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Suffragettes and others were nurses or midwives and their roles were very important to the formation of the new emerging Police Service.

In the 1960s the women's uniform was designed by Norman Hartnell and some thought it looked impractical however, it was done as a recruitment idea and worked well to make the role more attractive. Unfortunately, things didn't change that much for women until the Equal Opportunities Act of 1970 and then again when the Sex Discrimination Act came in. After this women were able to earn the same as their male equivalent and do the same job. Although during the Miners Strike women were not sent to police the picket lines which could be quite violent.

However in 2020 46% of new recruits in Dorset were women and nowadays women are expected to play the same role as the male officers. We then had tea and said thank you to Val and after tea was the business of the day.

We have lots of things coming up, Fish and Chips at Bowleaze after the monthly walk, an Autumn workshop and our Autumn meal which this year will be at The Sun Inn. There is a planned outing to see the WOW show in November too.

We welcome visitors to come along and see what we offer, our next meeting in on 1st October at 2pm at The Mission Hall, and we will be welcoming Brigadier Jeff Little to give his talk on The Battle of Britain.

CLlr Louie O'Leary Report

As I write this in early September it's fair to say Summer is over. For me and the councillor team summer was not one of holidays and relaxation despite the fact council meetings cease for the month of August. It was a summer of community events such as coffee mornings, quizzes and fetes as well as catching up with residents on the doors and at public meetings.

I want to thank everyone who packed Preston village hall for the meeting about the Weymouth Bay extension. This helped get over 130 objections to the plan. However, an issue more worrying than 200 extra caravans or even the 200 homes proposed in the neighbourhood plan has appeared. The Dorset council local plan draft has been published this includes maps of sites for potential hous-

ing allocations.

The map for Preston is frankly terrifying over 1500 potential houses including the area all around the back of Moordown, Brackendown and Budmouth avenue right down to Wyke Oliver close and then more proposed around the back of Bowleaze Coveaway and around Seaview holiday park. We as a councillor team will do what we always do which is fight to protect our community from this threat to our character and identity. We will be holding a residents meeting at 18:30 on the 29th September at Preston village hall.

The main reason behind these large numbers is due to central government increasing Dorsets housing target to 55,00 to be built in the next 17 years. This is up from the previous governments target of 17,000. We wrote to our MP Lloyd Hatton to ask him to attend a public meeting but sadly despite over a week passing as I write this email we have had no reply. We do urge everyone to contact him and urge him to pressure his colleagues in government to revise these ridiculous numbers.

We do ask anyone able to help deliver leaflets on the matter to please get in touch as it's important as many people as possible are aware of this issue. In the meantime you can find out more and fill in the consultation on Dorset councils website under the local plan section.

CLlr Louie O'Leary

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Wyke Winter Art Trail

Wyke Window Art Trail will transform the village and surrounding area into a magical walking trail of illuminated window displays. The event running from the 24th of November to the 7th of December. Invites residents, businesses and organisations to decorate their windows with creativity from artwork to yarn bombing and model making and everything in between, creating a community atmosphere for all to enjoy. This year, the event is partnered with the Wyke Winter Fayre and is supported by local businesses. It will further enhance community spirit and well-being. The collective creations will form a walking trail, lighting up the streets and

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Preston Village Market and Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th October 10.00a-12.30pm. St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston DT3 6RZ. There will be plenty to see and buy including gifts for Christmas.

Check out bulbs to plants and delicious preserves, plus so much more. Our talented crafters will be selling their wares. Make yourselves comfortable over the refreshments that are on offer. This time we are raising funds for: Touchstone charity - Providing health and wellbeing services to over 10,000 people in diverse communities across Yorkshire every year and St Andrew's Church fund. Entrance free. Donations to our chosen charities would be most welcome.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Our September Meeting saw a change in the weather from the lovely day of our August

Tea in the garden, but the rain is needed. We welcomed Val Welti to talk to us about The Thin Blue Line - Women in Policing.

Women joining or wanting to join the Police service started during the First World War around 1915, due to the fact that so many men were off fighting in the war. They tended to be the wives of politicians or other well to do professions and were called Matrons. They had no powers and could not make arrests or anything like that and were only expected to help women and children.

There were two groups, one called the WPS (Women's Police Service) the other being Voluntary Women Patrols. They would patrol railway stations and munitions factories relating to women or children. Also in 1915 Edith Smith became the first female police officer to have the power of arrest, although she was still unable to play the equivalent role of men and could not arrest a man.

The WPS was formed by Nina Boyle and Margaret Darmer Dawson, both very important figures in the future of the service.

Many of the new officers had been

creating a vibrant spectacle for all to enjoy. This event aims to foster community engagement, promote mental well-being, and provide a positive and uplifting experience for everyone.

This community project has embraced the spirit of Weymouth & Portland's Towns of Culture 2025 Award and hopefully will continue into the future

Fiona Raynes, coordinator of the Wyke Winter Walking Trail expressed her excitement, stating, 'We are delighted to introduce this new event. I was totally inspired by B-Side's Window Wanderland a few years back, on Portland. Fiona said, 'I thought this would also work really well in Wyke as well. It's a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together, get creative and share this festive spirit. We are particularly grateful for the support of the folk of Wyke, Artwey and local businesses who have already expressed their interest, and kind support which allows us to reach even more people.' A special thank you is extended to Kate Wheller, our local counsellor for her help and guidance.' Fiona is offering two free art workshops at Wyke Memorial Hall from 10 am-12 on 9th and 16th November, with more dates to follow.

Details

Start date - on the 23rd of November to the 7th of December.

Location

All routes in Wyke Village and Wyke area.

Participation

Open to all residents, businesses and organisations.

To register, visit, website.

Cost

Participation is free.

Safety

The event is designed to be safe for all ages with age appropriate themes. It encourages outdoor exploration. This is a community led event, that transforms Wyke into a magical walking trail of illuminated window displays. The event aims to foster community spirit, creativity and provide a positive and uplifting experience for all.

Contact

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Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

The Trading Post in Rylands Lane now has bean and pea seeds in stock for those who like to do an autumn sowing for early crops next year.

We are continuing with our revised Wednesday opening hours of 12 noon to 3pm. Saturdays remain at 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership is £10 per year but from October is £5 for the remaining time up to April 1st. For more information please email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or telephone 01305 602137.

Wyke Christmas Fayre

It will soon be Christmas and the Wyke Christmas Fayre is shaping up well for this year. Taking place on Sunday 7th December in Old Wyke Square, The Memorial Hall and Wyke Regis Social Club.

Come along and join the fun. Plenty of stalls, Face painting and Meet Father Christmas in the Club, Best Dressed Dog competition throughout the day. Best Dressed

House Competition to be announced on the 14th December. On a smaller scale why not create a Christmas Window, in corporation with the Wyke Winter Art Trail. Stalls still available, please contact wykechristmas@gmail.com. And if you can spare a couple of hours to help on the day, contact us on the above email.

Hope to see you all there!

