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News

Wyke Regis Society

Minutes of Wyke Regis Society meeting Monday 13th July at 7.00pm at Wyke Regis Workies, Portland Road. Contact georgina.s.skipper@gmail.com, 01305 761993

Chairperson's Report

We had a short and lively meeting with four members and three councillors. As this is my last meeting as Chair, I am updating my latest agenda points in these minutes. Arrangements will be made for rehoming the WRS archive at the Family History Centre unless there are other suggestions.

Footpaths and Highways, 20mph area

<https://www.weymouthtown-council.gov.uk/news/maps-with-draft-proposals-for-20mph-speed-limits-in-weymouth/> will lead you to the online consultation, open until 20th July. As we have several schools and lanes without pedestrian paths, please support the reduction of the speed limit in these areas, to safeguard all our residents and especially children.

Weymouth Town Council underspend was caused by unfilled positions, one being a second Town Caretaker, who tackles graffiti and other mess.

Dorset Police Helpline

A new 24-hour telephone service offering fraud advice has been launched to help protect Dorset residents from scams. The service, called 'Ask Damian', provides round-the-clock access to guidance on a wide range of fraud types, aiming to help people identify scams early and take simple steps to avoid financial loss. It is designed to be easy to use and can translate into multiple languages, making it accessible to communities across the county. The 'Ask Damian' service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 01202 144688. Anyone who believes they have been a victim of fraud should report it via the Action Fraud website or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Dorset Town of Culture

Weymouth and Portland have lost in their application this year.

Parks and Open Spaces

It was generally believed at the meeting that Kate Wheller and Jean Hamdorff will be taking the Society in a different direction, focussing on open spaces and being largely online. It isn't known whether this will involve a link with the WR Horticultural Society but it is likely to be led by the Council as a charity. The next meeting in Sep-

tember will clarify matters (date to be decided by KW and JH).

Portland Beach Road and Incinerator

We seem to have a new bully in the area, in the form of Langhams who, not content with riding roughshod over Dorset democratic wishes, decided to threaten those giving out pamphlets with a sort of forklift. He denies this despite evidence.

This is especially sad as the Environment Agency is now minded to allow the burning of some pretty nasty stuff in Langhams' proposed incinerator, presumably as they will have to import rubbish to make their development viable. Our MP, Lloyd Hatton, remains hopeful that we will get a last-minute reprieve.

A protest will take place outside the Environment Agency office in Blandford at 11.30 on 29th July.

Councillors' Reports Cllr Clare Sutton

The Environment Agency issued a 'Minded to' decision in June to allow Powerfuel's permit variation application to incinerate 67 additional waste types. If you'd like to object, you have until 31st July, via <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/dt5-1pp-powerfuel-portland-limited-v002/>. The wonderful Debbie Tullett has identified 4 major weaknesses in the EA's decision documents: inadequate Fire Prevention and Odour Management Plans, and insufficient scrutiny of the impact of 'Forever Pollutants' and proximity to The Verne, East Weare and Castletown. For further details go to Jurassic Coast Against Incineration Facebook page, or email me if you don't use Facebook.

Work to repair/replace sections of the railing at Smallmouth commenced 13th July and are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Councillor Kate Wheller and I met with Dorset Council Highways Officers 10 July to discuss the Portland Road/Wyke Road/ Lanehouse and Foord's Corner roundabouts. On the former, utilising some of the cemetery land to widen the junction is unfortunately not possible due to the incline. On the latter, it's very early days but we gave feedback in light of possible future developments on Portland, including MEMO and the waste incinerator.

Finally, a big shout out for this

summer's Reading Challenge, 'Read to the Beat', which highlights the connection between reading and music. If you have any 4-11 year olds in your life, do encourage them to sign up at Wyke library.

Cllr Helen Toft

Speeding motorbikes on Portland Road/Buxton Road are a problem, being dangerous and noisy. Cllr Toft has informed police.

Any Other Business

Toilet charging is a concern to many residents, but the 50p card payment has been shown to be very effective at stopping vandalism of the loos, which was frequent. The WI have launched a national campaign against public toilet closures.

Proposals have been received for the Wyke Gardens building.

There seems hardly a day now when there isn't a train problem – not necessarily here, but along the line, which impacts Weymouth. Lloyd Hatton brought this up in Parliament. He told MPs: «For months and months I've been banging on about improving the quality of the Weymouth to London Waterloo service. Whether frequent delays often at the weekend, patchy Wi-Fi, no onboard food trolley service, or indeed the fact that there was not an accessible toilet at Weymouth train station for many, many years.»

Mr Hatton said he had been working with South Western Railway in recent months to address some of the issues and confirmed that an accessible toilet at Weymouth station has now reopened. The toilets were closed in 2011 and still out of action even after a £1 million revamp of the station forecourt in 2023, have long been a source of anger for rail users and campaigners who see the station as a key gateway to the resort.

South Western Railway previously blamed 'unacceptable levels' of anti-social behaviour for the closure and said any reopening would have to prioritise the safety of customers and staff.

Mr Hatton added: «Whilst of course this is positive news, it is clear that much more must be done to improve the quality of the train service on the Weymouth to Waterloo line.»

Meeting finished 8.15pm.

Next meeting date September, details to be circulated by KW/JH

Wyke Regis WI

In July we spent a fun afternoon trying on a variety of hats and fascinators brought along by Sue Outhwaite of T. Snooks, and in August we held our annual picnic at Nothe Gardens.

Now we are going musical - Liz Bartlett will be holding a handbell workshop at our meeting on 13th September, and the Wyke WI Singers will be entertaining us at their autumn concerts on 6th & 7th October.

Our monthly coffee morning on 1st September at our hall in Gallway Road will offer homemade cakes, tea and coffee, bric-a-brac, second-hand books and a chance to chat - all are welcome. Our programme of meetings covering a wide range of activities and interests will resume after the summer break.

For details of our events, meetings and interest groups please visit our website www.wyke-regis-wi.org.uk.

Wyke Regis Community Film Club

Our next screening is 'Boy', at 7.00pm on Saturday 5th September in Wyke Regis Community Hall. Please note the date change from our original schedule for 2026.

The film, directed by Taika Waititi in 2010, is a heart warming and funny tale from New Zealand. Entry £6.50 includes glass of wine, beer, or soft drink. Reserve at www.parishofwyke-regis.org.uk/events, or contact Jeff on 07710 096174.

Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council Report

Cllr Kate Wheller - Leader Labour Group

Democracy is strange and sometimes disappointing (but I am sure better than other systems).

Over my many years with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council I have listened to representations from dog owners and debated with colleagues on SPSO public spaces protection orders - control of dogs. A duty formerly in the control of Weymouth members but now under Dorset Council. I felt it was important, and made a request that, Weymouth Town Council made a formal representation, since we here in Weymouth know the area better than a councillor for example, from the North

Dorset.

