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News

Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillor News

Cllr Steven Dickens continues to push for action on Preston beach road. Sadly, Dorset council have been very slow on dealing with this and the culvert on the other side. Another issue that is incredibly frustrating is the land on Overcombe Drive.

This was granted planning permission some time ago and some ground work begun as well as fencing erected. Since then however nothing of substance has happened and the site has become messy and overgrown. The frustration has come because there are no powers that can be made to force development. This is also further complicated by the land changing hands. We have spoken to highways about notices being sent to ensure overgrown foliage doesn't encroach on the highway.

We were very pleased to that Dorset council widened the gap in the railings along the footpath between Preston Road and Telford close and to Weymouth town council for tidying the rest of the path. Toilet charging is also a big issue for us at the moment. We opposed charging at Overcombe corner and other sites across the town. We feared this would lead to

an increase people using the surrounding area instead of the paying to use the facilities. Sadly this has proven to be the case. Thanks to pressure from residents, groups like the Women's Institute and the councils Conservative group the council agreed to review charging on future facilities. However we will now be pushing for a review on facilities that already have charging. Any issues or problems please feel free to get in touch at cllrlouie.oleary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or ring 07809905412 we also run a monthly drop in surgery 10:00-11:00 at Littlemoor library on the 1st Saturday of the month if you want to drop in. Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of the Preston and Sutton Poyntz Councillors.

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd October, St. Andrew's Church Rooms, DT3 6BU, 10.00am-12.30pm. Our stall holders have been working hard to produce Christmas gifts and more for you to check out, including many crafts, Spring bulbs, Preserves, Fair Trade goods. Our Avon lady will be there and we will have jigsaws for sale.

Of course there will our usual deli-

cious refreshments available.

This time we are raising funds for: Daffodil Dreams - Ensuring that no child goes without basic essentials or misses out on experiences that build memorable childhoods.

St. Andrew's Church Fund - Supporting the community.

Free entry but donations to our chosen charities gratefully received.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

At our September meeting we were lucky enough to have two Guide Dogs and their owners to talk to us. Claire Rossell who works for The Guide Dog Association introduced the talks and then Maggie who is a puppy trainer told us all about what it's like to start the puppy's journey.

Hamilton is her fourth puppy and it all starts when she picks up the new puppy at the motorway services. The puppies are around seven weeks old at this point. They always hand over the puppies at the services which might seem odd but trainers are coming from different parts of the Country. There are usually at least three at a time to hand over to different trainers. One of the most important training areas is to familiarise the puppies with noises, ie: trains, buses, pedestrian crossings etc. Also, to get used to people and noises that occur in a normal household so they can settle in with their permanent owner when the time comes.

The puppy training lasts until they

are around eighteen months old and then they leave the training to go on to the official training sessions which last about six months. This is a difficult time for the puppy trainer because they will have bonded with the dog, but they know at the start that this will happen.

After this period they are then matched with someone who is appropriate for the particular dog. It's quite a rigorous pairing process which they want to get right. The breeds chosen to make good Guide Dogs are mainly Labradors, Golden Retrievers or German Shepherds all good for their behaviour and ability to be trained. We then heard from Wendy who has Guide Dog Jinty. She told us of her sight loss journey from when she was a teenager and how her various Guide Dogs have given her confidence to live her life to the full.

One thing all of our speakers said was if you see a Guide Dog working - if it's on its harness with the Guide Dog coat on- please don't distract it. This takes the focus off for the dog and distracts them making the job harder for them and possibly putting the user in danger.

We thanked them all for coming and said goodbye to the dogs too. Our next meeting is on the 7th of October at 2.00pm in The Mission Hall. Our Speaker will be Paul Weinberg from Coastwatch, visitors always welcome.

Val Dawe
President



Sutton Poyntz Village WI Guide Dog Talk

Wyke Regis Councillors Update

Wyke Regis residents rally to protect access to Camp Road land

Concern over the future of land at Camp Road, Wyke Regis, began with a conversation between local residents on social media after the site was advertised for sale.

Residents began sharing memories of using the land over many years and discussing concerns about what a change of ownership could mean for public access and the local environment. They subsequently approached Cllr Claudia Webb, Dorset Councillor for Rodwell & Wyke, asking for help in establishing what protections are already in place and what options may be available to the community.

Following enquiries to Dorset Council, officers have confirmed that existing statutory, planning and environmental protections affecting the site would remain in place following any sale. Existing public rights of way and other established legal access rights would also continue regardless of a change in ownership.

However, residents believe that parts of the land beyond the currently recorded rights of way may also have been used by the public for many years.

Dorset Council's Definitive Map Team has advised that, where there is sufficient evidence of long-standing public use, it may be possible to apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order to have additional rights formally recorded.

The Council has also highlighted the possibility of an application for Town or Village Green status, depending on the circumstances and evidence available.

Cllr Webb said:

"This really started with local residents talking to one another and recognising that they shared concerns about the future of a place many of them have used for years. "They came to me asking what could be done, and my role has been to help get some answers and make sure the right people at Dorset Council are involved.

"It is reassuring that the existing protections and recorded rights of access cannot simply disappear if the land changes hands. But residents are also telling me that the wider site has been used by local people for a very long time, and that is something worth exploring properly.

'The most important thing now is gathering evidence. If people have walked across or otherwise used this land regularly over many years, particularly for 20 years or more, I would encourage them to come forward.'

Residents are being encouraged to preserve any evidence of historic public use, including old photographs, maps, walking records and personal recollections. Dorset Council has said it does not currently consider acquisition of the land necessary to protect existing public access and is not presently proposing to approach the vendor or auctioneer.

However, the Council has said it would review the position should further information emerge about the status of the land or a specific risk to public access.

Local residents are continuing to share information and gather evidence about the history and community use of the site, with Cllr Webb supporting them in taking any appropriate next steps.

Wyke Christmas Fayre

The Fayre this year is taking place on Sunday 6th December. Planning is well underway with all the stalls you need to kick start your Christmas celebrations. Alongside stalls, Santa will be in his grotto in the Social club.

Stalls will also be in the Memorial Hall as well as in the Square with entertainment throughout the day. Don't forget your little furry friends in the Best Dressed Dog competition. There will also be Best Decorated House, to be announced later that week. For more information about stalls, please contact wykechristmas@gmail.com. See you on the day!

Wyke Regis WI

In August we took a break from our regular programme of activities, but still met up for a picnic in the sunshine at Nothe Gardens. Now we are back from our holidays and looking forward to Liz Bartlett's handbell workshop at our meeting on 13th September, and learning about estate planning from James Coleman on 15th October.

We also have concerts by the Wyke WI Singers on 6th and 7th October (tickets still available), and a fish and chip lunch followed by an afternoon of games on 19th October.

Our monthly coffee morning on 6th October at our hall in Gallwey

Road will offer homemade cakes, tea and coffee, bric-a-brac, second-hand books and a chance to chat - all are welcome.

For details of our events, meetings and interest groups please visit our website www.wykeregiswi.org.uk.

National Trust South Dorset Association

Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm, 'Pirates: the Origins and the Truth' a talk by Richard Hutley.

Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW. NTS-DA members £4, visitors £5 (includes refreshments/no need to book).

Fairbridge Trust

Fairtrade Fortnight - Do it Fair

Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from Monday 21st September-Sunday 4th October with the focus Do it Fair - for People, for Planet and for Fair Pay.

This is a time to think about trade justice, fair wages, the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on farmers and workers in developing countries and how we can help. No matter how small a change we make, it will all help to make a difference.

What is Fair for People?