Fairbridge Trust Do it Fair this Fairtrade Fortnight

This Fairtrade Fortnight will be taking place from 22nd September-5th October 2025. Over these fourteen days the Fairtrade Foundation will be asking each of you to Do it Fair, celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of a UK-wide movement calling for a fairer system behind the things we consume every day.

With the world in a tailspin, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label - it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however

you do it: Do it Fair.

As a focus for this Fairtrade Fortnight the Fairtrade Foundation is taking action for Fairer Tea. In Britain alone, we drink over 100 million cups of tea every day, and behind every cup we drink, there are millions of people who work hard to nurture and grow the tea leaves. But many of the people behind our daily brew face poverty, unsafe working conditions, and the mounting threat of climate change - leaving them unable to plan for their future.

Changing the lives of the people behind the tea we drink requires businesses and politicians to uphold their responsibilities, listen to what these communities need and commit to rebalancing the global trade system we all rely on. Go to the Fairtrade Foundation website to sign their petition asking the UK government to protect human rights, collaborate for change and honour their international climate finance commitment. Together we can brew it fair.

As a thank you to our customers and an encouragement to anyone who has not yet visited our shop, we will be offering a 20% discount on all your purchases on Saturday September 20th to launch this

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National Trust South Dorset Association

Tuesday 7th October at 2.30pm
'Aviation Around Poole Bay' a talk by Kevin Patience. Presented by the National Trust South

Dorset Association.

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW. NTS-DA members £4, visitors £5. Includes refreshments. No need to book in advance.

Weymouth Art Group

The Weymouth Art Group (Wags) Annual Art Exhibition takes place on Tuesday 18th November 10.00am - 4.00pm at the Southill Community Centre, Weymouth.

All are welcome to visit. Browse or buy. A wide variety of art in all styles will be on display. Free refreshments will be available in our coffee shop and there is a free car park next door.

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

Southill Gardening Club

Our October meeting will feature a fun countryside quiz in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, presented by Eric Ovenden and his friends and entitled 'Wud I Lye to Yew'.

The meeting will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm. Members and non-members are welcome and refreshments will be available. Further information on this meeting or the club in general can be obtained on 01305 788939.

Dorchester Big Band

Concert at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, DT47TH on Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm by Dorchester Big Band.

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Q. I am moving to a home which is on a heat network. I don't seem to have any choice in this

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The owner of the heat network is responsible for everyone on that network. People can't switch because they can't change their heating system.

As heat networks are not yet regu- *Continued on page 7*

lated, there are no rules dictating how people are billed and no consumer protections for those who fall into debt. For those on heat networks run by housing providers, heating bills can be bundled together with housing costs. When this happens, you owe your landlord for your heating. If you fall behind, this could open you up to risk of eviction.

From January 2026, there will be rules in place to protect people on heat networks and hold suppliers to account. Suppliers will have to provide clearer bills, handle com-



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plaints, and treat customers in debt fairly. Until then, your heat network might be able to help if something goes wrong. However, whether you pay your heat network bills separately or as part of your housing costs, it's really important to deal with this type of debt as soon as you can.

Speak to your supplier or bill provider. They'll be able to tell you if your bill is correct and might agree on a more affordable way for you to pay.

If that doesn't work, speak to Citizens Advice - we're part of a national team of specialist heat network advisors. You can call us on 0808 223 1133, you can also approach the Energy Ombudsman but they may not be able to help if your complaint is about something that happened before April 1 2025.

So if you are moving to a home on a heat network you should:

Ask whoever you're buying or renting from for details about the energy supply, including: how much heating and hot water costs each year; any maintenance charges and service fees you'll have to pay; and contact details of the heat network supplier and who you should speak to if something goes wrong.

Check whether the heat network is part of a consumer scheme like the Heat Trust remember to ask for everything in writing and keep it as evidence.

Cllr Kate Wheller Report

As I write this I am literally sitting at a desk in a garret room in France. Rather than it being warm and sunny it is dull and cold. I am visiting friends from our twin town of Louviers in Normandy. We are all politicians together and I believe they delight

in showing me all the wonderful projects they have completed since my last visit, although much smaller than Weymouth they are a rich town and have access to EU money which we, of course, no longer have.

Today, I visited a community kitchen which provides over 3,000 hot lunches, across a number of areas, schools, nurseries, old people facilities and to older people in their homes as well. The food is 60% fresh, local and organic and looked splendid. The cake was very good, too.

We have mainly had good weather this summer and I think our tourist trade has done well. Certainly the beach and attractions all seem to have been busy. I certainly enjoyed the fireworks and the Legomen. It is shame that the weather broke for the last few days of the school holidays. I hope your young people enjoyed the summer and those that were waiting for exam results were happy and achieved the grades they needed to progress to the next stage.

As with central government August should be a quiet month! Cllr Paul Kimber and I have been speaking regularly with senior officers at Dorset Council about the reported financial irregularities that have come to light following Audit reports. We will monitor progress carefully but I will write no more at this stage in order not to jeopardise any criminal proceedings.

You will be aware that both Dorset Local Plan and Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan are out for consultation and I do hope you have had an opportunity to look at these and comment.

A number of new Executive Advisory Panels have been initiated, and I have attended the first meetings. Design Code - this fits in with the Local Plan ultimately. The Local

Transport Plan also links strongly with the Local Plan as clearly areas of housing and work development also require strong transport networks. Leisure and Culture - an assessment of what facilities are available currently across the County how these can better fit in today's world and what we need to add for the future. How will this be funded? Cllr Paul Kimber is still working on the Housing Strategy EAP.

Weymouth Town Council are not treating the worrying EA test results of our bathing water with complacency and are working closely with all our partners to locate the source of the problem and find a solution. Officers continue to talk to other councils and leisure providers to find a way to re-instate the rafts at Greenhill.

With a little spare time, I was able to cover some shifts in Weymouth Pop-up Museum. Have you visited? The museum has such a huge collection and we aim to change the exhibits regularly to remind residents and show visitors the wealth of history of our beautiful town. We hope that with grants and donations we will be able to keep the pop-up open until our new home back in Brewers Quay is ready. Please check our website and Facebook page for details of the 'Tea and Talk' sessions that are resuming in September.

New venue in the Centenary Club, and an exciting programme.

I continue to be available at the Coffee Mornings at All Saints Church, Wyke Regis, third Saturday of the month but I will also try to attend the Library in the morning the second Saturday of the month with other town councillors.

Kate

Cllr Kate Wheller

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News from Trading Standards

'Cowboy' cosmetic procedures

The Government has announced a crackdown on what

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Last month's Over the Hill mentioned some thoroughly nice people - for instance yours truly, John the photographer, my Junior In-house Adviser and Mervyn Sharp, who amongst his other attributes, is a seven times channel swimmer. Incidentally, our Mervyn was one of the guests of honour - and rightly so - at a recent celebration in Dover. This was to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Captain Matthew Webb's historic swim across the English Channel on 25th August 1875. But I digress.

