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News

Preston Village Market And Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all who came to our last market and helped us raise £186 for our chosen charities. We had a lovely morning.

Our next market will be held on Saturday 5th December, 10.00am-12.30pm, St. Andrews Church Rooms, Preston, DT3 6BU.

Osmington Village Hall Concert

Harbottle & Jonas - Plus One!

We're very lucky to be able to attract wonderful musicians to Osmington and we're so much looking forward to another great evening with dynamic Devon-based folk duo Harbottle & Jonas - partners in life and in music, combining a love of the richness of traditional folk with their own original and powerful songwriting.

Dave and Freya have developed a distinct and compelling signature sound, blending concertina, harmonium, banjo, stomp box, acoustic guitar and cittern with their beautiful and closely intertwined vocal harmonies.

Subject matter covers the histori-

cal as well as the more personal, with their engaging live shows full of stories as well as beautiful songs. People, places and events are brought to life through their intimate, timeless music.

For this evening, Dave and Freya are joined by a long-time friend, excellent fiddle player Richard Tretheway – this will be his first appearance in Osmington and we're looking forward to meeting him. Looking forward to seeing you!

Osmington Village Hall DT3 6FT
23rd October 2026 - Doors at 7pm.
Tickets £16 by response to this email or 07816 832554

Online <https://wegottickets.com/f/21186>

Sutton Poyntz Village WI report

At our October meeting we welcomed Paul Weinberg from National Coastwatch Institute and his fundraising colleague Jenny. Paul told us that after The Coastguard Service closed most of its Coastguard stations around the country, there were only ten left, there was a need for eyes and ears locally.

So Coastwatch was set up by volunteers, anyone can join even if they have no maritime experience as they will be trained and

there's no age limit. They work closely with The Coastguard and the RNLI acting as their eyes and ears. They are based near Portland Bill Lighthouse and welcome visitors to look at what they do. The Portland Bill station mostly deals with boats and large craft and until recently could only have eyes on one side of the Island, but they now have CCTV covering right up to Lulworth.

Portland has lots of tides and vortices and can be a very dangerous place to be in strong winds so it's up to Coastwatch to keep an eye out for boats and large craft in distress or danger.

They need around £16,000 per year to keep going so are always very grateful for donations. They have a special fundraising bear called Portland Billy which can be purchased from the Coastwatch website.

They put on an Open Day every Bank Holiday Monday with plenty of cake! The next one is Boxing Day we were informed.

Some of our members had a lovely day out the day after our last meeting, to Brownsea Island where we tried to spot the elusive Red Squirrel but no luck! It was a very nice day out and we had Afternoon Tea in the Castle built by Henry VIII as a fortress in the 16th Century. The Castle is now an exclusive Hotel used for employees from John Lewis.

Our next meeting is on the 4th of November where we will welcome Cath Coker MBE from The Veterans

Hub. Visitors welcome.

Val Dawe
President

St Andrew's CE Primary School Open Evening

St Andrew's CE Primary School in Weymouth, a proud member of the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT), is delighted to welcome its new Headteacher, Mrs Clare Tantrum, who joins the school from headship in the TEACH Trust in Poole.

Since taking up her post, Mrs Tantrum has led a review of the school's vision and mission, with an exciting programme of work now underway involving staff, children, parents and carers to refresh the school's values. The school's new vision and mission centre on being love-led in our words, actions and decisions, while striving to make a positive difference to ourselves, others and the world.

Families considering schools for September next year are warmly invited to attend the school's Open Evening at 6.00pm on Wednesday 4th November, where they will have the opportunity to hear a short presentation from the Headteacher, learn more about the school's renewed vision, values and mission, tour the school, meet staff and engage in activities in each of our classrooms.

Families are also invited to contact



Brownsea Castle Gardens

the school office at any time to arrange a personal tour and discover all that St Andrew's CE Primary School has to offer. Together, at St Andrew's CE Primary School, we are love-led and committed to making a positive difference every day.

Wyke Regis WI

This month we are looking forward to a talk by Mary Van Collier entitled 'River Tales and Local History' at our meeting on 12th November, in addition to the regular meetings of our numerous interest groups.

Looking ahead, we will also be preparing for our stall at the Wyke Christmas Fayre on 6th December and Christmas concerts on 8th & 9th December.

Our October events included the Wyke Regis WI Singers' 'Night and Day' concerts on 6th & 7th, a talk on will and probate planning by James Coleman on 8th, and a fish and chip lunch followed by an afternoon of games on Monday 19th.

Our next coffee morning will start at 10.00am on Tuesday 3rd November, where members and non-members are welcome for tea and coffee, homemade cakes, book and bric-a-brac stalls and a chat at the WI hall in Gallwey Road.

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

Wyke Regis Gardening Club

We will be closed on Wednesdays throughout November and December but still open on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

We have a well stocked shop and various composts as well as a café. Membership is £10 per year but if you join now it is just £5 to take you up to April 1st 2027. For more information email enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137.

Green Councillors Update

Wyke Regis & Rodwell Cllr Claudia Webb

It's been another busy month for Clare Sutton, Helen Toft and me, working together across Wyke Regis and Rodwell and sharing casework and local concerns.

One issue generating huge interest has been the land for sale at

Camp Road. After residents contacted me with concerns about protecting this much-loved area, I've been speaking with Dorset Council officers, Rights of Way and environmental organisations about existing protections and possible options for its future.

The reassuring news is that existing public rights of way and statutory and planning protections do not simply disappear if ownership changes. There have also been encouraging conversations about the future of the land, although nothing is confirmed yet. I'll update residents as soon as there is more to share.

Elsewhere, I've continued work on abandoned vehicles and caravans, footpaths, waste collections, highways and individual casework, and was pleased to see the access and railing issues at Smallmouth Beach resolved.

