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News

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

Spring is here and we will be holding our second market of the year on Easter Saturday 4th April in St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston DT3 6BU. Come and browse and be tempted to buy our wares. Of course there will be our usual delicious refreshments on offer. This time we are supporting:

The Cancer Treatment And Research Trust (Ctrt). Dedicated to funding innovating Cancer research, particularly for rarer types of Cancer, to improve patients' outcomes and develop kinder treatments.

St Andrew's Church Fund. Supporting the Community, Entrance free but donations to our chosen charities would be much appreciated.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Our March meeting was a Springlike affair with an excel-

lent turnout. We welcomed Kinu Barsley a Ikebana master of 40 or more years. The tradition of Ikebana has been practiced in Japan since the 16th Century and is very spiritual in nature. Most houses have an alcove completely given over to the Ikebana arrangement.

It was amazing to see how Kinu transformed a few twigs from the garden and just three daffodils or



Sutton Poyntz Village WI

tulips into a wonderful arrangement. Japanese people start to practice their arrangements from childhood and have a different one each week. Originally back in the 16th Century only men, usually monks and the Samurai warriors were allowed to practice Ikebana. But in more modern times this has changed but the tradition still continues along with the Japanese Tea Ceremonies. I'm sure we will all be searching our gardens to see if we can produce an arrangement from so few elements. We recently celebrated the 38th Anniversary of our WI and 33 of us had a wonderful meal at Weymouth Golf Club it was so nice to see so many members there. Our next meeting on the 1st of April will be our AGM when we will enjoy a cream tea provided by our Committee.

Val Dawe
President

Osmington Village Hall You're invited to join us on Friday 13th March for a great quiz - probably the greatest quiz - on the current world news.

Serious subjects, fun subjects, sharp questions, friendly rivalry and plenty of laughs. Who's the best news hound amongst your family and friends? This is their big - possibly their biggest - chance to shine. Test your wits against the headlines of the past year. Tickets are £12.50 - burgers, hot dogs and sides included. 07816 832554 or 07885 772488 - or reply to this email and we'll get you booked in. All proceeds from the event will go towards the fund to replace the boilers at the hall.

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park Weymouth invite you to participate in our 'Bee B&B Refurbishment' as part of a National Day of Local Action for Nature and Green Spaces.

On Saturday 18th April, local communities will be taking part in a UK-wide Day of Action for Nature, Parks and Green Spaces. The purpose is to demonstrate that people everywhere care deeply about the natural world and want to see it protected and restored.

Please join us at 2.00pm near the 'storytelling throne' by the Grove Avenue entrance to the park to help us refurbish our Bee Boxes. As pollinators, bees play a vital role in the ecosystem by supporting the growth of trees, flowers and other plants and we wish to encourage them to continue to use our Bee B&B's by providing new bamboo 'holes' for them to nest in.

Come along to our 'Chicks on Sticks' FREE Easter Egg Hunt! Wednesday 8th April 2026 2.00pm-3.00pm. Meet by the Children's Play Area. Find 5 different coloured 'Chicks on Sticks' and bring to a Friends of Lodmoor Country Park Volunteer to receive a prize.

Wyke Regis Gardening Club

Fingers crossed the weather has now improved, and we hope to have plenty of spring flowers for sale.

We have a well-stocked shop with a large range of gardening essentials and a friendly café so you can sit and have a drink and a chat with fellow gardeners. Do come along and see what we have to offer.

The Clubhouse in Rylands Lane will be 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

Family History Society

The next meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday 17th April and will feature Lyndsey Fry talking about her father's wartime experiences living in Weymouth entitled 'A Teenage View of War-time Weymouth'

As usual the talk will be held at

St, Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW commencing at 2.30pm preceded by tea or coffee
Admission is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

Sunday Afternoon Music

St Andrews Church Rooms Listening to live music on a Sunday afternoon has proved to be a very popular and hugely successful format at St Andrews Church Rooms in Preston. February's event featured an unforgettable performance by our own local legend Ken Watkins. The packed audience were entertained with a rich and varied mix of songs, each tune with his trademark wit and warm humour. The event raised over £600 for the church to continue its valuable work in the community.

Following the same winning format will see a welcome return visit to the venue of Carrie Martin on June 14th commencing at 4.00pm. Some of her past performances have included appearing with Gordon Giltrap, Rick and Oliver Wakeman. Rick has described her talent as being 'phenomenal' whilst legendary guitarist Gordon Giltrap who has been instrumental to Carrie's success has said 'It's pretty obvious from the moment you hear Carrie Martin sing that she is an outstanding vocalist with passion in each breath.

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

two previous visits have both been sold out performances and tickets are already selling well so early booking is strongly recommended. Bookings, which must be made in advance, are priced at £15 that includes tea /coffee with delicious homemade cakes and scones. You are welcome to bring your own drinks, but please also bring your own glasses. Bookings can be made by contacting Shirley Mitchell, The Church Rooms, Preston DT3 6BU, Telephone 01305 837147 on weekdays between 9.00am and 1.00pm, by Email to; weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or by Telephoning Alex Sissons 07801 820722.

Not only can we promise you a great afternoon you will also be helping in raising much needed funds for the church. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Fairbridge Trust Cashew Nuts that make a difference

Recently, I was privileged to join a zoom session where I heard a truly inspirational story from Don, co-founder of Sunshine Nuts in Mozambique. What I hadn't appreciated is that the majority of cashew nuts consumed are grown in Africa but sold as raw nuts to Asia to be processed and packaged, which is where most of the profit is made. This process also adds unnecessary travel and time to the life of the nut, which could be two years old by the time it reaches our shops.

Don Larson had a successful career with the Hershey Company and fell in love with Africa whilst there sourcing cocoa beans. He

and his wife moved to Mozambique in 2011 and realised that smallholder farmers there were growing world class cashews in perfect conditions but had no means to process them and were being forced to sell their premium product for a minimum price. Don wanted to use his experience to transform the economy and lives of the people in one of the world's poorest countries and so Sunshine Nuts was formed.

Locally grown nuts are now processed and packaged in the same community where they are harvested, resulting in fresher flavour, a smaller carbon footprint and more importantly, jobs, dignity and a life-changing impact on the farmers and communities who grow the nuts. Don's dream is becoming a reality as every day they witness transformation, farmers earning fair incomes, children accessing education, families regaining stability, and communities rebuilding hope.

Sunshine Nuts produce some of the highest quality cashews in the world, consistently outperforming global competitors. If you want to taste how delicious they are for yourself we have 200g bags available in 3 flavours: Plain, Garlic and Herb and Sweetly Spiced. You can ask to try the flavoured varieties before you buy. We currently have them at an introductory offer price but that will change when we reorder – so don't delay.

Sunshine Nuts go far beyond being a successful business. From the start they have committed 90% of distributed profits to supporting communities. Mozambique has one of the world's highest orphan rates. Sunshine Nuts pairs orphans with widowed house mothers, providing them with a home, education and long term support allowing them to thrive in a loving household and environment.

They have partnered with True Origin, a social enterprise based in Scotland whose mission is to connect people through food that's fair, ethical, and absolutely delicious. True Origin supply the majority of the food we sell. If you want to learn more about Sunshine Nuts you can read their story on True Origin's website.

We apologise for cancelling the Big Brew in February. We had hoped to hold it at the same time of year as always but as the roadworks encroached steadily closer we decided to wait until we are fully accessible again and then have a celebratory Big Brew that more people will be able to attend.

