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Front cover: View towards Sutton Poyntz and Weymouth from the Ridgeway.
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speed already?

Fishing at Smallmouth – Fishers told me legal to net, not line fish. Not happy with situation, there is a lot of bycatch. Correspondent said he would send me the email from MAFF but he appears not to have been able to find it. My response from the Fisheries Authority regarding fishing for bass at Smallmouth states that fishing for anything in any form from a vessel using sand eels as bait is forbidden. The only way you can legally fish for Bass within the Fleet Bass Nursery Area is by rod and line from the shore, via this method you can take two Bass a day providing they meet the Minimum Conservation Reference Size of 42cm. And if a fisher caught Bass using a net in Portland Harbour outside of the Fleet BNA and then went into the BNA with Bass on-board, and wish to net for Mullet in the BNA they would have to off-load their catch of Bass first. So I trust we're all perfectly clear on that now!

Regarding the Wooland Gardens fatal traffic accident. A 40-year-old man from Southampton was arrested in connection with the incident. He has now been charged with causing death by driving without due care and consideration while over the specified limit for a controlled drug. He was due to appear at Weymouth Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 3 January 2024. I didn't find the result of this.

Our query to the Conservation Officer in November regarding works in Shrubbery Lane and Bryants Lane in the Wyke Conservation Area was passed on to Planning and Highways. The owners rang saying that they had restored the frontage to its original state and it was not a foot-path and asking who complained. I invited them to our meeting to make their point. I have not heard from Highways or Planning. I also raised with the CO the fact that an insulation company is ringing round to insulate attics. It transpires that the insulation is to the roof timbers, which the company assured me was approved for listed buildings. It isn't. Incinerator – inquiry was due 5th December. No results reported so far.

Barge: Occupants in residence November, by 10th December a death. This is a sad comment on the fact that many of them are volunteering with charities. Chickerell Camp – Afghan interpreters and families; toys and

clothes can be donated at Veterans Hub or Chickerell Hall, the Hub said they were inundated with donations but would still welcome children's toys and clothing. Asda junction – Crashes, not fatal but causing great disruption. This 'road improvement' to the roundabout has been a worry to drivers turning right ever since it was built.

Councillors' Reports: BT junction boxes are being proposed as EV charging points, needed in the area. Other items of interest were included in the meeting with Councillors' suggestions and support.

Memorial Hall: All seems okay with the hall and it is being well used. A new notice board is needed for the outside of the building to advertise events. This building is in the conservation area but not listed. A new notice board will improve the side of the building, can you help them on this project.

Wyke Square: It has been suggested that we should consider a live growing Christmas tree for the Square rather than have a cut one every year. This seems a good idea as it would save a tree every year. This was discussed by the Society and it was decided to contact the Council highways and Parks dept. Although this seems a good idea from an environmental point it might not be the best for Wyke Square. Please contact the Society if you have any thoughts on this suggestion. Update – tree officer advised conifers are not lone trees and do not like the wind or sea air. They are also shallow rooted and unlikely to do well. However, cedar trees 10m away seem to thrive!

Parks and Open Spaces: The little green area at the back of Lymes Close has been completely mown and the cuttings collected. A third of the area will again be set aside for wild flowers and grasses. This seems to have worked well. The wild leek is coming through again with a vengeance and Parks Dept. will try to eradicate it. The perimeter fence along the private car park needs repair and the Society have contacted Parks Dept on this. They are not responsible for the fence but have offered us small saplings to make a hedge along the boundary, we would need to plant them. This would be better for wildlife and could enhance the area. It would be Wyke Square's own little hedge; the fence will remain while it is stable.

News

The Wyke Regis Society Minutes of the bi monthly meeting held 7pm Tuesday 9th January 2024 at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road.

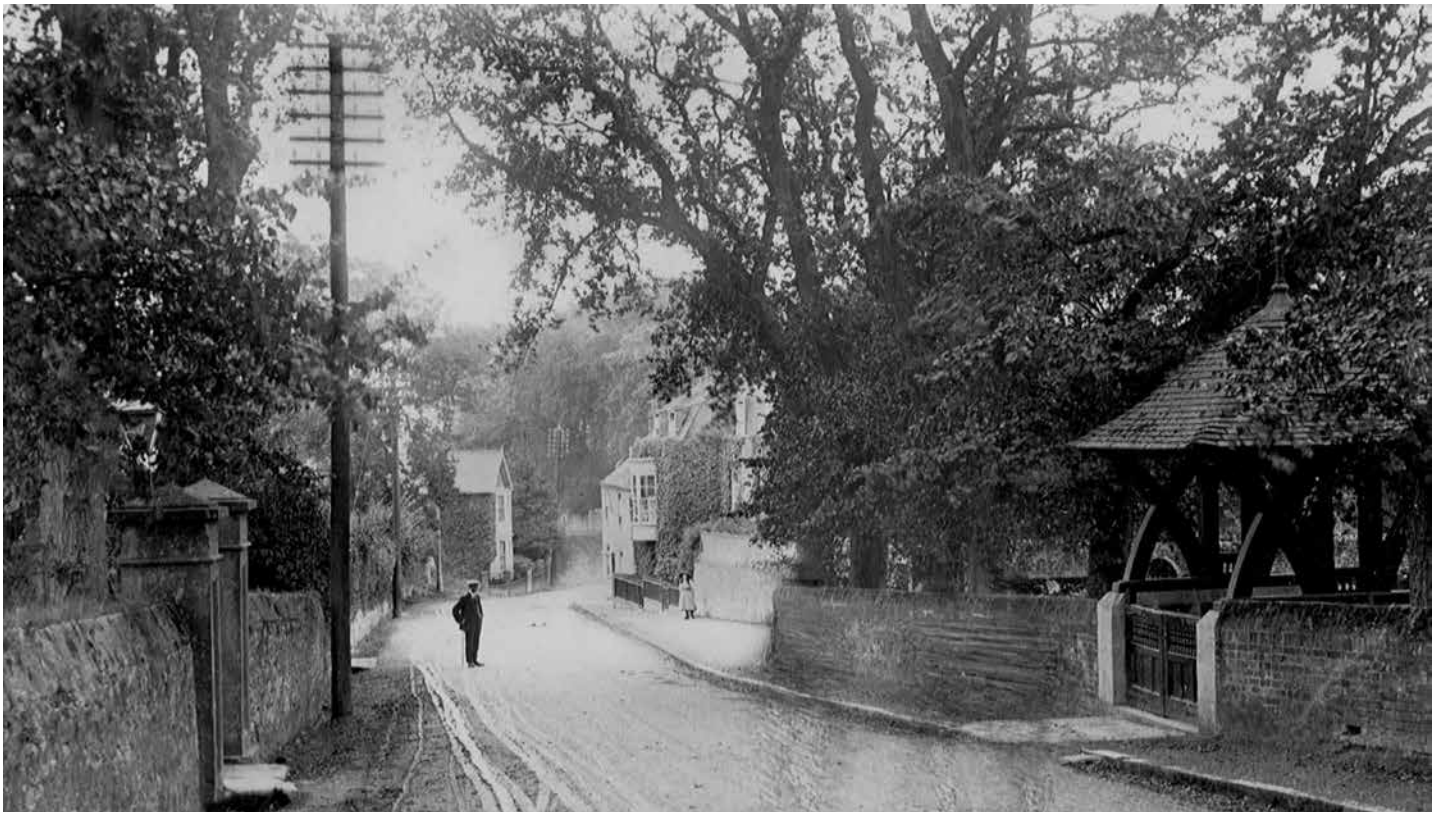
Members present: Chairperson – Georgina Skipper, Membership Sec/Sec - Jon Riley, Treasurer - Jean Hamdorff, Cllr Helen Toft, Cllr Brian Heatley, Cllr Clare Sutton, Rosemary Lander, Ian Cox, Penny Seaward

Apologies: Cyril Perren
 Minutes of the last meeting: Were read to be correct.

