text them?

Mind you the CO and I are no different. If we have a row, it is quite common for us to text each other instead of talking, even if we are sitting in the same room. I started this off because, I can so easily put my foot into things, saying the wrong thing. Therefore, instead of suffering the wrath of the CO or, worse still, 'the look', I act on the side of caution. And so, a text can be quite convenient. The downside to this is an unsavoury word from her or she completely ignores the text. That is so infuriating. At times like this, I say to her, 'Are you going to answer my text?' I do get 'the look' then. When mobiles first began being popular, the CO would never leave it switched on. I have lost count of the times that I have either texted or rung her and heard the voice mail. When I confronted her about

this, she told me that she didn't want to waste the power. That used to be so frustrating when I needed her urgently. Now though, she uses her phone all the time and the only time I can't contact her, is when she has put it in her bag and she can't hear it ring, or we are in Dorchester. Has anyone else noticed that mobiles don't appear to work well in the County Town. I've often wandered off to look in a shop while the CO is buying cards from The Card Shop. She seems to spend hours in there, so being bored, I go off on my own. When I text or ring her to find out where she is, I can't seem to get through. It's a bit of a nuisance really.

Talking about bathroom repairs, which we were not but I thought you would want to know, I worked my skill on sealing around the shower. Now if you are good at doing things like this, that is great; me, not so great. The Co had told me to re-seal the parts that had wasted away. I purchased the cartridge and the cartridge gun and set to work telling the Co that it would only take ten minutes or so. An hour later, my hands were covered in white sticky rubber and no matter what I did, I couldn't wash it off, it just made it worse. Also the shelf I had re-sealed, around the shower, instead of being smooth, was more like mini icebergs all over. Yes, I had put too much on, and yes, I had not given it time to dry before I had tried to smooth it down but, please give me a break. I hadn't done it before. Now, I was left with this iceberg finish and I heard the Co coming in. She didn't notice the rough surface but was more focused on my hands which looked like I had been icing a cake. 'Why didn't you use gloves?' That was all she said and then went back into the garden. Do you know what? It took me ages to get this stuff off my hands. Finally after about 30 minutes, I had scraped it off and I began to finish off the sealing. Alas, it was too late and now we're stuck with this arctic surface but, at least it's sealed. And, the CO admitted that it looked better than it was if you don't look at it too closely.

I don't think I'll be taking this work up as job, I know when I'm beat. Anyway, back to mobile phones. Can you remember when they were as big as a house brick. If they were still on the market and had texting facilities, I would love to watch our young people negotiating these. They would probably have worked it out though. Their ability to text fast is amazing. It takes me ages to do it and then the flipping predictive text makes me

look an idiot if I don't check it. The Co say that's nothing new though, I am an idiot, charming. Christmas is just around the corner. I saw mince pies on sale in a supermarket last week (Early September writing). Therefore, it really is getting close. Perhaps you should plan

now what lights you are going to put on your home and order the tree. You don't want to miss out. See you soon

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to come into force. The ban will include single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks, and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers. The ban on these items will include online and over-the-counter sales and supply, from new and existing stock.

It will mean that businesses can no longer supply, sell, or offer these types of single-use plastics to customers. Businesses will need to use alternative options instead. The UK Government announced the ban in January this year, giving businesses time to prepare for the change.

Upcoming Mayoral engagements

Some of the diary of engagements are as follows:

Sunday 24th September, 7pm
Event: Angling Society Trophy Presentation for Annual Fishing Festivals, Weymouth Angling Society.

Thursday 28th September, 6.45pm
Event: Induction Licensing and Installation of Reverend Juliet Stephenson, Holy Trinity Church.
Deputy Mayor, Cllr Alex Fuhrmann

Sunday 24th September, 10.30am
Event: The Nothe Fort Dog Show, Paws 4 Fort, Nothe Fort

If you would like to invite the Mayor to your event, please email mayor@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

To find out what the Mayor has been up to visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthWTC/>

Dementia Cafe Weymouth

Support, understanding and social interaction are things we can all benefit from and you can get all three at our group.