No one should work in fear. Behind the products we use every day are people, farmers and workers, who deserve safe conditions, equal opportunities, and dignity at work. Children belong in school, not at work. Fairtrade is spotlighting the farmers and workers behind everyday products and showing why safe working conditions, equal opportunities and access to education must be non negotiables across global supply chains.

What is Fair for the Planet?

Fairtrade is putting the climate crisis front and centre. Everyday products we depend on - like coffee and bananas - are at risk. And so are the livelihoods of the people who grow them.

What is Fair Pay?

Fair pay means making sure the people who grow and make the things we buy earn a decent, steady income. It's about dignity, stability and being able to plan for the future. Many farmers are still paid less than it costs to produce their crops. Fairtrade tackles this

with Minimum Prices and the Fairtrade Premium, giving farmers protection when markets drop and helping build stronger communities.

Your choices matter. Every Fairtrade product you pick up supports farmers pushing for better wages and safer conditions.

What needs to happen now?

The UK government are currently reviewing its approach to responsible business, a rare, once in a decade opportunity to close gaps in the law. Fairtrade is campaigning for a new law that makes sure businesses are held responsible for unfair pay and exploitation in their supply chains. No company should profit from poverty wages or hide the real human cost behind everyday products. You can help to change this - stand with producers, farmers and workers around the world. Simply google 'Do it Fair Petition' to add your name to the petition.

Remember - Do it Fair and choose Fairtrade whenever you shop.

Since 1987 Black History Month has been celebrated annually in October. As a part of these celebrations the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 14 October at 2.00pm at St Aldhelms Church Centre where everyone is welcome. There will be a talk by Graham Perry on The Slave Trade in the Gambia, following our visit in January. We will be there with a stall and refreshments will be available so we hope to see you there.

We can be contacted on 01305 772842, by email at thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

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News From Trading Standards

Your cancellation rights

If you arrange for a business to do some work for you then you may be legally entitled to a 14 day cooling-off period which must be given to you in writing. This includes services such as gardening, roofing, home improvements, and many more.

You have this legal right to cancel and get a full refund if you agreed for this work away from the trader's premises, so for example you agreed for the work to be carried

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out when you were in your home, or garden, or on the street. You don't automatically get a cooling-off period if you have something specially made, for example made to measure curtains or windows, or if you invite the business into your home for urgent repairs, such as immediately mending a burst pipe. Your cooling-off period begins the day after you agree to have the work done. The business must give you details of how to cancel in writing. If they don't provide these then your cooling-off period is extended by 14 days from the date you do receive them in writing. The trader may provide you with the written cancellation notice and then ask you to agree to them

starting the work before the 14 days cancellation period is up. If you decide to sign to agree this then you'll have to pay a part of the agreed price if you later wanted to cancel. The amount you pay will depend on how much was already completed. If the business began the work during the 14 day cooling-off period without your signed approval, you then have the right to cancel and get a full refund of all costs. If this has affected you then you can speak with an advisor, access suggested letter templates, and report to Trading Standards by visiting the Citizens Advice consumer helpline at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phoning 0808 2231133.

Family History Society

The October meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday the 16th of the month and feature popular local speaker Graham Perry with a talk on 'Weymouth's Tudor Buildings, Past & Present.' As usual, the meeting will be at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth DT3 5EW beginning at 2.30pm, preceded by tea or coffee. Admission is £2 for members & £3 for non members.

To get in touch, or for further information, contact us at weymouth-concertbrass@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook or X.

Jeff Thomas

News from Citizens Advice

Q. Since I finished school, I've applied for countless jobs, but I'm not having any luck - most companies don't even bother getting back to me. What can I do to be more successful?

A. You're not alone. Nearly one million young people aged 16 to 24 in the UK are not in education, employment or training. Clearly, there are some big structural and economic issues that are making it hard for young people to find work, but there are still things you can do.

When you're applying for a job, it's vital to do some research about the role and the employer, and adjust your CV to fit the position you're applying for. Employers will want to know why you're interested in working for them, so take some time to look into who they are, what they do and their organisational values. Then use your application to show how they align

Weymouth Concert Brass

Our summer programme is firmly behind us now as we prepare for Last Night of the Proms on 3rd October at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, Remembrance in November, and then Christmas - can't quite believe it's coming around again so quickly!

As ever, the band is available for hire for a wide variety of events and occasions and is always keen to hear from prospective new players. We normally meet once a week on Thursday evenings at St Edmund's Church Hall, Lanehouse.



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with what you're looking for in a role.

Be cautious about using AI. When you're feeling the pressure to get out as many applications as possible, it can be tempting to turn to AI to help you write your CV, cover letter or application form. But employers can usually tell when you've used AI, and some may use AI detection tools when screening your application. It might put them off wanting to progress your application, so it's best to always use your own words.

One way to make your CV stand out from the crowd is to try volunteering. Not only will you gain vital skills and work experience but also make a positive difference to people's lives. You can find out more about volunteering opportunities in Dorset from the Volunteer Centre website (you can also get in touch via info@volunteeringdorset.org.uk or call 01305 269214).

If you're struggling financially, you should check if you are eligible for any benefits. You can do this via the Citizens Advice website.

And lastly, job hunting can take a real toll on your mental wellbeing. Endless applications, back-to-back rejections or being ghosted entirely can all chip away at your self-esteem. If you're finding it

tough, you can reach out to organisations like StudentMinds, YoungMinds or Mind - you don't have to face it alone.

Southill Gardening Club

In October we welcome local history enthusiast Graham Perry, who will be talking about the development of the current town of Weymouth from Roman times up until the 20th century, using maps and pictures.

The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are welcome to attend and refreshments will be available. Further information on this meeting or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

Royal Manor Theatre

The Royal Manor Theatre Company is delighted to announce its autumn production of Tim Firth's Calendar Girls, coming to Portland's Royal Manor Theatre from Monday 19th to Saturday

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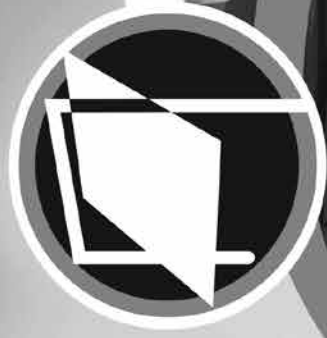
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Based on the much-loved Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth, *Calendar Girls* is a wonderfully warm, funny and uplifting story about friendship, courage and the extraordinary things ordinary people can achieve.

When Annie's husband dies from leukaemia, her friends come up with an unusual idea to raise money for charity – creating a calendar featuring themselves. What begins as a fundraising idea soon becomes something much bigger, testing friendships, relationships and the women's own sense of what they are capable of.

This Royal Manor production is directed by Sally Campbell and Ian Butterworth. It features some well-known faces from the Royal Manor stage alongside some exciting new faces.

With laughter, heart, friendship and just a little bit of bravery, *Calendar Girls* promises to be a fantastic night out – and this is one show not to be missed!

The Royal Manor Theatre Company has been bringing live theatre to the Portland community since 1947, with generations of local performers, creatives and volunteers helping to keep the theatre alive.

Calendar Girls, with its celebration of community and friendship, feels like a particularly fitting choice for the Company.

Tickets for *Calendar girls* can be purchased from www.royalmanortheatre.co.uk, or by calling: 0333 666 3366. All seats cost £15. The production is for ages 16+.

This amateur production of *Calendar Girls*, is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French, Ltd.

Weymouth Museum Teas and Talks

Weymouth museum has a new series of Teas and Talks beginning on 28th September. All proceeds go towards our project to return the Museum to Brewer's Quay, which requires us to raise £200,000 locally to unlock a National Lottery Heritage fund grant of over £2 million. Every penny helps! Tickets for the series can be booked in advance via ticket.source.co.uk/weymouthmuseum.