Treasurer's Report: Wyke Society £3,203.52 £5.00 is taken every month for HSBC expenses. No moneys came into this account.

Chairman's Report: January 2024 – owing to the postponement of the AGM this report contains some more recent developments. Thanks to Kate Wheller, Mayor of Weymouth, for her Christmas card to the Society. Despite great input from our regular members, the number of people

attending our meetings has dropped so far since the Covid crisis that we have to consider whether the Society can continue in its present form. I would be grateful for any suggestions as to how to proceed in the future. Our presentation in November made it clear that even without the interminable rain of the last five months, we can expect flooding on the low parts of our area. I was interested to hear the plans to deal with the worst of it, although a lot remains undecided. I approached Dorset Council about installing Speed Indication Devices near Wyke schools but they say there is no speed problem. I found their 20mph policy (the link they sent me was invalid) online which basically says if the main point of the road is for cars, they're not interested. If the mean speed of the road is over 24mph, (which means Portland Road) they're not interested but we can pay for a traffic survey. The High Street was measured at 20mph, and only has pavements part-way, so could be made 20mph, but what is the point if that's the



Portland Road with All Saints Lych Gate on the right

Planning: two applications have been of interest on the planning website, brought to our notice by the Councillors. 32 homes are proposed for the site in Mandeville Road and planning for 6 flats on the site of the Methodist Church on Portland Road. The site off Mandeville Road is on the border of Chickerell district and is the last piece of open land between Wyke Regis and Chickerell. The flats on the Church site were considered to be over-development with no parking facilities.

Residents report pile-driving at Ferrybridge on the old Ferrybridge Hotel site. It is unclear whether this is another development company, the first being reported bankrupt.

Portland Hospital is being looked at for development. This is a real concern for Portland, with the increase in the population in this area it seems that they are to have less amenities. The Society have mentioned that the problem with flooding on the causeway, could mean that Portland can be cut off with no medical facility. As Boots is closing perhaps the pharmacist could open a pharmacy here?

Footpaths and Highways: A concern continues about the new junction at the bottom of Lanehouse Rocks Road near Freemantle Road. Cars parked opposite the middle white cross hatching leave little space for traffic to manoeuvre round the keep left sign. The Society has contacted High-

ways on this and they have applied for yellow lines to be put in place. There is also concern over the junction at the traffic lights on Lynch Road/Lynch Lane where the filter does not always come in leaving motorists stranded in the middle and the road. Road markings at the Junction of the Granby need renewing. Please contact Dorset Highways Dept. if you feel there are safety issues in the area. Residents have reported that motorists are jumping the lights at the Tesco crossing on Portland Road. It could be that the traffic lights are not in the vision of the motorist, so this needs to be looked at. The other item which has been reported is cars using the Tesco forecourt to bypass the red traffic light. There are also reports of cars exiting the Tesco forecourt and driving over the crossing on a red light. We have suggested that a traffic camera is needed on this crossing, Councillors are happy to help with this but it will be a police matter and not an ANPR camera.

Anti-social behaviour: There were reports of antisocial behaviour by youths in Williams Avenue and Sunnyside Road at the end of October. The Police have had meetings at both local senior schools on this problem. They have also collected information from residents' door cams. Residents must report whatever problems they see in relation to drug dealing or any other anti-social behaviour.

Please report any person you see not picking up after their dog. The little green at the back of Lymes Close is suffering with night-time dog walkers not picking up.

AOB: It was suggested that more needs to be done to promote the Wyke Regis Society meetings on Facebook and posters.

International Peace Day, also known as 'World Peace day' is observed on the 21st September. Weymouth Art group will be displaying artwork in fifteen shop windows in Weymouth.

There is the possibility of a new Youth Club being set up at Ryemead Lane, they are waiting for Culture and Community funding for the project.

Just received from Post Office, advice that Broadmeadow Post Office is closing temporarily, for building work. Proposed closure

dates: 31 Jan to 11 March. Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.00pm. Contact Georgina Skipper, georgina.s.skipper@gmail.com or 01305 761993 www.wykeregissociety.org.uk

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

There are many items on sale at reduced bargain prices for March! The potatoes and onions are selling fast.

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Wyke Regis WI

The members welcomed Ken Francis from the RNLI to their last meeting. He spoke on behalf of the Weymouth Station providing an interesting talk on the history of lifeboats in Weymouth accompanied by a short video.

Weymouth Lifeboat station is one of the busiest in the country. Ken emphasised the value volunteers bring to the RNLI. His visit ended with lively questions and answers. A date for your diary: The annual Spring Fayre will be held on Thursday 21st March from 10.30am-12 noon, lunch (gluten free available), stalls and tombola.

The Poetry group's Book of Limericks produced for the institute's centenary has sold well. There are a few copies left and these will be on sale at the monthly coffee mornings, held on the first Tuesday of the month 10.00am to mid-day.

With Spring on the way, the Institutes Courtyard garden is coming to life and we look forward to many happy times enjoying the plants and good company.

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Overcombe WI

Our January meeting was a nod to The Bard, Robbie Burns. Many members came wearing a 'Flash' of tartan and enjoyed hearing about the Scottish poet. He was definitely a ladies' man and wrote several love poems.

During his 37 years of life, he is thought to have fathered 13 children by four separate mothers. Seven were illegitimate, and sadly six died in childhood. The only woman he married was Jean Armour, apparently a beautiful lady who met Robbie when she was 18. Even though she was pregnant her father refused his consent for them to marry as he felt his pros-

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pects and reputation were none too impressive. However, when Jean was pregnant again, with twins, his permission was granted. Jean bore Robbie nine children, the last born on the day of his funeral. A poem of his 'A Red, Red Rose' was played which we all enjoyed.

We were then entertained by Rebecca, a student at June Hornby's dance school who danced a highland fling for us. A wee dram of whisky (or two) was enjoyed together with a Scottish shortbread or Abernethy biscuit before we danced the Gay Gordons.

The evening finished with members joining in with *Old Lang Syne*. February saw 60+ members and several visitors listen to Simon Goldsack from Holme Nurseries, near Wareham. Back in the 1970s Holme was a farm run by Simon's parents. He studied horticulture and came into the business with his parents. Having married Liz in 1995, over the years since they have developed the business, purchased more land, and as the saying goes 'the rest is history'. Simon explained the plans behind the nursery and especially the fabulous gardens. These gardens are strongly influenced by gardens such as Hidcote and Laskett, they are divided into several 'rooms'

separated by hedges but linked so that visitors can easily walk from one area to another. The garden is still being developed.

Simon showed us beautiful photographs of the gardens, including maps and plans they have for the area. They hold National Plants Collections and even have their own Holme Henge of large local stones. Henge being the word for the ditch around the area. We were amazed that they have a spreadsheet for each area of the garden, colour coded, each plant having a number and details of where the plant was purchased. A most interesting and informative talk which has not only inspired us to visit Holme Gardens, but to get cracking on our own. Simon was warmly thanked for his talk.

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

Here is a question for you. Try and answer it without resorting to Google. When was the half-crown coin withdrawn from circulation? If you don't know what a half crown coin is – or was - then you need not bother with the answer. But I digress.

In the mid-80s I worked in a top floor office overlooking Weymouth seafront. It was part of a suite of offices above the ground floor shop of Bluebird Coaches. Don't imagine anything glamorous. The word 'suite' meant a few tiny, drab rooms barely bigger than cupboards, each just about big enough to swing a cat. There were two us in our office, Richard and me, with a desk each and a shared filing cabinet. If we wanted to check that we could swing a cat we had to bring one in. But I digress again.