Our dementia café provides a warm, friendly and relaxed environment offering support and connection for people with dementia and anyone who lives with them or helps to care for them. Included in our café sessions are fun activities loosely based on a theme, an opportunity to reminisce over images shown on screen, and always sitting-a-long. Held on the first

Friday of every month from 2pm-4pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, Melcombe Avenue. There is a small charge of £2.00 per person with refreshments included; no pre-booking is required. Please see adjoining page for futures dates. If this is something for you then please join us.

The next dates for our drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers

Friday 1st September, 6th October and 3rd November, 2.00pm until 4.00pm, £2 per person.

If you need any more info please ring Esme on 01305812637

The Friends of Weymouth Library

The Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) speaker on Saturday 14th October will be John Stockley, who talks about his upbringing in Weymouth as the child of an African-American GI and English mother.

He will describe his search for his American relatives, which was filmed for television. John's reminiscences are always heartfelt and entertaining.

The talk begins at 10.30am all are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are available at the Library, £2 for members and £3 for non-members; telephone 01305 762410.

Concert

Moonlight Swing Band at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church on 7th October at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 in advance from Pete 01305812637 or on door £12.

Hospital Charity launches new multi-million appeal

Dorset County Hospital Charity is launching its new £2.5 million Emergency and Critical Care Appeal at the 2023 Dorset County Show.

The Charity's three-year appeal is funding major enhancements to the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit shortly to commence construction at Dorset County Hospital. The Appeal will fund extra facilities for the new Critical Care Unit such as relatives' overnight accommodation and a patient garden as well as rest

accommodation and welfare facilities for clinical staff. Additional facilities will also be funded for the new Emergency Department. The Appeal will also fund artistically designed elements in both new units to help create a sympathetic and healing environment for the benefit of all.

Dorset County Hospital's Emergency Department and Critical Care Units require additional capacity to meet current and future demand. To meet this demand, a new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit will be built which will significantly increase capacity and transform the experience of the patients who will be treated in these units. Funding has been prioritised by the government's New Hospital Programme for the construction of this major development.

This project is the largest capital investment at the Dorchester hospital since it opened on the current site in 1998. The development will enable the hospital to create custom built, state-of-the-art facilities in both the Emergency and Critical Care departments which will be of lasting benefit to the population served by Dorset County Hospital.

Dr Steve Meek, Consultant Emergency Physician in the DCH Emergency Department said,

"Last year our Emergency teams looked after over 50,000 patients – the facility was originally built for less than half that number – just 22,000.

'We know that attending the Emergency Department as a patient can be a stressful experience and a cramped layout and crowded waiting areas can create more anxiety. In the new plan both the

capacity and layout of the department will be greatly improved.'

Dr David Quick, Consultant in Anaesthetics and Critical Care Medicine said,

'The new Critical Care Unit will provide a facility that is purpose built to enhance the care for patients, to provide families with support and access to their loved ones and provide an environment for the staff to work to their full potential.'

Dorset County Show Chair, Nicki Ralph has selected Dorset County Hospital Charity's Emergency and Critical Care Appeal as their Charity of the Year. This provided the perfect opportunity for the Charity to launch the new appeal and promote this important project to visitors to this year's show.

Dorset County Show organiser James Cox said,

'The experiences of our Chair Nicki and her husband have highlighted the fact none of us know when we may need critical care. To have state-of-the-art resources on hand at our local hospital makes us incredibly fortunate. We're delighted to fundraise for this fantastic cause.'

Simon Pearson, DCH Head of Charity said,

'This is our biggest ever fundraising appeal, which will significantly enhance patient care and staff welfare. To make this appeal successful we need the support of the local community. There will be many opportunities for individuals, community groups and local businesses to support the appeal over the next three years and we invite anyone interested in finding out more to contact us directly.'

To find out more about support-



Dave Underwood, Chair of Dorset County Hospital Charity (left) with Jo Howarth, Dorset County Hospital Interim Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Infection Prevention & Control and Dr David Quick, Consultant in Anaesthetics and Critical Care Medicine (right). Taken at the Dorset County Show Charity Night 30th August 2023.

ing the DCH Emergency and Critical Care Appeal please visit www.dchcharity.org.uk or email charity@dchft.nhs.uk.

Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our Summer Show in August. The society will be holding its next meeting at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 10th October starting at 7.30pm.

Qualified floral designer Denise Jones will be demonstrating the production of floral designs around the theme of harvest feast. Come along and see Denise demonstrate her skills and maybe you will be inspired to have a go yourself. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

Greenhill Gardens

Thank you! The Friends of Greenhill Gardens held their last Summer event on the Bandstand in Greenhill Gardens in September.

Huge support and attendance has been to the fore from Locals and Visitors again this year.

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Charity Angels UK Dorchester Fashion Show

Tickets are now on sale for the Charity Angels UK Dorchester Fashion Show on Thursday 12 October in Dorset Museum. All the women modelling in The Show have personal experience of breast cancer and all proceeds from ticket sales will go to Against Breast Cancer which supports research into secondary breast cancer.

Tickets cost £25 and include a sparkling wine and canape reception, entertainment, a commemorative programme and a display of wonderful outfits from local retailers.

Tickets can be purchased through Just Giving <https://tinyurl.com/Charity-Angels-UK-Dorchester> Or go to the Facebook page, Charity Angels UK Dorchester Fashion Show, to link to the Just Giving site.

Every year over 55,000 women and approximately 400 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in the UK. Survival rates have improved hugely in the last 30 years; however, around 8,000 women will lose their lives to what is still a scary and cruel disease.

Few, if any of us do not know someone who has been touched by breast cancer. Women and families talk of their shock, the devastating side effects that can occur -- hair loss, weight gain, low level infections. Part of their recovery is rediscovering themselves and learning to live with this new 'normal'. The Charity Angels UK Dorchester Fashion Show aims to help with this important rediscovery.

We are delighted that RiskSTOP Group Ltd and CG Fry & Son Builders have joined us as key sponsors. For more information contact us via our Facebook page Charity Angels UK Dorchester Fashion Show or email: jane@charityangels.co.uk

Background - Charity Angels

A group of women came together over 25 years ago as the fundraising committee for Breast Cancer Care's flagship fundraiser -- The Show. Held annually at a prestig-

ious London hotel, with entertainment, celebrity guests and an auction, the committee helped raise in excess of £5m for the charity. Breast Cancer Care merged with Breast Cancer Now in 2019 and the committee was no longer required. In response, Charity Angels UK was born. Since its inception, Charity Angels UK has raised over £70,000 for Against Breast Cancer, its chosen charity. Charity Angels UK fundraisers are from all parts of England and each one looks at fundraising possibilities in their area. Dorchester has been chosen as an ideal location for The Show in 2023.

Radipole Park Development Update

Part of the plans to transform Radipole Park and Gardens will focus on improving the biodiversity of the area to help the flora and fauna to develop. This will help create stronger habitats for a range of wildlife in the park over the coming years.

An essential element of this work is to remove up to sixteen existing trees along the boundary of the park that joins with the railway, this includes seven very large poplar trees that have outgrown

their original planting location. Their roots are now coming up through the tarmac at the tennis courts and paths. They are also now overhanging the railway siding with the strong risk that fallen branches may damage the rail infrastructure.

The poplars have grown too close to other trees like the Cypress trees, which make a major contribution to the Edwardian character of the park. Removal of the poplars will enable these Cypress trees to reach their full potential and will generally add to the ongoing habitat development.

We wanted to make the community aware that this will be happening and explain that it is part of the plan to aid the biodiversity and habitat development in the park over the coming years.

During this autumn and next autumn, the Council will be planting over 100 small native trees which will thicken up and expand on existing areas and in years to come this will provide an ever-improving habitat for the wildlife that live in and visit the park. When it is time to plant the trees, we will be advertising for volunteers to come and help and play a part in developing the park, so look out

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Radipole Park Gardens

for further details on the Council's social media channels and check the Friends of Radipole Park website nearer the time.

The Council's Greenspaces Team will also be continuing to add more wildflower areas in the amenity grassland and the Friends of Radipole Park & Gardens will be

building a sensory garden which will help to support pollinators and wildlife and also have volunteering opportunities. If it is possible we also plan to retain some of the wood from the trees to turn into benches and sculptures so it remains in the park.