Unfortunately, one person was mentioned only briefly in that Over the Hill which has resulted in a flood of correspondence from a great number of readers. Well, perhaps more accurately many readers. All right, from some readers. OK, OK from just one reader. The reason for all the emails, letters and texts was that, despite the inclusion of all the aforementioned - always wanted to use that word - aforementioned worthy celebrities, one person was only briefly mentioned. That of course being, as if you had not already guessed, Mrs Barnacle of Wyke.

Despite never having swum to France, nor being a photographer nor being related to me, she feels that greater emphasis should have been placed on her myriad good qualities. So, rest assured that when these become apparent they will immediately be brought to your attention. But I digress again.

The Dorset Flop has received much publicity recently, and this is not a snide reference to Mrs Barnacle, just an unfortunate coincidence. As you are no doubt well aware, the term Dorset Flop refers to a means of delivering the ball towards the nine pins on a skittle alley. In less athletic parts of the country the ball is thrown as in bowls, standing upright with a genteel movement of the right hand. Or left hand, if that is your preferred option. For the uninitiated a description of how to perform the Dorset Flop follows, which is in no way genteel. Trigger warning here, with details of injuries detailed. Perhaps a good time to give up reading and make a nice cup of tea.

The ball is held in both, cupped, hands. The player then crouches with their feet against the back rail

of the alley. Propelled forward by the feet with arms outstretched the ball is hurled towards the pins while the player lands stomach downwards with some force. Those who use this technique say it imparts great accuracy and speed. Others attest to bruising in many regions of the body. Most get the latter, only some the former. It must also be said that the Flop is better suited for use by the young, fit and lithe, which rules out most Senior Citizens. Friend Richard, his real name as there are a lot of that name in this area, was one who achieved the skill when younger. In a skittles match arranged with our customers, you were required to hit a single pin. If you missed, you were eliminated. During the evening using the Dorset Flop technique he never failed to hit the pin. Sadly he didn't win, as it was deemed more important for one of our customers to achieve that honour in the interests of, as the French say, 'Entente Cordial'. The morning following one ale fuelled and successful league game the bruising in my stomach area seemed worse than usual. The explanation became apparent when the remains of my pocket watch fell out of my waistcoat. And to forestall the inevitable email, we all wore waistcoats in team colours in those days - we were almost professionals, apart from not getting paid that is - although the others in the team had the sense not to play with anything in their pockets.

The problem for Senior Senior Citizens can be seeing the pins at the other end of the alley, although none, in my experience, have any trouble in spotting the drink you bought for them. Selective vision might describe that process. But changing subject, not something Over the Hill does often, as you well know. More and more invitations to events seem to include the phrase 'Smart casual dress please'. For a Senior Citizen the words Smart and Casual are contradictory. In days of yore - another word it is nice to use occasionally - smart meant collar, tie and jacket, even perhaps a suit, and casual meant, well, none of these. Also skittles meant waistcoats, and as for footwear, or shorts, the least said the better. As a follower of the great game of rugby union I was quickly made aware that a shirt in the colours of my favourite local or

national side was not included in the category of 'smart'. And nobody can seriously consider that a football shirt is 'smart'.

Though before any suggestions of bias, I have played more games of football - as goalkeeper - than rugby, and more games of cricket than both of the former added together. The sympathetic might consider me an all-rounder, as my sporting life has been spent in a playing a wide range of activities. Sadly, at none of these did my talents even reach the dizzy heights of 'average'. Probably best be summed up in the words 'I've spent my whole sporting life doing things I'm not very good at'. And becoming a Senior Citizen is

definitely not a route to improving sporting prowess.

The late David Bryant, acknowledged to be probably the most talented player in the history of bowls, when asked to compare the benefits of the experience of age versus the stamina of youth is reported to have replied 'A good young one will always beat a good old one'. As a bowls player but never a challenger to David, it seems an apt summary for my abilities. But although Mrs Barnacle of Wyke is herself a Senior Citizen, albeit only just, she is also world class in the sending of emails. But this is mentioned in no way as an attempt to curry favour.

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it calls 'cowboy cosmetic procedures' amid growing concerns, about unqualified people, carrying out high-risk treatments, with little or no medical training.

Some treatments have caused serious harm. Many victims of botched procedures have been young women who have been influenced by adverts on social media, and as a result have suffered burns, infections and nerve damage.

Under the Government proposals only specialised healthcare providers that are registered with the Care Quality Commission will be able to perform procedures such as non-surgical 'Brazilian butt lifts'. There would also be stricter oversight for lower-risk cosmetic treatments, such as Botox injections, lip fillers and facial dermal fillers, through a planned local authority licensing system. People administering these procedures would be required to meet rigorous safety, training and insurance standards before they can legally operate, with practitioners who break the rules being subject to enforcement and financial penalties.

New restrictions are likely to prevent high-risk cosmetic procedures being carried out on under-18-year-olds without the authorisation of a healthcare professional. The Chartered Trading Standards Institute has commented that age restricted sales could be taken further, such as making a clear UK-wide minimum age for all high-risk aesthetic treatments. This would mirror existing protections for tattoos and sunbeds, and help prevent young people from being exposed to dangerous beauty trends promoted online. Better regulation of the products used in these treatments might also be included in any new law. Many injectable substances such as fat-dissolving agents and in-

travenous drip skin lighteners are sold online with no checks on safety, legality, or medical suitability. Regulation could allow removal of unlicensed, untested, and unsafe products from online marketplaces and social media platforms.

The new law will be subject to public consultation and parliamentary review before being introduced. It's likely that Dorset Council Trading Standards will be given a role to help protect people further under any new law.

Royal Manor Theatre

In October, the Royal Manor Theatre Company presents Humble Boy by Charlotte Jones, directed by Christopher Matthews. This amateur performance of this fantastic classic family comedy is not to be missed.

Set entirely outdoors in the Humbles' garden, we witness the Humbles' domestic struggle, an elder sons confrontation with his past, and his own mental difficulties in maintaining his familial and professional responsibilities. Tickets are available from Portland Pet Supplies and The Royal Portland Arms. October 25th sees Danny Lee Grew wow everyone with his unique magical stage performance. An international magician and performer, originally from Clacton on Sea, Danny will definitely be one to watch. Tickets available from Ticketsource.

Rocky Horror returns for its sixth year on November 1st to give you a night of grooving and singing with the classic Rocky Horror Picture Show. Keep an eye on your email and socials for more details. Further on, we have ArtWay return to the theatre and some great visiting productions from Arts Reach. Stay tuned for more from your local Royal Manor Theatre on Port-

land, and get in touch if you want to experience the best that your local community theatre and amateur dramatic society has to offer. Search for "Royal Manor Theatre Portland" or go to <https://www.royalmanortheatre.co.uk>. Email: info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk

Wyke Regis WI

During the August break a group of members met at The Nothe Gardens for the Institute's annual picnic. It was a lovely, sunny day and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Now looking forward to Autumn with the Craft and Food Market. (WI Hall, Gallwey Road. 20th September 10.00am -12.30pm) and the Singers concerts on 6th and 7th October. One of our interest groups, the Table Tennis group, are hoping to start a second weekly session allowing more members to participate. This is one of our eleven interest groups so if you are thinking of joining our friendly institute we have plenty to offer. All details in the Organisation's section of this magazine.