Some of you will remember where Bluebird Coaches were located. I am sure Mrs Barnacle of Wyke does. For those who need a clue, my window looked down directly across the 'lawns' behind the statue of King George III, out over the famous Tea Cabin onto the beach. Thankfully, the window was set rather high, so the esplanade and beach were not visible from my desk. Otherwise, there would have been far too many distractions to disturb my concentration.

But with the window open in the summer Richard and I could clearly hear every line from the Punch and Judy Show on the beach. At that time it was being performed by the late, great Professor Guy Higgins, who I once had the pleasure to meet. All operators are granted the honorary title of Professor, and the first mention of a Punch and Judy show is in a diary entry by Samuel Pepys on 9 May 1662. And no, I did not read it at the time.

If you have ever watched a Punch and Judy show – and shame on you if you haven't – then you will know that the phrase 'that's the way to do it' is delivered many times in a piercing falsetto voice. It certainly sticks in the mind. From having to listened to the daily performances Richard and I could repeat most of the script from memory, but 'that's the way

to do it' was by far our favourite line. Prof Guy retired in 2005 and handed over the reins – or to be more exact, the puppets – to Professor Mark Poulton. The Covid lockdown led to hard times, but I believe Prof Mark may be returning to the sands this year, and over in Swanage Professor Joe Burns has been advertising for an apprentice to continue the great tradition on the beach there. Let's wish them well.

As a regular and hence more astute reader you might now suspect that the foregoing is merely an introduction to a far weightier topic. And you would of course be right. Punch and Judy shows are funded by cash collected from the audience after each performance. There are two problems with this. Firstly, these days a lot of people pay for everything by credit or debit card. Not too easy a thing to set up on Weymouth Beach. Secondly, there are moves afoot to phase out cash. My late brother, bless him, used to work at the Royal Mint at Llantrisant in South Wales. Though you had probably guessed Llantrisant is in Wales and not Yorkshire. But I digress yet again.

He recounted stories of shiny new coins rolling off the presses, and the stringent measures taken to make sure none of these 'walked out the door.' For instance, on the way into the Mint he had a locker in which he could leave metallic items, especially cash. Exiting was different, with many security staff and banks of machines to ensure no contraband was smuggled past. He said that if you forgetfully took in some cash, perhaps via a trouser pocket, then it had to be written off and left behind, or even safer, thrown onto the lawn outside via an open window.

But now, if he were still with us, his job would have been at risk, because there are moves afoot to reduce the supply of copper coins.

According to reports, the 1p and 2p could become a thing of the past, as might perhaps the 5p in due course. A financial expert explains that the coins cost more than they are worth to produce, and what's more, it

is very expensive to store them. Now I am not a financial expert, which probably explains why my retirement income is so low. But it does seem to me that if we have so many coins that we have to pay to store them, why do we need to make any more? Answers please on a postcard, if you can afford the stamp and have the time to wait until it is delivered, to Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer. You might have guessed – or not, if you have fallen asleep by now – that I am a fan of cash. This arose after buying a pint in a local pub and waving my debit card at the offered machine. The card machine refused to recognise my credentials, probably wisely, so I suggested cash and

asked 'how much is that?' Until then it hadn't dawned on me that my humble drink was priced a £5.60. Needless to say, that pint lasted a long time, and after getting home early (told my In-house Adviser it was because I missed her) I vowed to make sure that in future I knew the price of everything before buying.

But finally - that's to cheer you up because you don't have too much more to read - the answer to the initial question. The half-crown coin was withdrawn from circulation on 1 January 1970, a year before decimalisation. And when was decimalisation? The first answer I receive written on a £50 note wins a prize.

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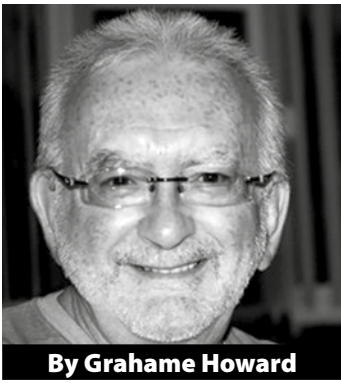
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By Grahame Howard

Ode to a Maine-Coon

Do you like cats? I do, I love them but not Maine-Coons. They're massive. My son has two of them. He used to have three but sadly one of them died at a very young age.

They are very well looked after, in fact, if I was one of them then I would elect to live there. The garden is Maine-Coon friendly with fine netting over the rear garden to keep them in and predators out. This was all rigged up by a cat specialist, complete with feeding spaces and toilet.

Their names are Frankie and Harry - both girls. Frankie is beautiful with golden brown hair. Harry on the other hand is ugly. There's no other way to say it. She has similar colouring to Frankie but, her face has large black markings on it. We visited them not so long ago and I'm afraid Harry must have heard me say that she is ugly. All I did was go to stroke her and with that, she lashed out. Now these cats are big with extremely sharp claws, as I found out. Harry scratched my hand and wouldn't let go, her claw had pierced the skin and it appeared stuck for a short time - it felt like days. After this, I was covered in blood - I've never seen so much. My daughter in law rushed to help after she heard my screams, quickly followed by the CO, who quickly told me that this is what you get for telling the poor defenceless cat that she is ugly.

Defenceless? Not with claws and fangs like she has mate. She is just smaller than a cheetah and is just as quick. At the time, I could have hurt that animal, that's if I could have got near to her, which I decided against.

After I had been bandaged up, the flipping thing sat on the CO's knee purring. 'What did that naughty man do to you Darling?' 'Naughty man and darling,' I hissed at her, 'I have lost about a pint of blood here and I think I'm going to pass out any minute now.' 'Well, don't disturb Harry,' she replied.

I retreated to the kitchen and my

son offered me a bottle of lager. 'She's never done that before,' he said. 'No and she won't again,' I thought as I took the top of the bottle and tried to relax in the conservatory.

I could see Ugly Harry in the next room and I'm sure that she growled at me. I didn't think cats growled but then again, Harry is a Maine-Coon so there is no telling what she may do given the chance.

As we had missed Christmas Day with the family, owing to them having Covid, we celebrated the day by opening presents that we had stored up for the occasion. My hand was by now, so swollen up and still, may I add, bleeding profusely, that I had difficulty opening the pressies. But somehow, I managed and was delighted to find a couple of vinyl albums and a CD. The CO brought me a glass of wine prior to the lunch and she sat next to me. As soon as she had done this, Harry jumped on her knee, which can be quite a heavy experience. She is so big that I couldn't see the CO, who was cuddling her and saying nice things to her. I wish she could have seen Harry's face because, she was glaring at me and opening her mouth with again, a roar. The CO said she hadn't heard her and it was all in my little fat mind. But she had roared.

I had to spend the next 30 minutes or so sitting there afraid to move and when the CO went into the kitchen to help with the lunch. The ugly one still remained on the chair. I leaned over to get my glass of wine but gave up because it was situated about six inches from Harry's mouth, which was now salivating.

Have you ever spent 30 minutes cornered by a Maine-Coon? No, I bet you haven't. It's not a nice experience. My great grand daughter came running up, grabbed Harry by the neck and cuddled her and she started purring again. She wanted me to stroke her but, after one steely-eyed look, I knew that it wouldn't be the right thing to do. So I just sat there.

After a little while, I was informed that dinner was served. But, Harry would not release me from this misery. Every time I tried to move, her mouth opened towards me. In the end, it was my three year old great grand daughter who came to my rescue by telling her to get down from the chair, which she did. I

am sure that she smirked and winked at me as she did. Flipping cat, her name is in my book that's for sure.