However, my colleagues felt it was too complex and too varied for full council representation and that each member should make their own comments. Members of the public should do so as well and I hope that as many as possible have done so. This is a matter for owners of dogs and those who are not.

My next disappointment concerns 20mph speed limits. One of the most frequent complaints I receive is of drivers speeding, particularly in small residential roads and those where schools are located. During the recent 'conversation' event at Weymouth Library we had a huge number of residents in favour of speed restrictions and they were encouraged to complete the survey and make their comments so that WTC could collate the data and make representations to Dorset Council when this issue is debated. Sadly, so few people completed the survey that there were insufficient numbers for a meaningful conclusion. I'm pleased that members agreed that we would not shelve this as 'too difficult' and we will try to engage further with residents to write a report for DC. Please join in.

Whether you agree with speed limits or are opposed it is really important that we know. Should all our main roads remain as they are? E.g. Dorchester Road, Portland Road, Wyke Road, Preston Road, Buxton Road, Littlemoor Road. Should all the smaller residential roads off these have restrictions, especially if there is a school on that road? Or can you name those that should? An argument from many residents is that these restrictions are not enforced and therefore not worth considering but research indicates this is not the case and evidence shows this, for example, in Westham over a number of years a cultural change has occurred and most people observe the limits. Others will argue that 'chance would be a fine thing' to be able exceed the limit that is not a reason for not having one!

Just as many people do believe that it is important to use their vote, please engage in surveys and questionnaires. Many of you will be lucky enough to know your councillor well and speak to them frequently. Not everyone does but if your councillors are to make sound decisions for the majority of residents that engagement is vital.

Finally, during the last Full Meet-

ing of Weymouth Town Council a lively debate raged over the use of social media reporting to the Council. Of course, there are a number of platforms and sites and a great many people do use these formats. We know this and WTC communications staff monitor all posts, note and comment and respond. However, it is not always possible to know the source of the comment. Should a comment from someone who lived on Chickerell Road in 1950 carry the same weight as a young family living there now? Every comment is important and interesting, there is no such thing as a silly question and anyone from anywhere can have a good idea. WTC and many members read them all. But it is helpful to know where that commentator lives or if they know or use the area upon which they are commenting. Filling in a targeted survey allows us to gain that knowledge - so please, please do! Please do contact me with any issue either by email or phone (07850060947) or you will see me on my walks around Wyke and Weymouth.

Kate

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Wyke Regis Ward Green Party Update August 2026

Cllr Helen Toft

The end of July marked the successful completion of a community project that began back in 2023.

An overgrown patch of waste ground near the Rodwell Trail has been transformed into a vibrant community space after years of work involving local residents, volunteers and organisations. What had become an overgrown, litter-strewn area restricting access along a well-used walking route has been completely revitalised.

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Revitalised area near the Rodwell Trail

A huge thank you goes to SGN for clearing the site through one of their community volunteering days and replacing the doors on their utility building, Weymouth Town Council's Green Spaces team for removing the waste, local plantsman Dave Birchall for his expertise and countless hours of planting, Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter CIC for their support, and local artist Claire Shilton (Crumpet Claire), whose stunning mural has provided the perfect finishing touch.

The transformation has not only created a colourful gateway to the Rodwell Trail but has also dramatically reduced littering and given local residents a real sense of pride in the area. It is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when

the community comes together. Cllr Clare Sutton

A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Castle Cove Beach for another fantastic Family Fun Day. Organised by Hannah and the committee, the event welcomed hundreds of local families for an afternoon of arts and crafts, face painting, singing, sand sculpture competitions, free books, mermaids and plenty of community spirit. Special thanks also to Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter CIC for donating the tug-of-war rope that continues to be put to good use each year.

In my role as Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education, I would also like to highlight two excellent initiatives supporting young people locally.



A beautiful mural by local artist Claire Shilton

The McDrop-In sessions continue every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm at the Jubilee Park McDonald's, providing a safe and welcoming space where young people can meet Targeted Youth Workers, access support and advice, and take part in activities. Around 15 to 20 young people attend each week, discussing everything from well-being and school to aspirations and healthy relationships. The Pineapple Project also continues to support young women through regular creative sessions at By the Quay, offering oppor-

tunities to connect, build confidence and help shape future projects, including podcasts and social media initiatives. Young women interested in getting involved are encouraged to contact the project through its Instagram page.

Cllr Claudia Webb
It has been another busy month responding to residents' concerns and working with local organisations to improve our community. I am pleased to report that the issues raised at Smallmouth Beach have now been resolved following work with Dorset Council and the

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relevant organisations. Concerns had been raised about boats being stored against the fencing, damaged railings and maintaining safe access to the beach, and it is great to see these matters addressed so that residents and visitors can once again enjoy the area safely.

I have also continued following up reports of abandoned vehicles, parking concerns and other highways issues across the ward to ensure they remain with the relevant departments until action is taken.

As always, I have been helping residents with a wide range of casework, including housing enquiries, environmental concerns and local neighborhood issues. Every report helps build the evidence needed to secure action, so thank you to everyone who has been in touch.

Finally, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the community projects and events that have taken place across Wyke Regis this summer. They are a great reminder of what can be achieved when residents, volunteers and local organisations work together to make our area an even better place to live.

If there is anything I can help with, or an issue you would like me to

investigate, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came to our last market. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £140 to be divided between St. Andrew's Church Fund and The British Heart Foundation.

Our next market will be held on Saturday 3rd October. All welcome.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

The sunny weather is still here as I write but rain is desperately needed!

A group of us went on a Historical Walk in Dorchester last month with Mark Chutter who is a brilliant guide. He's full of facts and figures and we heard all about Judge Jeffreys and the Bloody Assizes. He handed down death sentences for 251 Rebels although only 74 were actually executed in the end. They were hung, drawn and quartered and their heads were put on spikes around the town to deter

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others. He told us lots of other interesting information too and we were taken to see one of the many tunnels under the town.

We then went for tea and cake at The King's Arms which was lovely. August is the time for our Annual Tea Party in The Mission Hall Garden. Our Committee made sandwiches and provided grapes and crisps while some members made some very nice cakes. We were welcomed with Pimm's and lemonade or soft drinks for those who wanted them.

We then played Jumping Frogs which was a fun game with our members volunteering to have a go!

There was our usual Raffle and the Committee were thanked for all their hard work. A good time was had by all.

Next month our meeting will be a talk about The Veterans Hub and the work that they do. This is on the 2nd of September at 2.00pm at The Mission Hall, guests are always welcome.