Greenhill Bowls Club

Greenhill Bowls Club have had a very successful summer season. With our increasing popularity this year we have welcomed twenty two touring teams for Friendly matches from all over the country.

They mostly stay in local hotels and travel from here to other Dorset clubs. Being transported around by coach enables them to relax and their visits are both fun and are an excellent addition to the bar takings!

Our green is so exposed to the elements, because of the long hot summer this year it has been quite a challenge keeping it healthy. It has needed lots of loving care from our grounds-man and other

willing members.

Throughout the season we have had members representing the club at National and County matches and playing in local leagues across Dorset. Apart from playing other clubs our members also compete with each other and on the 6th/7th September we played the finals which included men's and women's singles, doubles and triples. It was a great weekend with lots of sausage rolls, cake, beer and cups of tea while some very competitive games were played to win the trophies!

Sue Davis

President Greenhill Bowls Club.

Dorset leads the way with greener, smarter street lighting upgrade

Dorset Council is set to modernise its street lighting policy, making it more energy-efficient, environmentally friendly, and designed with local communities in mind.

This includes a proposal for 18,500 outdated streetlights to be replaced with energy-efficient LEDs - at no upfront cost to the public.

If approved by Cabinet on Tuesday 9 September, Dorset Council will become the UK's first local authority to introduce clear standards for the colour of streetlights to support health, protect wildlife, and preserve Dorset's night skies - leading the way in sustainable public lighting.

The new policy proposes warmer-toned lights that help reduce light pollution, protect wildlife, and support people's health and wellbeing. Quieter areas, like the edges of towns, will have dimmer lighting to protect nature, while busier areas, like town centres, will stay well-lit for safety and access.

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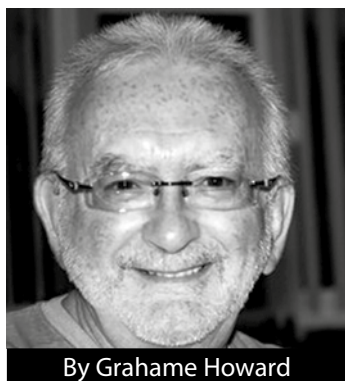
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Greenhill Bowls Club successful season



By Grahame Howard

Hazards of Daily Life

'Well here we are again, happy as can be, all good friends and jolly good company.' Well, it's all right singing these words but often they don't live up to their name, do they? As you all know, I am a very patient man with never a complaint in my mouth. (Hold on the COs having a panic attack). It's true, nothing bothers me until I go out of the front door - ok, the CO' just reminded me that I'm often like it indoors. You'll have to forgive her she's never been the same since I beat her at Scrabble. Well, interruptions out of the way, the other day, I had to take the CO to Poole to have a cataract removed.

It was bumper to bumper on the roads until we hit the Baker's Arms bypass and then it began to thin out a little. By then of course, we had reached our destination and drove into the car park. It was jammed full but I managed to find a small place. There was only one snag, neither of us could open our doors to get out. I did consider climbing over the back seats and going out of the hatchback. However, the CO didn't think that a good idea. So I reversed out and had another look around; suddenly a large van pulled out and a space was available. I drove into it like a rabbit down a hole. Inside, after going through many electronic doors, we arrived at reception and the CO told them her details. We were told that the laser treatment wouldn't take place today, it was just a pre-assessment, the op would be in a month or two. This was not on. The CO had been waiting about 6 months for this appointment and she had been before about the same eye. Why another assessment? And why didn't they let us know this important detail. As normal, we got nowhere and had to sit through 2 hours of different assessments before we could leave. By now, it was rain-

ing heavily and we got soaked just running to the car. We decided to go and have lunch and then do some serious shopping. The following day we had to go to the eye department at DCH. Again the roads were packed and traffic lights had sprung up everywhere. It was easier to park though and that cheered us up, that is until the rain started again. It was like a monsoon and in the short distance from the car to the department, we were saturated. As we walked into the waiting room, it was rather like the old cowboy films, where someone walks into the saloon and everything stops to see who it is. There must have been about fifty people in there and they all stared at us, including the staff. There was nowhere to sit. The CO sat outside a treatment room and I was about 50 yards away at the end of the room. After various tests by various people, we got to see the consultant and there were further tests. It was confirmed that the CO would have surgery on her left eye the following week and we left.

The rain was still beating down as we drove to the barriers to get out. We have a disabled blue badge so, I placed the paper ticket into the machine and then held the blue badge up to the machine. This should have made the barrier rise. It didn't and what's more, several other drivers were having similar problems, with one old chap shouting at the top of his voice in anger. I thanked God that I am not like that - I'M NOT. Eventually a voice came over the speaker saying there were problems and she would open it from inside her building. She did and we were free. All except the old chap who was still ranting away.

We did a little shopping as we needed bread and because it was throwing it down with rain, we decided to go and have lunch, forgetting to get the bread. I told the CO that I wish she would buck up in this area. I received the look!

We went to our favourite eating place, only to find that, after walking about a mile, they were closed because of water leaks. Flipping rain, that's what it is, I told whoever was listening, which I doubt anyone was.

We decided to take Plan B and went to another place. This was nice but again, it was packed solid, with everyone shaking

their coats and umbrella's over everyone else. Of course there was a long wait but it was worth it and we drove home contentedly. That is until we saw the traffic again. It was going nowhere. The two culprits were a set of road works lights and a woman driver who was frightened to drive through them. There was tooting and shouting, and still she sat like a statue. The CO asked me if she was ok,. I replied that I didn't know. 'Well go and check, said the CO, 'she's not moving at all.' 'I'm not

going,' I protested. 'It's chucking it down with rain, you go.' However, just then the statue came to life and the car went forward, on a red light mind you, but at least it got us all moving.

We were very glad to get home and so was Charlie and Princess Willow. It had been a good day, I felt and I was glad that I didn't show any impatience at all. Oh no, the CO's looking at me!

Bye

Grahame



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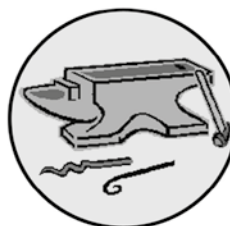
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sibility.

Because Dorset includes coastal, countryside, and historic areas, lighting needs to be carefully adapted to suit each location. With over half the county designated as Dorset National Landscape (formerly known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), the policy aims to balance modern infrastructure with care for the environment.

Key features of the policy include: Zoning: Lighting levels tailored to local needs.

Community input: Residents can help shape decorative lighting in conservation areas.

Energy-saving dimming: Lights that already switch off at night will also dim by 50% from 10pm, responding to public feedback.

This plan supports Dorset Council's goals to tackle the climate and nature emergency while saving money and improving public services.

Cabinet will review a plan that al-

lows Dorset Council to upgrade the streetlights through a £6.5 million investment from its lighting service provider. Instead of the council paying upfront, the provider will cover the cost and keep part of the energy savings until 2032, while Dorset Council saves around £100,000 each year. This means the improvements can begin straight away - bringing better lighting, lower energy use, and benefits for people and nature across Dorset, all without extra cost to residents.