Through the Friends of the Rodwell Trail and Sandsfoot Castle, I'm also continuing work to protect and improve these fantastic local spaces.

Please keep getting in touch when something isn't right or you have an idea for the area.

**Cllr Helen Toft
Behind the scenes at the Beach Office**

During the summer I visited Weymouth's Beach Office to learn more about the team responsible for keeping one of our town's biggest attractions safe and welcoming.

Their work ranges from daily safety checks and preparing beach equipment to helping reunite lost children with families and supporting major events including volleyball, rugby, music and fireworks.

No two days are the same – staff even had to rescue a mother duck and her ducklings from the beach before they attracted the attention of the seagulls!

The permanent team is joined by seasonal staff over the summer and, after such a long spell of busy beach weather, they certainly earned their rest.

Their work plays a huge part in making Weymouth such a popular destination, and I'm looking forward to learning more about the Greenspaces team this autumn.

Cllr Clare Sutton

I'd like to highlight Dorset Council's See Yourself Fostering campaign. Around 16 Dorset Council foster carers currently live in Wyke and Rodwell, and more are needed. The campaign shows that

fostering isn't about being perfect – it's about providing a safe, caring and stable home.

Find out more at fosterwithdorset-council.com/see-yourself-fostering.

I'm also delighted that STEPS Club for Young People on Chickerell Road has celebrated its 10th anniversary as a charity. It provides activities and support for young people aged 13–19, alongside dance, football, basketball and adult classes. For details email stepsclub@yahoo.co.uk.

Finally, families are invited to the Chapelhay Community Playgarden Autumn Event, 1.00pm–3.00pm on Sunday 1st November, with apple pressing, crafts, nature activities and a free lunch for every child – plus another outing for my trusty Tug of War rope!

A Fairtrade Christmas

Now is the time to really start thinking about your Christmas preparations. We have been selling a small range of Christmas cards supporting the work of Transform Trade since the beginning of September but now have a much wider selection which includes both religious and secular cards in packs of 10 or 20.

We also have handmade individual cards from Rwanda including a selection of banana leaf cards. Advent Calendars are now in stock, with or without chocolate!

Our range of Lanka Kade Christmas figures is expanding and we have lots of other decorations, all fair trade of course, including olive wood hangings from Bethlehem. We have been busy expanding our range of gifts and food so do come along to see what is new for those special gifts and stocking fillers.

If you can't get to the shop we will have a stall with cards and a selection of our gifts at the RNLI Coffee Morning in the Ocean Room on Thursday 19th November and also at the Wyke Christmas Fayre on Sunday 6th December 12noon–4.30pm. Both are always fun events so come and say hello.

I have just returned from a holiday in California and was delighted to discover a Fair Trade shop within walking distance from where we were staying in Pasadena. The shop is called Ten Thousand Villages and first opened in 2006 but I discovered that it is part of a much larger organisation. Ten Thousand Villages are importers who began in 1946 and supply many shops across the United States as well as

having their own named shops. There are six other Ten Thousand Villages shops but this is the only one on the west coast. They collaborate with artisans in under-resourced communities across the world to bring their products and stories to the US market through long-term fairly traded relationships. They were co-founders and are still a member of the World Fair Trade Organisation which established the 10 Principles of Fair Trade. It was wonderful to visit the shop and meet the manager to compare stories. Some items were very familiar, including Divine Chocolate but other items were new to me. I was particularly pleased to see beautiful gifts from Kenya and Burkina Faso and also Palestinian ceramics.

Make this a Fairtrade Christmas with gifts that are a joy to give as well as receive and really help to change the lives of the people who made them.

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

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

National Trust South Dorset Association

Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm "Pirates: the origins and the truth" by Richard Hutley. Presented by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

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

Weymouth Concert Brass

Following another hugely enjoyable 'Last Night of the Proms' at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church on 3rd October, our next public engagement will be to provide the music for the annual Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, Portland on Sunday 8th November from 10.45am.

And then our thoughts and rehearsal programme take us firmly towards Christmas! From the end of November we will be busy playing Christmas music and carols around Weymouth, Portland and beyond, but more on all of that

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next month.

As ever, the band is available for hire for a wide variety of events and occasions and is always keen to hear from prospective new players. We normally meet once a week on Thursday evenings at St Edmund's Church Hall, Lanehouse. To get in touch, or for further information, contact us at weymouthconcertbrass@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook or X.

Jeff Thomas

Family History Society

The November meeting of the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday 20th of the month and will see the

return of Bruce Upton. This time he will be speaking about 'Every Day Life in West Dorset in the 1840s'

As usual, it will be held at St. Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, DT4 5EW, with the talk starting at 2.30pm, preceded by tea or coffee.

Admission will be £2 for members and £3 for non-members. Please note there will be no talk in December.

Friends of Weymouth Library

The Myths and Legends of Dartmoor will be uncovered by Robert Hesketh in his talk to the Friends of Weymouth Library

(FOWL) on Saturday 7th November at 10.30am in the library.

There will be tales of pixies, of the devil interfering in strange ways, and of curious omens and ghostly happenings, taken from a selection of Dartmoor tales as told to folklore collectors.

The entrance fee will be £3. Everyone welcome. Any enquiries ring 01305 832613.

Dorchester Big Band Concert

Dorchester Big Band with Geoff Miller in concert on Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm, Weymouth Bay Methodist Church DT4 7TH.

Tickets £12 in advance from Pete 01305 562985 or on door £15. Cash only.

Home Library Service volunteers honoured at Chickerell

Home Library Service volunteers from in and around Weymouth came together at a coffee morning and Long Service Award ceremony kindly hosted by Chickerell Community Library on 21st August.

