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As it is the time of year to save seeds from this years plants, a reminder that we will be having our Seed Swap in February so get collecting!

The Trading Post in Rylands Lane is open on Wednesdays from 12.00 noon to 3.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership costs £10 a year. For more information please email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137

Wyke Regis Society

Minutes of WRS meeting Tuesday 8th July 2025, 7pm at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club, Portland Road
Contact georgina.s.skipper@gmail.com or 01305 761993
next meeting Tuesday 9th September

Minutes of May meeting – approved as true version.

Chairperson's Report

Wyke Clinic staffing problems
Chair wrote to CQC, who are making enquiries. It had been reported that the new owners of the practice also run other practices which have been found unsatisfactory.

Weymouth and Lyme Bays water quality

Chair wrote to Lloyd Hatton MP, as it appears cruise ships visiting Portland Port are responsible. There is also at present an offline water monitor which has previously discharged into Weymouth Bay near where the Esplanade meets Greenhill.

Transport

SW Trains were renationalised on 25th May and will become SW Rail. There are new First Bus timetables but only late-night additions for Wyke. Their timetable unreliability was remarked on by several residents.

Dorset Coroner's Report on Wooland/Chamberlaine Road accident Response to request for further information from Dorset Coroner - Further to your recent email, I write to confirm that as there was a criminal trial the coronial investigation was suspended and has not been resumed. All of the evidence that explained how Sylvia Bentley died was aired in the criminal trial. There was a request to fund signs at Woolands/Chamberlaine Road junction but it was not felt to be within the remit of the Society.

Pirates Lane

The field owner is intimidating users of Pirates Lane and has

brought in army trucks to his field. Police are reported not to be taking action. If people are being put in fear of their safety, that is AS-SAULT and is a criminal offence. If police are failing to respond to reports of intimidation, the victims should email the Dorset Commissioner for Police with a complaint. That is what he is paid for.

Councillor Wheller has tried to interest the Council officer, who claims this is not a public right of way and appears not to want to get involved in the matter of Hunt occupying the barn against regulations. However, the footpath has been used for over a hundred years. Are we seeing again the failure of the Council to register footpaths as required some ten years ago? Chair to contact Cllr Taylor on this.

Planning

The Court building, Portland Road – still no news from Council, who have lost the keys. It was suggested they should call a locksmith. Ian Cox still hopes to use it as an artist's base. Chair will contact Councillor Taylor on this.

Methodist chapel, Portland Road – no news

Lower Bridge Farm on Mandeville Road – 50 tents applied for July-Sept.

Councillor Wheller was not available for comment on planning.

The news that the incinerator planning appeal can go ahead was welcomed. We wondered - given the poor use of existing incinerators, and possible new regulations to discourage incineration – what the Langham Estate hopes to get out of this development.

Councillors' Reports (HT, CS, TT)

Work to restore public access along the coast path north of Ferrybridge was completed last month thanks to close cooperation and cost-sharing between Chesil Vista and Dorset Council's Greenspace Team. This has been a while coming but is great news for local residents and users of the South West Coast Path from further afield. Some glitches were anticipated partly due to the nature of the site but work on remediating these is in hand.

There is currently a Project Initiation Document submitted to full council for initial review and Weymouth Town Council has agreed to a Public Consultation on 20mph in Weymouth. Cllr Taylor will apply for Wyke if this goes through. In August Dorset Council will hold a travel consultation which residents need to engage

News

Wyke Regis WI

Three Public Representatives of the Governing body of Dorset County Hospital and the Patient Participation Officer addressed our monthly meeting. Following a description of the latest changes and those that are planned for the hospital, members were encouraged to share their experiences, good and bad. A range of issues were raised.

Members were also given leaflets to write their experiences and any issues they wished to raise. The representatives remained through the refreshment break to answer individual questions.

There is no meeting in August, but members are getting together for quizzes, singing, book club and a picnic at The Nothe.

A recent seafront stall raised a considerable sum of money for funds and gave members an opportunity to promote the Institute and what it has to offer. Several visitors to the stall expressed an interest in becoming members.

September will see the start of an interesting autumn programme and a Food and Craft Market on

20th September in the WI Hall, Gallwey Road.

Preston Village Market and Coffee Morning

Sending a big thank you to all who attended our market on 2nd August. We are delighted to say that we raised £140, to be divided between Friendly food club and St. Andrew's church fund.

Please make a note in your diary that our next market will be held in St. Andrew's Church Rooms on Saturday 4th October. Thank you.

Maureen Bond

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society
On September 3rd the Wyke Regis Horticultural Society Trading Post reopens after our summer break. Please note the change of opening times on a Wednesday to 12.00 noon-3.00pm. This will be a trial up to December to enable workers on their lunch break to shop. Saturdays remain unchanged.

with to highlight our local transport problems.

AOB

It was agreed that dropping the proposed booking system for Portland and Weymouth tips was good. The path behind Portland Road adjoining Chesil Vista is used as a tip, however. Chair to contact TT. Coastguards Path running from Westhill to High Street is also overgrown.

Shrubbery Lane – builders' bags have been left on the verge opposite lane under tree for months. Tesco Portland Road entrance/exit is very dangerous and needs a no right turn in both directions, which would force cars to use the roundabouts. A camera might discourage those jumping/shooting the lights for the crossing. It is heavily used by schoolchildren at 3 schools. Chair to contact KW.

There had been no news on the dog fouling bag dispensers.

Gallwey Road still needs width restriction signs. Chair to contact KW.

Broadmeadow Road gulleys are full of weeds again.

Planters in the Square

Andy, one of the window cleaners in the Square, has offered to water them on Thursdays. Meeting agreed it was reasonable to put a sign up saying this but could not decide where would be most appropriate – as the Conservation zone has to be respected, a wooden one on a stake in one of the planters might be best.

It was agreed we should fund new compost for the planters, bulbs, and also shrubs or perennials from the WRHS. Treasurer has suggested

ed Parks Department will supply bedding plants next year.

Meeting ended 8.20pm. Next meeting Tuesday, 9th September 7pm at Portland Workies.

Family History Society

The South Dorset group of The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society re-start their talks on Friday 19th September with a presentation by Richard Hutley entitled 'Isaac Gulliver-The King of Dorset Smugglers' giving an insight into his life, activities and legacy.

As usual, the talk will be held at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth. DT3 5EW, commencing at 2.30pm preceded by tea or coffee.

Admission will be £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

Sunday Afternoon Music

For the many of us that love listening to acoustic guitar music then Sunday afternoon on the 7th September at St Andrews Church Rooms in Preston promises to be a date not to be missed. Following a hugely successful sell out performance last year Carrie Martin, a prolific singer songwriter from Yorkshire, is making a welcome return.

Listening to live music on a Sunday afternoon at the venue has proved to be a very popular and a hugely successful formula. Starting at 3.00pm Carrie's performance will follow the same format as the recent afternoon event that



featured an unforgettable performance by our own local legend Ken Watkins. Once again included in the ticket price of £15 are tea / coffee and Alex's delicious home-

made cakes and scones.

Carrie is an acoustic guitarist and singer/songwriter from East York-

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shire UK that has drawn inspiration from Joni Mitchell and Nick Drake. Mentored by instrumental guitarist Gordon Giltrap her last three albums *Seductive Sky*, *Entity* and *Evergreen* have included a rich array of talent that have included amongst others; Elliott Randall, Gordon Giltrap, Oliver Wakeman, Daniel Cassidy (brother of late Eva Cassidy) ex Bad Company guitarist Dave Colwell, John Verity (Argent) and Roger Fisher (ex Heart guitarist). Some of her past performances have included appearing with Gordon Giltrap, Rick and Oliver Wakeman. Rick has described her talent as being 'phenomenal'

whilst legendary guitarist Gordon Giltrap who has been instrumental to Carrie's success has said 'It's pretty obvious from the moment you hear Carrie Martin sing that she is an outstanding vocalist with passion in each breath.