Cllr Nick Ireland, Dorset Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding, said:

'This is a great example of how climate-friendly technology can also save money. By upgrading our streetlights, we're cutting carbon, improving the night-time environment, and reducing costs. It's a win-win that delivers environmental improvements, financial savings, and better public services

- all at no extra cost to residents - creating safer, healthier, and more sustainable communities across Dorset.'

The new LED lights are much more efficient than the old sodium lights - leading to lower energy use and environmental impact. The shift to warmer lighting also helps protect dark skies and reduces harm to night-time wildlife. Feedback from residents during the March - April 2025 consultation helped shape the policy. People supported warmer lighting, raised concerns about wildlife and sky quality, and backed dimming where it's safe.

Funds available now to help Dorset businesses grow

A UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant helped South Coast Precision in Weymouth buy new machinery, employ two staff and double its turnover

A new round of funding to help Dorset businesses grow has been launched.

The UK Shared Prosperity fund (UKSPF), which is managed by Dorset Council, is designed for projects that boost productivity, economic growth and upskilling. Businesses can apply for grants from today (1 September) for a share of £810,283 to help projects or initiatives that can be completed by 31 January 2026.

There will also be a chance for new companies and budding businesses to apply for start-up grants from 29 September.

These new grants bring the total funding made available to local businesses since UKSPF was launched 3 years ago to £6.4million.

One local success story saw Weymouth-based South Coast Precision successfully use a £20,000 UKSPF grant towards buying new machinery and employing two new members of staff.

With that extra resource the company successfully bid for a new contract that doubled its turnover. Director, Paul Russell, said: 'Without this funding we couldn't buy the machine or hire our new staff. It's made a huge difference, and we are very hopeful we will get more orders as a result.'

For the 2025-2026 UKSPF round, businesses can apply for grants ranging from £10,000 to £40,000 and will need to be able to provide 100% match funding.

Eligible activity could include investing in new production meth-

ods, buying machinery, providing staff training and net zero innovation.

The start-up grants range from £500 to £4,000 and require 30% match funding.

Dorset Council's deputy leader and Cabinet member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth, Cllr Richard Biggs, said: 'This is a great opportunity for businesses to boost their productivity and who need that extra helping hand to get things off the ground.'

'We have distributed millions of pounds of funding to more than 100 Dorset businesses, all of whom are doing amazing work to help our economy grow, creating more high skilled jobs for local people.'

'I really hope to see more success stories emerge from this latest round of UKSPF funding.'

For more information on both business and start up grants and how to apply search for UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025 to 2026 - Dorset Council.

Archaeological events
Discover Dorset's wonderful heritage on walks and at other events with archaeologists from Dorset Council and other archaeologists working in the county.

Badbury Rings 4,000 BC to 1945 - temple, barrows and hillfort
Saturday 4th October from 2pm to 4pm

Explore the archaeology of the Kingston Lacy Estate as seen from Badbury Rings and High Wood with Martin Papworth. This walk takes around 2 hours, and there are some easy slopes. Sensible clothing and footwear are recommended.

Booking is required as numbers are limited and in case of any last-minute changes. There is a charge of £5 (adults) for this walk, to be paid to the walk leader on the day. Children go free but must be accompanied by an adult.

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Variety Evening

Friday 24th October

7pm for 7.30pm St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston Variety of local acts, Bar, Raffle, FUN! Tickets £10 Tickets available from The Team Office 01305 837147 weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

All Saints & St Edmunds Churches

Rector. Rev'd John Mackenzie.

www.parihofwykeregis.org.uk

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

All Saints Church DT4 9ES

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

Regular church services

Sundays 8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said). First Sunday of the month 9.30am Café Church, with refreshments beforehand.

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

5th Sundays Joint Service with St Edmund's, location alternates between All Saints and St Edmunds churches.

Morning Prayer

9.00am Tuesday - Friday.

9.30am Saturday.

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

Coffee Mornings

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

Livestream

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

YouTube - youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswykeregis>

Parish website - parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live

St Edmund's Church DT4 9HZ

Sundays

11.00am Holy Communion with hymns, occasionally alternating with

Service of the Word.

5th Sunday joint service with All Saints.

Thursdays

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

Coffee Mornings

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

Men's Breakfast at St Edmund's Church Hall

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

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

Coffee Mornings

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

Hall Hire

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

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

Live Local News

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

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

Regular parish activities

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

Art Groups – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

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

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

Coming Events

All Saints

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 18th October, 10am – noon

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

St Edmund's Church

Dance Night: The Skalatans – Saturday 4th October

The Skalatans are a Rocksteady band with a little Latin infusion and infectious dance rhythms. The 6/7 piece band is "guaranteed to get you moving" – so we hope you won't resist! Tickets £8, available on our website or from Jeff Thomas on 07710 096174. Fully licensed cash bar. Bring your own snacks.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 27th September & Saturday 25th October, 10am – 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.

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

Please send to the Register,

55 Overcombe Drive, Preston, Weymouth, DT3 6QF



Telephone

01305 833900

or email:

info@registermagazine.co.uk

Friends of Weymouth Peace Garden

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

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

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

Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Weymouth

We are an inclusive church, come as you are, we welcome you all.

The Harbourside Church

Trinity Road Weymouth DT4 8TJ

Wednesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

<https://www.holytrinityweymouth.org>

Face book: Holy Trinity Weymouth with St Nicholas

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

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

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

Weekday Services at St Nicholas Church, Broadway

Tuesdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway.
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Broadway
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Upwey
Wednesdays	8.45am	The Angelus and Meditation	Broadway
	9.00am	Morning Prayer with Communion	Broadway
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.

2pm to 4.30pm

Learn about the archaeology around Hive Beach on a walk with Mike Trevarthen of RMA Trevarthen Archaeological Services. This walk will take 2 to 2.5 hours, and there are some slopes. Sensible clothing and footwear are recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is required as numbers are limited and in case of any last-minute changes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This walk is free to attend but if you enjoy your walk, please give a donation to the walk leader on the day. Meet on the beach side of the National Trust car park at Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock (DT6 4RF, SY 491 888). There is a charge for parking in this car park (free to National Trust members). To find the meeting point on the What3Words website use: /// newsprint.spite.gown

Bokerley Dyke, Sunday 12th October from 10.30am to 12.30am

The mysterious linear earthwork Bokerley Dyke runs for almost four miles across Cranborne Chase. Join Claire Pinder of Dorset

Council to explore the dyke in its prehistoric and later landscape setting. This walk will take about 2 hours and there are some slopes. Sensible clothing and footwear are recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This walk is free to attend but booking is required as numbers are limited and in case of any last-minute changes. If you enjoy your walk, please give a donation to the walk leader on the day. Meet in the lay-by on the A354 at Bokerley Junction, SP5 54H, grid reference SU 0325 1987. To find the meeting point on the What3Words website use: /// pitch.snowboard.smelter Book your place and more information You can: book online email claire.pinder@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk call us on 01305 224921.