We would like to wish all of our customers a very happy Easter and don't forget your Fairtrade eggs and chocolate treats. We can be contacted on 01305 772842, by email at thebridgefairtrade@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.

Weymouth Concert Brass

At the time of writing, we are still practicing hard (twice a week now) for the West of England Brass Band Association finals in Torquay on Saturday 14th March. So by the time you read this the contest will be over. We'll let you know how we got on next month!

There will also be more about our first public engagements of 2026 in next month's Register, but in the meantime 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

Southill Gardening Club

For our April meeting a representative from The Gardens Group (Poundbury Garden Centre) will be talking about 'Sweet Plants and Sugar Sources'. Plants produce sugars. Some plants are famously sweet.

This talk will explore some of the traditional sugar/sweetener sources and how they can be grown and used in our gardens today. The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 14th April 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.

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Ken Watkins

Revive Pressure Cleaning are a professional hard surface cleaning and driveway restoration company based in Portland, Dorset. Throughout Dorset there are many thousands of driveways and patios laid with block paving. Many of these driveways dramatically reduce the appearance of properties by looking tired, dirty or unkempt. Over a period of time the surface has become vulnerable to substantial algae and moss growth and often oil staining.

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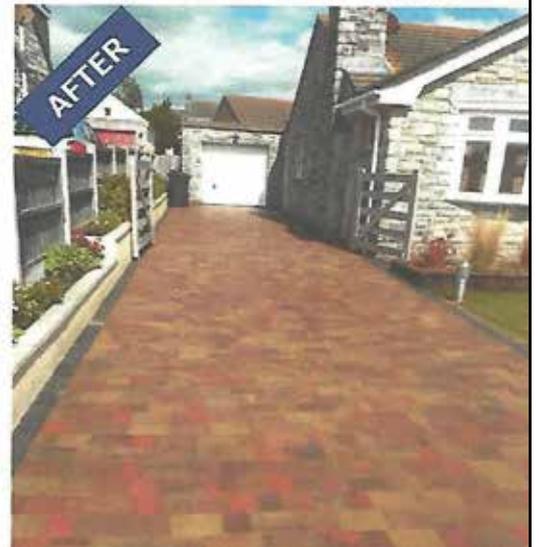
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Counterfeit goods are fake products designed to mimic authentic ones and it's not always easy to spot a knock-off. Fake children's toys often don't meet safety standards and can pose choking hazards - poor manufacturing can mean small parts are easily detachable.

It's not just toys and games - *Continued on page 7*

things like clothing, footwear, e-cigarettes, perfumes and media devices can also be counterfeit. Watch out for strangely low prices from well-known brands and signs of poor quality like missing security seals, bad or non-existent packaging, blurry logos and poor stitching. You may also spot spelling mistakes in the advert or on the packaging. Looking at photos from official sellers can help when making comparisons, and it's important to only buy products from reputable sellers.

If you have purchased a counterfeit item, there are steps you can take to try and get your money back. You're legally entitled to a



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Sometimes sellers might refuse to refund you, and argue the items were obviously fake because they were very cheap, but they're breaking the law by selling them and your legal rights still apply. If you paid by debit card, contact your bank and ask to use the 'chargeback scheme'. If you paid by credit card and the item cost less than £100, you can ask to use the same scheme. If you paid by credit card and the item cost between £100 and £30,000, tell your credit card company you want to make a 'section 75' claim to get your money back.

To report counterfeit goods or get help getting your money back, contact the Citizens Advice Con-

sumer Service 0808 223 1133.

Government's aspiration is to reduce smoking to 1 in 20 people.

A small number of traders run shops on the high street selling illegal tobacco and vapes. Typically, these shops sell a mixture of smuggled non-duty paid tobacco, cigarettes that are not labelled for sale in the UK and counterfeit tobacco designed to look like popular brands. They also usually sell types of vapes not approved for sale in the UK, and which again are not properly labelled. These illegal products are often sold at less than half of their normal retail price, and they are often illegally sold to children who are clearly under 18 years old.

Dorset Council Trading Standards, in partnership with Dorset Police, have been taking robust action against these shops. This includes making test purchases to prove the sale, searching shops and seizing any illegal tobacco or vapes that they find. Trading Standards have also obtained closure orders for some premises, and more are planned. Currently the law only allows a shop to be closed for 3 months, although Government is considering increasing this.

If you believe that such a shop is operating in your local area, or any shop is selling tobacco, vapes or alcohol to children, then please report this to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

If you need help to stop smoking visit www.livewelldorset.co.uk/stop-smoking.

Trading Standards Smoking cessation

In 1948 more than 8 in 10 men, and 4 in 10 women, smoked tobacco in some form. By 2011 smoking prevalence had reduced to less than 2 in 10 people. Last year this figure reduced to around 1 in 10 people.

This is due to many factors including public health campaigns, the indoor smoking ban of 2007, standardised tobacco packaging, increasing taxation and improved assistance to stop smoking. The

Green Councillor Update - Rodwell and Wyke Ward

Cllr Claudia Webb
Over the last couple of months, I've continued to balance day-to-

day councillor casework with wider advocacy and community work. A core part of my role has been supporting residents directly, helping with housing issues, planning concerns, access to services, and navigating council processes. Much of this work happens quietly, but it is a vital part of being a councillor, and I'm grateful to everyone who has taken the time to get in touch.

I've been active on several key local and regional issues. I attended the recent anti-incinerator protest, standing alongside residents who are deeply concerned about the environmental and health implications of the proposal and want their voices properly heard.

I have also been in contact with our MP, Lloyd Hatton, raising ongoing concerns about train services and reliability, as well as the chronic lack of funding for adult social care, which continues to put enormous pressure on councils, services, families, and carers.

At council level, I recently met with the Chief Executive of Dorset Council alongside Cllr Clare Sutton to begin developing a plan for clearer and more effective communication between officers, councillors, and residents. Improving transparency and how information flows is essential if people

are to feel informed, listened to, and confident in how decisions are made.

Alongside this, I've continued working with local schools and community partners, including running a Cultural Passport workshop at a local school to help young people engage with culture, creativity, and the opportunities available to them locally.

I've also spent time responding to and challenging misinformation in local political discourse. In recent weeks, I supported a statement defending Cllr Helen Toft following inaccurate and unfair claims made online about her views on veterans. Healthy political debate matters, but it must be honest, fair, and respectful, and I believe it's important to speak up when colleagues are misrepresented.

As ever, I've been listening, meeting residents, speaking with local groups, and feeding concerns back into the council wherever possible. With ongoing pressures around the cost of living, public services, and infrastructure, that two-way conversation feels more important than ever.

Cllr Clare Sutton

It was a privilege to attend the an-

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ti-incinerator demonstration on 17th January alongside hundreds of residents and to be invited to address the rally. I spoke about our commitment to deterring the potential investors this project depends on, and highlighted that the operator's recent application to vary its permit to allow the burning of 67 new waste types suggests a project under real pressure. If the Environment Agency rejects this application, it may well spell the end for

this deeply unpopular scheme. In the meantime, Dorset Council has committed to air quality monitoring should the project proceed, sending a further signal to investors that the vast majority of our communities remain vehemently opposed, and that this is not a safe or welcome investment. In my role on the Children's Services Cabinet, I have been closely involved in recent work encouraging schools to prohibit smartphone

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Over the Hill

With Chris Hubbard

March is traditionally associated with St David, the Patron Saint of Wales. This is of course important, in Wales at least. St David is not quite so well-known outside the Principality which means, for instance, anywhere twenty metres east of Offa's Dyke. At this point I will resist the temptation to disappear down the Artificial Intelligence (AI) rabbit hole which covers all things known about everything, including Offa's Dyke and then repeat them verbatim for your delectation and boredom.