Don't be too sidetracked by that voice and stage persona and well crafted songs, because you might just miss the fact that she is a fine guitar player as well.'

Bookings can be made by contacting Shirley Mitchell, The Church Rooms, Preston DT3 6BU Telephone 01305 837147 on weekdays between 10.00 am and 2pm, by Email to; weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or by telephoning Alex Sissons 07801 820722. Not only can we promise you a great afternoon you will also be helping in raising much needed funds for the church. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Fairbridge Trust

Fast Fashion = Plastic Pollution
We have all become used to the idea of reducing single use plastic by doing away with plastic carrier bags, reusing plastic water bottles etc but have you ever thought about the clothes you buy as contributing to plastic pollution?

Transform Trade, a fair trade campaigner, have long been calling for a Fashion Watchdog in the UK to look at the way High Street brands treat their suppliers. This would make sure the people who make our clothes are treated fairly by introducing penalties for brands that don't pay on time, cancel orders, mislead their suppliers and have no regard for minimum wages.

Greenpeace have now joined the campaign against fast fashion from an environmental perspective, focussing on what happens

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Everyone deserves affordable clothes - but not at the cost of communities overseas or a plastic-choked planet. Perhaps if clothes weren't produced at 'throwaway prices' we would go back to buying for quality, choosing natural fibres and making our clothes last. Many clothing items are designed to be worn just once or twice, before being thrown away. Whilst charity shops provide a much needed way for clothes to be reused and recycled many are inundated with clothes they are unable to sell and tons of clothing ends up being sent to Africa. Ghana, has become a 'fast fashion graveyard' with 15 million items of discarded clothing dumped there every single week. Shamefully, the UK is the biggest contributor. Clothes made by companies like M&S, Primark, and H&M, to name but a few, are often made of plastics like polyester. Polyester will take centuries to degrade into harmful microplastics, or worse, if it's burned, releases toxic chemicals that put people and nature in grave danger.

The good news is that governments are currently in talks to agree to a Global Plastics Treaty, which could force countries and companies to radically reduce their plastic production and pollution. Greenpeace have launched a petition demanding a strong Global Plastics Treaty, to end irresponsible, polluting fast fashion? You can sign the petition by going to the Greenpeace website or by using this link <https://act.gp/4iing7G>.

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Friends of Weymouth Library

The Friends of Weymouth Library talk on Saturday 6th September at 10.30am will be a welcome return visit by Jacqueline and Brian Sutton, who will talk about the Duke of Monmouth.

It will cover his spectacular decline, the Battle of Sedgemoor and his brutal execution. The retribution taken by King James II and his infamous judge, George Jeffreys, including the unjust way Alice Lisle from Ringwood was treated in their hands will also be detailed. Tickets can be obtained from the Library at £2 for members and £3 for non-members. Refreshments provided; everyone welcome.

National Trust South Dorset Association

Thursday 4th September at 2.30pm 'The Bridport Railway' a talk by Douglas Beazer. Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

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The Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

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Photography Exhibition

The Dorset Monochrome Collective is putting on its first exhibition of black and white photography in September. The theme

for the exhibition is 'The soul of Dorset seen through the eyes of 10 photographers.'

From moody landscapes to graphic urban scenes, the work in the exhibition promises to show an exciting and eclectic portrayal of Dorset with each photographer exhibiting their own unique photographic style.

Founded in 2018 by Alison Webber FRPS, the collective consists of a group of friends who all share a passion for monochrome photography, whether that is digital or film. Once a month the group gets together to share their work and talk about their techniques and ideas in an honest but supportive and constructive way. Some members of the group have worked on specific photographic projects which have then been awarded distinctions from the Royal Photographic Society.

Alison says, "I knew very little about monochrome photography when I started the group, but I was very keen to learn from others and equally to share what I was discovering. I am so pleased to see how the group has gone from strength to strength since its creation six years ago. We have all learnt a great deal from each other and we

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Yesterday – my yesterday as I write, not your yesterday as you read – was my birthday. When this was mentioned to a friend she asked, ‘Is it a significant birthday?’ Now your view of these events may be different from mine, but any Senior Senior Citizen – as defined on the ‘Over the Hill’ (Oth) scale of wisdom – regards every birthday as significant. It means that you have reached it, a significant triumph.

The day itself was celebrated by lunch out with four generations of the family present. The variety of good wishes that you receive at such times is a testament to the ingenuity of those around you. Cards arrived through the post, all well before the day itself as most people had taken account of the fact that the Royal Mail can be a little slow in meeting its obligations. Others came by email, WhatsApp, Text, other electronic means and personally to the door, all more prompt than the postal service.

They also demonstrated some of the artistic talents of those friends whose abilities have been more than proved over the decades. A good example is John – his real name as there are quite a number with that name in the world or even just in Weymouth, so using it doesn’t trespass on his privacy too much – who is a photographer of note. He always delivers a hand-made card with an appropriate photo and caption. This time the photo was of yours truly wearing sunglasses and a Pith Helmet – don’t ask – with the caption Pioneer Gongoozler. Thus proving, amongst other things, that at least one person reads Over the Hill. And if you don’t know what Gongoozler means then you haven’t been reading the right columns. But I digress. Age is of course subjective, with Goliath becoming a first-time father at one hundred and thirty-five years old. This Goliath is not the biblical character but a Galapagos tortoise who lives in Miami Zoo, which occupies 750 acres on an island just off the Florida coast. My experience of Miami is limited to a one-week business trip when it was so unseasonably cold that they were burning tyres around the lemon groves to try and keep the frost from ruining the crop. It was very cold, made worse because my

packing had included only warm weather clothing. Equally sadly the grading on the Oth scale of wisdom only goes up to a century so Goliath is well over the top of that. And before Mrs Barnacle of Wyke complains, there are no plans to add further gradings. But when – if – I reach the top spot then the situation might be reconsidered.

Anyway, by my calculations Goliath was hatched in 1890, which begs the question of where he lived for the sixty years before Miami Zoo was founded, albeit then under another name. Goliath and his partner Sweet Pea, who is over 30 years younger, were introduced to their offspring but showed little parental enthusiasm as in the wild parents never see their tortoise youngsters, who are left to fend for themselves. Which explains their longevity, as many people say looking after children can take years off your life. But I digress yet again.

In days gone by the Royal Navy was a big presence in and over our Weymouth and Portland area. Ships were plentiful in the bay and multiple helicopters of all sorts flew above us, so we became very used to them. Senior Citizens with an interest in things airborne can always recognise the distinctive sound, due to its twin rotors, of the Chinook helicopter widely used by, amongst others, our Special Forces. But recently I heard another engine note well known to war babies – WWII that is, to silence unkind comments. This was a Spitfire, eventually spotted over Bowleaze Cove in a sweeping turn that showed off its elliptical wing endings to best effect. It was a sight and sound that brought back memories, for there were still lots of them flying in the years before my teens. But that’s another digression.

One of my birthday traditions has embraced a bit of sea water swimming on or near the day itself. Specifically, a swim out from the pebbles to the rafts at Greenhill. And back again of course. Climbing onto the raft offers time for reflection, to meditate on the meaning of life, to muse upon the passage of time and importantly, to have a long rest before swimming back. Now, in their infinite wisdom and concern for our – or is it just my? – wellbeing the powers-that-be have removed the rafts. This poses a se-

rious problem, for if I attempt my usual yearly routine then I could end up, some days later, off the coast of France having not found a raft. For Weymouthian Mervyn Sharp, a past ‘King of the Channel’ and the first person to complete seven crossings this would not be a problem. I met Mervyn some time ago, he was a lovely modest man always generous with his time for good causes. The Guinness Book of Records reports that he is the first person to cross the English Channel in every way possible – swimming in it, boating across it, flying over it and by Euro Tunnel under it. I can claim three of those, but that won’t get me a mention.