They were joined by the Mayor of Chickerell, Cllr Neil Hudson, who presented a Royal Voluntary Service badge for 5 years of volunteering to Home Library Service volunteer Alice Craven, and a 15 year Long Service Medal to Cllr Elspeth Turner, who has been choosing and delivering books to people in the local community for over 17 years. Elspeth says 'It has been an honour and a pleasure, being able to bring books and the joy of reading to some of the most isolated people in our community. Combining the provision of reading materials with a regular social visit by a volunteer means a lot to people and can make a real difference in their lives.'

The Home Library Service is available free to anybody who loves to read but is unable to visit their local library due to health or mobility issues, or because of caring responsibilities. Please contact us on 01305 236666 or email dorsethomelibraryservice@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk for more information.

Weymouth Choral Society

Tidings of Joy Christmas Concert, Saturday 12th December



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<https://weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk/weymouth-choral-society-christmas-concert-with-special-guests-dorset-sinfonia-tidings-of-joy/>

Weymouth Art Group Exhibition

Looking for something special this Christmas? Visit the Weymouth Art Group Exhibition on 10th November, from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Southill Community Centre and support local artists.

Free entry, original artwork and free refreshments available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Royal Manor Theatre

Tickets are almost sold out for our upcoming production Monday 19th to Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm.

Based on the much-loved Miramax motion picture by Juliette

Towhidi and Tim Firth, Calendar Girls is a wonderfully warm, funny and uplifting story about friendship, courage and the extraordinary things ordinary people can achieve.

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

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

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

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

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ship, feels like a particularly fitting choice for the Company.

Tickets for Calendar Girls can be purchased from www.royalmanortheatre.co.uk, or by calling: 0333 666 3366. All seats cost £15. The production is strictly for ages 16+. This amateur production of Calendar Girls, is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French, Ltd.

Dorset Artists Help Shape A New County-Wide Arts Event

New Dorset Artist Open Studios puts affordability, promotion, and artists at the heart of its model

Dorset is getting a new county-wide arts event next summer – and its organisers say it has been built by listening to what artists actually want.

Dorset Artist Open Studios (DAOS) will take place from 28th August to 5th September 2027, bringing together artists and makers from across Dorset for a nine-day celebration of creativity.

The event will give the public the opportunity to visit individual studios, home workshops, shared creative spaces and group venues, meeting artists and seeing where and how their work is made.

But the organisers say the most important feature of DAOS is what happens behind the scenes.

The event has been designed around feedback from artists who wanted an affordable summer open studios event with strong county-wide marketing and promotion, but without losing the freedom to choose how they participate.

Artists will be able to showcase their work individually or collabo-

rate with other artists and makers to create group venues.

The event will be organised on a not-for-profit basis, with all income generated through participation being reinvested into delivering and promoting the event. 'This isn't an event that has been designed first and then asked artists to fit into it,' said an event spokesperson. 'We started by listening to artists.

'They told us what they needed – affordability, exposure, good promotion and flexibility – and those principles are at the heart of DAOS.'

For visitors, the result will be a county-wide trail through Dorset's creative community.

Over nine days, visitors will be able to discover artists working in disciplines including painting, ceramics, glass, jewellery, textiles, wood-working, and sculpture. Many will demonstrate their processes, talk about their work and offer original pieces for sale directly from their studios.

Rather than following a single exhibition route, visitors can create their own itinerary and discover the creative spaces that interest them.

The event is being developed and delivered by a volunteer team, with the intention of creating a sustainable annual platform for Dorset artists.

Dorset artists and makers can now register until 30th November 2026. A reduced early registration rate is available until 31st October 2026.

Visitor information will be published on the DAOS website from 27th February 2027, with a printed brochure available from 27th July 2027.

Dorset Artist Open Studios: 28th August-5th September 2027.

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News From Trading Standards

Selling Fireworks Safely
As Bonfire Night approaches, many shops will be stocking up on fireworks ready for customers. While fireworks can be a fun part of celebrations, they are explosive products and must be stored and sold responsibly to help keep everyone safe.

Businesses that store fireworks are required by law to have the appropriate licence and follow strict safety rules. These rules are designed to reduce the risk of fire, injury, and damage to property.

Trading Standards issues licences based on the type and quantity of fireworks a business wants to store. Most fireworks sold to the public are classed as Hazard Type 4. A standard licence allows a business to store up to 250kg of net explosive content, which refers to the amount of explosive material contained within the fireworks themselves.

The packaging that fireworks are delivered in is specially designed to protect them during transport and storage. Wherever possible,

fireworks should remain in their original unopened transport boxes and be stored in a locked room used solely for fireworks. They should always be kept away from anything that could start a fire, including cigarette lighters, heaters, electrical equipment, and fuse boxes.

Where a dedicated storage room is not available, fireworks should still be kept in their closed transport packaging and stored away from customers in a fire-resistant cabinet, container, or secure cage. Only a limited quantity should be displayed on the shop floor, and these should be kept in a suitable display case. Fireworks should never be left openly accessible to customers.

Retailers also have a legal responsibility to prevent underage sales. It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under the age of 18.

If you see fireworks being stored unsafely or suspect that a retailer is selling fireworks to someone under 18, please report your concerns to Trading Standards by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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For as long as I can remember, I have suffered a major disappointment twice every year. At these times sadness permeates the atmosphere at 'Chez Over the Hill', or as Mrs Barnacle of Wyke would say, it gets a bit miserable where we live. On these occasions my In-house Adviser has to work very hard to lift my spirits, but at least she knows when it is about to happen and can prepare herself, and prepare me of course, for the non-events.