Val Dawe
President

News from Trading Standards

Squishy Toy safety

Squishy toys are soft and pliable, often with a liquid or gel filled feel when squeezed. Squishy toys come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Many people enjoy squeezing them for play, to relax, or relieve stress. They are very young child appealing, and as a current craze can be found for sale in many different places, even sellers who don't usually sell toys.

While lots of squishy toys are safe, buyers should be aware that Dorset Council Trading Standards are

becoming increasingly concerned that some products on the market do not meet legal safety requirements. Some examples have been classed by the UK Regulator as posing a serious chemical or physical risk.

If you own a squishy toy, or are thinking of buying one, then check that it includes, or that it was included when bought, the information required by law. Missing safety information can be a warning sign that a toy may not comply with toy safety regulations and therefore be unsafe: UKCA or CE mark

An age restriction warning with a reason Identification mark such as batch or lot code.

The name and address of the manufacturer. If the manufacturer is outside the UK, the name and address of the manufacturer and the importer into the UK are to be used instead.

It is also important to examine the toy itself. Be cautious if a squishy toy has a strong chemical smell, feels unusually sticky, leaks liquid or starts to break apart easily. These could be signs of poor quality. Younger children may put toys in their mouths, so damaged or poorly made products can create additional risks.

If you have a toy without the required markings, or if your toy has become unsafe under normal use, then stop using it. You can report any concerns about toys to Trading Standards. You can also report seeing toys for sale that don't have the required legal markings. Report to Trading Standards by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or, by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.



Members of Sutton Poyntz Village WI enjoying a Historical Walk in Dorchester with Mark Chutter

Weymouth Concert Brass

As the school summer holidays come to an end, so the pace of our banding commitments relaxes and we can start to look ahead to autumn, winter and next year and prepare our programmes for Last Night of the Proms (3rd October, Weymouth Bay Methodist Church), Remembrance and, yes, Christmas too!

In the meantime you also will find us at the b-side parade, Easton Square, Portland, on Sunday 13th September from 6.00pm.

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

Jeff Thomas

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

In my younger days – which are a lot further back than they used to be – I belonged to the Dorchester Dramatic Society (DDS). Asked to join not because of my wonderful thespian attributes but basically because the Society was very – and I mean very – short of actors. Actresses, more than enough, actors, too few.

The director – a friend of mine hence my involvement – could usually get along with one or two less actors, but that won't work if the play in question is Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare. As if there is another play called Twelfth Night by somebody else. Mrs Barnacle of Wyke says there is, but that will probably turn out to be by her cousin fifteen times removed. Twelfth Night by Bertrand Barnacle doesn't sound quite as impressive. But I digress. It was to be an open-air production in the grounds of Poxwell Manor House, owned in those days by the property magnate Peter Bolton. He was a great supporter of the arts and the DDS in particular. Now with your detailed knowledge of Shakespeare's plays and Twelfth Night in particular you will know that it has a cast list of ten, only three of whom are ladies. You might therefore wonder why my friend – let's call him John, because that was his name – selected it. John had many sterling qualities, common sense not being one of them. The weather was kind for rehearsals and performances, luckily. Nothing puts people off more than the prospect of paying money to sit in the rain, wrapped in a soggy blanket to keep out the cold, watching our finest playwright's lines being mangled. The cast was quite diverse. One was a by occupation a Wren, who fought off dehydration by drinking from a two-litre lemonade bottle. One night she was on 'stage' and to ease my dry throat I took a swig from the bottle. Which brought tears to my eyes as it was virtually neat gin.

On the opening night, and in front of a capacity crowd made up mainly of friends and family, Count Orsino strode out of the main entrance to the Manor to his throne in the middle of the lawn,

while we watched though the partially open door. He sat there for some time, and we could feel the tension rising in the audience. Suddenly he stood up, walked back to the door, pushed it open and said "For heaven's sake, what's my first line?" Our prompt – the most important backstage person – supplied it and armed with this precious information, he strode back, sat and boomed out "If music be the food of love, give me excess of it" Probably one of the most famous opening lines in any play. The audience applauded long and loudly, clearly believing that the Count had engineered the double walk to heighten the tension. The reviewer from our local paper commented on the brilliant opening to a marvellous night, which increased our audiences for the rest of the run. Such is the power of the press.

And my part in this extravaganza? You may well ask. I played Antonio, the sea captain, last – and very much least – in the list of 'Supporting Cast'. I made such an impression that this was the first of many equally minor, but I like to think, pivotal roles. Sir John Gielgud eat your heart out. But moving on from this further digression which my In-house Adviser suggested you would enjoy – at least, that's what I thought she said – to more vital matters.

You will have been as interested as Mrs Barnacle of Wyke was in the news that a new species of monkey has appeared in the rainforests of Africa. Perhaps appeared is the wrong word, since presumably it has always been there, we just haven't noticed it before. It is easy to spot – not that easy because someone would have noticed it a while ago – as it has bright orange lips. Its official name is Colobus Congoensis, but its more common name is Likwell – not Lickwell, which might explain the pinkish-orange lips – and it is clearly an unusual monkey. In addition to the lip colour, it has a loud, frog-like roar! Wonder why it pretends to be a frog then spoils the illusion by looking as though it is wearing lipstick. Perhaps it is hoping someone will kiss it and turn it into a Prince? But that is pantomime, not Shakespeare. Not many frogs

have orange lips, although this statement will probably cause a torrent of comment, which should be directed in the first instance to Mrs Barnacle, who is my fully accredited expert on all things amphibian.

But turning to other matters you may have become aware that it has been unseasonably hot in the recent past, with a notable lack of rainfall. This is somewhat unsettling to those of us used to water falling from the skies – even in July. In Wales we have lots of words for rain. A bit like the Inuit people who live up around the North Pole who are supposed to have at least 100 words for snow, but this total is hotly – well, perhaps not too hotly – debated. Linguists say the Inuit language

is highly agglutinative, and we all know what that means. But Grandson George, who is knowledgeable on medical matters, reminds me frequently that Senior Citizens should drink a great deal to ensure they are fully hydrated. When I expressed pleasure at hearing this, he stressed that he meant lots of water – as a failure to do so can lead to memory loss and dizziness. If these are the symptoms it would appear that I have not been drinking enough water for many, many years past. Ever since, in fact, that I left Wales in my younger days – which are a lot further back than they used to be – to live this side of Offa's Dyke.

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Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 – Brew It Fair

Fairtrade Fortnight now takes place at the end of September and last year the Fairtrade Foundation launched their campaign to Brew It Fair in support of tea growers. The result was that Fairtrade tea sales rose sharply in 2025, with volumes up 35% compared to the previous year – the equivalent of 549 million additional cups of Fairtrade tea enjoyed by UK shoppers.