But you won't find this next on the World Wide Web, for my school memories of 1st March are of wearing the Welsh flower, a daffodil, in my lapel and watching those with strong stomachs eat the alternative emblem, a leek. This piece of bravado gave them less than salubrious breath for the rest of the day. But I digress. My intention was to start with sheep, which are slightly more interesting than Offa's Dyke as you will no doubt agree.

Sheep are plentiful in Wales, with nearly nine million of them, more than in the whole of the USA. In the cowboy films we used to watch on a Saturday morning the cattle owners were not too keen on sheep as they cropped the grass very short, meaning cows couldn't graze after them. Nine million sheep is a reliable figure as the statisticians counted the feet and divided by four. Anyway, that's 25% of the woolly jumpers in the whole of the UK squashed into less than 10% of the UK landmass.

What makes this even more fascinating – you may not think so, but Mrs Barnacle of Wyke did – is that Wales also has the highest proportion of Senior Honoured Ancestors in the UK. Senior Honoured Ancestors are those over one hundred years old in the Over the Hill scale of Senior Citizen ranks. Logically this proves that living with a lot of sheep is definitely good for you and ensures a long life. My dear old Dad would have vouched for that. He was keen on amateur dramatics and

would take our dog for walks on the surrounding hills reciting his lines at full volume to any and all the animals within earshot. He said that some of the local sheep knew Henry V's speech before Agincourt as well as he did. Pepe our dog certainly did. Strange to think that amateur dramatic companies performed Shakespeare plays long ago. But I digress again.

There is a lot of talk about AI taking jobs away from people. But is AI really an improvement? In the old days there was a man in a car park booth who wrote out a note with your arrival time and took the money on your departure. This took only moments. Surely this was better than trying to download some App on your mobile phone – getting a bit technical but bear with – in a place where you have no signal. Then you have to key in your car number, your payment method, and seemingly your shoe size only for the company concerned to deny you ever contacted them and therefore you owe them vast amounts of money. Or using the petrol station as was at Overcombe Corner many years ago, where the toilets are now. These toilets are being refurbished, and on completion you will probably need a credit card to get into them. But I digress yet again.

The attendant at that petrol station worked there for many years and was always cheerful. He filled your petrol tank and would clean your windscreen for you if he was not busy. You would quickly be on your way with a cheerful 'Cheerio' plus a back seat full of Green Shield Stamps. And that was that. But nowadays after any on-line interaction there follows an email demand to provide a review of what has just transpired. If you filled in all of these you wouldn't have time to do anything else, especially the important things in life like taking a nap. Or perhaps equally important, entering the world coal carrying championships in Gawthorpe, West Yorkshire. This race involves carrying a 50 Kg (which in real units is 110 pounds plus 3.7 ounces) sack of coal from

the Royal Oak to the Gawthorpe Maypole Green, a distance of 1012 metres (1106 yards). There are various categories of entrant, but they have a peculiar idea of what constitutes a 'veteran.' A 'veteran' is anyone over 40 years of age. Clearly no thought has been given to Senior Citizens. Mrs Barnacle suggests that the organisers might set up a race for slightly older age entrants. She is not sure whether you will have to supply your own sack and coal, but let her know if you are interested. And finally, while on the subject of the latest technology, which I think we were. If you enjoy roaming over the hills (subtle, eh?) in our wonderful Dorset countryside and wish to stay safe, Japanese hikers have just the thing for you. An eight-inch high, solar powered fluffy device that looks like a child's toy. What does this do, you may well ask. Mrs Barnacle certainly did. Apparently the 'toy,' attractively named the Monster Wolf Mini, can detect approaching animals and flashes lights, waves its legs and makes wolf like growling sounds that can be heard over half a mile away. In Japan this is supposed to deter local bears which are becoming more and

more aggressive. However, no doubt you have spotted two things wrong with this idea. Firstly, hikers carrying annoying, noisy, flashing devices would make even a calm soul such as a Senior Citizen very aggressive, and secondly the bears will probably learn that the noise and lights guarantee that there is a tasty meal in the vicinity. However, it is probably worth getting one, as the Monster Wolf Mini will certainly help to keep away Dorset sheep that are eager to share their knowledge of Shakespeare with you!

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use and supporting families to manage children's usage outside school. New Dorset Council guidance, developed with school leaders and young people, supports smartphone-free primary schools, shares best practice for secondary settings, and recommends delaying smartphone ownership until at least age 14 unless there is a specific need.

Smartphones are powerful tools, but there is now a substantial and growing body of evidence highlighting a range of harms, particularly for children and young people. Further information is available at www.smartphone-freechildhood.org.

Cllr Helen Toft

As part of my role within the Climate and Environmental Emergency (CEE) work, I attended the Litter Free Dorset Summit, which focused on rubbish and recycling and explored how other seaside areas have tackled these persistent challenges. Plastic waste in particular must be reduced, especially where it enters the sea and contributes to microplastics in our food chain. I hope to work with Litter Free Dorset on their upcoming summer campaign to reduce beach waste in Weymouth.

I was also invited to attend a workshop at the Sea Life Centre led by SeaCure, where I learned about an exciting project being developed by the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth to remove carbon from seawater. While the process has been successfully proven on a small scale, further research is needed. SeaCure hopes that Weymouth could one day host a research facility, attracting visitors from around the world to study this emerging approach to tackling climate change.

CEE funding has also been allocated to install water refill points at public toilets, helping to promote reusable drinks bottles and reduce single-use plastics.

Finally, Dorset Highways has agreed to introduce 20mph zones in some parts of Weymouth, with speed check exercises taking place ahead of public consultation. As Wyke continues to suffer from roads being used as fast cut-throughs to avoid queues on Portland Road, I am hopeful that Wyke will be selected for these life-saving zones.

Dorset County Hospital Charity Appeal reaches £1.25 million fundraising milestone

Dorset County Hospital (DCH) Charity is delighted to announce that it has reached the halfway fundraising milestone of £1.25 million for its Emergency and Critical Care Appeal. The £2.5 million Appeal will fund enhancements to facilities and equipment beyond the NHS budget for the new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit which is currently under construction at Dorset County Hospital.

Construction for the new units commenced in Spring 2025 and will provide a new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit that will link to the existing hospital and improve the ability of these departments to respond to the needs of our local population. The £100 million project is funded by the Government's New Hospital programme (NHP) and set to be completed in 2027.

Enhancements the DCH Charity will fund from the Appeal include a new mobile X-ray imaging unit, dedicated relatives' overnight accommodation and a new patient Winter Garden for the Critical Care Unit, and child and adolescent mental health facilities in the Emergency Department. New staff rest areas and artistically designed elements will be funded from the Appeal for both departments.

Emma Sidey, DCH Critical Care Matron said: 'We are delighted the DCH Charity has reached this milestone. The new Winter Garden for Critical Care will play a crucial role in the rehabilitation of those patients whose length of stay lasts weeks or even months. We will be

able to make this standard of treatment the rule, not the exception.'