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Weymouth Bay Church Concerts

Concerts at Weymouth Bay Church, DT4 7TH in October

- **Saturday 3rd October, Last Night of the Proms with Weymouth Concert Brass and Saturday 17th October, Moonlight Swing Band.**

All concerts at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 in advance from Pete, 01305 562985 or on door £15 cash please.

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Applications open for the 2027 Greenhill Gardens Floral Bedding Design

Weymouth Town Council is looking for the next charitable organisation to feature in the 2027 floral bedding design at Greenhill Gardens. Applications are now open and organisations have until 1pm on Friday 18th

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Every Senior Citizen knows that things are not as good as they used to be, and now we have the evidence to prove it. Take for example the recent much vaunted eclipse of the sun. You don't have to be very old to remember the last one in 1999.

I was still gainfully employed – no, correction – I was still being paid – at that time, and everyone from our factory on the Granby gathered on the car park to witness the great event. In fact, it would have been difficult to miss it. Impressively the whole sky seemed to go dark. It was not difficult to imagine that in ancient times people with limited technical knowledge could be forgiven for believing what they had been told – that the sun was being eaten by a giant dragon.

Nowadays we consider ourselves far more informed and technically savvy. Some of us, anyway. For instance, despite prompting from my In-house Adviser, I did not have the foresight to purchase any eclipse viewing glasses before they became unobtainable and/or prohibitively expensive. On the morning of the eclipse the BBC, that repository of all things worth knowing, brought before the camera astrologist Dr Jenifer Millard. Correction. Jenifer – she can call me Chris – is actually a science communicator specialising in astronomy. But she does have PhD from a leading University, namely Cardiff. I'm not at all biased in mentioning that although I was brought up in Pontypridd just up the Rhondda valley from that magnificent capital city. Jenifer herself was raised in Barry, famous for the TV series Gavin and Stacey and for my coach visits to the Barry beach with the church choir. But I digress.

Jenifer suggested that, with no glasses and it being dangerous to look at the sun directly, we should use a colander to view the event. If you are unsure what a colander is, you are too young to be reading this or are old enough but have forgotten. In either case, Mrs Barnacle of Wyke will, for a small donation to the charity of her choice, explain what they are used for. Anyway, allowing the sun to shine though the multiple holes in the colander onto a piece of white

card would safely show the eclipse in all its glory. Or not. All I achieved was lots of uniformly bright sun spots on the card. The eclipse was in danger of occurring without me, or more importantly, my In-house Adviser actually seeing it. Thankfully some neighbours were out on the pavement on the same mission, and one of them, let's call him Pete because that's his name, had a pair of the necessary glasses. Not because he's more organised than I am, but because his daughter is more organised than both of us put together, and she gave him one of the five pairs she had bought. Generously he allowed both of us a glimpse of the event. But it wasn't as good as last time. But not many things are, to judge by a recent news account.

This related to the wildlife at Svalbard, which as you probably know from the TV series Vigil, is an archipelago midway between Norway and the North Pole. Being fairly cold – though warmer than it used to be – it has more than its fair share of wildlife that enjoys the cold, such as polar bears, seals, whales and reindeer. Sensibly the Svalbard Environment Act forbids unnecessary disturbance of these animals. Two years ago a tourist was fined the equivalent of £1000 for getting too close to a sleeping walrus. They smell of fish, I am told – the walrus not the tourist. But I digress again. The latest visitor to fall foul of the local Environment Act was a sailor who woke a sleeping polar bear. Polar bears are one of the world's largest predators and one of a very few animals that actively hunt humans. Difficult to vouch for this because the only ones I have been close to were in a zoo or on TV being described in Richard Attenborough's dulcet tones. Anyway the fined sailor used the foghorn on his boat to wake a polar bear which was sleeping on a nearby glacier. Don't know why he did it, but the startled bear woke up and fled. Now it seems to me that you are asking for trouble by sounding your foghorn close to a sleeping polar bear. After it has had time to recover, and think about what just happened, it could be forgiven for not looking too kindly on the next human being it comes across. The word revenge comes to mind.

Mrs Barnacle says she will make a point of being extra nice to any polar bears she meets in Wyke in case she upsets them. But I digress yet again.

You might believe that the older the polar bear is the easier it is to upset, but you would be wrong. New statistical research has demonstrated that Victor Meldrew in One Foot in the Grave is actually less grumpy than many youngsters. These figures are provided by a company which analyses information provided by its smiley feedback terminals in places such as airports, stations, shopping centres and elsewhere. Youngsters under twenty-five were about

twice as likely to give negative feedback as those over sixty-five. Which demonstrates that as they grew older they became much nicer to know. Now you and I, Mrs Barnacle and every other correct thinking person already knew this. So although things might appear to be never as good as they used to be, they are getting better. The next time you are sleeping on the ice near the North Pole and you are woken by someone bellowing in a loud voice how a colander allows you to view an eclipse in the absence of glasses, find out how old they are. If they are Over the Hill then you are probably safe enough – or dreaming.

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This year, the design paid tribute to the Lexi May Trust, a charity that provides memorable days out for children who have a terminal or life limiting condition in Dorset. The design featured 15,000 individual plants to create a stunning display in the much-loved gardens and included a special addition of ten stars around the crest, to recognise the 10th anniversary of the charity.

Cllr David Harris, Mayor of Weymouth, said "The floral bedding design in Greenhill Gardens is such an important feature of the popular greenspace, and helps to draw attention to the work of some wonderful charitable organisations.

'This year's design for the Lexi May Trust has been so skilfully crafted, and the 15,000 plants capture the logo perfectly. We have received some lovely comments about the design, and I would like to thank the gardeners for creating such a beautiful tribute. Now we are on the lookout for next year's organisation, so if you are interested in applying, please visit the Council's website and complete the short

online form.'

To get your charitable organisation considered for the free floral bedding design, please complete the application form on the website.

BARI launches Poole Harbour Winter Walking Challenge

The challenge is for anyone who wants to have fun, connect with nature, and feel great as we head into the colder months.

This October, the Bird And Recreation Initiative (BARI – pronounced Barry) is excited to launch the third annual Winter Walking Challenge. Throughout the month we will focus on how walking, one of the simplest but most powerful ways to get active, increases your overall wellbeing, and how connection is key!

We will host four Saturday group walks over the month, each with their own theme to help us deepen our connection to nature, calm, our bodies, and the coast. On the walks we will be joined by local professionals in nature, recreation, and wellbeing who will share their expertise and help you feel excited and inspired.

We've been growing a supportive online community through our Facebook page 'Poole Winter Walking Challenge' where we share fitness and wellbeing tips, post-walk photos, nature spots big and small, and most impor-

tantly cheer each other on.

Emily Henwood, Coastal Engagement Warden at BARI, explains: 'As someone who loves walking, I know it can be a struggle to find the motivation to walk on your own, or to get outside when the days start to get shorter and colder. This challenge brings such a welcoming and social aspect to keeping moving and gives a much-needed wellbeing boost for the winter. We'd love to keep growing this community and lead more people on amazing walks around Poole Harbour!'

To get involved, simply join the Facebook group 'Poole Winter Walking Challenge'. Here you will find all the information you need as well as Eventbrite links to each of the free group walks. Each participant also gets a free welcome pack with handy tips and information.

The Bird And Recreation Initiative is an exciting partnership between BCP and Dorset Councils to manage sustainable recreation access within Poole Harbour and to protect SPA (Special Protection Area) birdlife and habitats. Our aim is to work with local communities to create a wildlife friendly culture within the harbour so we can enjoy our outdoor adventures whilst allowing wildlife to thrive.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr David Harris, or where stated, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Peter Dickenson.

Tuesday 15th September, 7.30pm – Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth AGM, St Aldhelm's Church, Spa Road, Weymouth.