A major driver of the increase was Sainsbury's conversion of all its Sainsbury's black tea to Fairtrade in 2025. This commitment alone is expected to deliver over £1 million of Fairtrade Premium each year – money that tea-growing communities can invest in improved livelihoods, climate resilience and essential community services. Sainsbury's is now the largest retailer of Fairtrade tea in the UK.

Research carried out in 2025 by the Fairtrade Foundation and Fairtrade Africa, revealed that just 1 in 5 tea growers in Kenya earn enough income each month to support their families with the essentials.

This comes as the knock-on impacts of the conflict in Iran are already being felt by tea growers, with trade disruption in the region pushing up energy, fertiliser and transport costs. In Kenya, Fairtrade partners report tea consignments delayed in Mombasa warehouses, leaving farmers with-

out timely payment. These upstream shocks disproportionately affect farmers and workers.

A spokesman for the Fairtrade Foundation said 'For anyone who hasn't yet made the switch to Fairtrade tea, we would urge you to do so. The more tea growers can sell on Fairtrade terms, the more they can invest in training, strengthen their incomes, and build resilience to climate change – one of the biggest challenges facing the sector. Recent trade disruptions have caused further challenges for tea growers. Fairtrade's focus remains on ensuring farmers are not left to absorb the costs of global disruption, and that supply chains are as resilient as possible. We urge retailers and brands to continue to pay a fair price and work with Fairtrade to build resilience in supply chains.'

Clipper is the largest Fairtrade tea brand and supported the creation of the Fairtrade tea standards over 30 years ago. In 2008, Co-op was the first UK retailer to sell Fairtrade own brand tea and the 99 Blend is still sold today. Greggs has been offering customers Fairtrade tea since 2012. Marks & Spencer has the longest commitment to working with Fairtrade on 100% of its own-brand Fairtrade tea and coffee of any UK retailer and generates more Fairtrade Premium for tea growers than any other UK retailer.

Transform Trade have reintroduced Traidcraft Fairtrade teabags which we sell.

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

The Bridge Fair Trade Shop, 24 Trinity Road, Weymouth, DT4 8TJ Open Tuesday-Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm.

Family History Society

The South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society start their autumn season of talks on Friday 18th September with a presentation by Rachel Rowe entitled 'A Forger In the Family'

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

Admission is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

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News from Citizens Advice

Q I hired a company to install concrete fencing and a gate in my back garden. The quality of the work is poor, some panels are loose and the gate doesn't shut properly. I paid before I inspected the work. What can I do?

A When there's a problem caused by a trader, you should be able to get it fixed or get some money back. Evidence is important - take photos and make notes about what happened and when, including times and dates, and keep receipts or other proof of payment. People can experience different types of problems with traders, and there's specific advice available on the Citizens Advice website. In your situation, it's important to note if a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or for a refund.

This is something you should mention when you take the problem up with the trader and cite your evidence. They should fix the problem within a reasonable amount of time. The law doesn't say what counts as reasonable, so you'll have to agree on it with them.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a partial or full refund, depending on how bad the problem is. You'll have to come to an agreement about how much you should get. It's a good idea to start by suggesting a figure and explaining why you think it's reasonable, then take it from there. Once you've agreed on the amount with the trader the law says you should get your refund within 14 days.

If you can't come to an agreement, or they refuse to fix the problem or give you a refund, there are other steps you can take - including complaining to your card provider if you paid by card.

If the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme,, they might have to follow certain rules, and if they've broken them you could get help to take your complaint further. They might be part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - a way of solving disagreements with a trader without going to court - or they might agree to use one.

If the trader isn't part of an ADR scheme, and you've already complained to your card provider and the complaint isn't resolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Anyone who is experiencing a problem with building work, decorating or home improvements can contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service. The helpline number is 0808 223 1133.

One Voice Choir

One Voice choir's recent concert, Moments in Time, was a great success, entertaining a full audience while raising £750 for Weldmar Hospicecare through ticket sales and a retiring collection.

The programme featured a varied repertoire, taking the audience on a musical journey through different periods and emotions, with performances that were warmly received throughout the afternoon.

The choir was delighted to welcome Jonathan De Kretser, who attended on behalf of Weldmar Hospicecare. His presence highlighted the importance of the

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By Grahame Howard

Tennis, World Cup and New Roof

Well here we are again - I won't say, 'as happy as can be' because we were knocked out of the World Cup. But we survived it. Firstly, we had Wimbledon with all the thrills and spills of that. It was a shock that Djokovic was beaten but it is probably the right time for him to retire while he is still victorious. Time will tell on that one.

What about Arthur Fery? He really showed new talent to the game didn't he? He is only the second wild card to reach the semi-finals at Wimbledon. But I can hear most of you saying, 'What is a Wild card?' In tennis, this title is given to a player who has been given a special invitation that allows the player to skip the standard ranking and qualification process to be able to compete in the main draw. These places are highly coveted and are awarded at the discretion of the events organising committee. One of the reasons the organising body does this, is to give promising young players a chance to play on a bigger stage and show the skill that they may not have been able to do if they were not nominated. And Arthur Fery

certainly did that. He was amazing; full of energy and a natural skill that is hard to find. I believe he is one to watch over the next few years. That is, unless I beat him to this award. I have been playing hard just lately, working on my aces and other parts of my serving skills. So Arthur Fery, watch out, that's what I say. The CO has suddenly broke out into a fit of the giggles. 'You, you little fat bloke, don't even know what side to tap your bus pass into, when you use the bus and to just step on the bus wears you out.' She can be so rude and offensive. I live a dog's life, I really do. Hold on though, the dog is better looked after than I am.

Well, what can I say about the World Cup? Some people have waited 60 years for England to repeat that victory. We excitedly spend a fortune on t-shirts, hats, flags and banners which we display on our houses and cars. Some spend a fortune travelling with the team wherever they are going, and it can be so devastating when the team is knocked out. This may have happened to you as you watched your team suffering referee blindness. What is everyone going to do with the clothes they bought to show they are supporting the team? They'll be no use when it comes to the next competition. They can be sold I suppose but, the sales target is limited because it is highly unlikely that someone from Scotland, Ireland or Wales will be interested in them, so that narrows down the field a little. So, I have a t-shirt to sell. It is blue with 'Back of the net' on the front and 'Football's coming home' on the back. As this is a

memorial of 2026, I think the price will reflect this so the price is £65. Rush your requests to me, I only have one left (I only had one in the first place, but it sounds good).