Thankfully, my Junior In-house Advisor produced a solution. She has just completed a one-mile open water swim around Burgh Island for the Chestnut Appeal Charity, and she trained in her swim pool which allowed her to swim against a current. She produced a small wooden model of the raft, tethered it to the end of her swim pool and I swam against the current to reach it. Couldn’t climb aboard of course, but I could float back to the other end, so the tradition has been maintained. In answer to the original question, it has definitely been a significant birthday.

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Southill Gardening Club

Our September meeting will feature a talk by Jo Morland of Hedgehog Friendly Portland on how we can best care for the endangered hedgehog, where we have seen a large decline in numbers in the UK this century.

The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are welcome and refreshments will be available. Further information on this meeting or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

Green Councillors Update

Working Together for Wyke and Rodwell

Updates from your Green Councillors: Cllr Claudia Webb, Cllr Helen Toft & Cllr Clare Sutton.

Over the past few months, your local Green councillors have been working hard across Rodwell and Wyke to address residents' concerns, support community projects, and plan for a more sustainable future.

Cllr Claudia Webb: Supporting Residents and Green Spaces

Councillor Claudia Webb has continued her long-standing collaboration with the Friends of the Rodwell Trail, meeting with Dorset Council greenspace officers to plan improvements to trail gardens, wayfinding signage, and community planting schemes. Her focus on environmental stewardship remains a cornerstone of her work in the ward.

In response to infrastructure issues, Claudia was credited for helping to facilitate the reconnection of lighting at the Dorset Council offices car park—an improvement that's made a practical difference to local safety and

accessibility.

Much of Claudia's time this summer has also been dedicated to supporting residents who have contacted her about planning objections, overdevelopment, and local environmental improvements. Whether offering guidance on proposed building conversions or helping neighbours navigate the planning system, she remains a highly responsive voice in the community.

She is also working closely with the local dog warden to tackle dog fouling in the area—an issue frequently raised by residents. The approach has focused on better signage, educational messages, and targeted enforcement in known hotspots.

Cllr Helen Toft: Tackling Parking Problems and Looking to a Greener Future

In Wyke, Cllr Helen Toft has been addressing the increasing issue of inconsiderate parking, especially around the Whitehead Drive estate near Smallmouth Beach. Visitors often park on corners or pavements, blocking access for mobility scooters and pushchairs. Helen has received numerous requests for new double yellow lines and is working with the Council to build the case, though she notes that traffic regulation changes are a slow but necessary process.

Helen encourages residents to report blocked access to Dorset Police, as these reports help build the evidence base for long-term solutions.

Looking to the future, Helen recently helped interview candidates for a new Sustainability Officer post at Dorset Council—an important role in the Council's push toward reaching net zero by 2030. She's optimistic about the impact this position will have on local environmental policy and community engagement.

Cllr Clare Sutton: Footpath Access, Community Safety, and Youth Opportunities

In June, the Ferrybridge section of the South West Coast Path was officially reopened—thanks in part to the persistence of Dorset's Greenspace team. Cllr Clare Sutton continues to work closely with the team and local landowners, as parts of the area remain vulnerable to shifting ground and require further mitigation.

Other recent casework has included tackling littering, dog fouling, timing of traffic lights, and antisocial behaviour. Clare reports

that Dorset Council staff have responded swiftly and helpfully to all concerns raised.

In her role on the Children's Services Cabinet, Clare has also been involved in championing the Pineapple Project, a community initiative aimed at helping young women and girls feel safer in public spaces. The project delivers school education, outreach support, and a guardianship scheme involving both individuals and local businesses. You can find their pop-up gazebo along Weymouth seafront during summer fireworks nights.

Clare was also delighted to attend the STEPS Club for Young People annual awards on 31st July. As a former member and long-standing trustee, she spoke warmly of the club's youth workers, facilities, and programmes—including a dance studio, sports hall, and Friday music project. The club reopens on 1st September and welcomes all young people aged 13–19 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Working for You

Together, your Green councillors remain committed to being visible, available, and accountable. From footpath improvements and dog fouling to planning queries, parking problems, youth work and climate action—Cllrs Webb, Toft, and Sutton are here to listen, to help, and to advocate for a cleaner, safer, and fairer future for all of Wyke and Rodwell.

Weymouth Concert Brass

Last Night of The Proms with Weymouth Concert Brass on Saturday 27th September, 7.30pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church DT4 7TH.

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

Fleet Air Arm Association Commemorates Black Tot Day in Weymouth

On Friday 1 August, the Weymouth Working Men's Club (fondly known as Weymouth Workies) came alive as sixty members of the Weymouth and Portland branch of the Fleet Air Arm Association gathered to mark Black Tot Day, the historic date when the Royal Navy issued its final daily rum ration, 31 July 1970.

The evening was a rich blend of tradition, humour, and camaraderie.

The event began with a ceremonial call to order at 7.30pm, inviting all to reflect on the significance of the tot in naval history. Many in attendance remembered the day itself, and their funny, heartfelt stories about life in the Navy during that era set the tone for an evening of laughter and nostalgia.

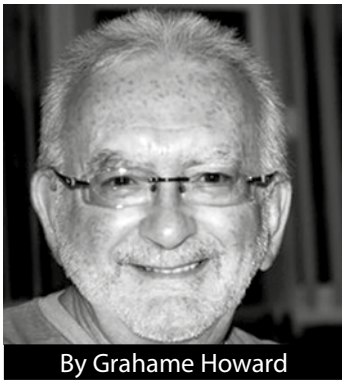
The programme included a light-hearted 'funeral' for the tot, complete with a rum coffin, pallbearers, and tongue-in-cheek tributes, reminding everyone that while the tot may be gone, its spirit lives on. Following the procession, members enjoyed a lively naval-themed quiz, with rounds covering Royal Navy history, ships, RN sport, and rum traditions. The quiz proved both challenging and entertaining, thanks to the cruel work of the quiz team.

Of course, no Black Tot commemoration would be complete without rum. Thanks to the generosity of Black Ven Rum Distillers in Lyme Regis, led by Head Distiller John Tucker, guests were able to sample a fine oak-aged dark rum, which received glowing reviews from the members. A range of mixers, cheeses, and non-alcoholic options ensured there was something for everyone.

Throughout the night, members raised toasts, some solemn, others humorous, honouring naval heritage, shipmates past and present, and the enduring bonds of the Fleet Air Arm. The 'splice the mainbrace' moment was particularly memorable, as glasses were raised in unison to the sound of laughter and cheers.

Adding even greater significance, the event raised over £500 for Weldmar Hospice care, the chosen charity for 2025 and a cause close to the hearts of the members. The evening closed with hearty thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible, including Dave Buckley, Bob Longden, Dave Bland, and Tony Boyle, and with a promise to make Black Tot Day an annual highlight of the branch calendar. The Weymouth and Portland branch of the Fleet Air Arm Association continues to uphold its traditions, celebrate its camaraderie, and support the wider community. Black Tot Day 2025 demonstrated that even after 55 years, the spirit of the tot and the Fleet Air Arm remains as strong as ever. Webpage <https://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/fleet-air-arm-association-weymouth-branch>

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By Grahame Howard

Where it all began

It was the Autumn of 1980 and things in my life had begun to go haywire. After being a busy Regional Manager of a company dealing in garage and motor equipment, I was made redundant. The company had been taken over by our American competitors and we were all given a month's notice.