DCH Charity Head of Fundraising, Jodi Hibbard said, 'It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we have reached this important milestone for the Appeal. Individuals, groups and local businesses who want to support us have often had their lives touched by the services DCH provides, and they want to give something back. This Appeal is very special as fundraisers will be able to see exactly what the funds have paid for, once the new units are open. 2026 also marks our 30th Anniversary of supporting healthcare at Dorset County Hospital, and we are excited for upcoming events such as Buckham Fair, which is returning this year to help support the Appeal. We look forward to meeting new supporters and working with current supporters to reach our target of £2.5 million.'

DCH Chief Medical Officer, Rachel Wharton, said, 'The new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit at DCH will significantly increase the hospital's capacity, and enable us to meet the needs of the local population both now and into the future. Funds raised by the DCH Charity are so important to provide the enhancements to the project which will really benefit the patient and carer experience as they use our facilities at some of the most difficult times of their lives.'

For more information about the Appeal, what it will fund and how you can get involved, visit www.dchcharity.org.uk. You can watch our Appeal Video here, featuring Kate Adie. Contact us on charity@dchft.nhs.uk or phone 01305 253215 or follow us on social media for all the latest news and updates.

Report from Cllr Kate Wheller

Rodwell and Wyke Regis (Dorset Council) and Wyke Regis North (Weymouth Town Council)

Despite our gardens, parks and verges presenting beautiful displays of bright daffodils, the rain and strong wind continues and it is still chilly. It is a challenge to remember that before long the beach and prom will be full of visitors and locals yet again enjoying our beautiful town.

Do you notice anything different? I hope so, I hope you have noticed a buzz of activity. Work on the new sea wall and flood defence on the 'peninsular' site has progressed well and is well on target. Similarly the road changes at North Quay, which will leave the area much more pleasant but also ready for new development. These works whilst being essential have been hugely disruptive to everyday life. Talking to businesses affected by the works I have been pleased to hear that both contractors and Dorset Council staff have been really good with communications, keeping everyone informed and responding to problems and suggestions whenever possible. A new way of working? Let's hope so.

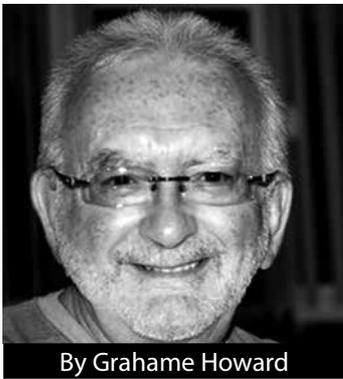
Consultation will soon begin on the garden area above and beside Chapelhay steps, please look out for it and take part. Have your say. The repair works on Ferrybridge are nearing completion as I write and the traffic lights have been removed. Again essential work but because the work was taking place under the bridge it did look as though nothing was happening. Congratulations to all of you who have to use this, the only route on and off the Island, and managed to keep calm.

Scaffolding will soon be down at Brewers Quay and although many of us will miss the shops and attractions there it will be lovely to see that familiar facade looking so grand again. The South Harbour-side Community work so hard with planters and yarn bombing to enhance Hope Square, thanks and well done to you all. You are so clever and talented. As predicted at the beginning of the year precepts at both Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council have increased. My group, though small, work hard representing you to scrutinise and hold our offic-



Dorset County Hospital Charity Appeal

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By Grahame Howard

April Showers

The house was in complete darkness as I crept along the crowded hall. I didn't want to use my torch, mostly because I didn't have it with me, but if I had, I doubt if I would have used it. I could hear a dog growling in another part of the house. This was creepy. Suddenly I tripped and fell forward over which I initially felt was a body.

I stood up shaking from head to foot. What was happening? Suddenly a door crashed open and a figure stood in the doorway. Was it a murderer I felt as my hands went into a karate style chopping weapon. And then the figure in the doorway came towards me. Did the figure have a knife, a gun that was going to end my life there and then? I felt a wet, smelly object attack my face and all thoughts of a karate chopping exercise went out of the window. And then, the lights came on and I could see the figure clearly looking at me in a frightening manner.

'What the heck do you think you're doing? Shouted the CO, standing there with a mop in her hand. 'You frightened me to death.'

'I frightened you to death,' I retaliated. 'Why were the lights switched off?'

'You, went to the shops and while you were out we had a power cut' she said.

'Why are you holding mop and sticking it in my face?'

Apparently, while I was out, there

had been a power cut and although, it was only 7.00pm, the house had been in total darkness. The CO had thrown our dirty washing on the floor ready to wash them and had been mopping up the remains of a cup of coffee that the cat had knocked over when the lights failed.

'What, so you stuck that dirty mop in my face. Yuk, disgusting' I shouted at her.

'Well I could have hit you with it' she replied.

And that was the beginning of a Valentine's evening. Such bliss. We managed to get over that hurdle, and even though the lights flickered on and off a couple more times, we had a pleasant evening. Anyway, how have you been? Have you survived this terrible wet weather we have been having? I'm sure that I have shrunk. It's true, I saw my GP recently and he gave me an MOT. I had not been sleeping well for a while and was always tired. The CO had told me that many times during the night, I would stop breathing for a short time and then start again which crushed her hopes that I wouldn't. No she didn't say that, I just wanted the sympathy vote. Did I get it? No, ok. Anyway on my MOT the Doc asked me how tall I was, I told him 5'7". He decided to check and I had gone down to 5'6". How could this happen if it wasn't the rain that had caused it. At this rate if it carries on, I'll be 3'6" by Christmas. Anyway, I have been referred to a sleep clinic. I could do with the rest.

This month promises to be better, so I'm told. But, if that's true, why do they mention April showers, surely that is wishing the rain upon us, isn't it? Here's what Wikipedia says about it: 'April showers' are frequent, short-lived, and often heavy rainfall events occurring in April, driven by increased land heating, cooler seas, and shifting jet streams. These showers are characterised by rapid cycles of sun and

rain, sometimes including hail or sleet, and are known for producing rapid spring growth.

Now that is something to really look forward, don't you agree. I don't think so. This year, up to the time of writing, we've had more rain than I can ever remember. I think that we deserve a great summer but, the thing is, if it becomes too hot, we begin to moan and want it cooler or for it to rain to cool us down. I love the summer, I'm never more happier than wearing t shirt and shorts. Mind you, this winter, I noticed quite a few people wearing shorts. How do they do this? Don't they feel the cold at all? It's not a criticism of them, I just wish that I could do this. The problem is, as the summer approaches so does the gardening work. I know people love this, I used to until I became so busy with my job that I found it difficult to fit

it all in. Now that I have retired, it has left me with a dread of doing it. I look on it as work. Yes, I know that I need to change my focus on this and begin to enjoy it again. I've tried to persuade the CO to take up the post of head gardener but, she is reluctant to take on this prestigious position. Still once I start, it is ok, and the CO does help me - well, more like observes and directs me. Actually, she does this when I'm driving our new car. On the dashboard, it tells you when the ideal time is to change gear. If I take no notice of this, the CO taps the top of the gear stick. It can be annoying after a time and I'm thinking of re-naming her Hyacinth like in the TV series. It won't stop her though, but I'm storing up all my revenge for when she takes the wheel again. See you next month.