Family History Society

The next meeting of South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday October 17th. and will feature local historian

Graham Perry tracing the development of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis from Roman times to the present day in maps and pictures.

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

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

Pond Clearing Work at Sandsfoot Gardens

The pond in the centre of the award winning Sandsfoot Gardens has recently undergone a fantastic transformation, thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers and Weymouth Town Council's Greenspaces team.

Local resident and a member of the Friends of Sandsfoot Gardens and the Rodwell Trail, Alan Cribb was instrumental in the pond clearing project at Sandsfoot Gardens with our gardener, Jon. Alan even gave his time freely to act as a labourer throughout the day, saying "I've never pushed a wheelbarrow so far!"

The pond was professionally emptied and cleaned with the safe removal of all the fish, frogs and newts to a holding tank.

Alan added: "Our first attempt had to be cancelled due to the heat, so we abandoned the project and refilled the pond. Lessons learnt, we started work at 5am with the help of a helpful neighbour who allowed us to use her electrical supply and 13 hours later, in torrential

rain, we were finished.

Big thanks to Paul from the Council's Greenspaces team, Jurassic Pond Solutions, gardeners Jon and Max and neighbour, Paula."

Library Talk

The Friends of Weymouth Library (FOW) talk on Saturday October 11th, will be by Alan Jenkins, a retired Dorset Police Inspector.

He was involved in planning and commanding Royal visits. On one Royal visit to Dorchester everything that could go wrong did! We will learn what happened on that fateful day.

The talk begins at 10.30am in the Library. Tickets are £2 for members and £3 for non-members, and can be obtained from the Library (01305762410). For other information phone 01305832613. Everyone welcome.

St Andrew's Fundraising Concert Success

For the second year running Carrie Martin proved to be a huge success performing at St Andrew's Church Rooms in Preston.

Carrie is a celebrated singer/songwriter guitarist who has gained national acclaim. Her performance continued the winning formula of afternoon music at the Church Rooms accompanied by homemade cakes courtesy of Alex Sissons.

All of the richly appreciative audience agreed it was a memorable afternoon and would like to see it repeated, so much so that already

Lloyd Hatton MP

Over the past few weeks, I have again met with top officials to make the case for funding to deliver the exciting Eden Portland proposals.

For those who may not have heard, Eden Portland – also known as MEMO Portland – is inspired by the hugely successful Eden Project down in Cornwall. If built, it would be a world-class visitor attraction located on the island – celebrating our Jurassic Coast and a hub for environmental research and biodiversity awareness.

If successful, I firmly believe that Eden Portland can help transform the local economy too. We know from Cornwall's experience that the original Eden Project attracts new visitors, boosts the tourism economy, and supports a wide range of small and independent businesses.

Imagine the positive impact here in Weymouth and Portland – higher footfall for our cafes, restaurants, hotels and shops; new opportunities for local suppliers; and a year-round tourism economy that supports good jobs for local people.



Beyond tourism, Eden Portland can give new opportunities to schools and colleges, offer up apprenticeships for young people, and champion the arts and creative industries in Dorset.

This is a success story waiting to happen. I will do everything I can to secure funding and help deliver Eden Portland. When meeting with Ministers and Dorset Council I will continue to outline just how important these proposals are to our community.

If we can secure the funding needed, this certainly could be a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Weymouth and Portland!



Cleaning the pond at Sandsfoot Gardens



Carrie Martin at St Andrew's Church Rooms

a provisional date has been made for the same time next year for Carrie to return.

Next up for fun fundraising events for St Andrew's Church is a Charity Variety Show. It takes place on the 24th October and features an array of local talent including Louie O'Leary! It promises to be an evening of fun.

Tickets are priced at £10 and can be purchased from the Church Rooms on 01305 837147.

Dorset History Centre

A double-header of Bankes talks in October!

We are pleased to announce a pair of events in October looking at two important parts of the tale of the Bankes estates and the former owners of Kingston Lacy.

Dusting and Digging: The Revelations of a Wages Ledger, 1796 - 1829

Thursday 2nd October at 7pm.

Join us online to hear DHC volunteer Valerie Brenton discussing an un-indexed wages ledger for the Kingston Lacy Bankes Estate in East Dorset. This book presents a snapshot of the employment of a rural workforce. Day rates and
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Learn Something New to Create Change

The professional governing associations of which I hold membership stipulate in their terms and conditions that members must provide annual evidence of Continued Professional Development CPD. The number of CPD 'points' required varies with each association and how the points are accrued is the responsibility of the individual, however the range of activities worthy of CPD points are extensive.

Training in related disciplines usually carry the greatest CPD point value, training completed the points are then logged in line with best practice. I continuously seek out interesting opportunities to gain CPD points and recently found The Royal Society for Public Health RSPH certificated 2 day course entitled Supporting Behaviour Change (Health & Wellbeing) delivered by Active Dorset. Having completed the training I reflected on my learning experience, from a professional perspective I had been introduced to new Models of Behaviour, elements of which I will when appropriate incorporate into practice.

Personally, I gained a deeper understanding of how I process new information and why I value

learning experiences that are 'classroom' based. Being physically present, sharing space, conversing and interacting whilst observing subtle prompts and responses creates for me a more meaningful learning experience. Moving from theory to practice, the following brief case study illustrates the positive effects of embracing change. Mrs A requested a Nutritional Therapy appointment after recently being diagnosed as borderline Type 2 diabetic and wanting to try to make changes to her diet and lifestyle to avoid medication in the future. Mrs A was a very good cook, loved baking and cooked meals from scratch. She had retired from a responsible job just 6 months before her husband died two years ago and her grown-up children (2) lived great lives and only visited with grandchildren in the summer holidays. With considerable weight gain, she was experiencing swollen legs and increasing pain in hips, knees and low back which affected her mobility, balance, confidence and mood.

Having listened to Mrs A and noticing how uncomfortable she was sitting I suggested that we change the focus of the appointment to Clinical Reflexology to help her relax and ease her discomfort. Mrs A willingly agreed 'to try anything that might help her aches and pains'. During treatment patients become relaxed and will often share personal information and release deeply seated emotions.

For some, sadness and grief is not shared with close friends or family as not wishing to burden putting on a 'brave face' is the coping mechanism adopted. Mrs A did relax during reflexology and revealed how she felt embarrassed at feeling angry, blaming her husband for leaving her, and how she felt abandoned and lonely with no purpose. Annoyed with herself for gaining weight and (through tears she continued) not accepting invitations from friends to join exercise classes and social events. After treatment Mrs A gathered herself and said she felt relaxed and a huge sense of relief, her aches and pains eased, and swellings reduced. The realisation of the symbiotic relationship between physical and emotional pain can be a 'light bulb' moment for patients. I suggested some simple leg/foot exercises morning and evening and encouraged her to ask a friend to join her for a short walk maybe once a week. Mrs A contacted me the next day to say she had the best sleep in years, she felt different emotionally and physically, stronger in a way and wanted to make an appointment to discuss how to tackle her recent diagnosis by making changes to her diet, which I was happy to do and asked her to complete a food diary for up to 7 days prior to visit

and bring along on the day.