Changing the subject completely, we've had a few leaks in our roof over the past year or so and so, we have had a new roof fitted. It's taken a week to complete but we are pleased with it. We also told the roofers to take the chimney down because, this was where most of the water was coming in. We have become used to screws and the odd pieces of brick falling down as we walked underneath. The CO was concerned about this, so, I advised her to wear a hard hat, possibly a crash helmet if that was easier to find. She decided to ignore my flippant remark and pressed on regardless. Yes, it was noisy, especially when they removed the chimney stack and quite a bit of dust and broken brick went sailing down the chimney frightening Princess Willow, our British Blue cat, to death. We haven't seen her for a day or two

since. Charlie was ok. Like me, he is as deaf as a post so it was blissful for us. Dust? Yes there were lots of it but mostly outside - we learned the first day to close the windows. I don't think I'll have to go to B&Q for quite a while as the roofers dropped so many nails and screws all over the place, that they'll last for many a month.

So there it is, World Cup sorted (don't forget that we will have the Euro cup in two years time). Then there is Wimbledon to look forward to next year and, if you need your roof fixing, then in general it's not a real problem. There is though, something more important in a few months. Yes, Santa will be visiting (just a little reminder). So have a happy September, just think of all that rain. We won't have to wash the car. The CO has just given me 'the look'.

See you next month
Grahame

News

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charity's work in supporting patients and families across the community.

Choir Chair Debbie Shaw said, 'We are thrilled that Moments in Time was enjoyed by so many people and grateful for the generosity of our audience. Raising £750 for Weldmar Hospicecare is a wonderful achievement, and we are pleased to support such an important local charity.'

The choir thanks everyone who attended, donated, and helped make the afternoon such a memorable and successful event.

One Voice's next concert will celebrate the joy of Christmas on Sunday, 13 December 2026, at 3.00pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Everyone is warmly

invited to join the choir for an afternoon of festive music and seasonal favourites.

The Friends of Weymouth Library

The Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) talk on Saturday 5th September, at 10.30am in Weymouth Library, will have speaker Brian Margetson looking at the history of Poole Harbour, then - and now how it serves today's users.

The entrance fee is £3 per person. Everyone welcome.
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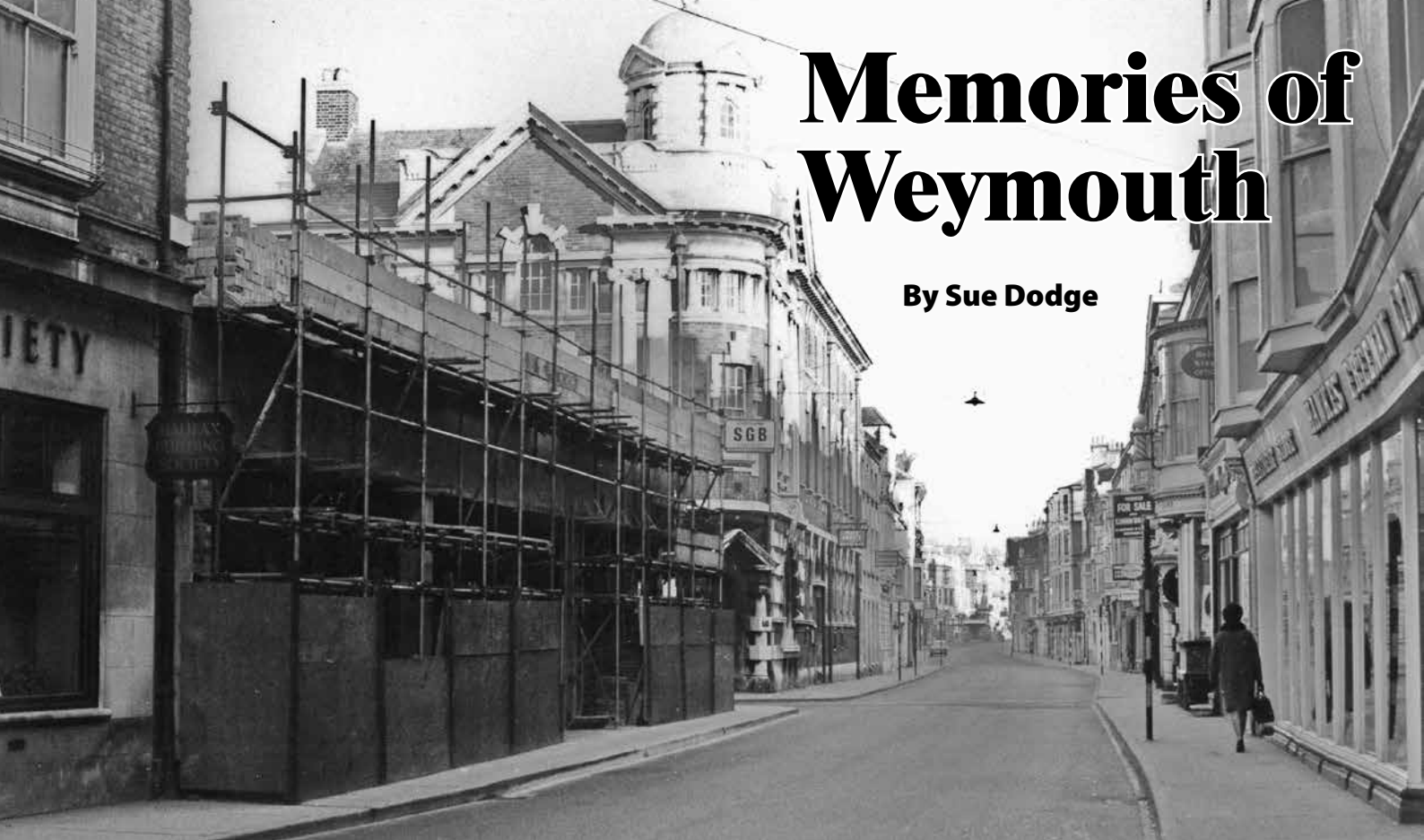
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Memories of Weymouth

By Sue Dodge



St Thomas Street

St Thomas street was such a busy street. Two-way traffic used to run the whole length of it, double-decker busses, lorries, cars, also parking was allowed. Looking at it today makes you wonder how everything kept moving, crossing the road was always difficult. I used to avoid using the street if I could because of the noise and traffic, so memories of the shops there are not so clear.

Top end left hand side of course was Smith's, next was Ann Richards selling ladies fashions, followed on by Edwin Jones both were used as a walkway through from St Mary's street, then came the Clinton Arcade, in *'The Golden years of Weymouth'* there is picture showing that Edwin Jones had a shop each side of the Arcade, later when they took over the whole building they closed it, putting in shop windows, but people could still walk through the shop into St Mary Street. Next was Herbert's the photographers, they took our wedding photos, Mr Graham Herbert photographed many buildings and scenes of Weymouth and the surrounding villages, his books are so interesting to read.

Going back to the top end of the street, on the other side of the road opposite Smith's was Fortes, a large café and always very busy. Today of course it is Wetherspoons.