The dinner went fine, in fact, it was delicious and we all settled down to have after-dinner drinks and wait for a football match to start. We are all Man U supporters and the sport is taken very seriously by my son and his family. Before the match, I went to the bathroom but then decided against it as Ugly Harry was sitting there showing her fangs. I quickly returned to my chair. By now, my hand was very bruised and was still continuing to bleed so I had to have the dressing

changed. The CO felt that I needed a couple of stitches but, there is only a certain amount of pain that a man can suffer.

I know one thing, I will never again try to stroke a Maine-Coon, I would sooner pick a tarantula up in my hands. AARGH, why did I say that, no I wouldn't so if you see me out and about, don't go bringing one up to me, neither a spider or Maine-Coon.

See you next time
Grahame

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tions over the past 2 years since covid and have good numbers of children in each.

After ten years of volunteering, our brilliant Beaver lead volunteer and assistant are both standing down at the end of the summer this year. This leaves us seeking volunteers who would be interested in taking on the running of the section. Support along with access to online training from scouting itself is all provided. Without the support of volunteers this group will cease to run as of September and will leave twenty children without access to essential scouting activities.

Please contact Phil Redford Group Lead Volunteer if you are interested in supporting the group with the Beaver section or if you can support in any other way.
weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor News

Already, 2024 is shaping up to a very busy year for us. We have been working on a number of issues in Preston and Sutton Poyntz. We have had the gulleys along Sutton Road jetted and a meeting with the manager of Weymouth Bay about new works planned for the site that we have concerns around.

We have met with Richard Drax MP to discuss issues such as flooding, drainage, and showing him around the works we've had carried out on the piece of green behind Forehill Close where the old barbed wire fences have been removed and are being replaced with fresh foliage. Additionally, the old swing set and rotten bench has been removed and new fruit trees are going to be installed.

Newly elected Councillor Joanna Dickenson has hit the ground running by writing to the chairman of the town councils neighbourhood plan committee Cllr David Northam to argue recent election results in the Preston area show a clear opposition to the current proposals within the plan to build a large section of housing behind Budmouth and Brackendown Avenue, she has requested a meeting with Cllr Northam to discuss it further. The Speed Watch have held their first meeting and Cllr Peter and Joanna Dickenson are leading on this alongside the police now, so if you are interested please get in touch.

Road resurfacing is still a major

issue I am working on. Bridge Inn Lane is now due to be done on the 26th February and Marley Close is due to be done in March. I have had a date of April floated for Sutton Road depending on other schemes so this is something I am watching closely.

Myself and Cllr Peter Dickenson are meeting with the cabinet member of highways for a ward visit with the main discussion going to be around congestion on Littlemoor. This is an issue that affects the whole ward and one that is going to require a long term solution and we are committed to delivering that.

We have been lucky to attend a number of community events already this year including the packed out coffee morning at the Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall in memory of a much loved resident. That same evening I got to attend my first ever Beate Drive and I'm sure it won't be my last due to how much I enjoyed it. We are very lucky to live in a community with so many wonderful events for good causes. If you would like to get in touch with us over any issues please feel free.

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

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Citizens Advice

Q: I have just received my new council tax bill and it's gone up again. I'm working full time and claiming universal credit to top up my rent but I'm a single parent now and, with everything else increasing, I am not sure I am going to be able to pay it each month. What can I do?

A: First, you need to check if you can get a council tax discount. If you are the only adult in your property, you will be entitled to a 25% discount. Moreover, some adults aren't included for council tax purposes - this includes some students and young people, some people who are temporarily away from home, some people with severe disabilities and some carers. If you are on a low income, you might also be eligible for Council Tax Support. This is a means-tested benefit, so your income and savings have to be below a certain level to get help. Dorset Council will compare your finances (in-

come and capital) to how much the government says that you and your family need to live on.

Dorset Council is going to implement a new Council Tax Reduction scheme from 1 April 2024. The new scheme aims to make it easier for residents to manage and should work better with the Universal Credit system by taking away the need for constant changes. It also increases the current maximum amount that can be claimed from 90% up to 100% for those who are eligible. However, the reductions will be restricted to a council tax band E level, so any applicants who live in a band F, G or H property will have their entitlement calculated at a band E level.

If you think you might be eligible, either for a discount or for support, you can either do an online benefit check, for example <https://www.entitledto.co.uk/> or ask your local Citizens Advice to help you find out.

Messy Easter

**Sunday 24th March
St Andrew's Church Rooms
3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Everyone is welcome to come and experience Messy Easter. This is family based, with fun and activities suitable for all ages. If you have never made edible donkey poo then this is definitely for you. There will craft activities, cooking and parachute games, followed by a hot two course meal and a short Act of Praise. We make no charge but donations are welcome. In order to facilitate the catering, please confirm by emailing or telephoning the Church Office. Hope to see you there.

Caroline Crisp Messy Church Coordinator

Shirley Mitchell - Team administrator 837147 weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

The Eve Appeal

The Eve Appeal is the leading UK national charity funding research and raising awareness into the five gynaecological cancers – womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal.

It was set up to prevent gynaecological cancers and save lives by funding ground-breaking research focused on developing effective methods of risk prediction, earlier detection and developing screening for all of the five gynaecological cancers. They have played a crucial role in providing seed funding, core infrastructure funding and project funding in addition to

campaigning to raise awareness. The world-leading research that they fund is ambitious and challenging but their vision is simple: A future where gynaecological cancers are a disease of the past. As a supporter of the above charity, both having lost a beloved mother to Ovarian Cancer and having had Ovarian Cancer myself I am therefore putting on the following event with the help of some wonderful friends and family:

Easter Tea Party

Saturday 23rd March 2024

2.30pm to 4.30pm

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Raffle and craft sale

Tickets £5.00 per person

For more information and tickets please contact Theresa Clayton On 07885435057 or theresaclayton782@btinternet.com

Citizens Advice Central Dorset Trustee Board

Citizens Advice Central Dorset are looking for new trustees to join its charity trustee board. Our organisation is focussed on providing information and advice to people in local communities to help solve the problems they face in these challenging times. We are in the frontline of supporting people with the cost of living crisis and more people than ever need our support.

We work across the central Dorset area covering Gillingham, Sherborne, Blandford, Dorchester and Weymouth and Portland. We are a local charity but with the benefit of being part of the influential national organisation, Citizens Advice.

Working with our Chief Officer and other staff, our trustees shape strategy and give direction. Our board of trustees come from a variety of backgrounds who all have the passion and dedication to make a positive difference for people, who need help and advice on a wide range of matters, in our community.

Current opportunities within the Trustee board are:

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We welcome people from all backgrounds with a range of skills and experience as training will be provided. Trustee roles are voluntary, unpaid appointments, although

reasonable travel expenses will be paid. Each role provides you with a great deal of experience and satisfaction, the opportunity to develop your skills and use your expertise and knowledge.

Becoming a trustee is an exciting opportunity to help lead a service that is in increasing demand and making a real difference to clients and local communities. Tracy McGregor, one of the current trustees comments that 'it has been a rewarding role becoming a trustee for Citizens Advice Central Dorset and it has enabled me to use my existing skills and experience to help the organisation maintain and develop its services. I've really enjoyed working with the other trustees and with the staff and volunteer teams, learning about what is important to them and the people who use our services.'

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a trustee for Citizens Advice Central Dorset, please visit our website.

<https://centraldorsetca.org.uk/become-a-trustee>

The Friends of Weymouth Library

The Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) talk on Saturday 2nd March by Jacqueline and Brian Sutton is entitled 'It started with a kiss.....the life and times of Dylan Thomas'.