Grahame

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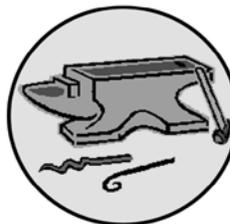
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ers, ourselves and colleagues to account to deliver best value for every pound of your money we spend. I was delighted that support was given by all Weymouth councillors for community maintenance officers (Lengthsmen). I mentioned this last month. An opportunity for quick response to clean up an area that has suffered vandalism, graffiti, fly tipping etc. Returning our town to a place to be proud of. I continue to take part in the transformation programme at Dorset Council, this will create savings but I am anxious that changes will truly deliver improved and enhanced service levels, not just a reduction in staff. Dorset Council are working on an integrated strategy for the provision of Leisure facilities across the County. I have attended a number of meetings so far and hope soon to see a comprehensive report. For the largest conurbation in the County Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell do need investment, both private and public, to cater for sport and leisure in our area. I continue work on Dorset Design Code and the Local Plan.

Despite a lot of messages in the press and social media I received so many complaints that sand levelling was taking place at half-term. Again essential work, the schedule of which is dictated by tides, so there was no alternative. My last walk along the prom showed the beach kiosks being erected, so more cause for smiles. And there are certainly already visitors arriving.

I've mentioned before Films at the Pavilion. Have you visited yet? Lots of parking available, a great programme including great live streams and the possibility of lunch or a snack before or after the show. I'm a devotee. Don't forget Film Club and the Memorial Hall, Chamberlain Road too.

Do you have a community hall near you? In Wyke we are very lucky with some great venues. The management and trustees of Rymead Lane Community Hall have been working tirelessly in recent times refurbishing, and promoting new activities. Is your club looking for a venue? Many of you will remember Wyke Weenies? Taking your children or grandchildren to enjoy friendship and play and learning to socialise. Help is needed to continue this much loved facility. Do you have time for this or for any of the other activities whether for these

preschoolers or for teens? Perhaps you have recently retired and have skills with accounts or maintenance? Do please contact the management committee. Weymouth, Chickerell and Portland are finally being recognised as an area worthy of notice. A large development grant for Littlemoor and Broadway, the levelling up fund and genuine interest in exciting projects across the area. It really is good news. Although I continue to post on my Councillor Kate Wheller Facebook page it will mostly be to share announcements. If you wish to contact me please email cllrkateheller@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk, cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 07850 060947; you can leave a message. I do welcome your thoughts and comments and yes, even your complaints. I rarely pick up on messenger. You are always likely to find me around the village and town, at the library, on the bus or at home. I continue to attend the monthly coffee morning at All Saints Church, Portland Road, you will be most welcome to join me there to discuss any residents issues. I also try to attend Holy Trinity Church once a month and am happy to talk to you there. Representatives from all four political groups are in attendance at Weymouth Library from 10.00am-12.00 on the first Saturday each month.

Kate
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Friends of Greenhill Gardens

Upcoming Summer Events
The Friends of Greenhill Gardens Weymouth Sunday afternoon music events - free! Bring a picnic and enjoy the music with the beautiful backdrop of Weymouth Bay.

Sunday 31st May 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - The Originals - Local popular band The Originals are first on the Bandstand this year and will be serving up 2 hours of memorable songs from the 60s,

70s and 80s. With years of experience this group really know how to entertain you. Not to be Missed!

Sunday 7th June 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Monkey Jump - Monkey Jump are an experienced 3 piece band with a versatile range of music from the 60s to the 00s.

Sunday 14th June 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Weymouth Ukeleleans - Come down to Greenhill Gardens for some fun and music from this local Ukelelean band!

Sunday 21st June 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Omega Project in aid of The Lantern Trust - The Omega Project are a quality 9 piece Blues/Soul/ Party band. Their blend of lively music, punchy rhythms and vocal harmonies combine with their distinctive brass section and soaring lead breaks to create a powerful overall sound! The Lantern Trust is an independent registered charity that was founded in 1983 to help vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area.

Sunday 28th June 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - The Jukebox 4 - Popular Weymouth duo Neil & Sally have joined forces with veteran bassist Lee Cornell and up-and-coming Shaun Brown on drums to form one of the hottest new bands gigging the Dorset live music scene.

Sunday 5th July 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - The Decadettes - a Dorset based vintage singing group, will sing you through the decades in style in the gardens Bandstand singing a variety of music from 1920s through to 1960s with a selection of swing, jazz and big band as well.

Sunday 12th July 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - The Katz - A local four piece rock and roll band based on the south coast covering music from the 60s to modern day.

Sunday 19th July 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Weymouth Concert Brass - Enjoy the gorgeous brass tones of Weymouth Concert Brass in the Gardens!

Sunday 26th July 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Local band The Originals will be playing hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and more. Featuring:- Dire Straits, The Eagles, The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Searchers, Status Quo and many many more. Come down and join us for a fun afternoon with a homemade cake sale, cards, jewellery and book

stalls, plus a fabulous raffle!

Sunday 2nd August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Dr Jazz - Dr Jazz play as either a trio (double bass, guitar and horns) or as a quartet with Jacob, their pianist. Easy listening music from the golden age of jazz, with the sun shining beautiful views and the Seascape Café for all your ice cream needs.

Sunday 9th August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Darron Garnett - Darron's cool swing style showcases the songs of:- Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole, Michael Bublé and many more!

Sunday 16th August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - 11th Hour - A selection of memorable 60's, 70's and 80's music awaits you! Come and listen to this group of really talented musicians as you laze away the afternoon with Weymouth Bay as your backdrop!

Sunday 23rd August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Scandals - Tim, Brian and Pete collectively known as Scandals are back in the Gardens for 2026. Music from the 60's through to present.

Sunday 30th August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Georgy & The Duke - Georgy Broad featuring the Duke. Come and listen to the Duke and Broad Rat Pack duo show. Think Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald to name just two!

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2026, 2.00pm-4.00pm - Tony Lowe, the Weymouth-born swing singer, is returning from Belgium this summer to air the 'velvet voice' style of superb performance he has become known for. Tony will be on the Bandstand with his great collection of songs. For Cool Swing and Frank Sinatra fans this afternoon is a must!

This event is in aid of our local Weldmar hospice. Please give generously to their bucket collectors who will be around all afternoon!

The Friends of Weymouth Library

Our meeting on Saturday 4th April at 10.30am in the Library, will feature Steve Wallis.

Steve is Senior Archaeologist at DCC and will talk about preserving the site of the High Angle Battery,

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The Ridgeway Churches

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8.00am St Osmund's, Osmington (3rd, 4th)
9.00am Holy Trinity, Bincombe
9.00am St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers (1st, 3rd)
9.15am St Andrew's, Preston (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
9.15am St Andrew's Church Rooms (1st)
10.30am St Nicholas, Broadwey
10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor
10.30am St Osmund's, Osmington (1st, 2n, 5th)
10.30am St Laurence, Upwey
4.00pm St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers (2nd, 4th)
6.30pm St Francis, Littlemoor (4th) Celtic Prayer

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7.30pm 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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Ridgeway Churches Diary

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4.00pm Sunday 14th June
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston, DT3 6BU, Carrie Martin. An afternoon of acoustic music.

Tickets £15.