Not long after that, I was taken ill with what was initially felt to be a stroke. However, it was determined that it was a bad case of Bells Palsy. My face was all twisted, my nose flat against my left cheek. My right eye wouldn't close and my mouth was slanted against my nose. I couldn't eat or drink properly and to talk was extremely difficult. I looked like a monster out of Dr Who. The CO has just said that I had always looked like that. Thanks for that. I was put on steroids and had to attend Blandford Hospital daily to have electrolysis treatment in order to attempt to coax my face to return to normal. None of this worked.

After about 3 to 4 months there was no change and my GP told me my face would probably stay this way. I had no job, no prospects, I was ill and couldn't speak properly. No one wanted a Quasimodo type in their company. I became depressed and closed down on most people, I could see no hope at all.

One day, the CO went to work and I was left at home. The kids were at school and I tried to cheer myself up playing my guitar. That lasted about a minute - I just had no motivation to play a note. In the quiet of the house, I heard a voice within myself. The voice said, 'Say a prayer and I will heal you.' The voice kept saying this for the biggest part of the day until I thought I was mentally ill. I told the CO when she came home at lunch time and she said, 'Perhaps it's God.' I had never believed in such things so I ignored this. But as I went to bed that night, I heard

the voice again, 'Say a prayer and I'll heal you.' I was so low in mood and replied in a sleepy voice, 'Ok, heal me,' and I went to sleep.

The next day, I got up and I felt strangely better. I could whistle, something I had not been able to do for some months. I went into the bathroom and as I looked in the mirror, I noticed that my face was beginning to go back into place. I was elated but confused also. I went to my hospital appointment later that morning and was told that I need not come again, my face had all returned to normal. I didn't know what had happened; all I knew was that a voice - God? - had asked me to pray to Him; I had and now, all was ok.

A neighbour in our village knocked on the door and told us both that she had heard that something had happened to me and as she looked at me, she began rejoicing. I was embarrassed but as we talked, I realised that Jesus Christ had healed me. What the health authorities couldn't do, He did overnight. That day in September 1980, I became a Christian and the CO soon followed me as she had a spiritual experience in the local church a few days later.

This all happened 45 years ago and we are still going on living our lives for Jesus. We're not religious fanatics, we've just realised that there is more to life than we had before. The CO still says that I'm 'a little fat bloke' but these days I am known as 'the little Christian fat bloke'. Yes our lives have changed much for the better and we have found Jesus' help so strong at times. He has healed us both; supplied extra needs when we have been on slippery slopes and He continues to bless us every single day. Don't get me wrong, we still have our bad times, argue and disagree on a lot of things. But now, we have a third person - Jesus Christ - helping us through difficult decisions and guiding us in the right direction. Through Jesus we now have eternal life. This means that when we die and our life is over, we continue in heaven, eternally. Without Him, we would have had nothing. This is the true meaning of Christianity. Jesus died on a cross for each one of us. He took our sin upon Himself and everyone who believes this and asks Him to forgive them for their sin and invites Him into

their life, receive Him. He makes each one of us brand new. I know there are many questions that can be asked about this, 'If God is good etc..then why does He allow etc..'. The answer to this is, I don't know but, what I do know is that the CO and myself belong to Jesus and to the best of our abilities, will continue to serve Him.

We're nothing special; as I said earlier, we are not religious freaks, we are Christians and have found true happiness and life in Him. He has changed our

lives and He can change your's too, if you ask Him. All you have to say is:

'Lord Jesus, Please forgive me my sin. Please come and live in my life, fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to live for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen
If you said this prayer, you are a Christian. Find a church, get yourself a modern bible and take it from there.

God Bless
Grahame



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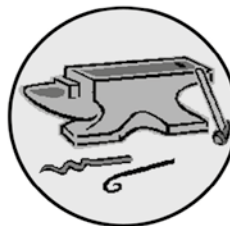
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The Intellectual Property Office is warning that criminals are increasingly targeting pet owners through online marketplaces. In fact, over 18,000 illegal animal medicines and supplements were intercepted last year alone. A recent survey revealed that 60% of buyers were influenced by ease of access in buying online, and 72% wrongly believed the quality of counterfeit products would match the real thing.

Pet owners, beware: counterfeit pet medicines including flea treatments are being sold online and they could make your pet seriously ill. These products are untested, unregulated, and potentially lethal. One pet owner described a fake treatment that smelled like white spirit. Others have reported spelling errors and poor-quality packaging. Both reports can be clear red flags that something isn't right.

So, in general terms, how can you protect your pet?

Buy only from trusted sources - such as licensed vets, pharmacies, or reputable pet retailers.

Check the packaging - look for spelling mistakes, poor print quality, or unusual smells.

Be wary of large price discounts - if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Report suspicious products - contact Trading Standards if you suspect a fake.

To report something to Trading Standards that doesn't look right, visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or, phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Greenhill Gardens floral bedding design 2026

Is your charitable organisation celebrating a poignant anniversary in 2026? If so, would you

like to be considered for next year's floral bedding design at Greenhill Gardens? Applications are now open until Friday 5th September.

This year, Weymouth Town Council are featuring the Samaritans who have been providing support to individuals for over 70 years.

Cllr Caroline Nickinson, Mayor of Weymouth, said of this year's display: "The Samaritans have been taking calls and listening to those in need for over 70 years and can be seen as a pillar of our society. Day or night, they are there for people when they need it most and play such an important role here in Weymouth, supporting our community."

'Weymouth Town Council is honoured to represent the Samaritans in a floral tribute at Greenhill Gardens, and I hope many people will get to pay a visit to see it as it begins to burst with colour over the weeks ahead.'

Each year, the Council's creative gardeners plant thousands of plants to replicate an organisation's crest in a crescent shaped bed in the centre of the gardens. The eye-catching displays are a popular attraction in the gardens and are of great interest to locals and visitors alike.

The Council is now on the lookout for an organisation to be represented in 2026! To get your charitable organisation considered for the free floral bedding design, please visit the Council's website to apply Greenhill Gardens floral bedding design 2026 - apply now!

Weymouth Firework Displays
Weymouth Town Council's summer season of fireworks, started with the first event on Monday 28th July.

Displays are on Monday evenings throughout the summer holidays, with each one starting at 9.30pm. They are fired from a boat out in the bay so viewing along the prom and Weymouth Central Beach is recommended.

Monday 18th August

Monday 25th August

At each display, there is a chance for individuals celebrating a birthday or special occasion to get a shout-out over the seafront PA system. Weymouth Town Council will be sharing details on their Facebook page with people asked to leave their first name and details of the special occasion.

As an exciting addition to this year's firework events, Weymouth Town Council is collaborating with local radio station, AIR 107.2 to provide a soundtrack to the fireworks. To join in and enjoy the summer spectacle along with the music, people are encouraged to tune in to AIR 107.2 during the start of the display. The track listing is as follows:

Foo Fighters - The Pretender

Dua Lipa - Dance The Night

Florence & The Machine - Say My Name

The Greatest Showman - Come Alive

To make the firework night events more accessible, Weymouth Town Council has some ear defenders available for members of the public to borrow free of charge. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. To enquire about booking a pair, email resort@weymouth-towncouncil.gov.uk

Where possible, the Town Council is encouraging people to walk, cycle or use public transport to attend the events. Here's a list of bus services operating after the fireworks conclude:

No 1. service to Portland

No 2. service to Littlemoor

No 4. service to Preston

No 10. service to Poundbury

The Park and Ride service will also still be operating, and you can find details here

You can find the timetables for the services above here

If you're not able to walk, cycle or use public transport, drivers are advised there is plenty of space at the Swannery Car Park as it can get busy at the Pavilion.