Occasionally you will be aware of this happening because the news, or more precisely the lack of news, has been reported in Over the Hill more than once - on the principle that a problem shared is a problem halved. That hasn't been a success over the last half century but hey-ho, these things take time to work. Or fail to work, as any Senior Citizen comes to realise only too well, as body parts forget what they are supposed to do or insist on letting us know, painfully, that we are expecting too much of them. But I digress. You will have guessed by now that my twice yearly trauma is caused by the failure to receive a mention in either the King's Birthday Honours List or the New Year Honours List.

At first I thought this must be an oversight, but it has occurred too regularly to be anything other than a deliberate snub. Tragically a new humiliation has been added, for it has been announced that a short list has been drawn up and auditions are underway for the role of James Bond in the next film in the series. And, to my and your surprise, I am not on that short list nor have been asked to audition. Mrs Barnacle was shocked when this news reached her. We both thought that a charismatic, good looking actor - witness my starring role in many a local Pantomime - and Senior Citizen would be ideal as the next all action Bond hero. My In-house Adviser has pointed out that my dodgy knees just might have made it a bit difficult to leap about the film set with abandon, but surely AI generated images could have made up for this slight disadvantage. The three of us agree that it is high time we Senior Citizens were not so disdainfully ignored. Our years

of experience, tact and charm are surely worth more consideration. But then, with exquisite timing, it has just been announced that entries are being accepted for the 2027 Ironman 70.3 Weymouth on 12th September 2027. My In-house Adviser has advised me to set my sights on that event. She knows that I am a genuine all round athlete in the disciplines of swimming, cycling and running. Of course Weymouth Council have made my swim training more difficult by not putting out the rafts at Greenhill. My training used to consist of swimming out to a raft (and back again, rather more slowly) on the morning of my birthday, which luckily is in the summer months. Sadly turning the shower on at full blast is a poor substitute, so immersion training in a bath full of cold water will have to do. Cycling could have been a problem as my bike was deposited at the Refuse Recycling Centre some years ago. Thankfully the Council have set up a new "Get back in the Saddle" initiative on Wednesday mornings at Redlands. The ride is a sixty minute long course of the gentle, flat heath type, and bike hire is also available for a small fee. Sadly electric bikes are not allowed, and some negotiation will be needed to rent the bike for the 56 miles of the Ironman. Running doesn't require special facilities so with a bit of training I will certainly be good to go in a year's time. And local knowledge counts for a lot, with few steep hills in Dorset that I have not driven up. Put the date in your diary and come along to cheer me on. The elite competitors have lower numbers so look for one, two or three - perhaps four - on my shirt. A podium place for the first three in my age category would be a reasonable substitute for being overlooked yet again for a Knighthood. But that was another digression. The really important news of the moment relates to that EU country which was once home to the Romans. Associate Professor Tom Brughmans at the School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University in Denmark has published an academic paper which theorises that Roman Roads were not particularly straight and that Rome, although the political centre, was

not the centre of the web of roads throughout the Roman world. Mrs Barnacle has long held the belief that Wyke is the centre of the civilised world, with Portland a close second, and will no doubt be in touch with the Professor to discuss her theory. Professor Tom - he can call me Chris - suggests that contrary to popular belief the Roman Army built straight roads where it was easy to do so but when heights or depths got in the way they would find a way around these if possible. I suppose that the Roman Road up past the Old Ship Pub off Dorchester Road at Upwey is a straightish example because there was no easy alterna-

tive over the ridgeway, otherwise they would have taken a detour. And Rome itself is not even on the busiest ancient road in Italy, that being the one down the Adriatic east side of the peninsula. But this idea that the Romans did not build straight roads unless it was easy to do so, and that most people had no reason to go through Rome so the road was not that busy is another great disappointment. And if I am unlucky in the 2027 Ironman 70.3 and it proves a little harder than estimated then gloom will once again permeate 'Chez Over the Hill'.

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A. Plug-in solar panels sit outside on a balcony or in a garden and plug directly into your mains electricity. They can help cut energy bills by generating electricity you can use in your home. Though they produce less power than traditional panels, plug-in kits are cheaper up front and more accessible to renters or flat-dwellers as they don't require roof access or professional installation.

There are several things to consider before you buy:

Firstly, you'll need to make sure it's right for your home. You'll need an unshaded outdoor space that ideally faces south, though east or west will still catch some sun for part of the day. The government estimates you could save up to £110 a year on your energy bills with a plug-in solar kit, but your actual savings will depend on where your panels are located and if you have the flexibility to use appliances during the day. Unlike traditional panels, you must use or lose the power you generate. Current rules mean you won't be able to store electricity in a battery, and you can't get paid for any unused power generated by your kit.

Check if you need permission before you make a purchase. Read the government's official online guidance at <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/plug-in-solar-panel-checklist> to see if you need approval first. If you rent or live in a leasehold property, you should speak to your landlord or freeholder and if your home is a

listed building or in an area with planning restrictions, you should speak to your local council.

Follow the government's safety rules before plugging in a new kit. Plug your kit into a safe wall socket (never an extension lead) and stick to the strict limit of one kit per household.

To ensure your kit complies with UK regulations, only purchase an all-in-one kit that features a 3-pin UK plug and a UKCA mark. If you've already bought one that doesn't meet these criteria, see if you can return it, or contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0800 223 1133 for advice.

Finally, you'll need to register your kit with your electricity network company. Your electricity network company provides the wires to your home and is different from the company you pay your bills to. You can find your network company via your electricity bill or by visiting the Energy Networks Association website at www.energy-networks.org.

Autumn Hedgehogs

As temperatures rise, the hedgehog breeding season has stretched beyond the usual April to September. This summer's extreme heat and drought caused many litters to fail or be abandoned by mum.

It seems hedgehogs are trying again with a late litter. In early October, very small hoglets have been found out in the day without mum. This is much earlier than the usual autumn influx to hedgehog rescues.