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Ridgeway Churches Diary

Thursday 2nd April
Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am-11.30am
Every Thursday
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Tuesday 7th April
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
Saturday 11th April
Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am-12.00pm

Every 2nd Saturday
St Osmund's Church, Osmington £3 per head

Monday 14th April
Angel's Lunch Club 12.30pm

Every 2nd Monday
St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. (suggested donation of £7 per head)

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2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 9.30am Sung Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.

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Morning Prayer

9.00am Tuesday - Friday.
9.30am Saturday.
Fridays 10.30am Holy Communion (said), followed by refreshments.

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St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ

Sundays

11.00am Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with

Service of the Word.

5th Sunday joint service with All Saints.

Thursdays

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

Coffee Mornings

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

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's Church Hall

Fancy a chat over a full English Breakfast? (other options available)
Every 2nd Saturday in the month 9.00am to 11.00am, next on 10th May. For more information and to book a place contact: info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Coffee Mornings

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

Hall Hire

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Wyke Regis Parish works in our schools, as well as local charities and other organisations. We offer many opportunities for people of all ages to come together, such as Men's Breakfasts, walking groups, craft groups, as well as chances to learn to sing and ring the bells, all of which help towards combatting loneliness and isolation.

Live Local News

In addition to the livestream services at All Saints Church, the parish also runs a live local news programme at 6.00pm on Saturdays and a quiz at 7.30pm the same evening. These can be accessed using the livestream links above.

If you want to get in touch, the parish contact number is 01305 784649 or email office@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Regular parish activities

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

Art Groups – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's

Church Hall

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Coming Events

All Saints

Film Night: Four Mothers

Wyke Regis Memorial Hall, Saturday 28th March, 7.00pm

Wyke Regis Community Film club presents 2024 Irish Comedy Four Mothers. A novelist and full-time carer on the brink of success must suddenly look after his friend's needy mothers as well as his own... Rated 15. Entry £6.50, inc. drink.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st March & 18th April, 10.00am-noon

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

St Edmund's

Easter Tabletop Sale

Saturday 28th March 10.00am – 1.00pm

Our Tabletop Sale returns to St Edmund's this Easter, with stalls inside and outside the church hall (weather permitting!). Tombola, raffle, second-hand book stall and much, including a prize for the best Easter bonnet.

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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The Harbourside Church

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Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

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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 LGTBQIA+ 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

Chickerell

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

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

Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

chickerellmethodist@gmail.com

Weymouth Bay

Wednesday

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

10.30am Grace Notes, informal singing group for all abilities

2.00pm CAMEO, women's group meets fortnightly

5.00pm Miscellany Band for anyone who plays a musical instrument

Thursday

2.00pm Bible study Group

First Friday in the month

2.00pm Dementia Café for people with dementia and their carers

Last Saturday in the month

9.00am Garden Gang

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

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.

We welcome your views, news and photographs which may be of interest to our readers



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which was part of the late defences of Portland.

Mayor's Engagements for March

Please find a list of engagements to be attended by the Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson.

Wednesday 18th March, 2.00pm – Thomas Fowell Buxton Society Annual General Meeting – St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth

Friday 20th March, 1.30pm – Declaration of the High Sheriff of Dorset – Coastland College, Cranford Avenue, Weymouth.

Saturday 21st March, 2.00pm – Ingleside Residential Home Open Day – Ingleside Residential Home, Dorchester Road, Upwey, Weymouth.

Thursday 26th March, 8.00pm – Weymouth Drama Club performance of Deckchairs – Harbour Theatre, Hope Street, Weymouth.

Friday 27th March, 11.00am – Sir Samuel Mico Service – St Mary's Church, St Mary Street.

Saturday 28th March, 10.00am – Weymouth Land Train 1st Trip of

the Season – Weymouth Promenade (opposite M&S).

The Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Caroline Nickinson is encouraging residents to come along to a 60s and 70s themed disco at Weymouth's Centenary Club on Friday 10th April, in aid of the Mayor's chosen charity Weldmar Hospicecare.

Tickets for the event are £10 and can be purchased on the Weldmar Hospicecare website.

As well as the 60s and 70s disco, the evening will feature a raffle and fancy dress is optional, with prizes awarded for the best outfits. Proceeds from the event, including ticket sales and the raffle, will be donated to Weldmar Hospicecare. Rathbones are sponsoring the event, and if other companies or organisations are interested in donating raffle prizes, they can contact mayor@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk

To book a visit from the Mayor of Weymouth, a completed booking form must be received, which can be found on Weymouth Town Council's website. For more information, please email mayor@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Weymouth Bay Medical Practice

www.weymouthbaymedicalpractice.co.uk

Movement is Changing

People today are generally less active than previous generations. Modern technology has made many everyday tasks easier—cars and public transport reduce the need to walk, machines do our housework, and screens entertain us. Fewer jobs require manual labour, and many of us spend long periods sitting.

So, the theme for March is Exercise!

Exercise is one of the most effective tools for managing stress. It can help by:

Lowering stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline

Boosting feel-good chemicals like endorphins, dopamine and serotonin to support mood and motivation

Calming the nervous system and improving heart rate variability

Clearing mental overload, giving your mind a break from worry

Building self-confidence and emotional strength

Improving sleep, which increases resilience to stress

Stress affects people in different ways—physically, emotionally and in varying intensities.

Burnout is a state of physical, mental and emotional exhaustion. It can be linked to paid work, but also to parenting, caring, studying or voluntary roles. Burnout can develop when pressure is constant, or when you don't have the support, resources or environment you need to meet your potential.

Regular movement can increase self-confidence, improve your mood, help you relax, and lower symptoms of mild depression and anxiety. Moving more can also improve your sleep, which is often disrupted by stress, depression and anxiety. All of these benefits can ease your stress levels and give you a sense of command over your body and your life.

Find Activities Near You

For ideas on how to become more active, especially if you have a health condition, or to explore new activities, visit: www.active-dorset.org

They offer activities for all ages, from early years to Active Ageing, there's something for everyone!

Enhanced Access to General Practice Services

Enhanced Access services enable

GP practices and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to offer appointments beyond traditional operating hours, including evenings and weekends.

There are five GP Practices in Weymouth and Portland, and patients may be offered an appointment at any Practice as part of the enhanced access service.

Please note that although you may receive an SMS confirming your appointment, if your appointment is at a different Surgery to the one you are registered with, you will be unable to see this appointment or cancel it via online services such as the NHS App.

Audiology self-referral service

A new Self-referral service for patients with hearing loss and/or hearing aids issues has been rolled out. If you are aged 50 or over, and are registered with a Dorset GP, you can self-refer directly to Audiology for a hearing assessment.

For useful information on other ear-related issues such as tinnitus, balance and ear wax for further information visit: <https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services-and-sites/physical-health/audiology-hearing>

To complete the self-referral form visit: <https://audiology.service.dhc.nhs.uk/self-referral>

If you are aged under 50 and are concerned about your hearing, please speak to your GP in the first instance.

Dr Ali Hussain will be increasing his working hours from 1st April and will also be looking after some of Dr Knights patients. Ali will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

A few words from Dr Wayne Knight on his retirement:

For all those who know me, I have announced my intention to retire after 36 years of working in the NHS. I arrived in Weymouth in 1992 to do my GP training and joined the surgery in 1998. Over this period of time NHS care has been revolutionised; cancer survival has doubled over the past 50 years, annual heart disease deaths have halved, and UK life expectancy has increased from 76 years in 1990 to 82 years in 2026. As I reflect back, these are amazing achievements of the NHS, but it is easy to lose sight of this as we grapple with the many problems that also come our way.