Cllr Caroline Nickinson, Mayor of Weymouth, said: 'I am really looking forward to the start of the summer firework displays in Weymouth, and I am delighted to be attending the first one on Monday 28th July. These events are always popular, with crowds gathering along the seafront to watch the fireworks light up the night sky and soak up the great atmosphere created on these special summer evenings, so I hope you can join us.'

For anyone who can't attend in person, Weymouth Town Council will livestream the event on Monday 28th July on their Facebook page.

Council Grants Awarded

A range of grants were approved by Councillors on the Finance and Governance Committee last night (Wednesday 23rd July.)

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9.15am St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)
10.30am St Nicholas, Broadwey
10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor
10.30am St Osmund's, Osmington (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th)
10.30am St Laurence, Upwey
4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers (2nd, 4th)
6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (4th) Celtic Prayer

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7.00pm Tues Together on Tuesday St Francis' Church
7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew's. Communion 1st Tuesdays
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Ridgeway Churches Diary

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Thursday 4th September

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Monday 9th September
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St Osmund's Church, Osmington
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Friday 19th September

Osmington Lunch Club 12.15pm

for 12.30pm
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Sunday 7th September 3pm
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Harvest Supper

Saturday 27th September 6.30pm for 7pm
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston
Food, Bar, Raffle & Live Music
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Variety Evening
Friday 24th October 7pm for 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston
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Tickets available from The Team Office
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Knit & Natter
Tuesday 2nd September
St Francis' Church, Littlemoor
Every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm
(St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston
Every 1st Tuesday 10am - 12pm
Cancelled for September)
Thursday 4th September

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

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You will find a warm welcome at our friendly and inclusive churches. All Saints, Portland Road, and St Edmund's, Lanehouse Rocks Road.

All Saints Church DT4 9ES

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Regular church services

Sundays
8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).
First Sunday of the month 9.30am
Café Church, with refreshments beforehand.
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 9.30am
Sung Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.
5th Sundays Joint Service with St Edmund's, location alternates between All Saints and St Edmunds churches.

Morning Prayer

9.00am Tuesday - Friday.

9.30am Saturday.

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

Coffee Mornings

10.00am - midday, third Saturday of the month (please see dates below).

Livestream

Our 9.30am Sunday Holy Communion services are also livestreamed. An order of service is published each week so you can join in with the

hymns and prayers. Connect via any of the following links.

YouTube - youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsWykeRegis>
Parish website - parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live

St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ

Sundays

11.00am Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with Service of the Word.
5th Sunday joint service with All Saints.

Thursdays

1.00pm-3.00pm Little Saints Baby and Toddlers Group, during term time. Bring along your children, grandchildren or Godchildren and meet up with others. All welcome. Contact Amy on 07397 805124 if you are interested and would like to know more.

Coffee Mornings

10.00am - midday, last Saturday of each month (please see dates below). Wyke Regis Parish works in our schools, as well as local charities and other organisations.

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's Church Hall

Fancy a chat over a full English Breakfast? (other options available)

Every 2nd Saturday in the month 9.00am to 11.00am, next on 10th May. For more information and to book a place contact: info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Coffee Mornings

10.00am-midday, last Saturday of each month (please see dates below).

Hall Hire

Have an event you need a venue for? St Edmund's beautiful church hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Send enquiries to office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk, or contact Amy on 07397 805124 for more information. Wyke Regis Parish works in our schools, as well as local charities and other organisations. We offer many opportunities for people of all ages to come together, such as Men's Breakfasts, walking groups, craft groups, as well as chances to learn to sing and ring the bells, all of which help towards combatting loneliness and isolation.

Live Local News

In addition to the livestream services at All Saints Church, 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, the parish contact number is 01305 784649 or email office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Regular parish activities

All welcome. Get in touch beforehand, or just come along and join in!

Art Groups – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

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

Book Group – Meets quarterly. Next meeting: Tuesday 4th November, 2.00pm, All Saints Church

Churchyard Working Group – All Saints: 1st Tuesday in the month; St Edmunds: 3rd Tuesday in the month. If you're interested, please come along armed with gardening gloves and wellies!

Choir Practice – All Saints, 6.00pm on Friday. Contact Derek Griffin on 01305 772873.

Weymouth Family Church

14 Westham Road, Weymouth DT4 8NP. <http://weymouthfamilychurch.org.uk/>

Sunday 10.30am-12.00

Main meeting. At least twice a month, we share in the Lord's Supper, remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross and declaring it until He comes again, deepening our union with Him.

Circle of Friends Lunch – Lynch Lane Garden Centre. 12pm, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 3rd September.

Craft Group – 10.00am on Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly.

Poetry Corner – Meets quarterly.

Singing for Fun – 3rd Tuesday in the month, 2.00pm, All Saints Church.

Walking Group – meets at Bingleaves Green on Mondays at 10.00am.

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's Church Hall

Fancy a chat over a full English Breakfast? (other options available) Every 2nd Saturday in the month, 9.00am to 11.00am, next on 13th September. For more information and to book a place contact: office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Coming Events

All Saints

Church Ale 2025 Saturday 30th August, from 2.00pm

The popular festival returns with an afternoon of fun for all the family: teddy-bear zipwire; Weymouth Concert Brass; tombola and other games and stalls; bar, barbecue and light refreshments; and much more!

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 11th September, 10.00am-noon

Join us for a special coffee morning this month in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; give to a worthy cause while enjoying good coffee and company.

Saturday 20th September, 10.00am-noon

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, home-made cakes, Fairtrade stall, books, music and for a catch up with friends old and new. Gluten free available.

St Edmund's Church

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 30th August & 27th September, 10.00am-noon

Teas, coffees and home-made cakes (GF available). Books, CDs, jigsaw puzzles, and a chance to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

Monday 10.30am-12.00

Coffee morning with the opportunity to learn Makaton sign language, open to all.

Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Craft evening. Join us for some craft activity and enjoy a chat and a cuppa.

Thursday 10.30am-12.00.

Coffee morning, open to all.

Friends of Weymouth Peace Garden

The Garden was originally a Quaker burial ground and is now a calm, tranquil space enjoyed by local people and visitors alike throughout the year.

Situated on the Nothe, next to the Nothe Tavern, unless the weather is bad, volunteers meet every Saturday

morning for a gardening working party for 2-3 hours from around 10.15. to approximately lunchtime, with coffee/chat break part way through. It is informal, friendly and new volunteers are welcomed. Gardening expertise is not necessary, enthusiasm and interest are more important.

Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Weymouth

The Harbourside Church

Trinity Road Weymouth DT4 8TJ

Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

Sunday 8am - Said Communion service (in the Lady Chapel)

Sunday 10am - Sung Communion service (in the main space)

1st Sunday at 6.00pm - Open Table - Inclusive service for LGBTQIA+ friends, families and allies (in the main space)

Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

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| 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 |

Methodist Churches in Weymouth

Churches are available for baptisms, marriages (including same sex marriages at Weymouth Bay) and funerals.

Sunday Morning Services

10.30am Chickerell, North Square, DT3 4DX

10.30am Lanehouse, Lynch Lane, DT4 9DL

10.30am Weymouth Bay, 32 Melcombe Avenue, DT4 7TH

Sunday Evening Services

6.30pm Weymouth Bay, normally 2nd Sunday in month.

Worship information in available at www.dsw.church

Church Activities

Chickerell

Craft and Chat – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2.00pm

Craft and Sew – 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7.00pm

Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

chickerellmethodist@gmail.com

Weymouth Bay

Wednesday

10.00am Coffee Morning – all welcome, tea, coffee, cakes, books and jigsaws to borrow or swap

10.30am Grace Notes, informal

singing group for all abilities
2.00pm CAMEO, women's group meets fortnightly
5.00pm Miscellany Band for anyone who plays a musical instrument

Thursday

2.00pm Bible study Group

First Friday in the month

2.00pm Dementia Café for people with dementia and their carers

Last Saturday in the month

9.00am Garden Gang

Rooms are available for hire, all enquiries to weybay@yahoo.com or 01305 457510.