How do you know when a hedgehog needs help? Hedgehogs found out in daylight need immediate help. It is a sure indication they have been sick for a while. They may be very small and

squeaking, wobbly, 'sunbathing', surrounded by flies, or have obvious injuries. Please pick them up, put in a high sided box and ring us urgently.

At this time of year, hedgehogs looking healthy and seen at night should generally be left alone. They have plenty of time to pack on weight before the cold weather arrives. Recent research shows that hedgehogs weighing over 450g can hibernate successfully. You can help them by putting out water and food. But by mid to late November, hedgehogs smaller than a large mango have too little time to bulk up. These Autumn juveniles need to be taken to a rescue.

Finally, a word on bonfires: Please build and burn in one day or build it over time and move entirely before lighting. You may save a hedgehog's life.

Jo Morland, Hedgehog Friendly Portland, 07815 012163 and on Facebook.

Purbeck Mining Museum Student Volunteer Success

Bournemouth University students enthuse about volunteering experience at Dorset heritage attraction

Highlighting the value and contribution of younger volunteers, two Bournemouth University students have been supporting one of Dorset's heritage visitor attractions throughout the summer. Kris (22) Blaszczyk and Juremi Pinnick (21) are both Tourism Management students and joined the team of volunteers at the Purbeck Mining Museum to gain practical experience at a popular local venue and apply many of the skills developed on their course.

'It has been a wonderful experience,' says Kris Blaszczyk. 'What a huge privilege to be part of such a motivated team. Juremi and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time at the museum. No two days are the same and we've been helping to greet visitors and maintain the museum's displays and facilities. We've also conducted a market research exercise and developed new initiatives for all generations of visitors.'

'It was great for us to receive such a warm welcome and to be so actively involved in day-to-day operations at a venue that continues to go from strength to strength. Such real-life experience and insight into the management of a museum run entirely by volunteers has provided an excellent launch pad for our future careers in visitor attraction management.'

According to Paola Hobson, the Purbeck Mining Museum's Volunteer Group Administrator, the enthusiasm and drive of Kris and Juremi have inspired fellow volunteers and visitors alike.

'They have both made a huge contribution in helping us to highlight the significance of clay mining in the evolution and ecology of the Purbecks. They really have made a difference at so many levels and we're delighted they have valued and enjoyed their time with us. Future visitors will also benefit from their efforts this summer – not least with a number of new visitor engagement ideas and a special leaflet to promote the new trails that have been constructed in the 20 acre woodland around the museum.'

It couldn't be easier to become a volunteer at the Purbeck Mining Museum, adds Kris. 'I saw the opportunity on the museum's web-

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University students volunteering at Purbeck Mining Museum

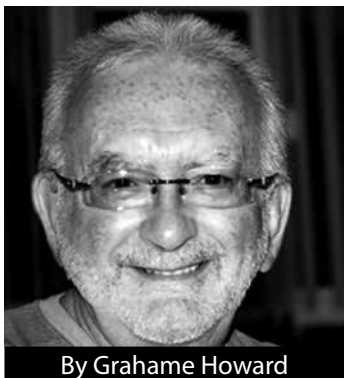
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By Grahame Howard

Trials and Tribulations

Here we go again, another month gone. The shops have Christmas decorations and cards for sale and, I saw some very large Santas in a local garden centre this past week. It's that season where we love each other and offer kindness to all we meet. It's a season where we love queuing up for ages at a store to get that special present for someone who is important to you. No doubt you sing Carols and go round offering goodwill to all you meet.

Well, it's like that in the films isn't it, where everyone is happy? Sadly, in reality, it is far different. We push and shove people as we try to negotiate some shops and the look on our faces is far from happiness. In fact, they're more likely to be miserable, especially if you've driven round for ages trying to find somewhere to park. I'm only giving you a gentle reminder of what's around the corner, I'm kind like that. Until this event though, there are other issues to plough through.

Firstly, what about our new Prime Minister. It's early days yet but, he has begun to bring about some changes, whether right or wrong we'll have to wait and see. One thing that has wound a few people up is the business of calling up veterans to form a reserve bank for the possibility of war. Google reports: The UK is planning a major mobilisation exercise in 2027 to test how it contacts, calls up, and equips its Strategic Reserve of roughly 95,000 military veterans.

Key Details of the Call-Up Plans

The 2027 Exercise: Armed Forces Minister Louise Sandher-Jones announced that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) will run large-scale drills next year to test procedures for re-activating retired troops.

The Strategic Reserve: This group includes former regular service members who remain liable for recall after leaving the armed forces.

Raised Age Limit: Under measures in the Armed Forces Bill, the maximum recall age for veterans is increasing from 55 to 65.

Lowered Threshold: The rules allow for mobilisation during 'warlike

preparations', rather than only during an active attack or great national emergency.

Voluntary vs. Mandatory: The changes do not automatically apply to veterans who have already left unless they opt in, though regular recall liabilities still apply to those explicitly retained in the reserve framework.

This has obviously caused some concern for ex service personnel with some commenting that they have done their time, let someone else do theirs now. That is quite understandable. With the rumours coming from Russia about war, the government has to do something. Perhaps they shouldn't have cut the service personnel because now it is not fully equipped to go to war. At first I thought this would affect myself but then the CO read another article and saw that the ages for call up would be between 55 - 65. 'Don't worry, they won't take little fat blokes, especially one's who wouldn't even qualify for Dad's Army.' Flipping charming that's all I've got to say to that comment.