Thursday 17th September, 7pm – Licensing and Installation of Reverend Lorna Johnson, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road, Weymouth – To be attended by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Saturday 19th September, 1.15pm – Royal Navy Association Area 4 Meeting – Southill Community Centre.

Sunday 20th September, 7pm – Weymouth Angling Club Festival Prize Giving, Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth

Thursday 24th September, 6.15pm – Activate Performing Arts (Wave by Squidsoup), venue TBC

To arrange a visit from the Mayor of Weymouth, a completed booking form must be completed on Weymouth Town Council's website. For more information, please email mayor@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk

Mayor's Engagements for September

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BARI Winter Walkers



By Grahame Howard

A Day Away

Well, the roof, I mentioned last time, was finally fitted but, the scaffolds were another story. Prior to completion of the roof we discovered that the workers had snapped the fibre optic cable and left the Terrestrial aerial hanging on the roof. We had to contact Sky to fix our broadband and landline and arrange for a new aerial.

Of course, none of this was our fault so, the roofing company were both billed by the tech people. It took Sky 2 Hours to completely lay a new fibre optic line and reconnect us and the aerial chap almost the same time. Talk about stress - phew!

Prior to this, the CO, my daughter, grand child and myself had a lovely day in London. We caught an early train and was there for about 10.45 and having had breakfast there, we set off in the direction of the National Art Gallery. I was keen to see the Van Gogh room, one of my favourite artists. On the walk there, we passed Downing Street and a disappointed daughter had to cope because she didn't see the resident cat there. In fact, we wasn't even allowed to walk by there.

Therefore, we made our way past the Horse Guards area and became entangled in the big crowds all wanting to take photographs of the soldiers and horses. I'd wanted to go through the gates to see the gritty parade square as I remembered Mike Oldfield had recorded his video there for Tubular Bells 3, something I possessed. Sadly though, the crowds were so great that we couldn't get through.

On reaching Trafalgar Square the place was overly crowded with people, ambulances and police cars. We wondered if there was a terrorist threat but later saw what was causing the interest. A driver had ran over a dog but, this was not a normal one. It was a robotic dog and the dog laid on its back on the road, kicking its legs in the air. The lady driver was hysterical, whether through laughter or being upset we couldn't tell. I won-

dered what the ambulances were there for but no one seemed to know. It may have been a documentary, film or TV Advertisement, but we didn't know. In fact, we never found out, but it was a memory - a very strange one though. The CO was upset over it all and wondered why I wasn't. I told her, 'It's a robot, no one gets upset about things like that.' Her answer was typical, 'You're hard, you are. The poor little thing must be hurting.' This time, I gave her 'the look'.

We eventually reached The National Art Gallery and headed for the Van Gogh room. I was really disappointed, out of 871 paintings, only four were on display. I hunted around thinking we had gone to the wrong room, but the sign clearly told us we hadn't. This was it. Why call it the Van Gogh room when there is only four paintings I commented to no one in particular. One chap near me obviously thought I was speaking to him. 'It's a flipping nuisance,' he answered, 'I've come all the way from Bradford for this.' I just nodded and walked away knowing that if I didn't I would have been involved in a lengthy discussion. One thing that impressed me was the many artists who were sitting around sketching. Their styles were so different but amazing to watch. I could have spent an hour or so watching them, but time was getting on.

We ended up at Covent Garden and looked down on the entertainment that was on show for that day. There were five young ladies and an older male. Five of them were playing violins and one was on a cello. They were wonderful and amusing with it. The girl playing the cello started chasing some children around as she played. Once they were ok with this, it became quite a game. It was the place to be to alleviate stress. Looking back, it was difficult to hear on the News a week later that a woman had been stabbed there. Absolutely terrible.

Following a visit to an Italian restaurant, we headed back to Waterloo station. We only had 25 minutes to get there or we'd miss our train. However, we made it in time with minutes to spare and my stress level at full speed.

We had a lovely, quiet journey back, that is until we reached Basingstoke, when it all changed for the worse. Four drunken men, each carrying a bottle of vodka got on board and decided to settle in our quiet carriage. The language was pretty bad and they in-

sisted on singing and waving their t shirts around their heads. Next they began play fighting which lasted all of 5 minutes before it became the real stuff. By this time, we were the only ones left in the carriage. We all thought the guard would arrive and interrupt their behaviour. He didn't, we found out later that he had locked himself in his office, which he told us was policy. Fortunately, the men got off at Bournemouth where some railway police were standing on the platform. Somehow, we saw the men walk by the police, still singing but, the police took no action. When the train was ready to move on, they jumped back on and headed for our carriage again. By this time, the guard had let himself out of his safe place and started talking to us. This however, was short-lived as the men came crashing through the door into our carriage again. The guard bolted back to his haven.

They began singing and shouting, still using bad language. I began to wonder if I should speak to

them when, all of a sudden, the train arrived at Hamworthy and they got off again and stayed off. As the train took off again, our hero, the guard turned up again in his suit of shining armour and repeated that it is railway policy for them to not become involved but, go to their office and lock the door. He informed us that there is a button or lever which we can press to speak to the driver who will then contact the police. My daughter said that is all right, but what about us. What if we are injured or stabbed. Surely the guard, who just by his name, is there to keep passengers safe. However, he just kept saying that it was policy. My conclusion to this is passengers should be reassured of their safety when they are aboard a train, surely a guard locking themselves in their office for their own safety is not the answer

Bye for now,
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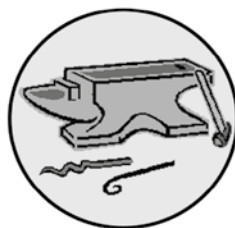
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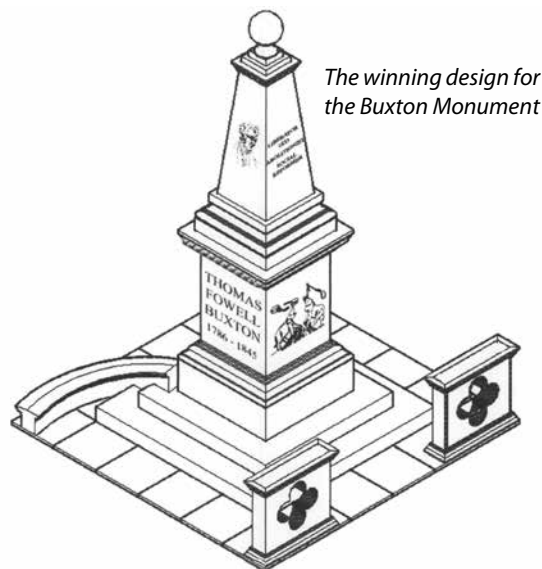
The Buxton Monument - Weymouth

Planning permission has been granted for a monument to Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton who was an MP for the Weymouth almost 200 years ago. He was a social reformer who worked for the abolition of the slave trade as well as changes in prisons and the law.

The monument, which was proposed by the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, will be situated on the Manor Roundabout and has been designed by Weymouth College masonry student Peter Loizou, who won the prize for a design to commemorate Buxton's achievement in masterminding the abolition of slavery in the British empire in 1833.

The founder of the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, Joyce Fannon has spent the last couple of years researching and raising awareness of Sir Thomas through her talks to groups in and around the area, this has culminated in the plans for the monument. The monument, built of Portland Stone, donated by Albion Quarry on Portland, will be carved by Weymouth College students and it is hoped to be in place by 2012.

The following article appeared in an earlier edition of the Wyke Register and is written by EAMS who also wrote a series of articles in the Wyke Register, about her childhood living in Belfield House.