Focus on...Wildlife & Old Farm Buildings

The roof may have holes in it, and the once straight ridge line may now sag with age. Only hints of colour may show that greying old boards once felt the stroke of a paint brush. It's probably been decades since the last cow looked out the door at what was then a barn yard that was an integral part of a working family farm. It would be wrong to think that old farm buildings no longer serve animal needs, though.

In fact, old farm buildings still are occupied by a host of wild birds and animals, some that were welcomed when the buildings were new, some that were probably there all along, but unnoticed, and some that would not have been such welcomed guests when the farmer had to be in and out of the building several times each day. Common pigeons were once year-round residents at every diverse farm operation, taking up their station in hay lofts among the rafters, and announcing anyone's arrival in the loft with that unique slap, slap, slapping of their wings as they exited through the open loft door. Their fat young, known as squabs, sometimes graced farm tables as a seasonal delicacy. They like to stay high, though, and their numbers have declined along with the barns and hay lofts tall enough to attract them.

Any large building with open windows or doors might still provide a home to a colony of those sparkling aerial acrobats the swallows. Their cheerful chatter and nests made of barnyard mud tucked along rafters up under ceilings, were as sure a sign that spring had come as any, on the farm. Where will they go when the last old barn is gone?

Never welcomed, but present where ever humans build, mice and rats still find farm buildings new and old to their liking. Most native owls willingly enter open old buildings in search of prey, and often perch in lofts where they leave their calling cards, pellets of compressed fur and bone which they cough up after a mouse meal. This includes the barn owl, now endangered over much of its range, as old buildings and nearby pastures where they nested and hunted, has disappeared. A badger may burrow after rodents under barn foundations.

Bats readily make use of crevasses between rafters high up in old farm buildings where they quietly await evenings of insect hunting. Many species of these mostly beneficial mammals are also in decline across Britain, due, at least in part, to the loss of old farm building habitat.

The farm animals and stored crops they were built for may be long gone, but old farm buildings are still attractive homes to a host of wild creatures who will miss them as, year by year, more of them crumble and disappear from our rural landscape.



**...textures,
shadows and
natural decay...**



Arts towards Sonnet of Samsara, a new international outdoor performance that will be the finale to the Beach of Dreams event on Weymouth seafront, the Esplanade and Town Bridge on the 19th and 20th September.

£5,000 to Artway towards funding a number of arts projects as part of Crossing Different Paths. This is a creative celebration of Weymouth and Portland's rich cultural diversity as part of Dorset Towns of Culture 2025.

£1,634 to St Edmunds Church on Lane House Rocks Road is used for a number of community uses and the money will go towards things like replacing worn tables with new ones, new fencing, and a replacement air fryer for a breakfast club.

Other funding agreed by the committee included £20,000 for a Service Level Agreement to The Lantern Trust charity. This will be provided over four years, with £5,000 each year to part fund a housing advisor.

Weymouth is twinned with Louviers in France and The Louviers Society was also awarded £1,000 to support their work in 2025/2026.

Cllr David Civil, Chair of Finance and Governance Committee, said: "From arts and cultural events to providing support to homeless charity The Lantern Trust, the Finance and Governance Committee approved a range of funding last night.

'If you're a community group in need of some extra help with funding, visit the Council's website to see if you are eligible for a grant.'

To view the full meeting agenda, visit www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk.

www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/committee
To watch the livestream from the meeting, visit Weymouth Town Council's YouTube channel.

Weymouth Repair Cafe is moving

Don't bin it – fix it!

Following a number of years of successful growth, Weymouth Repair Cafe is moving to a new larger venue in Southill, Weymouth. This will allow the community organisation to undertake an ever increasing number of repairs to items brought in by the public.

From September 13th, the Cafe will be located at the Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS, opening for business from 10.00am until 12.30pm, every 2nd Saturday morning in the month.

It provides an opportunity for people to bring along items including electrical and electronic devices, sewing repairs, binoculars, clocks, jewellery, leatherwork, tool sharpening, glueing, mechanical repairs and sewing machines, where one of around twenty skilled volunteer repairers will assess and fix it where possible. This involves the public too, so that once a repair is complete they will leave having learnt something new. Over the years, Weymouth Repair Cafe is proud to have fixed almost 3000 items.

Chairman Malcolm Smith said 'The move to Southill allows us to continue to grow as an organisation, meaning an even greater

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Holistic Clinical Reflexology Support for Functional Neurological Disorder FND

Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) is a complex condition whose cause is often referred to as 'medically unexplained' psychosomatic or somatisation. Difficult to diagnose, clinical features are what specialists use to identify FND from other neurological conditions with similar symptoms.

The clinical features include limb weakness, seizures, tremor, dystonia, gait disorders, facial spasm, tics, twitches, jerks, sensory symptoms, cognitive symptoms, speech and swallowing, postural perceptual dizziness (PPPD) visual symptoms dissociative symptoms. Other associated symptoms include chronic pain, including fibromyalgia, back and neck pain, and complex regional pain syndrome, persistent fatigue, sleep problems including insomnia (not sleeping enough) and hypersomnia (sleeping too much) migraines and other types of headache and facial pain, irritable bowel syndrome and other problems with the function of the stomach and bowel. Anxiety and panic attacks, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, dysfunctional breathing and chronic urinary

retention despite all tests being normal (which may be diagnosed as Fowlers syndrome).

Often exacerbated by stress or trauma symptoms may fluctuate in intensity and be continuous or random. Symptoms are categorised into four main groups:

1. Sensory: FND patients often experience issues with how the brain processes sensory information. A negative impact reflects symptoms such as loss of sensation or a numbness whereas a positive impact produces increased sensations such as pins and needles or pain. Often experiencing 'Sensory overload' of any or all of the five senses (sight, smell, taste, hearing, touch) e.g. skin sensations such as tingling, crawling, prickling, tenderness or pain. The source of pain may be difficult to locate as it may travel from muscles, skin or joints and at various times it may fluctuate in intensity and may often link to the following.

2. Concentration: Memory and Fatigue: FND patients often report memory problems or difficulty concentrating with brain 'fog' and extreme fatigue. The fatigue can vary day to day, some experience extreme fatigue and need to spend a day in bed after completing simple tasks whilst on other days energy levels are good.

3. Motor (movement of the body): FND patients often experience difficulty moving or experience that movement has slowed down, they cannot move part of their body or lose power e.g grip

of the hand. Some may experience extra uncontrolled involuntary movements such as twitches or tremors.

4. Dissociation/functional seizures: FND patients may experience collapse, black out or lose consciousness with or without shaking. According to FND Action 'Treatment for FND should be tailored to each individual, based on their specific symptoms, needs, and goals. Whilst no two experiences of FND are the same, research shows that outcomes improve significantly when care is based on early diagnosis, a clear explanation, and timely access to the right therapies'. Best practice involves a multidisciplinary team (MDT) led by a neurologist with support from therapists.

Clinical Reflexology may offer benefit to FND patients by promoting relaxation and potentially reducing symptom severity especially pain. Identifying individual stress triggers and equipping patients with self-help techniques may enhance sleep quality, mood and pain management increasing a sense of empowerment and wellbeing. Over many years I have developed a holistic approach to

Clinical Reflexology treatment delivery supported by professional knowledge and skills of associated modalities including Counselling, Nutritional Therapy and Homoeopathic prescribing and as an experienced complementary practitioner I have a deep and wide-ranging understanding of symptom management that enables me to advise and support patients with acute and chronic complex conditions. Making even the smallest of changes to Diet and Lifestyle can have a profound effect on wellbeing and assist in the management of symptoms that may be affecting quality of life. If you think I might help you to improve your health and wellbeing, please get in touch.