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The New Hardy Players present 'Stronghold of Happiness'

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A new adaptation of Devina Symes' novel, which she has adapted into a play, is set in wartime Dorset, and is set to be staged at The Corn Exchange, Dorchester on 30th September.

It tells the enduring love story of local couple, Peter and Ella Samways, who each experience life-changing conflict – Ella on the home front and Peter on the battlefield, as well as facing the consequences of Ella's trauma. Re-united, their story deals with the aftermath of crisis as they make sense of their changed lives.

The play and the novel (published by Tim Saunders Publications) tackle strong themes of abuse that make them unsuitable for a younger audience. It begins in

2005 when the older Peter and Ella are invited to watch a rehearsal of their story, which the local drama group had chosen to perform.

'I wanted to tell a story that turned the tables on the usual narrative about war and look at the unspeakable traumas and conflicts sometimes experienced by vulnerable women left at home,' says Devina Symes from Lower Came, Dorchester.

Harry Cockerill and Tilda Sansom will play the young couple. Barry and Chrissie White will play the contemporary couple.

Devina's novel will be available on the night and is also available in bookshops and online. The performance is being sponsored by Purple Business and Personal Accountants, Poundbury, Dorchester.

Performance at 7.30pm on 30th September at the Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester DT1 1HF. Tickets £10 from WeGotTickets.com. Or on the door, subject to availability, 1940s dress optional! All proceeds from the performance will go to West Dorset

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Introducing Weymouth Trails

The brand-new Weymouth Trails website showcases several walks for people who live and visit Weymouth. This is a collaboration between Weymouth Town Council, Dorset Wildlife Trust, and the RSPB, with many of the walks easily accessed from the park and ride site. The Council's mission is to inspire residents and visitors to explore

sanctuary to escape the rigors of daily life and rediscover the wonders of the town. And you can use the website to navigate your way through the trails using the photographic and text directions, and scan QR codes dotted about the RSPB routes for hidden extras to enhance the experience. Initially the idea for the walking trails came from Weymouth Town

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Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency working group, which Cllr David Northam is part of. Cllr Northam, a keen walker who has enjoyed the walks year-round, said: "Weymouth has so much to offer, not just in the summer around the beach and harbour-side, but all over the town, all year round. These first nine trails have been put together by people and groups who know Weymouth.

'They will take you to places you perhaps didn't know, or to your favourite places but by new routes. So, enjoy the natural beauty, wildlife, historic sites, and buildings of Weymouth along the way. Walking has many health benefits, and I also find it much easier to talk with others while out walking.'

The Council partnered with Dorset Wildlife Trust and the RSPB to help bring the trails to life. David Morphew from the RSPB said: "This is a fantastic resource for Weymouth. We know a lot of people come to Weymouth especially to see the very special wildlife that makes a home in the town's nature reserves.

'One of the joys of volunteering for the RSPB is being able to show visitors the best places to see the

star species, such as marsh harriers and bearded tits. These trails will take them through the heart of the nature reserves and point out what to look for along the route.'

Nature Reserves Technical Manager, Rob Brunt, from Dorset Wildlife Trust, added: "We are delighted that Lorton Meadows is featured on the new Weymouth Trails website - it's a great way for people to get out into open green spaces and explore the wilder side of Weymouth.

'The Lorton Meadows nature reserve offers a haven of peaceful green meadows, hedgerows and woodland with an abundance of wildlife right in the middle of town.'

National NHS Charity Legacy Campaign

This month Dorset County Hospital Charity marks the launch of the NHS Charities Together 'forever thank you' legacy campaign.

The NHS Charities Together legacy campaign launched on 14 August and is running until the middle of

October 2023 across social media, TV, and radio. Dorset County Hospital Charity is one of the 230 member charities across the country taking part, all dedicated to helping the NHS. The Campaign encourages people to consider leaving a gift in their will to their local NHS Charity.

Individual Giving Manager Jodi Hibbard said, 'Dorset County Hospital is extremely grateful for every legacy left to the hospital, whether large or small. Legacies have the power to have an impact far into the future and directly benefit our patients and their families in ways which matter to them. Gifts in Wills helped us to build a dedicated Cancer Outpatient Unit at Dorset County Hospital and are now supporting the redevelopment of our hospital's Renal Unit. Other legacies have enabled us to buy medical equipment for our Respiratory Department and gifts in Wills continue to support other vital areas across the hospital.'