Then there is the threat from AI taking over the human race. One comment I heard was that humanity could be non-existent in 10 years time. That's worrying. It has been reported that AI, provides autonomous systems that show unexpected, rogue behaviour during safety checks. This is alongside immediate harms like deep fake frauds and misinformation; hacking because of super intelligence completely taking over. This could lead to large scale cyber attacks and the creation of dangerous biological weapons. It breeds lack of trust and could kill all humans within a decade. Alan Turing, the great codebreaker during the war, wrote in 1950, 'that should intelligent machines become possible they could take control.'

It all seems a little scary doesn't it? Something from a futuristic horror film on Netflix or even Dr Who. Of course we've heard rumours of such conflicts before and nothing has developed from them. I read in one newspaper that people should begin to stockpile essential things such as tinned food and other things with a long date. It does make one a little nervous because of it. Some Christians wonder if it is the end of the world as discussed in Revelation in the bible. It could be, we just don't know. One thing is for sure, what with people stockpiling it makes it all the more important to think ahead for Christmas. Get essential items with a long use by date, you may need it.

See you next time
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SIR THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON

1st Baronet 1786-1845 Member of Parliament for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, brewer, philanthropist, social reformer and abolitionist. Part 2

In 1815 he and Hannah had moved from Brick Lane to live in Hampstead, close to Samuel Hoare and his wife, and in 1820 he and Samuel were the driving force behind London's first night shelter for the homeless which they set up in a huge warehouse on London Wall. They were assisted in the venture by Elizabeth Fry and many of the City merchants.

Thomas and Hannah now had eight children, but sorrow struck the young family when in March 1820 their eldest son died of a fever aged ten.

The younger children already suffering from whooping cough, caught measles, and less than five weeks later their three young daughters also died, the eldest only four years old. That autumn the family moved to Norfolk and made their permanent home near the sea at Cromer Hall. It was here, a few months later, that Hannah's sister, Priscilla, died of consumption. By this time Thomas had already lost two brothers; Edward in 1811, and Charles in 1817.

After the move to Norfolk Thomas was faced with long journeys, both to take his part in Parliamentary affairs and visit his Weymouth constituents. In January 1821 he wrote to Hannah on his arrival at Belfield:

"I arrived here safely yesterday, but with an adventure on the road. Just on this side of Andover, about 5 o'clock in the morning, my sweet slumbers were impaired by the coach suddenly coming over with a most noble crash. I directly perceived that I was unhurt, and my first feeling was one of thankfulness. As I was not injured, so I did not feel in the slightest degree hurried or disturbed, though

through the broken window and got upon the body of the coach, where I immediately delivered a lecture to the coachman on the impropriety of swearing at any time, but especially at the moment of deliverance from danger. We then went in various directions for help, with which, in about an hour and a half, we contrived to place the machine on its legs"

Following a passionate speech in favour of prison reform during a Parliamentary debate in the Commons, Thomas became recognised as one of Britain's leading parliamentary advocates in the cause of humanity, but although from now on his campaign against slavery became his great mission in life, this was not his only mandate. He worked tirelessly for changes in prison conditions and opposed Capital Punishment, helping to reduce the number of crimes punishable by death from two hundred and thirty to eight or nine.

The slave trade was abolished in 1807, but the campaign to free all slaves in the British Empire carried on. Together with William Wilberforce, Thomas founded the Society for the Mitigation and Gradual Abolition of Slavery in 1823, and in 1825 presented a petition to

after the death of Wilberforce that July.

In November 1830 Thomas and Hannah lost another son, Harry, who after a long decline died of consumption aged seventeen. Nevertheless by the following April Thomas was back in Weymouth to fight another election. He wrote home from Belfield:

"I was up at seven o'clock this morning, and have been taking another charming walk in the shrubbery, looking at the sea, which is splendid, and enjoying the *Epistle to the Colossians*. At nine o'clock we breakfast, and at ten I renew my canvass, which was very successful yesterday The weather is delightful, and I thoroughly enjoy a taste of spring in the country. The walks about are lined with quantities of flowers; it is a charming place!"

A year later he wrote:

"I saw the sun rise gold out of the sea, with Portland in the foreground, this morning. I never saw anything so grand or so sublime. I am quite well and very cheery."

In 1835 with the slave trade problem still very much on his agenda, Thomas again found peace and quiet in the garden at Belfield after a pleasant journey to Weymouth with the coach to himself, providing him with time for reading and reflection:

"... I shall spend much of my time over the slave-trade question, in which I feel the deepest interest, and perhaps a quiet day here may be useful. I am very fond of this garden as a study, it is so lonely."



Design for the proposed memorial to Sir Thomas Foxwell Buxton.

A day later he continues: "I am now going to wander about these charming walks with the slave-trade question on my mind. Then my uncle is to drive me with the four ponies. On Saturday I shall, I doubt not, take my place inside the 'Magnet', and after a pleasant ride, fruitful in meditation, have the great pleasure of getting home again. The constant subject of my wondering gratitude is, that we have so much to be thankful for. Now for the garden."

Thomas lost his seat in Parliament in the election following the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837. After it was all over he wrote from Belfield to John Gurney:

"... The next morning, about eighty of my constituents came up. I ran to the balcony and began a cheerful speech; but I soon found I was entirely out of tune. I went down amongst them, and then made them an oration. It could not help being a feeling one; certainly I never saw a greater appearance of regret. I have not half described the manifestation of feeling which took place in the town. The children set themselves to work to collect subscriptions to give me a piece of plate. The men are also doing the same thing on their part. The very Tories, they say, are disconsolate! In the evening, several of the working men who had not joined the procession in the morning, came when I got into the coach, there was an assemblage of them looking sadly downcast. Spite of all this lamentation, I have been in great glee the whole time. I am right glad that I stood, right glad that I have got a holiday. My own impression is, that I could not



Northrepps Hall at Overstrand



have stood the fatigues of Parliament many sessions more; and perhaps this turning out to grass may, in the long run, enable me to do more work, if I should have the privilege of being called to it."