SIR THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON

1st Baronet 1786-1845 Member of Parliament for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, brewer, philanthropist, social reformer and abolitionist. Part 1

Thomas Fowell Buxton was born on the 1st April 1786 at Castle Hedingham, near Sudbury in Suffolk. The family home was a few miles away in Essex at Earl's Colne. His mother, whose maiden name was Anna Hanbury, came from a Quaker family in Essex; his father, also named Thomas Fowell, was High Sheriff of the county, and was the eldest son of Isaac Buxton, the builder of Belfield House, Wyke Regis, who had died in 1782. Isaac's wife, Sarah, continued to use Belfield as her holiday home until her death in 1814, whereupon the ownership passed to her grandson, Thomas junior, who then leased Belfield to his uncle Charles Buxton.

Thomas senior died at the early age of thirty seven when his son was six. Young Thomas was, by all accounts, a lively and spirited child with a bold and determined character. One who knew him well at that time said of him: "He was never a child; he was a man in petticoats". At only four and a half he was sent away to school in King-

By EAMS

ston where he was severely ill-treated and his health gave way from lack of enough food, but after his father's death he was taken away from there and sent instead to Dr Charles Burney's school in Greenwich. Dr Burney being the

father of the famous diarist Fanny, who wrote an account of her visit to Sarah Buxton at Belfield in 1789.

School holidays were usually spent at Earl's Colne, but occasionally Thomas, together with his two brothers and two sisters, went to stay with their grandmother Sarah, either at her home in London, or at Belfield which they preferred, as here they enjoyed greater freedom, and Thomas liked to swim, climb trees and ride a powerful horse. He later described Belfield as being the place where he had spent many of the happiest hours of his boyhood. In one of his letters he described an accident that occurred during one of these



Thomas Fowell Buxton holidays, when he and his brother nearly drowned:

"In passing with my brother Edward in a very small boat from Weymouth to Poxwell, a sudden storm came on and the boat filled. We turned to the shore: he could not swim, I could. I placed him in the front of the boat and rowed with all my force through the surf; the boat overturned, threw him on the shore, but I went down. I swam to the boat, and after considerable difficulty was also thrown on shore through the surf".

Thomas left school at the age of fifteen. He had been nick-named 'Elephant Buxton' by his school mates on account of his great height and kind and gentle nature. He was certainly an exceptionally tall young man; athletic, and with a sensitive looking face; the spectacles he always wore making him look rather studious. However at this stage of his life he



Belfield House one time residence of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. Painting by John Upham

was far from studious, spending the next few years living at home enjoying life, and concentrating his energies on sporting activities rather than study. But it was during this time that he got to know John Gurney of Earlham Hall near Norwich, and it was this friendship which was to alter the course of his life. He paid his first of many visits to Earlham in 1801, and soon got to know the rest of John's large family.

John Gurney's mother had died in 1792, leaving her husband, John Gurney senior, to bring-up their eleven children. They were a Quaker family; the third daughter, Elizabeth, later married Joseph Fry and went on to become the famous prison reformer. Thomas' relationship with this family was to have a lasting and profound influence on his life from then on. In 1802 Thomas renewed his studies and completed his education by entering Trinity College Dublin, where he remained for the next five years. After his graduation in 1807, he married his friend John Gurney's sister, Hannah, at Earlham. His sister-in-law, Rachel, wrote of their wedding:

"The house was overrun by bridesmaids in muslin cloaks and chip hats dressed alike in white with small nosegays, except the bride, who looked lovely, who was still more white, and was distinguished by one beautiful rose".

Another sister-in-law, Catherine, later wrote of Thomas at this time: "He was indeed a noble youth, full of well directed ambition, and gifted with uncommon energy and perseverance in the right use of his talents". The first few months of their marriage were spent at a small cottage, close to Belfield and near his mother, who by this time had remarried and was living at Weymouth; But now with a wife to support, Thomas had to set about earning a living. Early in life he had expected to inherit a large fortune and property in Ireland, but his hopes had come to nothing. For a time he considered becoming a lawyer, but finally decided to go into business. So following his graduation and marriage, he took a junior post in the London offices of the brewers Truman and Hanbury, with good prospects of a partnership after three years probation. He and Hannah went to live in Brick Lane, Spitalfields, close to the brewery which was situated between Quaker Street and Hanbury Street.

Although he frequently attended Quaker meetings with the Gurney

family and both his mother and his wife were Quakers, Thomas had been baptized in the Church of England, and he remained a devout Evangelical throughout his life. Close to their Brick Street home was the Wheeler Street Chapel where the preachings of its minister, Josiah Pratt, greatly influenced Thomas at this time.

During his period with the brewery, in which he became a partner in 1811, Thomas became very much involved with charitable work in the area, particularly that connected with education, the Bible Society, and the deep sufferings of the Spitalfield weavers whose businesses were by then in rapid decline. Closely associated with him in this work was his brother-in-law, Samuel Hoare, and in 1816 they together founded the Society for the Reformation of Prison Discipline, whose aim was to reform prison conditions and encourage rehabilitation programmes for young offenders.

By 1817 Thomas was considering entering Parliament, and on the dissolution of Parliament in the spring of 1818, offered himself as a candidate for Weymouth in the forthcoming June election. Afterwards he wrote to his wife Hannah:

"The election is over. I am now going to the Hall to return thanks to my constituents. And so I am a Member of Parliament. I wish you were here to see me chaired. The town is in uproar. The bugle-horn is at this moment playing, and hundreds of persons are collected on the Esplanade. Everybody has blue ribbons".

When visiting his Weymouth constituents Thomas would stay with his Uncle Charles at Belfield which he was always to find a place of tranquillity. He wrote home to Hannah from there the year after his election:

"Here I am continually in the air, and certainly have already found the benefit of it. I rode this morning for two hours on the Wyke sands before breakfast. I have determined not to canvass, but to be constantly walking about: the worst of it is, I do not know above a third of their faces, and the names of about one in a hundred, so I am in momentary danger of grasping the hand, and inquiring with the kindest solicitude after the welfare of the wife and family of a man who never saw Weymouth in his life ..."

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The Buxton Memorial Fountain

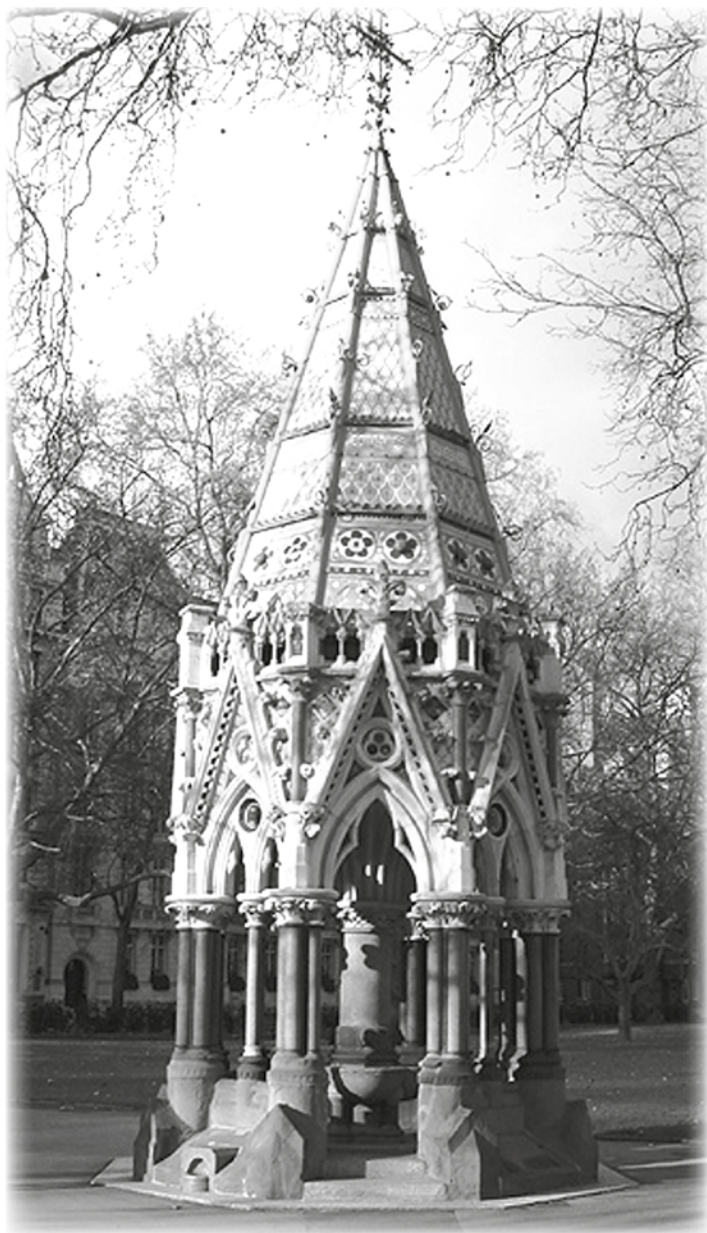
The Buxton Memorial Fountain is a memorial and drinking fountain in London, that commemorates the emancipation of slaves in the British Empire in 1834.