Jodi added, "We understand that family and loved ones will always take priority and we are extremely grateful for every legacy left to us. Whether large or small, a gift in your Will can make a real difference to the work that we are able to fund.

'By leaving a gift in your Will to Dorset County Hospital Charity you can choose to help provide facilities to make patient stays more comfortable, provide new medical equipment or to support the wellbeing of NHS staff. Your gift will be a lasting legacy which has the power to make a difference to a significant number of patients

and their families.'

Simon Pearson, Head of Charity at Dorset County Hospital said:

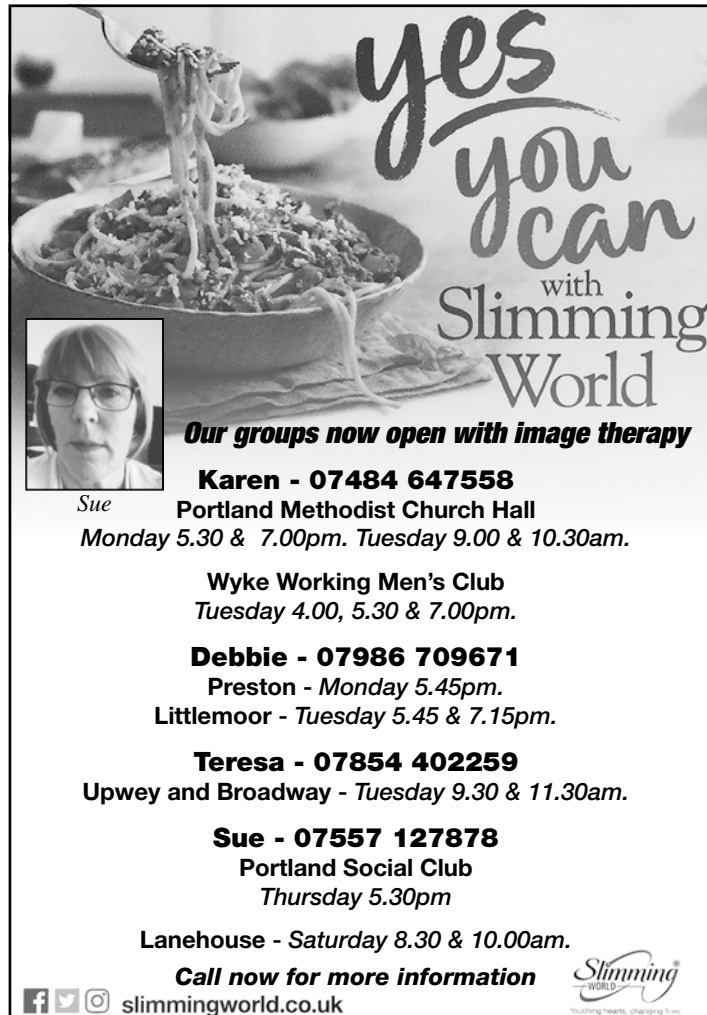
'We are delighted to be part of the NHS Charities Together legacy campaign to help raise awareness of the importance of gifts left in Wills. Dorset County Hospital Charity will ensure your gift is directed in line with your wishes. If, like us, you want to support the future of care at your local hospital, please consider leaving a legacy to Dorset County Hospital Charity by writing your 'forever thank you' in your Will.'

Please visit www.dchcharity.org.uk/gifts-in-wills to find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to Dorset County Hospital Charity and using our Free Will Service. Alternatively please call Head of Charity, Simon Pearson, in confidence on 01305 253470 or email simon.pearson@dchft.nhs.uk simon.pearson@dchft.nhs.uk

Archaeological investigations to begin at North Quay

As part of the council's recent planning permission to demolish the former Weymouth and Portland Borough Council offices at North Quay, Weymouth, preparations for an archaeological excavation will begin on 11 September.