I have seen general practice evolve from the traditional family GP sitting behind his desk with

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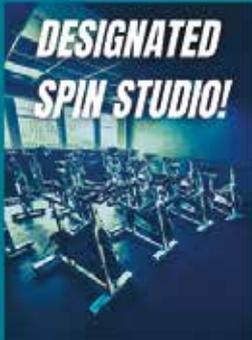
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pen and paper to a much bigger multidisciplinary team working in the community using increasingly powerful computers, vastly improving the monitoring and effectiveness of the care we offer. The merger between Dorchester Road and Royal Crescent and Preston Road to create Weymouth Bay Medical Practice was another big moment that was needed to ensure a viable and thriving General Practice providing excellent care to the citizens of Weymouth. Having seen this through and approaching my 60th birthday it felt time to hang up my stethoscope. It has been the utmost privilege to have played my very small part in the lives of my patients over many years hopefully helping some of you through the ups and downs of life. I have enjoyed hearing your stories, experiencing your humanity and learning from you too. It will be a sad day, but I have many plans and many things to look forward to. I will remain in wonderful Weymouth, and I am sure to bump into many of you. So, thank you all.

Dr Wayne Knight.

New GP Partner

Welcome to Dr Olivia Wood who will be joining the Practice as a GP Partner from 1st April 2026. Olivia will be working at Dorchester Road Surgery and will be looking after some of Dr Knights patients. Olivia will be working Wednesday and Fridays.

First Contact Practitioner (FCP) vs Physiotherapist – What's the Difference?

Low back and neck pain are the leading causes of years lost to disability in the UK, and more than 8.75 million people live with chronic joint pain or osteoarthritis. Musculoskeletal (MSK) problems make up around 30% of all GP appointments. Both Physiotherapists and First Contact Practitioners (FCPs) play important roles in managing these conditions, but their roles are different. First Contact Practitioners (FCPs) are specialist clinicians based in GP practices who see patients with MSK problems as their first point of contact. They offer rapid assessments, tailored advice, and personalised exercise plans straight away. This helps patients get the right care more quickly and reduces waiting times for physiotherapy. Physiotherapists are healthcare

professionals trained to help people improve movement and function after injury, illness, or disability. They assess physical problems, diagnose issues, and create treatment plans to restore movement, reduce pain, and improve overall function. They work across many settings and treat a wide range of conditions—not just MSK problems.

Key Differences

Scope of practice: Physiotherapists treat a broad range of conditions, whereas FCPs focus specifically on MSK problems in primary care.

First point of contact: FCPs assess and diagnose MSK issues quickly and decide on the best next steps. Setting: FCPs work within GP surgeries; physiotherapists work in many different healthcare settings.

How to Access Care - You can book an appointment with an FCP here at the surgery.

If you feel you need Secondary Care Physiotherapy, you can self-refer online at: www.mskdorset.nhs.uk

The MSK Dorset website offers lots of helpful information about different body areas, common conditions, self-care advice, and guidance on when to seek medical help.

STAFF NEWS - After caring for countless patients and making a lasting difference working as a GP, Dr Wayne Knight is closing his chapter as a GP and beginning a new life of retirement at the end of March 2026. It is with a mixture of sadness and fond, happy memories that we say farewell to Dr Wayne Knight, but we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th March
Closed from 3.30pm
Good Friday 3rd April
Closed
Easter Monday 6th April
Closed
May Bank Holiday
Monday 4th May
Closed
Late May Bank Holiday
Monday 24th May
Tuesday 16th June
Closed from 3.30pm

Owermoigne Flower Club

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at Owermoigne Village Hall, Pollards Lane, Owermoigne, DT2 8XD. New members very welcome.

Visitors £7 including refreshments, no need to book in advance.

21st April - A talk on Container Gardening

19th May - Floral demonstration by Sarah Brooker

For further information contact Wendy Lockley, 07934764094.

Portland Coves

May Day Concert, 7.30pm Friday 1st May. Coves play a selection of predominantly Celtic roots based music from the UK and around the world including Portugal and Japan. Often played upbeat but always with the Coves unique twist. Morris dancing outside prior to the event

Doors open at 7.00pm, cash bar. Tickets £10, advance booking advised but tickets may be available on the door. Please call for more details.

Ian Cox 07966439161

Rick Potter 07479532159

Wyke Memorial Hall, Wyke Regis, DT4 9EZ.

New Littlemoor and Broadway Neighbourhood Board

People in Littlemoor and Broadway are to benefit from £2m in extra funding every year for the next decade, thanks to the UK Government's Pride in Place programme.

Applications are now open to join a new Neighbourhood Board, which will engage with the local community to develop a plan for how the investment is spent over the next decade.

The board will bring together residents, local businesses, grassroots campaigners, workplace representatives, faith, and community leaders and those with a deep connection to their area. Neighbourhood Boards must also include the relevant local MP and at least one ward councillor but will be led by an independent chair. The board will work together to create a regeneration plan for Littlemoor and Broadway and agree priorities for investment.

Recruitment for the role of independent chair for the Neighbour-

hood Board is now open with a deadline of 17 April. This is a crucial role for a local person who is strongly committed to the communities of Littlemoor and Broadway and passionate about making the area an even better place to live. The chair must be politically neutral and cannot be an MP or local councillor. Some previous leadership or chairing experience is also required.

Councillor Ryan Hope, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement, said:

"This funding offers a huge opportunity for Littlemoor and Broadway and the Neighbourhood Board chair and members are critical to the programme's success. A key aim of Pride in Place is to empower local people to shape their own neighbourhoods – it will be the board, not the council nor central government, who decide how the funding is used.

'We have no preconceived ideas about who the chair or the board members will be and would love to hear from anyone who has a deep connection with the area and is fired up about making a difference. If you are not sure if the role is for you please do come and talk to us at one of the drop in events which are listed on the website, and we will be happy to answer any questions.'

Applications are also open to people wishing to be board members. Anyone who lives and / or works in Littlemoor and Broadway, and are keen to make meaningful change is encouraged to apply. Previous board experience is not required but experience of community involvement, a good understanding of community issues and the ability to work collaboratively would all be an advantage. The closing date for applications to become a board member is 22 May.

Lloyd Hatton, MP for South Dorset, said:

"I am delighted that after months of fighting to ensure Littlemoor and Broadway were included, the Government is delivering this historic £20 million investment through the Pride in Place Programme.

"What makes this investment truly exciting is that our community will decide exactly how to spend it. Whether it's building new sports facilities for Ridgeway FC, upgrading local schools and key health services, or improving bus routes and roads, these decisions will be made by local people.

'I am looking forward to joining the new Neighbourhood Board as

we work together to restore pride in our town. I urge everyone with a passion for Littlemoor and Broadway to share their ideas through my survey and help us put this investment to best use.

A range of events have been set up for people to find out more – check the website for details of these and to apply for a role www.dorset-council.gov.uk/neighbourhood-board. Both the role of Chair and Board Member are unpaid voluntary roles, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Record number of flood-damaged roads

Priority repairs to flood damaged roads are set to go ahead later this year, as Dorset Council responds to a record number of highway issues.

From December 2025 to February 2026, the council recorded a 92% increase in reported potholes, a 54% increase in other road defects

and an 83% increase in emergency call-outs – compared to the same period last year.