It was commissioned by Charles Buxton MP, and was dedicated to his father Thomas Fowell Buxton along with William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, Thomas Babington Macaulay, Henry Brougham and Stephen Lushington, all of whom were involved in the abolition. It was designed by Gothic architect Samuel Sanders Teulon (1812–1873) in 1865 coincidentally with the passing of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which effectively ended the western slave-trade.

It was originally constructed in Parliament Square, erected at a cost of £1,200. As part of the postwar redesign of the square it was removed in 1949 and not reinstated in its present position in Victoria Tower Gardens until 1957. There were eight decorative figures of British rulers on it, but four were stolen in 1960 and four in 1971. They were replaced by fibreglass figures in 1980. By 2005 these were missing, and the fountain was no longer working. Between autumn 2006 and February 2007 restoration works were carried out. The restored fountain was unveiled on 27 March 2007 as part of the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the act to abolish the slave trade.

A memorial plaque commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Anti-Slavery Society was added in 1989.

'Whatever thy hand findeth do, do it with thy might'



The Buxton Memorial Fountain, designed by Samuel Sanders Teulon, celebrating the emancipation of slaves in the British Empire in 1834, in Victoria Tower Gardens, Millbank, Westminster, London.

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Knit & Natter

St Francis' Church, Littlemoor
Every Tuesday 10.30am-12.00pm
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston
Every 1st Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

The Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund Rector: Revd John Mackenzie Assistant Curate: Revd Ash Liddington www.parihofwykeregis.org.uk

You will find a warm welcome at our friendly and inclusive churches: All Saints, Portland Road, and St Edmund's, Lanehouse Rocks Road. We also have a close relationship to Holy Trinity Church on the Weymouth harbourside.

All Saints Church DT4 9ES Churchwardens: Alison Rimmer, Leslie Seamark

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

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

1st Sunday of the month, 9.30am: Café Church – Tea, coffee and toast from 9.30am onwards.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 9.30am: Sung Communion, followed by refreshments. 4th Sundays, 11.15am to noon: Ignite, our new service for all ages, followed by refreshments.

4th Sundays, 6.30pm: Joint Evensong, location alternates between All Saints and Holy Trinity Church. 5th Sundays: Joint Service with St Edmund's. Location alternates between All Saints and St Edmund's.

Morning Prayer

9.00am Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri
9.30am Saturday
Fridays
10.30am: Holy Communion (said), followed by refreshments.

Monday 12th October

Angel's Lunch Club 12.30pm
Every 2nd Monday
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston (suggested donation of £7 per head).
Contact 01305 834866

Friday 16th October

Osmington Lunch Club 12.15pm for 12.30pm
Every 3rd Friday
Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington
Contact: 07814 888085

Saturday 17th October

Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am-12.00pm
Every 3rd Saturday
St Osmund's Church, Osmington
£3 per head

Coffee Mornings

10.00am: 3rd Saturday of the month (see dates below).
St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ Churchwarden: Caro Elliott; Deputy Churchwarden: Amy Roff

Sundays

1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 11.00am: Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with Service of the Word. 2nd Sundays: Ignite, our new service for all ages, followed by a light lunch.

5th Sundays: Joint service with All Saints. Location alternates between All Saints and St Edmund's.

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 would like to know more.

Coffee Mornings

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

Hall Hire

Have an event in need of a venue? St Edmund's beautiful church hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Send enquiries to office@parihofwykeregis.org.uk, or contact Amy on 07397 805124 for more information.

The Parish of Wyke Regis works with local schools, charities and other organisations. We offer many opportunities for people of all ages to come together, such as men's breakfasts, walking groups,

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craft groups, as well as chances to learn to sing and ring the bells; all of which help towards combatting loneliness and isolation.

Contact Us

If you want to get in touch, contact us via email: office@parishof-wykeregis.org.uk, or call us on 01305 784649.

Regular parish activities

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

Art Group – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

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

Book Group – Meets quarterly. Next meeting: 3rd November.

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.

Circle of Friends Lunch – Lynch Lane Garden Centre. 12.00pm, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 7th October.

Craft Group – 10.00am on Thursdays at All Saints, fortnightly. Singing for Fun – 3rd Tuesday in the month, 2.00pm, All Saints Church.

Walking Group – meets at Binckleaves 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 10th October. For more information and to book your breakfast contact Ian Cox: iancoxart@yahoo.com

Coming Events

All Saints

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 19th September & 17th October

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

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 26th September & 31st October 10am-12 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.

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.

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Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

<https://www.holytrinityweymouth.org>

Face book: Holy Trinity Weymouth with St Nicholas

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

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

1st Sunday 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start - Open Table - Inclusive service for LGBTQIA+ friends, families and allies (in the main space)

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

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

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Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

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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

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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.

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.

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Wild Plants of Weymouth

Common Cat'sear

Hypochoeris Radicata
Compositae Family

Some members of the Compositae Family of wild flowers are often difficult to identify unless you are a dedicated and experienced botanist, and the Common Cat'sear, or Long-rooted Cat'sear as it is sometimes called, is one of such a group.

They are not rare for they can be found throughout the British Isles in pastures, meadows, common land, heaths, roadside verges and even gardens, lawns and fixed sand dunes. They are also plentiful from June to October on the grass verges in and around Weymouth.



Common Cat'sear seed pods

Short to medium in height, they are pollinated by a variety of insects, their flower stalks springing from the centre of a circle of leaves that lie flat on the ground. The flowers, which are pollinated by a variety of different insects, are about two centimeters across, and are composed not of a single flower full of petals, but a head of many very small flowers. This is why they are called the Compositae Family, a family of flowers which includes the dandelion, daisy, ragwort, tansy, thistle and many more. When the flowers have withered into a feathery head similar to those on the dandelion, the seeds are blown away by the wind to grow elsewhere. The main flower stem is usually divided into several long flower stalks which are hairy below but smooth in the upper regions and slightly grooved. The main leaves are generally rough and hairy on both sides, with broad and jagged teeth that point downwards. Up each tiny stem, leaves can be seen and it is the shape of these tiny leaf bracts that have given the flower its name of 'Cat'sear'.

Its generic name is divided into two parts, the first, *hypochoeris*, stemming from two Greek words ie *hypo* and *choeris*. *Hypo* translates as under, and *choeris* as pig, since pigs apparently relished the plant's roots.