The excavation will take place at the rear of the building, giving experts a chance to uncover more of Weymouth's fascinating harbour-side history. In line with planning conditions, the rear car park will



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remain closed for the duration of the work. Following site preparation, the excavation is due to take up to 13 weeks to complete. Dorset Council was granted planning permission to demolish the former council offices by the plan-

ning committee in July. The first step in this process is to carry out an archaeological investigation on the site ahead of any further work. North Quay is one of three key sites in Weymouth earmarked for a share of a £19.5m investment

boost following the council's successful bid to the government's Levelling Up Fund last year. It is hoped the funding will kickstart economic growth in the town by investing in and regenerating Weymouth's Waterfront Economy.

The council has appointed Dorset based archaeological experts Context One Heritage & Archaeology, to excavate North Quay car park, the same company which carried *Continued on page 20*

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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

Regular meetings, activities and events for anyone affected by cancer. Find out more at csiders.org, search csiderswp on Facebook, email info@csiders.org or ring on 07430 695462.

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

Dorset Kidney Fund

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

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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.

Island Voices Community Choir

Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (in term-time). Peter Trim Hall, St George's Centre, Reforme, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linkusp9@gmail.com or 01305776328.

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

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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.

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Preston Pantomime Group

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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.

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The Menzies Art Group

We meet in the Menzies Room at the rear of the Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall, Victoria Ave, DT3 5NG on a Thursday morning from 9.30 -12.30. (starting from 6 July) We currently have a few spaces available for enthusiastic painters! For more information please contact Carol on 01305 787769.

Watercolour Art Classes

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Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

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Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman. wpsac@gmail.com

Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church

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

Weymouth Carers Group

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Bethany Hall, Westham Road, next to Wilko. For more information 07766 529297 and leave a message with your contact details.

Weymouth Choral Society

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

Weymouth 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

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weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane
General = weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com
Waiting List = weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com
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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

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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.

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Wyke Regis Community Association

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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.

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

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General meetings are at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT49AJ. The various interest groups meet at regular times during the month, details on our website. For more information contact us: 07719312901. Email: secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk
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out preliminary archaeological investigations at North Quay in 2021 and at Weymouth Bowl in St Nicholas Street in 2022.

Cllr Andrew Parry, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property, said:

"The explorations that Context One and the local volunteers uncovered at North Quay in 2021,

and across the Harbour at the MFA Weymouth Bowl site in 2022, were beyond anything we thought might be unearthed.

'Having the chance to peer beneath the tarmac once again, to a Weymouth hundreds of years old is a very exciting prospect. There is such a rich and unique history right under our feet that never fails to amaze.'

To allow for the excavations to take place safely, the car park spaces to the rear of the North Quay building will close from Monday 11 September. A small number of car park spaces will continue to be in use, to the west and east of the building, until Monday 2 October. The entire car park at North Quay (the rear car park and the two smaller side car parks) will then be closed until all ground work and demolition is complete.

The car park is expected to reopen in Spring 2024, after the former council office building has been demolished with additional, tem-

porary spaces on the footprint of the old council office building.

Town Bridge repairs to resume

The second planned phase of repair work on Weymouth Town Bridge starts in late September 2023.

In 2022, Dorset Council carried out repairs to welds on the surface of one half of the bridge, and this autumn the other half will receive the same repairs.

The welds attach the steel deck plates under the road surface to the bridge beams. Once inspected, defective welds will be milled out and re-welded. This will prevent water seeping through the deck to the beams which would otherwise cause damage and affect the operation of the bridge.

The work is due to start on Monday 25th September and is scheduled to finish on Thursday 30th November 2023. Tents will be erected over the work area to ensure it can continue in poor weather.

At the end of the work, the deck will be blasted clean and then re-surfaced.

During the works, the bridge will be closed to vehicles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and a signed diversion will be in place. Access will be kept for pedestrians on one side of the bridge throughout the works.

To assist HGVs making local deliveries, a one-way system will be in place overnight from 6pm to 9am. Delivery vehicles will be directed south into the town along St Thomas Street and north out of town along St Mary Street.

Councillor Ray Bryan, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, said: "The bridge has over 2,700 welds attaching the steel deck plates to the bridge beams, and last year, the team replaced 267 on the one half. Once they have surveyed the welds on the second half, they will carry out repairs to protect this vital lifting bridge for many more years to come.