Dylan Thomas was both a famous and infamous Welshman. He will always be remembered for 'Under Milk Wood', his ground breaking work. Come along on 2nd March to the talk, starting at 10.30am in the Library, to find out why it started with a kiss. Tickets can be obtained from the Library, £2 for members and £3 for non-members. Refreshments provided, everyone welcome.

The (FOWL) talk on Saturday 6th April will be by author Neil McLocklin.

He has written a book entitled 'A Nation in Ruins', which is about Corfe Castle in the Civil War, and its owners Sir John and Lady Mary Bankes, staunch supporters of King Charles 1st. Lady Bankes defended her home against overwhelming odds with the loyal backing of the villagers.

Learn more about this at the Library on Saturday April 6th. at 10.30am. Tickets are available from the Library, priced £2 for FOWL members and £3 for non-members. All are welcome; refreshments provided.

Family History Society The March meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society is on Friday 15th March and will commence with a brief Annual Business Meeting.

This will be followed by a talk entitled 'Aladdin's Cave' presented by Ted Udall, who will be speaking about the new SDFHS Research Centre in Yeovil.

The meeting will be held at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, DT3 5EW, starting at 2.30pm, preceded by tea or coffee and admission is free for this meeting. For more information call John on 01305 776008.

National Trust South Dorset Association

Tuesday 16th April at 2.30pm 'The German Occupation of the Channel Islands in WW2' by Lieutenant Colonel (ret'd) James Porter.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association. St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW
NTSDA members £3 Non-members £4 (includes refreshments/no need to book).

Weymouth Bay Methodist Church

Mike Denham "Elite Syncopations" with Trevor Whiting (clar/sax) and Steve Graham (trumpet), Saturday 9th March at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church.

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

Southill Gardening Club Annual Show

The club will be holding its Annual Show at the Southill Community Centre on Saturday 9th March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

As well as being able to view the show entries covering gardening, handicrafts, floral art, photography and cookery, visitors will be able to enjoy teas, coffees, soft drinks and plenty of cake. The club is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2024, so come along see the varied entry items, socialise over refreshments, and find out more about what we do. The event is open to all. Further information on the show or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

Your councillor update Weymouth Town Council

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

I hope you, your homes and your gardens have survived the horrendous storms recently. I decided to wrap some of my plants in fleece to protect them from the ravages of a salt laden wind. The sight of me at 4'10" covering a 7' tree must have been amusing. Not successful – the wind tore into the wrapping and when I looked out to the garden in the dark it looked like a ghost convention, which was scary.

The scrutiny on 'grid capacity' which I have written about recently has been completed and I am awaiting the final report which will be presented to full council. DC officers, I think, undertook a huge amount of useful work in fact finding but I am not sure what the ruling party will now do with that information. It is critical that this issue is addressed with some urgency not just in Dorset but nationwide and by central government.

I understand that a scrutiny of water services is next to be tackled. I am not sure yet of the focus of this, and I don't know whether I will be invited to take part. I hope so. Clearly for us here in Weymouth Sea Defences are important but flood mediation across every area is vital too. Stronger sanctions are required on building on flood plains, water meadows etc. Stronger rules on the adequate division of foul water and rain water on new build sites and so much more.

Again, whilst Dorset Council must tackle local transport issues, input centrally not least in the form of funding must be faced. If we are

to encourage residents out of their cars we must provide good public transport and safe walking and cycling routes. With Weymouth Town and Portland Town Council colleagues I have attended meetings with First buses to discuss options. It is agreed we will meet regularly but I don't see any point unless there are achievable plans for us to work towards.

It saddens me each day to pass the rapidly disappearing council office on North Quay. I do wish the building could have been repurposed. I regret so much the degree of procrastination among some members of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council that resulted in no decision being made years ago. But now the demolition has begun I look forward to it being completed soon and the site tidied up. I do hope it won't remain a car park for years and that we will soon see buildings worthy of the location. Having said that – we must retain an element of parking on the South harbour side if we are to maintain it's lively community and help it thrive once again.

Following a fairly manic Mayoral calendar through December the start of the New Year is a welcome time to reflect and recharge batteries.

I was very pleased to be able to attend the annual tea party given by Moose Ladies for older residents of Weymouth. One of the guests was our own famous resident Jumping Jimmy Thunder who kindly agreed to give us a song. A nice way for us all to brighten up the drab days of January.

The end of the month is always marked by the Holocaust Service held around the memorial tree in Radipole Park Gardens. It is always a very poignant event and a fitting way to remember atrocities committed across the world during the various wars and conflicts



Holocaust Service held around the memorial tree in Radipole Park Gardens.

since WWII. Especially nice this year to be joined by students from local schools. The service was led beautifully by the Rev Betty Port with a memories from Ms Barbara Cohen who lives locally. In keeping with Weymouth Town Council's community focus a networking event was held at Castle Cove Sailing Club, a super venue on a particularly bright day. This was attended by many representatives from local voluntary groups leading to some lively discussions and exchange and sharing of ideas. There will be more of these so look out for them. 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the Samaritans in Weymouth. Quite an achievement for this wonderful group of volunteers. Being there to listen when someone is feeling lonely and without hope, or just alone is a great gift. I was delighted to be invited to join them for a winter warmer lunch. The food was great, wonderful puddings and the company even better. We were entertained by a group of singers I had not met before - Waterfolk, who sing songs from around the world. Waterfolk raise much needs funds for Wateraid. Look out for them, they were

terrific. The daffodils are now all coming into bloom, it was lovely to see the crocuses pushing through the grass in Radipole Park Gardens and before we know it spring will be here with all the excitement that brings to our beautiful town. For those who recall and our interested my health which was poor at the start of 2023 is now good. I have had check ups and assured that I am now fit and healthy. Listening to the radio this morning I heard a wonderful comment which I quote - "These are hands not wands" . I will do my very best to help, always, but I can't do magic. Please remember the best way to contact me is by phone 01305 839747, 07850060947 or email cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; cllrkatewheller@weymouth-towncoouncil.gov.uk and of course there is a good chance you will find me waiting for the bus at Foords Corner. Take care, stay safe and God Bless .

Kate
Cllr Kate Wheller - Mayor of Weymouth

Trading Standards news - Burning solid fuel

Harmful levels of air pollution can damage people's health and reduce their quality of life. We can all be affected by this, but some, especially children, older people, and those with respiratory problems, can be affected most.

The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 brought in rules to protect health and the environment by restricting the sale of wet wood, which when burnt, produces more tiny particles than seasoned or dry wood. These particles are so tiny that they can enter the bloodstream which can potentially cause serious health issues for those most susceptible to them.

Today wood fuel can only be sold in volumes of less than 2 cubic metres if it is certified as 'Ready to Burn'. Certification confirms wood has a moisture content of 20% or less. It applies to both firewood and wood briquettes sold in single retail bags, or supplied as a bulk delivery in loose volumes. Traders are also required to store the wood in a way to prevent it being sold to customers damaged or wet.

As a consumer, look for the 'Ready to Burn' red flame certification mark when buying firewood for immediate use and for manufactured solid fuels. If you are buying wood in volumes over 2 cubic metres, you will need to have adequate space to store and season the firewood until it has no more than 20% moisture content.

In addition, having your chimney swept and appliance serviced regularly is also an important part of making sure you and your family are safe, burning fuel efficiently, and protecting the environment. Why not use a Buy With Confidence trader to check this for you? Buy With Confidence traders are Trading Standards approved to ensure that they operate in a legal, honest and fair way. Search for a Buy With Confidence trader near you at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Big Brew for Transform Trade

On Saturday 2nd March from 10.00am to 3.00pm we will be holding our annual Big Brew at The Bridge Fair Trade Shop.