The second and species name, *radicata*, refers to the leaves which are said to be radical since they all rise from the roots.

Above: Common Cat'sear leaves

Below: Common Cat'sear flower



One Of Many Spiders!

Yes, it's only a small garden but at times it can prove an area of education and an extension of one's knowledge. It was autumn, and in a narrow gap between the garage and the hedge, hung a spider's web with delicate dew-drops glistening in the morning sun. Britain has more than six hundred different species of spiders, and all are harmless to mankind. They are, however, fatal regarding flies and other insects that become caught in their seemingly delicate webs.

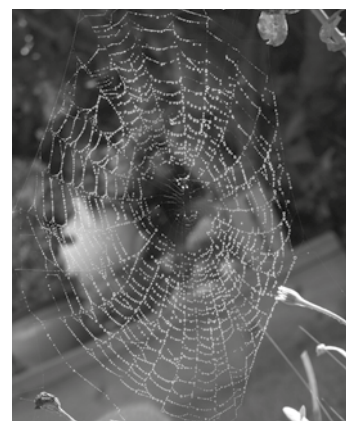
This was a typical spider's web, circular and at a brief and tricky count, had around 32 delicate silk 'spokes' radiating from the centre to the outside edge. This one had been woven with amazing accuracy by a spider that had attached it firmly both to the garage and the nearby hedge. Of the spider there was no sign but no doubt it was carefully hidden somewhere close by.

This was a cool and clear autumnal morning where everything was still and silent and the busy world strangely quiet until an unfortunate fly from nearby flowers flew into the sunlight and found itself caught within the shimmering web. Here, obviously, was the spider's early meal of the day, the vibration from the web indicating to the hidden spider that 'breakfast' was ready.

Like lightning, it shot from its hiding place; the fly was captured, rapidly paralysed by the spider's venomous bite, and borne to its nest out of sight. These spiders do not always hide away but can sit motionless in the centre of the web where it is not sticky.

This spider was surprisingly large and it was at this point that a reference book became useful in order to identify correctly which type of spider it was. This was the Garden Spider and unusually large compared with others found around the garden; it was also probably a female spider for they are larger than the male. This spider was a light brown with darker markings and, like all spiders, it had only two parts to its body ie a head and an abdomen. It was, therefore, a creature in a category quite different from an insect. As with all others, it had eight legs and these too, were light brown with darker stripes. Its eight eyes are arranged in two rows of four, and any eggs it lays are usually

placed close by and hidden under shelter. The silk for the web and the wrapping around any unfortunate creature that flies into its web, come from six spinnerets at the rear of the body. This was, strangely, a quiet but absorbing morning and a salutary experience, for we human-beings tend to regard ourselves as superior, but Nature has so many unexpected and unknown experiences and surprises that teach us a fair measure of humility!



Dorset Council secures £1.1m to help prevent homelessness

Dorset Council has secured £1.1 million in government funding to strengthen local efforts to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping across the county.

The funding will be used to help people access safe accommodation earlier, improve homelessness prevention services, and deliver new accommodation for those with a long-term history of rough sleeping.

Working closely with voluntary and community sector organisations, housing providers, health partners and support agencies, the council will focus on preventing homelessness before people reach crisis point.

The council is making better use of data and intelligence to identify households that may be at risk of homelessness, enabling earlier in-

tervention and more personalised support. By working collaboratively with partners, Dorset Council aims to ensure residents receive the right help at the right time.

Councillor Gill Taylor, Dorset Council Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, said: "Everyone has a right to a home, and nobody should have to sleep rough. Ending rough sleeping involves working every day with our voluntary sector partners to prevent people from becoming homeless. 'We want to provide people with the skills and opportunities to deal with their current situation and help them build stable, independent futures.'

Dorset Council's homelessness prevention performance continues to exceed the national average. The additional funding will help build on this success and strengthen partnership approaches that reduce homelessness, im-

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Weymouth and Portland proud hosts of Olympic Windsurfing World Championship

Local people are invited to be part of a major international sporting event as Weymouth and Portland host the 2026 Musto iQFOiL World Championships.

As well as world-class racing, local people have an opportunity to get involved through a range of free activities, community events and taster sessions.

From 7th to 12th September, up to 250 of the world's leading windsurfers from more than 40 nations will compete off the Dorset coast,

bringing international attention to Weymouth and Portland and showcasing the area to a global audience.

The highlight for residents will be a free Fan Zone outside Weymouth Pavilion, on Saturday 12 September from 10am to 6pm. Visitors to the Fan Zone will be able to watch the decisive Medal Series live on a giant screen, enjoy expert commentary, athlete interviews, music, family activities and celebrations as the new world champions are crowned.

The Fan Zone will run alongside Weymouth Town Council's Waterfest on the beach opposite the beach office, with opportunities to try kayaking, paddleboarding, beach yoga, sea swimming and a range of children's activities.

Free pre-bookable taster sessions will give people the chance to experience sailing and windsurfing for themselves, with equipment and instruction provided by quali-

fied Royal Yachting Association (RYA) coaches.

The event is expected to bring economic, tourism and community benefits to the area while further cementing Weymouth and Portland's reputation as one of the world's premier sailing destinations.

Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council said:

"Hosting a World Championship of this scale is fantastic for Dor-

set. Events like this don't come around very often, but it gives us the chance to show off our stunning coastline to an international audience while bringing people into Weymouth to support local businesses. We very much hope it will inspire young people to get involved in water sports which are available right on their doorstep.

'We are really pleased that local people can be part of the event and even try a new water sport

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while celebrating Dorset's unique connection with sailing.'

Cllr David Civil, Leader of Weymouth Town Council said:

"We are looking forward to welcoming athletes, support teams and visitors from around the world to Weymouth. Events like this help to showcase everything that makes our town so special, and we are proud to see an international event of this magnitude come to our shores. It will be great to see the community come together to enjoy what promises to be a fantastic celebration of sport on the waterfront, and we are looking forward to giving visitors a very warm welcome.

'The Fan Zone outside Weymouth Pavilion will generate a fantastic atmosphere and falls on the same day as our flagship Water Fest event, which takes place on Wey-

mouth Beach on Saturday 12th September from 10am - 3pm. This free event gives people the chance to try out various water sports and activities, including paddleboarding, gig rowing and beach sauna sessions. There will also be the chance to have a dip in the sea with some local groups, visit a range of information stalls, and learn about the exciting Beach Access Project that is coming to Weymouth Beach."

Niall McLeod, Musto iQFOiL World Championship Event Director, said:

'The championship will bring together the very best iQFOiL athletes in the world, but its success will also be measured by the connection it creates with Weymouth, Portland and the wider Dorset community.'

"The free Fan Zone is designed

to make the final day welcoming and accessible, whether you follow sailing closely or simply want a memorable day out. We would love to see Weymouth Pavilion and the harbourside full of local support as the world titles are decided.'

The championship marks the first major iQFOiL championship to be held in the UK and the first World Championship in an Olympic windsurfing class on British waters since 2009.

Home interest will be led by British Sailing Team athletes Emma Wilson and Andy Brown, who will defend the women's and men's world titles they won in 2025. Wilson is also a two-time Olympic bronze medallist, having won medals at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

Beyond the racing, the champion-

ship's ELEVATE: iQFOiL social impact programme is working with local community groups to create opportunities in watersports, volunteering, education and employment. The programme aims to leave a lasting legacy for local young people, communities and the environment.

Full Fan Zone information and free taster-session bookings are available at www.rya.org.uk/iqfoil-worlds-2026.

Buckham Fair raises £138,000 for DCH Charity Appeal

The Buckham Fair Committee has raised a record-breaking amount of £138,000 for the

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Emergency and Critical Care Appeal. All proceeds taken at Buckham Fair, held on Sunday 2nd August 2026, have been donated to the DCH Charity Appeal.