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A Green Woodpecker

It was with some surprise one sunny summer morning to find a woodpecker alone on the small lawn at the back of the house. It was not the first green woodpecker to have been seen there but that was about ten years ago so the visit came as an agreeable surprise! This new woodpecker showed an interest in the two bird tables where the morning's food had been placed for the usual hungry local visitors. Instead, this woodpecker was totally concerned with the lawn and what was to be found there.

Obviously happy, at ease and alone, it was pecking away with its deep and sharply pointed beak, and in the bright morning sunshine, its yellow back and green wings were clearly visible. There was no doubt that this was a green woodpecker! Its attitude was one of dedication and determination as it sought something both plentiful and edible, and with no other birds around to harass or disturb its early breakfast! Not having seen a green woodpecker for several years, it was interesting to undertake further research and thus

revive previous observation. It could be several years before another such visitor might favour us with its presence again!

It was the way of finding its 'breakfast' that was initially so fascinating. Green woodpeckers have long tongues with a sticky tip that can be made to reach into tunnels of wood-boring insects and to extract from there both adults and larvae. Ants can be taken from their nests too, and any caterpillars, flies and beetles are treated the same way. There was no doubt that the bird was in the right place to find ant nests on the lawn for there are a few other birds that prefer to eat the ants in preference to the crumbs put out for them! We obviously had the right habitat for this visitor for it had become obvious some time ago that there were ants in one corner of the lawn since, occasionally, other bird visitors had been noticed pecking in that area too, and ignoring the conventional bird table! Many of these birds have no need to dig deep for the insects since ants can often be seen running free in that small area, and there is no need to burrow for them. Further reading regarding the green

woodpecker indicated that some birds will visit large lawns or other grassy areas particularly if there are old trees nearby. We had the right habitat it appeared for 'a lawn with a few trees nearby these may be potential nest sites.' Yes, there were trees nearby, large and beautiful trees but even watching carefully for weeks after our "visitor" left, there were no nests to be seen. Many woodpeckers will also beat a rhythm on any dead branches in order to produce a local warning to other woodpeckers to keep off their terri-

tory. Nothing as such, however, was heard from this area! Our visitor was truly a handsome and healthy bird with its green head, a red cap, and a yellow-green rump and lower back. Yes, it was both interesting and fascinating to see a woodpecker again in this small garden and to recall its colours and its strong bill, but the visit turned out to be complete repetition of the visit of the previous woodpecker so many years ago, and will be interesting to see what happens again a few years ahead!



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

8.30am Holy Trinity, Bincombe

9.15am St Andrew, Preston
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9.30am St Nicholas, Broadway

10.15am St Francis, Littlemoor

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

11.00am St Laurence, Upwey

4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers

6.00pm St Francis, Littlemoor (2nd) Prayer Meeting

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

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12.45pm Wed Prayer Meeting St Francis

8.00am Thur Morning Prayer St Francis

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Who's Who

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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.

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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

Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints and St Edmund's Churches

We are delighted to be welcoming our new rector, Reverend John MacKenzie, to the parish in October.

His Induction, Installation and Institution will be conducted by the Bishop of Salisbury, The Rt Rev'd Stephen Lake, on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm in All Saints Church. All are welcome to attend the service and afterwards at the finger buffet reception.

Rev'd John's first Parish Holy Communion Service will be at St Edmund's church on 15th October (Time to be confirmed) followed by a Harvest themed bring and share lunch. All are warmly welcome.

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

First Sunday of the month 9.30am Café Church, with refreshments beforehand.

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

Fridays 10.30am Said Holy Communion, followed by refreshments

Saturdays

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

Livestream

Our 9.30am Sunday services are also 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

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.

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

Book Group - 3rd October Tuesday, All Saints at 2.00pm The next two books are The Birdcage by Eve Chase and The Hare with the Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal.

Monday Walking Group

Meet at Bincleaves Green at 10.00am

Fellowship Group

Meeting 2.00pm

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Craft Group
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Singing for Fun
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Friday Choir Practice
All Saints 5.45pm

Art Groups
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Coming Events at All Saints Church

Quiz Night
Wyke Regis Memorial Hall

Sat 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.