As a seasoned Complementary Practitioner with a varied skill set, I will always use a holistic approach to help patients identify where they might make changes to improve their health and general wellbeing. Some patients having been told by their GP or realising themselves that they need to make changes contact me for help and support which I provide with practical advice and goal setting strategies. Frequently encouraging patients to take small steps as one positive outcome can be a catalyst, a link in a chain reaction of change. Adopting a positive mental attitude and feeling 'I can do this' boosts self-esteem, confidence and a sense of empowerment. If you are feeling stuck, unable or unsure how to make changes do get in touch. It's often the first step, making the smallest of changes that have the biggest impact.

I am fully qualified, insured and DBS checked with over 30 years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology, Nutritional Therapy, Homoeopathy and Counselling. Contact Tel 01305784986 abigailwring@btinternet.com www.dorsetclinicalreflexology.co.uk

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hours allow trends before and after the Napoleonic Wars to be clearly identified for named and unnamed workers. The payment of board wages helps identify not just the role, but the name of trusted domestic staff. Fascinating case studies are used to show young women changing occupation from an outdoor day labourer to domestic staff and widowed women continuing to ply their husband's trade.

Tickets for this talk are £5.00 for Dorset Archives Trust Members and £6.00 for non-members. This is an online talk and will be delivered via Zoom. The link to this online talk will be sent to all ticket holders one week prior to the event.

Book your ticket for this fascinating talk at: <https://www.ticket-source.co.uk/dorset-archives-trust/dusting-and-digging-the-revelations-of-a-wages-ledger-1796-1829-2-oct-2025-online/e-ogxjxj>

The Man Who Didn't Succeed
Saturday 4th October at 11am

Join us at Dorset History Centre to hear David Beardsley talking about the sad life of John Bankes, the man who didn't inherit Kingston Lacy.

It was work as a volunteer researcher at the Bankes Archive that inspired David to write the remarkable and sad story of John Bankes (1937-1996), son of the last owner of Kingston Lacy. Privileged and conventionally educated, he was on track to inherit the fabulous house and estate. But John died a solitary and messy death in London, the latter half of his existence marred by deep personal sorrow and material neglect.

Tickets for this event are £8.00 for Dorset Archives Trust members, or £10.00 for non-members.

Book your tickets here to learn more about John Bankes: <https://www.ticket-source.co.uk/dorset-archives-trust/the-man-who-didnt-succeed-a-talk-by-david-beardsley-4-oct-2025/e-dypqxl>

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- Saturday 8.30 - 1.30

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Following the Arts and Crafts week at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, the sum of £492.50 was presented to the Weymouth Foodbank. A similar amount was also given to The Lantern Trust

DANCE ST ED'S

THE SKALATANS

Live at
ST EDMUND'S CHURCH HALL
Lanehouse

Rocksteady band with a little Latin infusion...
guaranteed to get you moving!

7:30 pm Saturday 4th October 2025

Tickets: £8 from
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Please bring your own refreshments
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More information about Bob & his work at bobwhitleymusic.co.uk

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with
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Talented musicians & composers with a wealth of experience.

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Tunes you know, often developed into adventurous instrumental journeys Creative improvisations... plus some original pieces too

Please bring your own refreshments
Profits to Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall

Craft & Coffee

Knitting, Crochet & Craft Group

3rd Tuesday of Every Month
10am to 12 noon
St Nicholas Church, Dorchester Rd, DT3 5DN

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned crafter, just bring your own project and join in the crafty chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

For more info contact
Susana on
07944617553

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Bovington

Saturday 11th October 2025
7pm to 9pm
(Doors open at 6.30pm)

St Nicholas Church,
Dorchester Road, DT3 5DN

Tickets: £10pp - U16s free -
Cash Bar

Proceeds to
St Nicholas Church Urgent Repair Fund
(charity number 634137)

To purchase tickets in advance contact
Susana on 07944617553
or email susanamalik@yahoo.com

St Nicholas Lunch Club

Second Tuesday of every month at
St Nicholas Church, DT3 5DN
11.30am - 2.30pm (Lunch served at 12)

Please join us for a home cooked meal
and make new friends

Board games and puzzles available
Donations towards costs welcome

For catering purposes and dietary requirements,
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Tea/coffee and delicious homemade cake

Every Thursday morning from 10.45am to 12 noon

(Helping to raise money for repairs to the church)



Beachcomber

isified proverb, and was true for a billion years; but in our day of electric wires and water-ballast we turn it around: Man waits not for time nor tide."

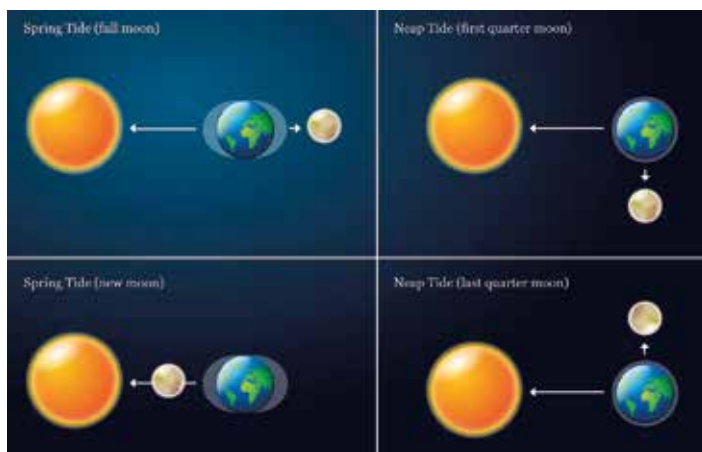
The Science

Tides are periodic rises and falls of large bodies of water and are caused by the gravitational interaction between the Earth and the Moon. The gravitational attraction of the moon causes the oceans to bulge out in the direction of the moon. Another bulge occurs on the opposite side, since the Earth is also being pulled toward the moon (and away from the water on the far side). Since the earth is rotating while this is happening, two tides occur each day.

Isaac Newton (1642 -1727) was the first person to explain tides scientifically. His explanation of the tides (and many other phenomena) was published in 1686, in the second volume of the Principia.

Spring Tides

Spring tides are especially strong tides (they do not have



anything to do with the season Spring). They occur when the Earth, the Sun, and the Moon are in a line. The gravitational forces of the Moon and the Sun both contribute to the tides. Spring tides occur during the full moon and the new moon. The Proxigeon Spring Tide is a rare, unusually high tide. This very high tide occurs when the moon is both unusually close to the Earth (at its closest perigee, called the proxigee) and in the New Moon phase (when the Moon is between the Sun and the Earth). The proxigeon spring tide occurs at most once every 1.5 years.

Neap Tides

Neap tides are especially weak tides. They occur when the gravitational forces of the Moon and the Sun are perpendicular to one another (with respect to the Earth). Neap tides occur during quarter moons.

Tidal Variations

It is helpful, but not essential, to understand the reason why the tides vary in height and time on different days. A Tide Table, available from newsagents and ship's chandlers is indispensable. Usually, only the times of high water in GMT are shown (add one hour for British Summer Time).