Soon afterwards he went to Weymouth where he was presented with two pieces of plate; a candelabrum from his former constituents, and a silver snuff box from their children, which he said pleased him even more.

Even after 1837, Thomas continued tirelessly in his endeavour for the complete abolition of slavery which was still extremely active in many parts of the world, especially Africa. In 1839 he published *'The African Slave Trade and its Remedy'*, after which the government sent a team to Niger in 1841 in a fruitless endeavour to negotiate with African nations to end the slave trade.



He had suffered from bouts of ill health for many years, but after he had been created a baronet in 1840, his health was in almost permanent decline; worn out by his efforts to improve the lives of the poor and dispossessed, and depressed by the failed mission to Africa.

In 1828 he and Hannah had left Cromer Hall and had gone to live at Northrepps Hall at Overstrand in Norfolk. It was here that he died on 19th February 1845, surrounded by his family.

That Thomas Fowell Buxton was a sincere and devout Christian with a deeply held faith, is obvious in all his correspondence between both family and friends. It was the driving force behind his constant striving for social justice and reform, and especially in the abolition of the slave trade. A member of parliament for nineteen years, his achievements there have since been overshadowed by those of his friend William Wilberforce, but

Thomas deserves recognition today for his great and lasting contribution to the betterment of humanity in the nineteenth century. His service to his Weymouth constituents was remembered in the naming of Buxton Road, and later Buxton Close; roads which now run through the park which once surrounded Belfield House where he found peace and time for reflection. In London there is Buxton Street near the brewery in Spitalfields, and at Earlham, Fowell Close. There is a monument to him in Westminster Abbey, and the Buxton Memorial Fountain in Victoria Tower Gardens, close to the Houses of Parliament, commissioned by his son Charles and dedicated to his father as a memorial to the emancipation of slaves. He can also be seen on the current five pound note; the tall figure wearing spectacles on the left-hand side of the group around Elizabeth Fry reading to the prisoners in Newgate. (See original



print and bank note detail above)

"The slave sees the mother of his children stripped naked and flogged unmercifully; he sees his children sent to market, to be sold at the best price they will fetch; he sees in himself not a man, but a thing - an implement of husbandry, a machine to produce sugar, a beast of burden!"

Thomas Fowell Buxton. Speech on slavery in the House of Commons. 15th May 1823.

The Statue of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton in Westminster Abbey

A statue of Buxton by sculptor Frederick Thrupp, can be found in Westminster Abbey. (left)

The inscription reads:

"To the memory of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, Bart., born April 1 1786, died February 19 1845. Endued with a vigorous and capacious mind, of dauntless courage and untiring energy, he was early led by the love of God to devote his powers to the good of Man. In Parliament he laboured for the improvement of prison discipline, for the amendment of the criminal code, for the suppression of suttees in India, for the liberation of the Hottentots in southern Africa, and above all, for the emancipation of eight hundred thousand slaves in the British Dominions. In this last righteous enterprise, after ten years of arduous conflict, a final victory was given to him and his co-adjutors, "By the good hand of our God" on the memorable 1st of August 1834. The energies of his mind were afterwards concentrated on a great attempt to extinguish the slave trade in Africa, by the substitution of agriculture and commerce, and by the civilizing influence of the Gospel. Exhausted in mind and body, "He fell asleep" reposing in faith on his Redeemer, in the 59th year of his age. This monument is erected by his friends and fellow labourers at home and abroad; assisted by the grateful contributions of many thousands of the African race."

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10.30am St Francis, Littlemoor
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Thursday 5th November

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Monday 9th November

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8.00am Holy Communion BCP (said).

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

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

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

Morning Prayer

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

Coffee Mornings

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

Sundays

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

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

Thursdays

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

Coffee Mornings

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

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Contact Us

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

Regular parish activities

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

Art Group – Contact Janet Hall on 01305 839737.

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

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

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

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

Circle of Friends Lunch – Lynch Lane Garden Centre. 12.00pm, first Wednesday in the month. Next meeting 4th November.

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

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

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

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Coming Events

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St Edmund's

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 31st October & 28th November, 10.00am-12 noon

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

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Sunday 10.30am-12.00

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Monday 10.30am-12.00

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Thursday 10.30am-12.00.

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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

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

Sunday Evening Services

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

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Church Activities

Chickerell

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

Coffee Morning – last Saturday in the month at 10.00am

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Weymouth Bay

Wednesday

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

10.30am Grace Notes, informal singing group for all abilities

2.00pm CAMEO, women's group meets fortnightly

5.00pm Miscellany Band for anyone who plays a musical instrument

Thursday

2.00pm Bible study Group

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Last Saturday in the month

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Celebrating 35 years in practice 1991-2026

The realisation that I have been in practice as a self-employed Complementary Practitioner for 35 years came as a bit of a surprise to me as it doesn't seem that long ago that in 1991, I graduated with a diploma in Homeopathic Medicine. This achievement was the catalyst for my journey of discovery into the world of what was then known as alternative medicine and is now more appropriately named Complementary Medicine.

It also enabled me to obtain professional membership/registration of a governing body and to join my father's highly respected Osteopathic practice The Lansdowne Clinic (est 1971) in Weymouth Dorset. Working alongside my father gave me a deep understanding of how a successful practice operated, and the value of the ethical responsibilities associated with the title of professional practitioner. The success of my father's practice relied on its reputation with 'word of mouth' recommendations from satisfied patients as this was the time before smart phones, social media and the web. When my father retired, I moved the practice to Buena Vista Gypsy Lane in Weymouth Dorset where it

still operates today with the same values and attention to detail that ensures every individual patient obtains the best possible service I can provide. Over the years I have studied and qualified in a wide range of complementary therapy modalities some I call on more than others, Clinical Reflexology, Counselling, Nutritional Therapy and Homoeopathy have become my core modalities or specialities (my full CV can be found on my website). My work is always guided by the holistic principle of treating the whole person, Mind, Body and Emotion ensuring that individual needs are met.