The unprecedented level of rainfall at the start of 2026 was a significant contributor to the increases, with some roads under flood water for more than a month.

Now, thanks to an extra £5m investment agreed at last month's Full Council meeting, the worst hit roads will be repaired later in the year.

Assessments of the priority road recovery works have begun, with a programme of drainage and surfacing schemes to follow.

Dorset Council's Cabinet member for Place services, Cllr Jon Andrews, said: "Since the start of 2026 Dorset has faced some of the most persistent and disruptive flooding we have seen in many years.

"Our priority now is to repair the damage these storms have inflicted – our rural roads have taken a battering.

"We need dry conditions before this work can go ahead but we will

be doing this at the earliest opportunity.

'Meanwhile, our highways team have been incredibly busy, repairing over 3,000 potholes in January and February alone.'

In the three months since 22 December, the council received nearly 10,000 highways related enquiries, responded to 862 emergency call-outs and repaired 5,508 highway defects.

The Met Office revealed that Dorset's weather station at Hurn recorded its wettest January day in 74 years. While the first half of February saw 92.3mms of rain - almost exactly 200 per cent of the ten-year average for the month.

To provide immediate repairs to the increase in potholes, the council called upon extra staff from other departments – responding

to emergency call outs within two hours and repairing the most serious potholes within 32 hours.

Urgency is assessed on the severity of the pothole and its location.

Cllr Andrews added: "We understand the frustrations from our residents when they see the state of some of our flood damaged roads, but they can be assured – our staff are working incredibly hard repairing potholes, with the most serious being repaired within hours.

"Over the longer term, it's clear we must prepare for increasingly frequent extreme weather.

'Our extra £5m investment will not only target priority repairs but will also be used to deliver improvements that improve flooding resilience.'



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Horton Tower



Horton Tower, also referred to as Sturt's Folly, is located in Horton, Dorset.

Horton Tower, stands as one of those mysterious structures whose history remains unclear, often described in phrases that start with 'said to have been...'. However, its grandeur is indisputable: seven stories of red brick rising majestically in the centre of a field.

Numerous sources claim it was constructed in 1750, while a few suggest a date of 1700, and Pevsner, among others, states 1726. All agree that it was erected by Humphrey Sturt, but to complicate matters, there were two individuals by that name: Humphrey Sturt senior (1687-1740) and his son Humphrey Sturt junior (1724-1786).

The tower was already present by 1765 when 'Horton Observatory' appeared on Taylor's Map of

Dorset, published that year, and a coloured vignette was included in the 1795 edition of the map. The only account providing a description comes from historian Edward Gibbon: he observed the tower in 1762 and praised the 'elegant turret 140 feet high', yet lamented that the estate was in 'no order', with the tower being utilised as a granary.

A local legend suggests that Sturt built the tower to overlook the adjacent estate of the Earl of Shaftesbury at Wimborne, as the two men were said to be 'at variance'. If there is any truth in this story, it remains to be seen.

This region is ideal for prime hunting, and the tower was utilised for observing the hunt and enjoying refreshments, in addition to serving as an ornament for Sturt's deer park, which also included a significant body of water. By the close of the 18th century, the folly was repurposed by the Royal Ordnance, tall towers throughout the nation were employed for the extensive trigonometrical survey that enabled the creation of highly precise maps. As the 19th century advanced, the tower continued to be a central point for hunting, with the East Dorset Hounds and other hunting packs convening at the structure.

At the beginning of the 20th century the building began to deteriorate and fell out of favour. In 1906, Sir Frederick Treves published a tribute to his native county titled *Highways and Byways in Dorset*. Treves, who was more widely recognised as a surgeon specialising in appendectomies, is

noted for having saved the life of Edward VII in 1902. It is reasonable to assert that he would have preferred the removal of Sturt's Folly, as he described it in this manner: 'The only blot on the landscape is the nightmare tower of Horton, built for an observatory, and now happily falling into decay.' In January 1947, James Lees-Milne and Eardley Knollys from the Na-

nearby Wimborne Minster for two years, during which he penned *Two on a Tower*, where the main characters fall in love while stargazing from the top of 'a tower in the form of a classical column.' Horton Tower has been proposed as a potential inspiration, yet scholars have uncovered evidence in his writings indicating that the 'two real spots' that inspired Hardy were the tower at Charborough Park and the monument to Admiral Hardy on Black Down, both located in Dorset.



Scenes from Far From the Madding Crowd, Sergeant Troy, portrayed by Terence Stamp, is seen galloping across the field with the tower serving as a striking backdrop



Map of the North east of the County of Dorset, Isaac Taylor, 1795. Courtesy of Dorset History Centre.

tional Trust visited the tower at the behest of the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, who desired for the charity to assume responsibility for its upkeep. Only a few beams remained of the interior, and upon concluding that it was rather unattractive, they determined that it would be best not to accept it. The tower found a new purpose as a film star. In 1967, it appeared in the film adaptation of Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*, based on the Dorset boy's work. Sergeant Troy, portrayed by Terence Stamp, is seen galloping across the field with the tower serving as a striking backdrop. Hardy would have been familiar with the tower, having resided in

In 1990, the tower was put up for sale, and its story garnered attention from newspapers nationwide due to its enduring fame from its role in the Hardy film. In 1991, an unforeseen benefactor emerged when Vodafone received authorisation to use the tower as a transmission mast for mobile phone signals. As a condition of the agreement, the company undertook the consolidation of the tower, and the conservation initiative was honoured with a Royal Town Planning Institute award in January 1995. The tower continues to house the transmitters and undergoes regular upgrades.

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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

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Hardy Quilters and Stickers

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

Island Voices Community Choir

Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (in term-time). Peter Trim Hall, St George's Centre, Reforme, Portland. The first session is free and then £6 per week. Contact Anne for information linkusup9@gmail.com or 01305776328.

Ladies Keep Fit

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

Ladies Social Badminton

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

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

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

Littlemoor Library

Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm. 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm. Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm. Friday 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm The library holds the following. Writing Group every Monday at 10.00am. Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon. Reading Group on the second Wednesday in the month 10.30am - 11.30am.

Mulberry Bush Pre-school

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

Osmington Archery Club

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

Osmington Art Group

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

Osmington Leisure

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

Osmington Lunch Club

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

Osmington Village Hall

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

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

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

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

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

Preston Pre-school

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

Preston Table Tennis Club

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

Preston Pantomime Group

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Preston Village Hall. New members welcome from age 14 upwards. Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

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

portlandgigrowingclub.co.uk

Repair Cafe Weymouth

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

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.00pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from 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. Tuition given. www.southillsmbc.co.uk

SSAFA

Pilgrim House, 1 Hope Street, Wey-

mouth, DT4 8TU. (By appointment only). All enquiries to. 020 4566 9131.

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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.

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.

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Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

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

Weymouth Astronomy Club

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

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Welcomes serving and veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm.

We meet at 7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month at the Weymouth & Melcombe Regis Working Men's Club, DT4 8BT.

Contact the branch secretary at email: faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com. 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. wpac@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 - 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, Chickereil Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

New Venue Now Meeting at the Holy Trinity School, Cross Road, Weymouth.

Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Meetings held usually 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting & Dec meeting on the 2nd Thursday).

Whist and Military Whist Drive

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

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

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Wyke Regis Community Association

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

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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.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

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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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