Nearby was the small shop, selling cold meats etc, which is still there

today. Margaret Forsythe's was a small ladies fashion shop followed on by Howleys bike shop. Somewhere along this stretch was Mason Edwards a large hair dressing business, further down was Snow's baby shop, selling prams etc. Next door was the Masonic Hall an imposing building which is still there today.

On the left hand side, once more, further down from Herberts for many years Eldridge Pope's Wine and Spirits shop, this was followed by Herons, Corn and seed merchants, this shop was later taken over by Southam's soft furnishings, now is occupied by Brown's opticians.

Following on from the Masonic Hall on the corner of School Street, Whittles the Florist's shop was there for many years, with the A1 Stores nearby, it was very large inside, just fruit and vegetables around the edges and a counter where you were served, there was lots of space to walk around on the old wooden floor. In latter years Comptons took over the shop.

A little way down from there was the Milk Bar, painted pale green, a counter with stools as well as tables and chairs was inside. Sometimes on a Friday after we had been to the Technical College, my friend and I would have beans on toast there before going on to the pictures, the Gaumont cinema being only a little way down the road.

Across the road again there was a small sweet shop, Robert's their

factory was in lower St Albans Street, producing boiled sweets, and also Weymouth Rock.

There were several small shops in between, before reaching VH Bennets, (later to become Debenams). Returning to the right hand side again after the Gaumont Cinema, George's bakery, then Jays furniture shop where New Look is today, this brought you to the corner of Bond Street, crossing Bond street on the corner there was the National Westminster Bank which is still there, near to the bank I remember Twin Flair a boutique, with a hair dressers above.

Across the road on the corner of Bond Street following on from VH Bennets was Bennet and Escott Ltd, selling electrical goods, and records. I bought my first pop record there, an old 78, Bill Haley, *'Rock around the Clock'*, which is still in our loft somewhere. Further down

*Above: Tesco under construction
Below: St Thomas Street c1982*

on the same side, was Timothy Whites, there were more shops in between, but the next I remember well was Hawkes Freemans at the bottom end of the street, it was a large gift shop with huge windows, it had been in Weymouth since 1845, but in 1955 was taken over by Webb, Major and Co Ltd, who kept its original name. I was working for Webb Major and at that time and I was entitled to staff discount, which was very welcome. For my 21st birthday I was given a Royal Albert tea service which was purchased from there.

Going back on the other side of the road, after Twin Flair there were several small shops, including the Southern Gas board, Halletts Furnishing, MJ Thurman was quite a large iron mongers shop, it closed



in 1960, was refurbished and now is occupied by Iceland. Where Tesco is today used to be an imposing building which was Groves the Brewers offices, but in 1966 when Groves and Devenish merged together it was completely demolished. The Echo office was almost at the far end of the street, it had been rebuilt after being damaged in an air raid in 1942.

One more shop I must mention is the Co-op, in Westham road. (today it is Wilkinson's). One of the memories I have is of your bill and money being put in a metal can and seeing it going along a pipe and disappearing only to return later with your change and receipt. The shop had long glass topped counters with walls lined with drawers at the back. They sold all the school uniforms, and underwear. Navy knickers, liberty bodices, and vests, I shouldn't think the children of today would be very impressed with those styles. At the back end of the shop they sold groceries, upstairs furniture and carpets etc. The shop closed in 1999.

Over the years the town has changed so much, along Commercial Road where I worked it was



such a busy street, Webb Major's sold timber, cement, ironwear, all things a builder could want, Kennedy's were also builders merchants along there. The boat train carrying passengers going to the harbour to catch the ferry to the Channel Islands would run most days during the summer, people would hang out of the windows waving to everyone as they went

by. There were also trains carrying freight all year round using the line. Two guards with flags would lead the way making sure no cars were blocking the road, if so anyone passing would be roped in to bump them out of the way. Looking out of my office window I could see a small graveyard I often wondered who was buried there. Now of course everything has gone. The

Multi Storey car park, cinema, and TK Max today covers where it all was.

There are lots of shops I haven't mentioned, but hope you have some happy memories of "how it was".

Sue



Lower Bond Street, Kennedys Builders Merchant on left and entrance to International Stores on right just before White Hart . C1983

William Whittle on the corner of School Street and St Thomas St. C 1983
Bottom left: Meech & Sons Below: Hallett & Sons c 1983



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9.15am St Andrew's, Preston (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
9.15am St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)
10.30am St Nicholas, Broadway
10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor
10.30am St Osmund's, Osmington (1st, 2nd, 5th)
10.30am St Laurence, Upwey
4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers (2nd, 4th)
6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (4th) Celtic Prayer

Weekday Worship

7.30pm Mon Evening Prayer/Compline St Francis'
7.00pm Tues Together on Tuesday St Francis' Church
7.30pm Tues Candlelight Service St Andrew's. Communion 1st Tuesdays
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8.00am Thurs Morning Prayer St Francis'
12.00pm Fri Prayer Meeting St Andrew's
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New Weymouth Ridgeway Team Ministry Newsletter

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Ridgeway Churches Diary Special Events

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Ridgeway Churches Diary

Tuesday 1st September

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

Thursday 3rd September

Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group

9.30am-11.30am
Every Thursday
St Francis' Church, Littlemoor
£1.50

Monday 14th September

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 18th September

Osmington Lunch Club 12.15pm

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

Saturday 19th September

Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am-12.00pm

Every 3rd Saturday
St Osmund's Church, Osmington
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Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

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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 Evening song, 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.
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

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

Thursdays

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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: 4th August.

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. 12.00 noon, 1st Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 2nd 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 Bin-cleaves 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 12th September. For more information and to book your breakfast contact Ian Cox: iancox-art@yahoo.com

Coming Events

All Saints

Coffee Morning Saturday 19th September

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 29th August & 26th September 10.00am-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

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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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<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
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

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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.

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Wild Plants of Weymouth

The Hollyhock

Alcea rosea
Malvaceae Family

Hollyhocks, according to Culpeper, the 17th century herbalist, were 'only found in gardens'.

Today however, things have changed since those days for a very sturdy specimen can now be found flourishing on Lodmoor! *

The hollyhock is a perennial flower, meaning that it can live for several years, and the specimen on Lodmoor has flowered there for the past three years at least. It can grow to a height of 5 – 7 feet, and has thick round stalks which, like its large leaves, are covered in fine hairs. Nowadays it is no longer confined to flower gardens from which, over the years, it has escaped, but exactly where this specimen grew originally is difficult to track down.

The hollyhock is a tall and sturdy plant which, in spite of its height, requires no support. It was intro-

duced into Britain in 1260 from Western Asia, and is thought to have been brought here by Queen Eleanor following her travels in the Holy Land with her husband, Edward. The hollyhock on Lodmoor is a delicate shade of pink but the plant can also be found in shades of cream, white and mauve. It normally flowers between July and September, and thrives best in full sunshine and a reasonable soil. Sadly however, after a couple of years, a hollyhock may develop a 'rust disease' which weakens and eventually destroys it.