I am fully qualified, insured and DBS checked with over thirty years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology. Nutritional Therapy, Homoeopathy and Counselling Contact Tel 01305784986 abigailwring@btinternet.com www.dorsetclinicalreflexology.co.uk

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number of items can be saved from consignment to the bin! The new venue at Southill has extensive free parking in the shopping area car park next door. There is a drop off point outside of the centre where larger items can be left temporarily. There's a friendly cafe area where visitors can have tea and cake whilst waiting a turn to have an item repaired. There is an opportunity to leave a small donation for the work, which goes to local charities, and to pay for any spares that may have been used. Sometimes items that are repairable but not on the day can be taken home for a repairer to complete the fix at home, with agreement. The Repair Cafe movement began in the Netherlands back in 2009 and has gathered momentum ever since with the slogan "Don't Bin It - Fix It". It is now

worldwide and the Weymouth Cafe has been a big part of that in the UK. In March 2024, Weymouth was awarded the accolade of the UK 'Community Group of the Year 2024' by the networking site 'Nextdoor', the best Community Group in the whole of the UK. In July 2024, the cafe were awarded the gold award in the Community Award category at the Weymouth Business Awards.

They are always looking for more volunteers, and whilst special skills are not needed to be part of the Repair Cafe family, to become a repairer then some sort of specialisation is required. Please contact us on repaircafeweymouth@gmail.co.uk if you would like some more information or come along to one of our events and introduce yourself. You can find us on www.repaircafeweymouth.org and on Facebook www.facebook.com/RepairCafeWeymouth.

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Help drive change by completing our parking survey

We are inviting residents, businesses, workers and visitors to take part in a new parking survey that will help shape the future of parking across the Dorset Council area.

The survey is part of a comprehensive parking review, which is assessing how well the current parking arrangements are working and exploring opportunities to improve access, fairness and sustainability.

The review covers all 117 council-operated car parks and on-street parking areas, including resident zones, coastal destinations and town centres.

We are particularly keen to hear

about:

- How and when people use Dorset Council car parks
 - The current 3-tier parking pricing structure
 - Awareness and use of parking permits (including short stay, flexi stay and resident permits)
 - Experiences with resident-only, evening and overnight parking
 - Suggestions for improvements, including EV charging, permit flexibility and signage
- The review also supports our wider goals, including reducing carbon emissions, supporting the local economy and improving road safety and accessibility. The survey is open until Thursday 4 September, and can be completed online. Printed copies are available on request by contacting our customer services team on 01305 221000.

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To purchase tickets in advance contact
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or email susanamalik@yahoo.com

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Beachcomber

Glass Fishing Floats

I can remember, as a child, when the occasional green glass fishing float would be washed up on Chesil beach, these days it is very rare, as most of the floats are now plastic. The local fishermen used the floats on the top of their nets, but they were very vulnerable to breaking free, especially in the days before man-made ropes were commonplace.

The use of the first glass fishing floats can be traced as far back as 1840. The Norwegians used a small egg-sized float on which they tied a fishing line and a hook. As the use of nets increased, Norway went on to produce other sizes of floats, since glass was an economical method of supporting the nets and offered plenty of buoyancy. Many European countries soon began using glass floats. Trademarks or embossing began appearing on the floats to identify the users and manufacturers of the floats.

Around 1910, far eastern countries, primarily Japan began manufacturing and using glass floats, hence their most popular name; Japanese Glass Fishing Floats. To accommodate different fishing styles and nets, the Japanese experimented with many different shapes of floats, from as small as 2 inches in diameter to the gigantic size of 20 inches in diameter.

Most glass floats are shades of green because the glass used was primarily recycled wine bottles, but clear, amber, aquamarine, amethyst, blue and other colours were also produced. The most prized and rare colour being a red, or cranberry hue. These were expensive to make because gold was used to produce the colour. Other brilliant jewel tones such as emerald green, cobalt blue, purple, yellow and orange were primarily made in the 1920s -30s.

Air bubbles are typical of the rapid, recycled glass process, as the floats were made as inexpensively as possible. They were quickly blown with a blowpipe, removed from the blowpipe and sealed with a 'button' of melted glass and placed in a cooling oven to cool down. The sealing button has somehow mistakenly become known as a pontil mark.

A pontil (or punty) is the solid metal rod that is tipped with a wad of hot glass and used to hold a glass object during the blowing process. This leaves an irregular ring-shaped



scar on the base when removed, and that is called a pontil mark, but pontils were not used for blowing glass floats.

Hand-blown floats have no seams and often no markings and are the oldest floats. Identifying marks were often embossed on or near the sealing button, sometimes with intriguing symbols, and the air bubbles in the glass help identify a glass float as authentic. Wooden moulds were later used to speed up the float-making process. These mould marks can be seen as seams on the outside of the glass and occasionally you can see the actual knife marks where the wood was carved.

Cork and aluminium floats appeared around 1920. These soon began to replace glass floats since they were more durable and could provide holes or eye features that made net attachment easier and more reliable. As manufactur-

ing techniques improved, plastic floats soon followed and these are normally what you will find on local beaches, often accompanied by the ubiquitous tar encrusted rope!

Today, the best places to find reproduction glass floats are in gift shops and nautical suppliers. On the internet, you can find web pages and auction sites that also offer original glass floats for sale.

A final word: Once you have experienced the romance of the glass float, you'll find yourself wanting to look for them whenever you can, just in case you do find one in its natural setting - and you may wonder - where had it come from and how long had it drifted the oceans, before being cast upon the shore - so much more romantic than buying one from a shop!

Happy beachcombing

Overcombe WI

Our annual August Tea Party was a great success and we were extremely lucky with the weather. It was a lovely afternoon with sun shining and a gentle breeze. Forty ladies enjoyed sandwiches, made by the committee, and wonderful cakes made by some of our members.

We provided some different entertainment this year and we had a Hobby Horse racing (or rather walking) game! Everyone seemed to enjoy this and the winning coloured horses were entered into a draw for prizes for the members.

Next month our meeting will be on the 3rd of September at The Mission Hall at 2pm. We welcome visitors for £2 and would love to see you, we have a Speaker who will be talking about Crossing the Blue Line — Women in Policing. Next month we will also be having an outing to The Beachside Cafe for Fish 'n Chips.

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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.

Baby and Toddler Group

0-4 years. St Edmunds Church Hall, Lanehouse Rocks Road, DT4 9HZ. 1.00pm-3.00pm during term time. Free fun, singing, crafts. Please contact Amy on 07397 805124 if you are interested.

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.

Busy Bees

Friendly stitch and craft group meets alternate Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm in Upwey. For more information contact Joy on 0774 230 5841.

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 07392 935064..

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

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out Dorset and South Somerset. For help and information please call Diana Crowder on 01305 834954 or Sue Bithell on 01305 269293.

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

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Hardy Quilters and Stickers

Meet on the second Monday of the month (not July or August) 9.30am to 12.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Hall Merredin Close Littlemoor DT3 6SB. Contact. chantaldavid1@gmail.com

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 linkusup9@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 (Broadwey). Email. elizabeth.ian.messer@gmail.com

Littlemoor Library

Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm.
2.00pm - 5.00pm.
Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm.
Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm.
Friday 2.00pm - 5.00pm.
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm
The library holds the following.

Writing Group every Monday at 10.00am.

Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon.

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

Mulberry Bush Pre-school

At St Andrew's School. Children. 2 years 9 months to school age. Contact jjones@standrews.dsat.org.uk

Osmington Archery Club

We meet one afternoon a week in the Village Hall throughout the year. Sometimes in better weather in the summer we shoot on private ground at Milborne St Andrew. Please phone 01305 833460 for further details.