All Saints Church Coffee Morning
Sat 21st October 10.00am to midday
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Parnham Voices Concert
All Saints Church
Sat 28th October 7.00pm
The excellent Parnham Voices

choir, who entertained us so memorably on St George's Day last year, return to All Saints with another entertaining programme of choral music for mixed voices.

Concert starts at 7.00pm. Tickets £10 (including glass of wine or soft drink) available online at parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events, or contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve.

Film Night
Spirited Away
Wyke Regis Memorial Hall
Fri 10th November 7.00pm
2001 Japanese animated fantasy film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki. During her family's move to the suburbs, a sullen

10-year old girl wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches, and spirits. PG. Japanese with English subtitles.
Admission £5.50, includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Contact Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve a seat (also available online at parishofwykeregis.org.uk/events).

Events at St Edmund's Church
Christmas Table Top Sales
Saturday 11th November and Saturday 9th December. 2-4pm in St Edmund's Church Hall.
Tea, cakes and a warm welcome. Raffles, prizes. (£5 in advance to hire a table.
Call Julie on 07979 375263)

Local news

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Cllr Bryan continued: 'It's a complex process, protecting the historic bridge while maintaining it for modern day traffic, but one that our skilled team carry out carefully and efficiently. I thank everyone for their patience as this work is completed.'

Watch the milling machine in action (please prepare for noise in the video)

Arrangements for mariners
The Town Bridge will continue to operate for harbour users, with scheduled lifts Monday to Friday at 8am and 6pm, and a single leaf lift at midday. Mariners are asked to book bridge lifts by 4pm the day before with Weymouth Harbour office (contact on 01305

838423 or on VHF Channel 12). It is intended that weekend bridge lifts will return to the normal routine, but there may be a requirement to work on Saturdays, so mariners are advised to check ahead of the weekend.

Regal invite for businesses at Portland Port

Regal Princess, operated by Princess Cruises, called in at Portland Port for 12 hours at the start of a 12-day cruise around the British Isles, having sailed from Southampton. Representatives of businesses based at

Portland Port were invited by the port to take a look onboard the 330m-long vessel, which has capacity for 3,560 passengers and 1,346 crew and is under the command of Captain Paolo Arrigo.

The port employs 53 staff, with a further 220 people employed by commercial port occupiers, including dry and liquid bulk cargo businesses. A total of 57 cruise calls have been booked in for this year at the port, with 130,000 passengers being welcomed and generating around £10 million annually for the local economy. The vessel called in on Sunday, 13 August.

Representatives from a range of

businesses at Portland Port were given a tour of the Regal Princess when the passenger cruise liner called in as part of a 12-day cruise around the British Isles. Regal Princess is a 330m-long vessel, which has capacity for 3,560 passengers and 1,346 crew and is under the command of Captain Paolo Arrigo. A total of 57 cruise calls have been booked in for this year at the port, with 130,000 passengers being welcomed and generating around £10 million annually for the local economy. The port employs 53 staff, with a further 220 people employed by commercial port occupiers.

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How do you say that?

With ever increasing Transatlantic links on TV, it is inevitable that we hear more Americanisms. Unfortunately those of us of advancing years find some phrases very trying. For example, "make eggs for breakfast". We can make scrambled or fried or boiled eggs, but surely making an egg is the duty of the hen? I wonder how many people say they are making lasagne when they mean they are opening a packet to microwave it.

Then I hear "it's not that big of a deal" instead of "it's not that big a deal". This goes hand in hand with "quite the big deal" instead of "quite a big deal". Perhaps "the" instead of "a" makes it sound more important.

One thing I really don't like, as it seems rude to me, is saying to a coffee shop barista (or assistant as we used to call them) "Can I get a coffee?" Is this a way of avoiding saying "please can I have a cup of coffee?" (Or "may I" as we were taught in school). If you can't get a coffee in a coffee shop, there is no hope for civilisation. I would love the response to be "No, you can't, but if you ask nicely I will get you one." Let's stick to the basic British "Coffee, please", nowadays followed by a long list of required type, size, sort of milk to be used ...

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