The Emergency and Critical Care Appeal is aiming to raise £2.5 million to fund enhanced equipment and facilities for the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit currently under construction at Dorset County Hospital (DCH). This significant donation helps the Appeal reach the £2 million milestone.

Founded by Martin and Philippa Clunes, Buckham Fair welcomed thousands of visitors this summer, after an eight-year break. Over 8,000 local people and visitors from as far as Seattle and Italy enjoyed a fun-filled day of dog shows local trade stalls, delicious food stands, the famous beer tent, action-packed displays, fun fair and Heavy Horse Village. Neil Morrissey and Martin Clunes were re-united to judge the dog show together, with the very special category of 'dog most like Neil Morrissey' for fans to enjoy.

The Buckham Fair Committee announced support for DCH Charity's Appeal in January 2026. In March they attended a tour of the

Tilbury Douglas Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit construction site to find out more about the project and how the Appeal will fund enhanced facilities and equipment to benefit patients, staff and loved ones.

The Buckham Fair Committee, said, 'Thank you to all our volunteers, friends, neighbours and supporters, not to mention the thousands of happy visitors who came from far and wide making the whole day such a success. We are so proud to support DCH and this Appeal and its essential work to furnish this splendid new building.'

Donations raised through the Emergency and Critical Care Appeal will fund facilities and equipment including: overnight accommodation for relatives, a patient winter garden to aid recovery, state-of-the-art equipment such as ventilators and a mobile x ray machine, and rest facilities for our hard-working staff.

To find out more about the Appeal, other areas it will fund and how you can help, visit Emergency and Critical Care Appeal - dchcharity.org.uk.



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Neil Morrissey and Martin Clunes at Buckham Fair

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The Clubhouse in Rylands Lane is open on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership is £10 per year. For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137

Dorset children encouraged to share their views

Children and young people in Dorset are invited to share their

experiences, ideas, hopes and concerns for the future through a major national survey.

The Big Future survey, led by Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, aims to hear from one million children and young people across the country. This is an important opportunity for Dorset's young people to be represented too.

The findings will help shape national conversations and decisions about the issues that affect children and young people.

Dorset Council wants as many people as possible aged under 18 to give their views and is asking parents and carers to help spread the word.

Survey responses are anonymous, giving participants the chance to speak openly. Topics include whether there are enough fun things to do locally, online safety, experiences at school, and hopes and concerns for the future.

Young people aged 12 and over will also be asked questions about

voting and the issues they care about most.

The survey will take around five minutes to complete. It has been designed to be easy to read and accessible, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. It can be completed on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices.

The survey is open until 11.59pm on Friday 23 October 2026.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Osmington MacMillan Coffee Morning

Yes! There will be cake!
Osmington Village Hall Trustees

invite everyone to join them at Osmington Village Hall for a Coffee Morning on 25th September, from 10.00am until 12 noon - or a coffee and cake lunch at 1.00pm if that's preferred! In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Offers of cakes home-made or shop bought will be very much appreciated. We're hoping that we can raise a good sum for this very worthy cause - especially in view of the recent sadness in the village. Please, do support the Village Hall in this venture.

There is no need to make a formal booking but, if you can, drop us a line so that we have some idea of numbers. We don't want anyone to run short of cake!

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Accordion Club

Every Tuesday 7.30pm. St Ann's Schoolroom, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. £3.00 includes tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information please email or call Graham. gacrow1907@googlemail.com. 07733367065.

Aquafit

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

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

Dorset Kidney Fund

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

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

Aim to protect, maintain and improve the Park for all to enjoy. We have tree

trails, gym equipment, a children's playground all free and we hold events such as Sparkle in the Park, table top sales and Pic-a-Book-Nic. Contact 01305 770772

Friends of Weymouth Library

Supports and promotes our Library. Talks, socials, book sales, knit & natter and quizzes all raise money for Library activities. Membership £6 pa. 01305 750557 friendsofweymouthlibrary.org.uk

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, Reforne, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linksup9@gmail.com or 01305776328.

Ladies Keep Fit

Exercise to music classes for the mature mover. We have a few vacancies at the Southill Community centre on Thursday mornings 9.45am till 10.45am. Please contact Linda 889119. Try the first class free.

Ladies Social Badminton

Players needed for ladies badminton group. Friendly group, social games, not league. Meet Tuesdays at Redlands Sports Hub. Details Rosemary 01305 832456

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

Mondays in school term time, 2pm - 3.30pm at the Frank Reynolds Community Centre, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5BY (Broadway). Email. elizabeth.ian.messer@gmail.com

Littlemoor Library

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10.00 - 17.00
Wednesday: 10.00 - 17.00
Thursday: 12.00 - 18.00
Friday: 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00
Sunday: Closed
Return items at any time through the letterbox by the library entrance door. The library holds the following:
Writing group every Monday at 10.00am
Rhymetime every Tuesday at 10.30am
Cuppa and company every Thursday 2.30pm. Councillor Surgery drop in first Saturday of the month at 10.00am to 11.00am. Police Community Support Officer drop in second Thursday of the month 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Reminiscence is the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

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. Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E.repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.00pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from Graeme at graemedickson1@aol.com

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 - 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. Tui-

tion given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

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Sutton Poyntz Venue

Hire £10 an hour - meetings, clubs, celebration, performances.
Book the Mission Hall - 01305 835533.
Information suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

The Light Spiritualist Church

Preston Village Hall, Preston Road, Weymouth. DT3 6BH. Sunday Services 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Tel 07483 811516.

Walk and Talk Group

A new Walk and Talk group for Cross Road Surgery Patients.
A volunteer led walk to Sandsfoot gardens (Rodwell Trail) every Mon meeting 2.00pm at Cross road surgery car park (no parking).
Contact abigailwring@btinternet.com 01305784986 or reception Cross Road surgery.

Watercolour Art Classes

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

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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.
10 Hardwick Street. Tel. 777774.
Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm
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Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Estate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel. 770760. Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Wellworthy Bowls Club

Dumbarton Road, Wyke Regis. FREE Saturday Open Mornings, 10.00am-12 noon. Every week all year round. Come and try your hand at bowls. Wear flat-bottomed shoes. Range of bowls available. Help & guidance provided. Contact: Carol on 07817393178.

Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

New members welcome to our friendly mixed ability group. Tuesdays 9.30am-12.00pm, Southill Community Centre, £2 weekly. Our annual Exhibition is the 2nd Tuesday in November

10.00am-4.00pm. Browse or buy. Free entry, parking & refreshments.

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. Facebook "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.uk or Fiona Webb 0775946116 fionavwebb@gmail.com

Weymouth Drama Club

For adults and young people, meeting on various nights during the week. For enquiries for our youth section, please email wdc curtainraisers@gmail.com and for our Adult section, please email wdcsecretary25@gmail.com. www.weymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

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

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane
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).

Wemouth Spiritual Awareness Centre

Join us at Pilgrim House (Hope Square)
Sunday Service 6pm for 6.15pm
Friday Healing & Readings 2.00pm-4.00pm
Contact Shelley 07884943242

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Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Trading Post Openings. Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm; Wed 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Annual Membership £10 may be taken out at our shop during opening times. www.wrhs.org.uk

Wyke Regis Community Association

Email. wrca@btconnect.com
www.WykeRegisCommunityAssociation.co.uk or follow us on Facebook
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Wyke Regis Library

Monday 12.00 noon - 6.00pm
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.

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Wyke Regis Society

www.wykeregissociety.org.uk
Meetings second Monday every other month, 7.00pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or georgina.s.kipper@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
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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.

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