Its family name, Malvaceae, relates to the plants in a group known as the genus 'Malva', a particular group of flowers with hairy stems and purple flowers. 'Malva' is the Latin term for the colour, 'mauve', a bright but delicate pale purple. Reference to a wild flower book will reveal that a large number of wild flowers gathered under the Malvaceae Family are all in shades of mauve and pink.

The word 'hollyhock' is derived

from its Old Saxon name of 'hollyhoc', and translates as 'holy' and 'hock', the latter meaning a 'mallow' which is a common but smaller flower than the hollyhock. Trying to trace the origin of 'holy' in this context has been 'trying' to the point of exasperation, for very little appears to be known about its source! It is interesting perhaps that the 16th century herbalist, John Gerard, spelt its name as 'hollihocke' and notes that it was known also as 'Rosa-ultra-marina' or 'Outlandish Rose', 'ultra-marina' meaning 'beyond the sea'. 'Outlandish' today seems a strange term by which to describe the hollyhock but in past centuries it was a term that meant 'from foreign parts' ie 'out + land' or 'not from this land'. In Old English the word 'utlandise' was defined as 'utland' ie. a foreign country. Today 'outlandish' has become a slightly derogative term meaning 'strange, peculiar or somewhat crude and below par'.

There are several versions of the plant's Latin name ie *Althea rosea*, *Alcea Rosa* and, in the 17th century, *Althaea Rosea*. Its Latin generic name appears to have derived from the Greek word 'althaia' meaning 'a cure', for a pigment found in the flower is supposed

to have healing qualities. Its Latin specific name 'rosa' etc is obviously a reference to its similarity to the rose.

During the 19th century it became increasingly popular at flower shows and was eventually displayed in a class of its own. Being mentioned in Gerard's herbal indicates its value to herbalists of his time regarding medical cures and treatments. It was, for example, used to make a gargle to heal swollen tonsils, and the root was processed as a cure for incontinence, bleeding wounds, sore mouths, the prevention of miscarriages and a means of killing 'worms in children'.



Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata

Garlic Mustard is a tall upright plant, widespread throughout Britain in fields, hedgerows, deciduous woodlands, and on waste ground and grass verges along country lanes and roads. It flowers between April and June, and when rubbed or bruised, gives off a distinct smell of garlic.

White and small, its flowers are composed of four identical petals formed, like a crucifix in the shape of a cross, hence its family name of Cruciferae. This group of plants is commonly known as the Cabbage Family. Behind the petals, and pro-

tecting them in bud, are the sepals, also four in number but only half the petal length. The strong stems are covered with dense white hairs at the lower end, but more sparsely towards the top. Varying from triangular to heart-shape, the leaves give first signs of growth in mid spring. Whilst smooth above, they are hairy on the underside and have prominent and clearly visible veins. The roots and all other parts of the plant, especially the leaves if crushed, smell strongly of garlic. Whilst midges and hoverflies are attracted to the unpleasant smell given off by the plant, these insects are not essential to pollination since the plant can pollinate itself.

Curving upwards, the stiff, small seed pods are horn-shaped and dark brown to black in colour. Because the Cruciferae Family is a large group of plants, many of which are similar and difficult to identify accurately, the fruit and seed pods are crucial to accurate identification.

Attracted by the smell of mustard oils on the leaves, butterflies such as the green-veined white and the orange-tip, settle and lay their eggs. As the eggs hatch and



the caterpillars emerge, the plant is not only an effective means of camouflage, but also a source of food. It is the presence of the mustard oils and the smell of garlic that gave the plant its name.

Like most wild flowers, Garlic Mustard is also known by other names

in different parts of the country. One alternative which indicates its habitat is Jack-by-the-Hedge; the association with 'Jack' however, remains obscure. In Somerset it was once particularly popular and known as "Sauce Alone", whilst yet a third, called 'Poor Man's Mustard', explains its use in the preparation and presentation of food. In the 17th century its flowers were processed and served as a delicate accompaniment to salty fish, and it was also made into a sauce to add flavour to salad and roast beef. Valued medicinally, a concoction made from its roots gave relief from asthma and indigestion whilst, acting as a diuretic, its pungent smell gave credence to its effectiveness in the ensuing urine discharge!



National Trust South Dorset Association

Thursday 10th September at 2.30pm '250 Years of Fighting the Americans' a talk by Charles Rees. Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.
St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW
NTSDA members £4, visitors, £5 includes refreshments, no need to book in advance.

Southill Gardening Club

In September we are hosting Simon and Anne Pugh-Jones from the specialist Isle of Portland Orchids nursery. Simon and Anne will be talking about their nursery where they raise orchids from seed or division, and they invite anyone attending the meeting to bring along

an orchid to get their expert advice.

Isle of Portland Orchids recently received an RHS Gold Medal and the Award for Best Exhibit at the Show at the 2026 RHS Orchid Show at Wisley. The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 8th September 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.

15 Days In Clay: Edible Conversation

Take a seat at the table for Edible Conversation, a unique exhibition celebrating 23 years of 15 Days In Clay

A remarkable installation created

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by ceramic artists from 15 Days in Clay will transform the Fine Foundation Gallery, overlooking the sea, at Durlston Country Park, Swanage this autumn.

Running from Tuesday 22 September to Thursday 8 October, Edible Conversation is the most ambitious and personal exhibition yet from the long-running Poole-based ceramics project, which has been offering adults with learning difficulties and additional needs the opportunity to explore their creativity and develop as ceramic artists since 2003.

At its heart is a series of hand-built animal totems, each stand-

ing about five feet tall, that act as guardians of a safe and welcoming space in which to let go of worry. Each animal totem represents words chosen by the artists to describe the significance of the group to them including love, loyalty and laughter, as well strength, courage, magic, and family.

The totems are there to distribute a banquet of food items made in clay decorated with words of positive affirmation. These totemic 'waiters' stand in contrast to a series of constrained 'worry monsters' that represent the artists' lived experiences and the internal thoughts and feelings that can of-

ten be overlooked.

'The words are statements of sustenance for the soul that validate and confirm their outlook,' says ceramicist Janna Edwards, who founded 15 Days In Clay in 2003 with funding from Awards For All to run a class for a day a week for 15 weeks – hence the name.

'Each animal brings its own unique essence to the space and, collectively, the totems represent

what we are at 15 Days In Clay. The 'worry monsters' are arranged on rusty paint cans and old chains. They create a riot of chaos and misery, but even there, in the middle of it, is a sea of positive affirmation coming to flush them away.