There will be plenty of homemade cakes for you to choose from for a donation and we will adding all the proceeds from the sale of teas and coffees. We are raising funds for Transform Trade, formerly Traidcraft Exchange, who continue to work against trade injustice. If you are reading this after 2nd March we would still love to welcome you to enjoy a drink and our selection of brownies, flapjacks and cookies and we always accept donations for Transform Trade. In 2023 Transform Trade launched a project to support women in rural Bangladesh. The aim is to

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absorbing the shock during walking or running.

The foot nerves originate from the sciatic nerve, made up of the L4 to S3 nerve roots descending the leg from buttock through thigh to hamstrings and divides into the tibial and peroneal nerves to affect specific areas of the foot (dorsum and plantar). The blood supply to the foot is via the popliteal artery to digital arteries. Blood is taken from the foot back towards the heart via the superficial and deep veins. Lymphatic drainage of the foot comes from the popliteal lymph nodes that enter the superficial and deep inguinal lymph nodes. The lymphatic system does not have a pump (unlike the circulatory system that has the heart as its pump) and lymph is moved around the body by muscle contraction. Excess lymph causing swelling around the ankle (or knee) can occur when lymph nodes are damaged or the muscles of the legs are not being used effectively. It is worth noting that as we age the structure and functionality of the foot and ankle may change. Over time and wear and tear the spring in the arches may diminish leading to 'fallen arches' or 'flat feet' the feet then pronate putting extra strain on the ankle, knees hips and pelvis resulting in inflammation, pain, and limited movement.

Muscle density of the underside of the foot (plantar) becomes less, nerves become more exposed and sensitive as we begin to feel every little stone, lump or bump through

our shoes causing pain on movement. Ligaments and tendons may become lax causing us to "turn over" the ankle more easily or if ligaments and tendons shorten through lack of use it will become more difficult to lengthen the calf muscle or put the heel to the floor. In some cases the function of the legs will adapt to changes in the anatomy of the foot and the gait will alter to compensate. This can be observed at consultation when I ask patients to remove their shoes and walk towards and away from me. 'Knock knees' is an example of where the legs have adapted over time as a result of fallen arches (or from birth) the feet pronate and the knees lean towards the centre of gravity trying to stabilise weight distribution. Being over-weight can exacerbate this condition.

I also take note of how the foot is working and if there is a positive heel strike and toe push off motion with the stride. Very often there is not and a flat foot can lead to a shuffle or dragging gait increasing instability. A large number of reported trips and falls are attributed to balance problems stemming from issues with the feet.

Symptoms in the feet and lower legs might occur as a result of diagnosed health conditions such as diabetes, effects from prescribed medication such as chemotherapy or physical trauma injury or surgery and will often result in further medication. Try-

ing to get help to determine the underlying cause and ease symptoms to enable increased mobility can be frustrating. A visit to a Professional Clinical Reflexologist will include a visual observation of how the person stands and walks, paying special attention to the feet positioning when weight bearing followed by 45 minutes of specialised treatment. The individual needs of each patient will guide treatment to ensure a successful outcome.

Please note not all reflexologists are Clinical Reflexologists. If you are experiencing issues with mobility, balance or general wellbeing and think that your feet, knees, hips or spine might benefit from some treatment please get in touch. I am always happy to try and help and you might be pleasantly surprised by the outcome. I am fully qualified, insured and DBS checked with over 30 years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology.

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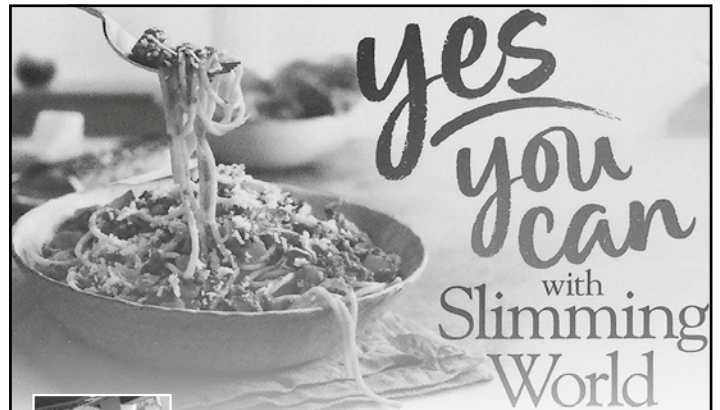
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connected with one another, and we have a close-knit community, this is also a big achievement.' It is good to know how the money we raise will be used so come along, meet some friends and enjoy a Fairtrade hot drink and slice of homemade cake in our upstairs seating area, or at the table downstairs if you prefer. Many of you know that Fairbridge Trust, who run The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, is a charity and we are all volunteers. Each year we make donations to local and overseas charities working for the relief of poverty, chosen by the trustees. At our January Trustee meeting we agreed to make four donations of £1,000 each bringing the total since we opened in 2017 to over £48,000 – all thanks to our wonder-

ful volunteers and customers. The two local charities we chose were Soulfood, who tell us our donation keeps their van on the road and Christians against Poverty who have just employed a much needed third debt advisor. The overseas charities we chose were The British Red Cross and a lesser known charity Hope For Justice who are working in several African countries but specifically Uganda, supporting children who have been affected by modern day slavery. A huge thank you to all our customers for your continued support.

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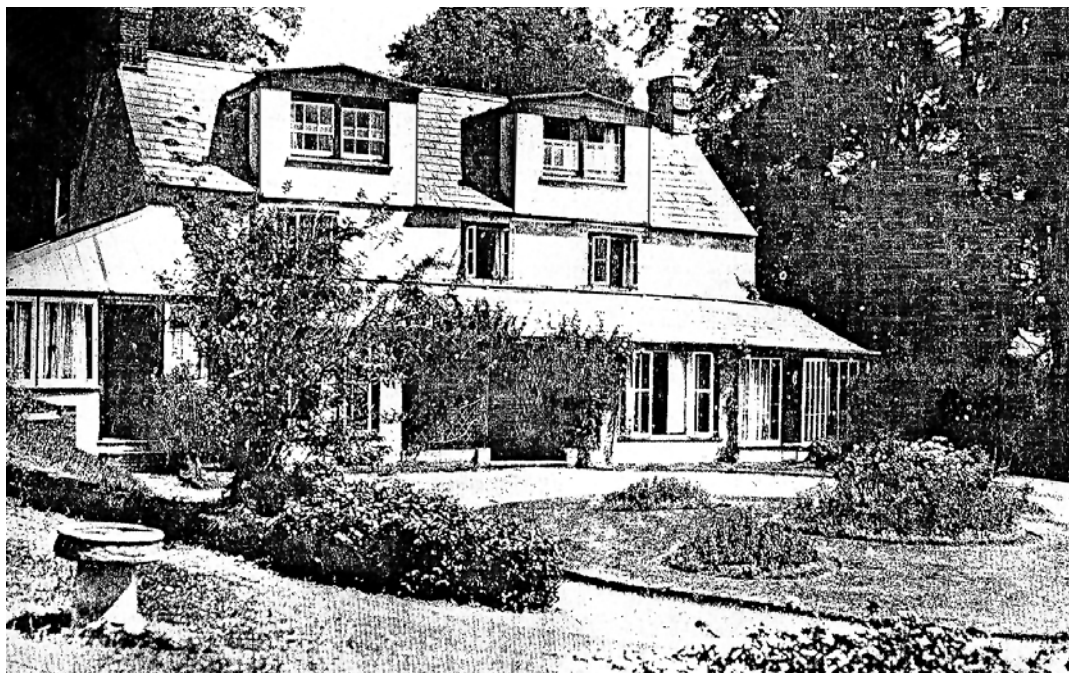
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South Down Cottage, Preston



South Down Cottage reproduced from a photocopy that appeared with the sale details of the Weld Estate when it sold off its land in the Preston area to pay death duties round about 1925. It is a very striking house with unusual dormer windows.