Tide Tables

Twice daily, the tide comes in, and each day it will be approximately 50 minutes later than the previous day. Astronomically, this is because as the Earth moves around on its axis every 24 hours, the Moon during the

day and night moves through one-thirtieth of its orbit around the Earth. This means that it will be approximately one-thirtieth in a different position 24 hours later.

This, of course, influences the tides because of the importance of its gravitational pull on the world's oceans and seas. The water pull is best visualised as a horizontal movement, not as a vertical up and down movement as viewed from the shore. A few visits to the seashore will indicate that there is a considerable variation in the height of the tide from week to week.

Because of its nearness to the Earth, the gravitational pull of the Moon is the stronger influence than that of the Sun. As the Moon orbits around the Earth it exerts its gravitational pull.

The highest spring tides of the year occur after the equinoxes in March and September, and these tides are often the best time to visit the shore. However, the weather may not be so good, and rain and gales are frequent. The Tide Tables cannot be relied on for precise highs and lows of the tides. A strong wind blowing in the right direction can put at a metre on a high tide in exceptional circumstances, and the wind can also prevent the tide from receding as much as it should.

The configuration of the shore has a large bearing on tide heights and range, tending to increase in bays and funnel-shape inlets like the Bristol Channel and St. Malo in France.

Time and Tide waits for no man

The processes of nature continue, no matter how much we might like them to stop. The word tide meant "time" when this proverb was created, so it may have been the alliteration of the words that first appealed to people.

Now the word tide in this proverb is usually thought of in terms of the sea, which certainly does not wait for anyone. Some think the phrase can be traced to the sixteenth century John Skot's "Everyman", where Death is speaking about certainty.

Mark Twain (Pen name of Samuel Clemens 1835 - 1910) wrote: "(It is) a pompous and self-sat-

Wyke Christmas Street Fayre

Sunday 7th December 2025

11.30 – 4.30 pm Free Entry

Old Wyke Square, Chamberlaine Road, the Memorial Hall and in the Wyke Regis Social Club



Come along and enjoy the fun!

We have plenty of stalls for all to enjoy
Bells ringing, Choirs singing

Meet Father Christmas – in the Club Skittle Alley

Best Dressed Dog Competition

Best Dressed House in the Village Competition

Join in the Wyke Winter Art Trail,
by creating a Christmas Artwork in your Window

Hunt the Christmas Elf

Christmas Raffle – 4pm in the Square

**Kick start the Christmas celebrations,
supporting local good causes.**

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Gypsy History in Dorset

Saturday 1st November at 12.30pm

Join us for an afternoon of Gypsy history, in partnership with Kushti Bok and the Romany and Traveller Family History Society at Dorset History Centre.

Running from 12:30pm-3:30pm, the afternoon will include a display from Kushti Bok, with additional information from the Romany Traveller Family History Society.

Jeremy Harte will be giving a talk on Gypsy, Romany and Traveller heritage in Dorset at 1pm. He will be introduced by a representative of Dorset's Traveller-led charity, Kushti Bok. Please note this talk is free but does require pre-booked tickets. Please book your free ticket now to reserve your space at Jeremy's talk.

This is a free event, but spaces for Jeremy's talk must be pre-booked. To book your free ticket: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dorset-history-centre/t-xmpxpz>

The Voyage of Molly

Saturday 1st November 2025 at 11am

Major ports such as London, Liverpool and Bristol are well known for their involvement in the trading of enslaved people, but many smaller British ports were also engaged in this trade. This talk will look at some of the sources currently available and how Dorset's and Britain's slaving fits into the wider Atlantic Slave Trade. It will also showcase the storymap created by Steve Richardson which charts Molly's voyage in an innovative online map.

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Aquafit

Exercise in the water with a smile. Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Osprey Leisure Centre. All abilities welcome. Margaret on 01305832944 or 07977191547.

Beachview Community Centre,

Beachview Close, Wyke Regis, DT4 9JA. My Place Dorset run a lunch club, every Friday from 12.00. Please call Michelle Wilson to pre book on 07920 428039.

Baby and Toddler Group

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

Blind & Partially Sighted

Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm Weymouth Community Safety Centre, Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jenny Clift . 01305 787065.

Breathe Well Weymouth

A support group for people with lung problems. Meet 2nd Wednesday of the month. 2.30pm - 4.30pm at The New Fire and Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Mike on 07792846463 or 01305 814600.

Busy Bees

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

Community Angels

Volunteer Support- Do you need neighbourly help or could you volunteer to help someone? Please 'phone 01305 834866 for more information.

The Cygnet Group

Third Saturday in the month, St Paul's Church Hall, Abbotsbury Road, 10.00am-12 noon. For more details Eve Hanney 01305 787220 or Joan Savage 01305 820668.

C'Siders - Cancer Support Group

Regular meetings, activities and events for anyone affected by cancer. Find out more at csiders.org, search csiderswp on Facebook, email info@csiders.org or ring on 07392 935064..

Dorchester and Weymouth Branch of Epilepsy Action

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

Dorset Kidney Fund

Support for Renal Patients through

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

Friends of Lodmoor Country Park

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Hardy Quilters and Stickers

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

Island Voices Community Choir

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

Ladies Keep Fit

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

Ladies Social Badminton

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

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

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

Littlemoor Library

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

Writing Group every Monday at 10.00am.

Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15 - 12.00 noon.

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

Mulberry Bush Pre-school

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

Osmington Archery Club

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

Osmington Art Group

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

Osmington Leisure

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

Osmington Lunch Club

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

Osmington Village Hall

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

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

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

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

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

Preston Pre-school

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

Preston Table Tennis Club

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

Preston Pantomime Group

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

welcome from age 14 upwards. Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

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

Repair Cafe Weymouth

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

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.00pm September - May. New dancers welcome anytime. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from 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 - Jen & Dave. 01305 771742 or Jordi 07368 360908. Find us on Facebook. email. southdorsetwoodcarvingclub8@gmail.com

Southill Short Mat Bowls Club

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

SSAFA

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

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.

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.
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Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

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

Weymouth Astronomy Club

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

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

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

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

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

Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman. wpsac@gmail.com
Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church
WI Hall, Gallwey Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Weymouth Carers Group

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Bethany Hall, Westham Road, next to Wilko. For more information 07766 529297 and leave a message with contact details.

Weymouth Choral Society

St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Monday 7.30 to 9.30pm during term time. You can join at any time of the year. www.weymouthchoralsociety.org info@weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk or Fiona Webb 0775946116 fionawebb@gmail.com

Weymouth Drama Club

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

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

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

Weymouth South Scout Group

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

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth Col-

lege, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months.www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

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

Whist and Military Whist Drive

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

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

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www.wrhs.org.uk

Wyke Regis Community Association

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

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

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Wyke Regis Society

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

Wyke Ukedelics

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

Wyke Regis WI

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

Yoga

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

Yoga JAX

Thursday mornings 10.30 - 11.30 Hope Redemer Church, Trinity Street, off Hope Square, Weymouth. Basic Vinyasa yoga, gentle, restoring, traditional. Phone 07543 627944.



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