'There are some fun pieces – the pie in the sky has clouds and suns coming out of it, there's a stargazy pie with fish poking through, our fish finger sandwiches are made

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of fingers with fishtails – but other things are upsetting. One of the artists was told they were ugly. They felt judged, as if they were not ‘beautiful’ or ‘acceptable’ to society, so they made a piece using those words that shows them wearing a judge’s wig. Another was trolled online and told they deserve to die; others have been told they cost the system too much money and shouldn’t be here.’

More than ever before, Edible Conversation offers a glimpse into the 15 Days in Clay experience, reflecting the project’s extraordinary impact. Through clay, creativity and conversation, people who are often marginalised have found confidence, connection and recognition as artists in their own right.

The centrepiece is a four-foot high ceramic cake on a revolving stand that tells the 23-year story of 15 Days In Clay by depicting elements from the seven previous group shows – Boats, Clocks, Talking Heads, Totems, The Gathering – an award-winning installation now in permanent residence at Wentworth Woodhouse stately home in Yorkshire – Covid Heads and Seed, which was seen by more than 3,000 people.

‘Over this time, the work has become more and more ambitious, larger scale, with a clear narrative that evokes a genuinely emotional response from viewers,’ says Janna.

‘It’s tough for the guys, really tough sometimes, but they prevail. Mostly, they worry about the same things we all do, and we

could all learn a lot from them in terms of coping.

‘Powered by cake and tea, our conversations have taken place over 23 years, with clay as the medium through which our interactions flow. With Edible Conversation, the invitation is there to come in, sit awhile and partake in our banquet. This formula is like alchemy, so please fill your bellies – and consider a spiritual take away!’

While they watch and consider the installation, visitors to the exhibition can enjoy a warming cup of positive-tea, kindly provided by Dorset Tea, poured from a tree trunk teapot made by the group. Completing the installation, a suitcase of emotional baggage is available for visitors who would like to commit their own ‘worry monster’ to paper, name it, and

post it inside.

‘I’m expecting it to be quite emotional for some people,’ adds Janna. ‘But it’s a safe space where people can be vulnerable – they can shed, be fed, leave their troubles behind and we’ll send them packing.’

The work on show has been created by up to 40 different artists, six of whom have been coming to 15 Days In Clay since the start, along with several volunteers of more than ten years standing: ‘We could not operate without the support of our talented, selfless, amazing volunteers,’ adds Janna.

‘The guys have been amazing, they always are, but they’ve had to get to grips with new techniques such as working with white clay for

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the food. That has to be absolutely smooth, otherwise it doesn't look right. I've even watered it down in consistency so that it will pipe for the icing.

"There's been a bit of 'sorry we've got to make it again' that can be hard to take, but we have to respect the ceramics, that's what we're about as artists. The detail is meticulous, the fine lines, the words, everything is just right.

'Well, almost everything – if you look closely you'll find the word 'bourbon' on the teapot has come out as 'bourbum'!

Adding another creative voice to the exhibition is award-winning poet and author Shaine Singer, best known for his appearance on Channel 4's BAFTA-nominated *The Undateables*. Inspired by conversations with the artists and their chosen words, Shaine has written a collection of original poems that capture the spirit of *Edible Conversation*.

Humorous, candid, heartfelt and deeply human, *Edible Conversation* is an invitation to reflect, connect and share in a celebration of creativity, conversation, and community.

'So, pull up a pew and enjoy the view,

And welcome to *Edible Conversation*, our 23-year brew.'

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Summer Season of Fireworks Returns to Weymouth Bay

Get the dates in your diary, Weymouth Town Council is reminding people that next month will see the return of the summer firework displays over Weymouth Bay. The free events will take place on five Monday evenings throughout August, starting at 9.30pm.

Confirmed dates include: Monday 3rd August, Monday 10th August – lower noise, Monday 17th August, Monday 24th August – lower noise, and Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday).

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Following helpful feedback from previous years about traffic build-up in and around the Pavilion parking areas, some improvements are being introduced to enhance the visitor experience. On the five firework nights, access to the Pavilion Forecourt and the car park behind the theatre will be closed between 6.00pm and 10.00pm to help ease congestion. As the Pavilion Car Park is currently operating at reduced capacity due to ongoing peninsula works –

and with no theatre performances scheduled at Weymouth Pavilion on these evenings – this new approach will be trialled over the summer and reviewed at the end of the season to ensure residents and visitors get the best experience possible during these popular events.

There are a number of buses serving different communities in Weymouth and surrounding areas that bring passengers right to the beachfront. You can view timetables on the First Bus website: Timetables | First Bus

People are also being encouraged to use the Park & Ride at Mount Pleasant to further reduce congestion in the town. From Thursday 23 July the frequency of buses will

increase to one every 12 minutes and there will be additional trips on Monday evenings to cater for the fireworks. Parking is free and up to 5 people can travel on one ticket for £6.50, check the timetable here: Timetables | First Bus

An additional bike parking area near the Pavilion Theatre will be in place for those wishing to cycle to the events. The Beryl Bike rental scheme is also available and provides a sustainable way to travel to and from the event.

All other town centre car parks will be open as normal.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr David Harris, said: "We're fast approaching the summer season of fireworks in Weymouth Bay with the first display due to light up the

night sky on Monday 3rd August, and on the remaining Monday nights in the month. From the crowds who come along, we know these events are extremely popular with residents and visitors to the town.

'To make everyone's experience of getting to and from the five displays more enjoyable – particularly around getting home safely once the event has finished – we are trialling measures with Dorset Council to ease congestion around the Pavilion. This will be reviewed at the end of the season to assess the impact and help us plan for future events.'

To read more about firework nights in Weymouth, visit the Town Council's website.

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Organisations

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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The Armed Forces Charity
All enquiries to. 020 4566 9131.

Start your Memoir Courses

Are you ready to write down your memories? Events of your life? What you know of your ancestors? Create a record of your life (or even a book) for your grandchildren and generations to come? To find out more, contact writer Sheena on sheenadearness51@gmail.com or 07875 842399.

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.

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.
10 Hardwick Street. Tel. 777774.
Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm
Weymouth Outlet
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 Exhibi-

tion 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 uk 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 - weymouthsouthwaitinglist@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

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

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 www.facebook.com/WykeRegisCommunityAssociation/

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.

Wyke Regis Medical

Portland Road, Wyke Regis - 782226
Surgery hours - Monday - Friday - 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

Wyke Regis Nursery

Shrubbery Lane. A safe, secure, relaxed and friendly environment, offering high quality provision (led by qualified teachers). Nursery housed within Wyke Regis Infant School. Monday - Friday 8.45am - 3.15pm. Term time only. From 3 years. For more information tel. 01305 782470 or email us at info@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

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.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.

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