Above: An 'Eagle' range the type mentioned in the sale details

Southdown Cottage once stood off Preston Road, in a wooded section and open space crossing the now Oakbury Drive towards Enkworth Road. Before the bungalow on the Preston Road was built in the mid-seventies, you could also cut straight through from Oakbury Drive to Preston Road.

A local resident stated that the occupiers of South Down Cottage, were two spinster sisters the Misses Norris, who on selling the land to developers for housing gave instructions to their solicitors that

this part of the land was to remain wooded and open space for the benefit of future generations.

On reading the details of the sale transcribed on this page, it appears that the sisters only rented the cottages from the Weld Estate until the Lot was sold to a M Norris, round about 1925.

The sale details, paint an idyllic picture of this old cottage with a long drive, various outbuildings, meadows and pastures with a stream running through the woods.

Weld Estate Sale Details of Lot 3, Southdown Cottage

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On the ground floor -

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On the first floor - (approached by two fireplaces) - five bedrooms, bath (hot and cold) and wc.

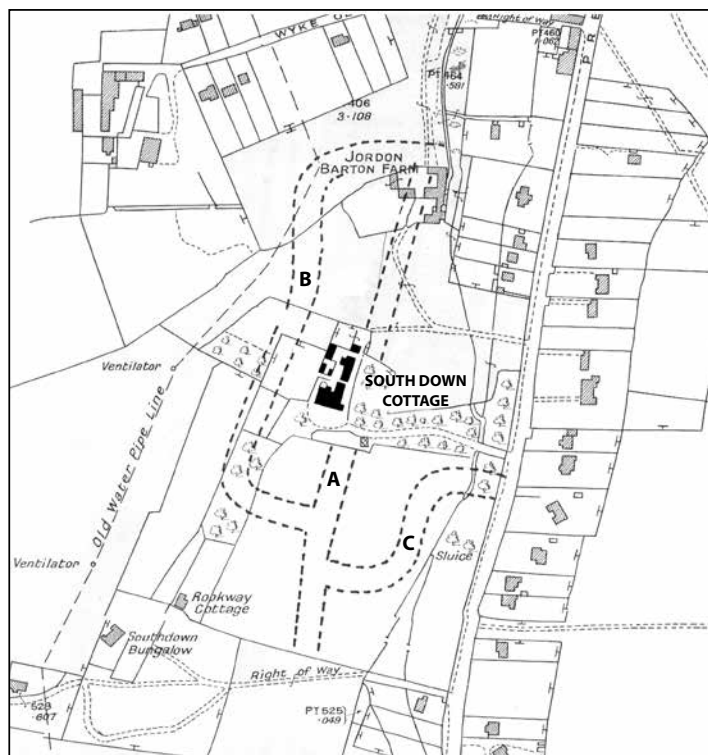
On the second floor: one bedroom, a room divided to make a work room; a box room and heated linen cupboard.

Adjoining is a stone and tiled range containing cottage and stabling. The cottage contains: living room and scullery, with two bedrooms and the stabling comprises two loose boxes and harness room, coach house and fruit store, with pig sty behind. There is a stone and thatched wood house, stone slated garage for two cars and store, a brick, stone and slated oil house, coal house and three outside ecs (earth closets?)

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Outgoings: Tithe (commuted value) £3 3s 0d.



Above: Plan from 1946 showing the cottage and Jordan Barton Farm. The dotted lines show the approximate position of present day roads:- A - Oakbury Drive. B - Enkworth Road. C - Mellstock Avenue

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The Fortunes

Hailing from Birmingham England, the band first came into prominence in 1964 with their hit single Caroline, which was used as the signature tune for the influential Pirate Radio Station of the same name. Other classics include, Storm In A Teacup, You've Got Your Troubles, Freedom Come Freedom Go. The Fortunes still continue to tour the world today.

The Swinging Blue Jeans

The SBJ's have a history that spans back to the early 1960's. The band's first big hit single 'Hippy Hippy Shake' was released in 1963. Other hits were soon to follow 'You're No



The Swinging Blue Jeans

Good, 'Good Golly Miss Molly and 'Don't Make Me Over' have been the bedrock of the band's memorable live performances. The Swinging Blue Jeans have been led by Alan Lovell, faithfully carrying on the long tradition of the band.

Vanity Fare

Formed in 1966, are a British pop/rock group famously known for such hits as, I Live For The Sun, Early In The Morning and the worldwide classic, "Hitchin A Ride" which scored the band a number one on the Billboard 100 in the USA. The harmonies of Vanity Fare a renowned throughout the sixties scene which makes them one of the best vocal groups still touring today.

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The play is set to run 11th-13th April 2024. Email info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk for questions or offers of help. For more information on events at the Royal Manor Theatre, or how you can support us, or book the Theatre, see

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Preston Village Market, St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston DT3 6BU Saturday 13th April, 10am - 12.30pm.

Just to let you know that at our April Market, we will be raising funds for Medical Detection Dogs - Dogs saving Lives and St Andrew's Church Fund. Please put the date in your diary.

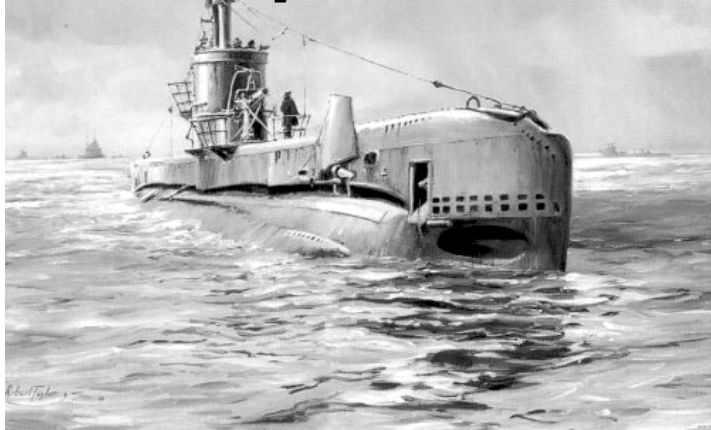
Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Julie Gardiner from the Medical Detection Dogs charity proved to be an excellent speaker telling us how the work of the organisation is divided between the two main aspects of their work, Medical Alert Assistance Dogs and Bio Detection Dogs.

We saw film of dogs working in both areas of their work. We heard how having a Medical Assistance Dog can transform lives and saw how this is for one young woman with a medical condition that had, until she had her dog, meant that she couldn't be alone and certainly couldn't enjoy a social life causing her to be dependent on family support at all times. Her golden labrador is so attuned to her chemistry, and can alert her to any changes before actual emergency episodes occur so by being warned she can find a safe place to rest and recover. We heard how having her Assistance dog has truly transformed her life and we heard how this story is duplicated across the UK.

The other aspect of their work is fascinating. Based on the fact that dogs have millions more smell receptors than humans it has been found they can pick up scent from

Wyke's wartime Dummy Submarine



A fine painting of an S Class submarine by Robert Taylor

When the former Messrs W & J Tod of Ferrybridge at Wyke Regis, built some of the Admiralty's little ships during the second world war, they were

reviving an industry which had not been in the local area for 150 years.

The last time ships of war were built in and around Weymouth was dur-

ing the Napoleonic wars. In 1935 Tods quietly switched over from the production of luxury craft to the building of smaller motor vessels, survey and harbour launches, motor cutters and assault landing craft for both the Admiralty and the Air Ministry.