Osmington Art Group

We meet each Thursday afternoon in term time at Osmington Village Hall from 2.00pm till 4.00pm. Bring your own art, whatever it is, and draw, paint, collage, in a relaxed atmosphere and pause for tea and cake or biscuits (and a natter), at half time. Phone Sheila 01305833150 or email sheilaedmonds@hotmail.com.

Osmington Leisure

Table Tennis is held on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

Osmington Lunch Club

The club is now meeting on the third Friday of the month. A two course meal is available with a glass of wine for only £8.50. Guests arrive at Osmington Village Hall at 12.15 for lunch to be served at 12.30. To book a place phone Fran on 832430 or 07817825527.

Osmington Village Hall

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

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

All Saints, Portland Road, 01305 78464 info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk
Every Friday at All Saints. 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee.
Sundays at All Saints. Possible 8.00am Said Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy Communion. First Sunday in month - Café Church.
St Edmund's, Lane House Rocks Road.
Alternate weeks, Holy Communion or Service of the Word. 11am
Mother and Toddlers at St Edmund's. 1pm - 3pm
Please check our block of parish activities elsewhere in magazine.

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

Every Thursday morning St Andrews Church Rooms, Preston 9.00 and 12.30 for beginners and advanced, men and women. cmpilates@live.co.uk

Preston Pre-school

Where learning is fun, in a free flowing environment indoors and outdoors. Children from 2 years. Funded places available.
Monday - Friday 8.45am to 2.45pm
For more information, phone 07826515321, e-mail prestonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk or simply come and visit us during our opening times.

Preston Table Tennis Club

Wednesdays 7.00pm and 9.00pm, Westfield School, Littlemoor Road. Contact Mick Hogan. E-mail. prestonttc@gmail.com

Preston Pantomime Group

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall. New members

welcome from age 14 upwards. Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

Meet Osprey Quay for various rowing sessions during the week and weekends and are open to all from 11yrs and over. For more information, www.portlandgigrowingclub.co.uk

Repair Cafe Weymouth

Volunteers repair broken items in return for a donation. Events are on the second Saturday of the month from 10.30am - 12.30pm, except July and August., The Top Club, Louviers Road, Littlemoor DT3 6AY with free car parking. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E.repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.
From September 13th, the Cafe will be located at the Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS, opening for business from 10.00am until 12.30pm, every 2nd Saturday morning in the month.

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 .

Social Badminton Players Needed

Friendly groups, non league, Redlands Community and Leisure Centre.
Ladies Doubles 10 to 11am Tuesdays
Mixed Doubles 9 to 10.30am Fridays
Details - Rosemary 01305 832456

South Dorset Caledonian Society

Friendly Scottish Country Dancing including popular Ceilidh dances. Mondays, Preston Village Hall. 3.45pm - 5.45pm £3 inc Tea and Coffee. No partner required, wear soft shoes. Email frank@southdorsetcaledonians.org or phone Frank and Marilyn 01305 835075.

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 Ramblers Group

Guided walks for our members throughout Dorset, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Taster walks available. www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/south-dorset-group

Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

St Aldhelms Church Centre Spa Road on the 3rd Friday of the month talks commence at 2.30 pm, preceded by tea or coffee. John on 01305 776008.

South Dorset Woodcarving Club

South Dorset Woodcarving Club
Tuesdays, 7 - 9pm - Upwey Old School Hall, Church Lane, Upwey, DT3 5EQ
Contact - Jen & Dave. 01305 771742 or Jordi 07368 360908. Find us on Facebook. email. southdorsetwoodcarvingclub8@gmail.com

Southill Short Mat Bowls Club

Meet at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Mondays 2.00pm and Wednesdays 2.00pm & 7.00pm. First 3 lessons free, then £4 per session. Tuition given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

SSAFA

Pilgrim House, 1 Hope Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TU. (By appointment only). All enquiries to. 020 4566 9131.

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Sutton Poyntz Venue

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Information suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

The Light Spiritualist Church

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Watercolour Art Classes

Thursdays, 1-3, Broadway and Upwey Memorial Hall. Starting September 7th. Call Jan 07746 871134 for more info.

Weldmar Hospicecare Shops

Wyke Regis.- 82 Portland Road, Tel 788369. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm.
Weymouth -71 St Thomas Street. Tel. 783523. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Sun 10am-4pm.
59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.
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Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

Meet Tuesday mornings Southill Community Centre. 9am till 12 noon. £2 refreshments available. Friendly group. All abilities. Non teaching, but occasional workshops. Contact Chair - carol.morrison7@icloud.com

Weymouth Astronomy Club

7.30pm second Friday each month St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, New members welcome. www.weymouthastronomy.co.uk

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Welcomes serving and veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm.
We meet at 7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month at the Weymouth &

Melcombe Regis Working Men's Club, DT4 8BT.

Contact the branch secretary at email: faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com. Face-book "Weymouth & Portland Branch FAA Association" <https://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/fleet-air-arm-association-weymouth-branch>

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.

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 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 or Melodie on 07929 519973.
www.wymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth Drama Club

For adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week.. For information contact Jacqui Trent on 07709601567 or curtainraisers7@gmail.com
www.wymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

Beavers - Friday 5.30 - 6.30
Cubs - Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00
Scouts - Friday 7.00 - 9.00
Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00
Brownies - Thursday 5.00 - 6.15
weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane
weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com - volunteers welcome
Waiting List - weymouthsouthwaiting-list@outlook.com
Squirrels aged 4 to 6. Mon - 5.30 to 6.30pm
Beavers aged 6 to 8. Wed - 5.30 to 6.45pm & Fri 6.00 to 7.15pm.
Cubs aged 8 to 10½. Tue & Thur - 6.00 to 7.30pm.
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½. Mon & Wed - 7.00 to 9.00pm.
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, Tue & Thur 7.45 to 9.30pm.

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday

during Winter months.www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

New Venue Now Meeting at the Holy Trinity School, Cross Road, Weymouth. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Meetings held usually 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting & Dec meeting on the 2nd Thursday).

Whist and Military Whist Drive

Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road. Tuesday, start 2.00pm.
Further details on 784056.

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

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Wyke Regis Community Association

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Wednesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Throughout each month, we also hold a number of free group events in the library.
Scrabble - the 1st Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.
Knit and Natter - the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month - 2.00 - 4.00.
All ages Chess - Mondays - 4.15 - 5.45.
Rhyme Time - Wednesdays - 2.15-2.45.
Lego Club - Wednesdays - 3.15 - 4.15.
Cuppa and Company - Thursdays - 10.30 - 12.30.
Reading Friends - the 2nd Friday of every month - 10.30 - 12.30.
Learn to Crochet - every Saturday - 11.15 - 12.45.

Wyke Regis Pre-School

Shrubbery Lane, Wyke Regis. Tel 789222. Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm. Term time only. 2 years 9 months until school age.

Wyke Regis Medical

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Wyke Regis Society

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

Wyke Ukedelics

Non-profit group of musicians who gig to keep our members and equipment from wear and tear, available for functions. Dave 07980 32221 or Clare 07837 307932.

Wyke Regis WI

General meetings are at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT49AJ. The various interest groups meet at regular times during the month, details on our website. For more information contact us. 07719312901. Email. secretary@wykeregiswi.org.uk
www.facebook.com/wykeregiswi
www.wykeregiswi.org.uk

Yoga

Sutton Poyntz. Small groups at our home studio on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also Chair Yoga (a standing and seated practice) at the Mission Hall on Wednesday mornings. Contact Isabelle on 07970 772963 and Lea on 07973 268836.

Yoga JAX

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