Mr John Todd manager and chief technician told a Southern Times reporter at the time, that one of the most secret and important jobs undertaken by the firm was the construction, on orders from the Admiralty, of a dummy submarine of the 'S' class.

The dummy was built from the waterline up and was complete down with the tiniest details - gun, conning tower, periscope and all accessories.

It was constructed of timber throughout and was 212 feet long, it was launched in great secrecy in 1940 and anchored in Portland Harbour, apparently a noble addition to Britain's mighty sea power.

From 50 yards distance replete in its grey warpaint, it even defied the scrutiny of experienced sailors, so indistinguishable was it from the 'real thing.'

Many commented on its strange behaviour as it bobbed up and down whenever the water was a little choppy!

So as one of the Royal Navy's submarines, it received the close attention of the Luftwaffe which continued to bomb and gun the unsinkable sub, until a direct hit reduced it to matchwood.

Even after the war its remains could be seen riddled with cannon-shell holes. About 200 craft of all types were launched during the war years from Tod's yards.

This article was based on a report that appeared in the Southern Times dated 5th April 1946

urine and sweat and in a high percentage of cases can recognise the smell of many diseases. They can then be trained to identify specific conditions including prostate cancer, diabetes, and importantly Parkinsons Disease for which at the moment there is no other definitive diagnostic tool.

In fact, the charity was formed when their co-founder Dr Claire Guest was prompted by her own dog's behaviour to see her doctor who subsequently confirmed that she had cancer. The organisation is now at the leading edge of this pioneering work. Working with NHS Trusts and oncologists, scientists and universities, both

in the UK and internationally together they study and research better and less invasive methods of diagnosis, effective treatments and hopefully, increased chances of survival.

At the time of the pandemic the UK Government commissioned the service they provide to detect passengers with covid when they were passing through airports.

A number of different breeds of dogs are found to be suitable for this work and come from a variety of sources, some are donated, some from breeders and from time-to-time dogs who started to train as guide dogs for the blind have been found to be more suit-

ed to medical assistance.

With Queen Camilla as their Patron, they are working hard to promote and expand what they do, their contribution to medical research is so important but of course cost is a major issue, training each dog costs more than £30,000 and without Government funding, fundraising is essential.

The topic was obviously of interest because we had a full house of

members and more than usual visitors. The rest of the meeting was taken up with planning a trip to the theatre, our 'Birthday Meal' at the golf club later this month and the distribution of Birthday cards and drawing the ever-popular raffle!

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

Normal Sunday worship in church

8.00am St Andrew's, Preston (1st)
8.00am St Osmund's, Osmington (3rd)
8.30am Holy Trinity, Bincombe
9.15am St Andrew's, Preston (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
9.15am St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)
9.30am St Nicholas, Broadway
10.15am St Francis', Littlemoor
10.30am St Osmund's, Osmington (1st, 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

Weekday Worship

7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew's
12.45pm Wed Prayer Meeting St Francis'
08.00am Thurs Morning Prayer St Francis'
12.00pm Fri Prayer Meeting St Andrew's
07.00pm Fri (1st) Revival Prayer Meeting St Francis
(For weekday services at St Nicholas see separate paragraph)

Extras for Easter

As well as all the usual services we have a few extra events, please do join us!

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's, Preston

12.30pm on 8th, 15th, & 22nd March. Delicious homemade soup £5 per head.
Please contact the Team office (details below) if you wish to attend.

Maundy Supper at St Francis', Littlemoor

6pm Thursday 28th March
Please contact the Team Office (details below) if you wish to attend.

Good Friday 29th March

11am St Francis', Littlemoor - All Age Communion
2pm St Andrew's, Preston - Service of Reflection
2pm St Osmund's, Osmington - Hour at the Cross

SACES to grow in faith

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

Who's Who

Team Rector

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

Team Vicar

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Team Administrator

Shirley Mitchell, The Team Office, 4 Church Rd, Preston, Weymouth.

Community Angels

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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.

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

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All Saints Church

Daily

The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 9.00 am.

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

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

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

Tuesdays to Saturdays

9.00am Morning prayer with the Rector

Fridays

10.30am Holy Communion (said), followed by refreshments.

Saturdays

10.00am Coffee Morning third Saturday of the month.

Livestream

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

Youtube - youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live

Facebook - facebook.com/groups/allsaintswyke

Parish website - parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live

Our weekly Pew Sheet is also pub-

lished on the website with up-to-date news and the readings for the service.

St Edmund's Church Sundays

11.00am Sung Holy Communion every fortnight, alternating with Service of the Word

Thursdays

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

Saturdays

10.00am Coffee Morning last Saturday of the month.

Holy Week and Easter in the Parish of Wyke Regis

Palm Sunday 24th March

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said), All Saints

9.30am Sung Holy Communion, All Saints

11.00am Sung Holy Communion, St Edmund's

Monday 25th March

6.30pm Holy Week Meditation, St Edmund's

Tuesday 26th March

6.30pm Holy Week Meditation, All Saints

Wednesday 27th March

6.30pm Stations of the Cross. Journey to Easter commencing in All Saints Churchyard

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

6.00pm Agape Supper, St Edmund's Hall. Bring and share fellowship meal

8.00pm Washing of Feet service, All Saints

Good Friday, 29th March

12.00 Service, All Saints, followed

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by Walk of Witness to St Edmund's for 2.00pm 'At the foot of the cross' final hour meditation

Easter Day, Sunday 31st March

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said), All Saints

9.30am Sung Holy Communion, All Saints

11.00am Sung Holy Communion, St Edmund's

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

Walking Group – meet at Bin-cleaves Green on Mondays at 10.00am

Craft Group -10.00am on Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly (from 29th Feb)

Choir Practice – All Saints, 6.00pm

on Friday

Bell Ringing – weekly practices for ringers of all ages. Contact Michael Dillistone on 01305 784902.

All Saints Events Diary

Murder Mystery Dinner. Death by Chocolate

Wyke Regis Memorial Hall, 7.00pm (doors open 6.30), Fri 23rd Feb.

Murder mystery supper evening presented by The Acting Cal-edonians. Can you identify the murderer, their motive and how they did it? Entrance £10, by pre-booked ticket only

Buffet meal provided* (bring your own soft / alcoholic drinks). Team/table size 6 people. Individual ticket holders welcome – teams will be finalised on the night.

Contact Robert Smith on 07814 618837, or Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174 to reserve.

Coffee Morning

All Saints Church, 10.00am to mid-day, Sat 16th Mar

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

Holy Saturday 30th March

6.30pm Vigil service, with Easter bonfire and renewing of baptism vows

Easter Sunday 31st March

8.00am Eucharist service

10.00am Family Eucharist with 'Fizz' and chocolate!

Contact the Vicar – Rev Juliet Stephenson @

revjuliet@holyltrinityweymouth.org or 07729 505924

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



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We are members of the Inclusive Church Network:

We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of the month Families @4 Service

See our website: <https://www.holytrinityweymouth.org> for further details of when we are open and what activities are planned.

Happy Easter to everyone

Join us for our services, everyone is most welcome.

We are an Inclusive Church 'All are welcome here'.

Holy Week 24th – 31st March

Palm Sunday 24th March

10.00am Family eucharist with 'Donkeys' and Palm Crosses

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th

Evening service at 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Traditional service of foot washing, Eucharist and stripping of the Altar, with watch until 9.30pm

Good Friday 29th March

8am Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

10 - 12noon Childrens activities, with cakes, hotdogs and building the Easter garden

12.30pm -2.00pm Silent Devotions

2.00 – 3.00pm Last hour at the Cross

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