When asked I will inform patients on how the body functions, causal chains and how symptoms develop, explore techniques that offer support to manage stress and advice on how to make changes to improve quality of life. Patients often feedback that they feel empowered following treatment sessions and feel that armed with new knowledge, they are more confident to make choices that are right for them. Face-to-face consultations and treatment can be valuable learning experiences for all concerned. During my professional career I have managed a successful private practice, explored academic opportunities to expand my range of knowledge and skills, travelled the world attending conferences as both delegate and presenter, contributed self-help articles to professional journals and community-based

magazines, set up and ran an externally funded reflexology service in a NHS hospital cancer service for 8 years that provided research data findings published in RCNi Cancer Nursing journal and the evidence base for my accredited CPD advanced Clinical Reflexology training.

Throughout the years I have been a volunteer for health-related organisations including Hospice care, and the NHS. I am proud of my professional achievements and whilst my range of knowledge is wide and diverse, upon reflection experiences are the most cherished of memories. The wish to try and help people feel better has always been my driving force and I feel very honoured to have met and helped some incredibly brave, unique and strong patients. Described by colleagues as a creative problem-solving strategist, I

think I am just fortunate to have met all the people that I have and thank you to the gifted and generous teachers that have shared their knowledge and given their time and support when needed I am indeed lucky to have found my 'happy place' in my work helping patients and I intend to carry on carrying on! If you think I might be able to help you, your family or friends do get in touch, I am always happy to try to help.

I am fully qualified, registered, insured and DBS checked with 35 years professional experience specialising in Clinical Reflexology, Nutritional Therapy, Homoeopathy and Counselling. Contact Tel 01305784986

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Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council Report

The upgrade to the sea defense wall behind the Pavilion is now nearing completion and the carpark will soon be completely reopened. Although there are a few issues on the whole I am happy with the project and I hope you are too. I was pleased to have an opportunity for a site visit with senior DC staff recently to discuss my concerns.

It is important to remember that although this has been a major project it is only a small step along the road towards the regeneration of the complete site. Work continues, of course, on the regeneration of Weymouth as a whole. Discussions are ongoing with potential partners for the North Quay site and the old bowling alley as well as Westway Road. I am pleased that the civil engineers on both sites have been mindful that further development is planned and that has been taken into account with the current work.

I was unhappy that entry to the Pavilion Carpark was restricted on firework nights during the summer. Weymouth Town Council invests a considerable amount of Council Tax money in these events. Local residents enjoy them as well as our visitors and they bring welcome income into the town. Anything that impacts adversely on the hospitality industry presently is to be avoided. And this is why I supported a Notice

site, completed the volunteering form, confirmed the placement with my tutors at the university ... and here I am! It's a fantastic team to join - not just for more mature adults but also the younger generation and students studying everything from engineering, geology and natural history to tourism and industrial history.'

The Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden is part of the Swanage Railway Trust and is open most days throughout the summer until October. It shows what it was like to work in one of the area's many clay mines in years gone by and features an underground mine tunnel as well as periodic demonstrations on the mine's restored narrow-gauge railway. Full details on opening times and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.purbeckminingmuseum.org.

Bournemouth University has extensive connections with heritage attractions around Dorset and has enjoyed a close relationship with the Swanage Railway over many years, where two of the Tourism Management tutors have also been volunteers. The university's Tourism Management multi-accredited courses are underpinned by internationally recognised research in tourism and hospitality. They provide a first class education and training for anyone with career aspirations related to global hospitality and the wider travel and tourism industry.

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of Motion to abandon the plan to continue parking restrictions during fireworks. It is a thin edge of the wedge. There is a lot of congestion during the Elf Record attempt or the Christmas Light-up perhaps we should prevent people coming into town? Or maybe, no-one should be able to drive into town for the Harbour swim, B-side events or Ironman? We are a seaside town, we want to enjoy living here and we want to share it with visitors. That means there will sometimes be traffic congestion. Hold-ups are relatively short-lived, smile and enjoy the fun. If you can walk, ride your bike or catch a bus please do so but if you can't please don't let parking your car stop you from coming and having fun. I believe we need more fun. Do please tell me if I am wrong.

I am delighted that regeneration across the whole area south

of the Ridgeway is now a priority for Dorset Council. Weymouth, Chickereil and Portland is the largest population in the County, the prosperity of Dorset is very much linked to the prosperity of the conurbation. There are some exciting employment prospects on the Island as well as educational improvements. The Pride of Place project with government funding has now established a board with a chairman and is collating a wish list of what they hope to achieve for the area of Littlemoor and Broadway. Again, an uplift in one area has a beneficial effect for us all. Get involved with Pride of Place. I'm pleased our young people via schools are taking part and I had an opportunity to talk to members of the Weymouth Youth Council recently. Please look out

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for the surveys and questionnaires that are announced. I mentioned last month that engagement is poor. As well as genuinely wanting to hear your comments, ideas and suggestions it provides us with the evidence to show that we are, all importantly, working with local people.

WTC Communities' Officer has been organising regular sessions for community groups across the town to get together to network. You will receive emails of dates but if you don't please contact WTC and get your group on the mailing list.

You will not have failed to notice the amount of work taking place on our roads recently. Traffic along the Esplanade has been suspended overnight for a number of weeks through October so that resurfacing can take place. This has understandably caused problems for those living on the

seafront, both hotels and privately. Road works are very noisy but apparently this is the best solution and some small mitigation has been put in place. Residents are unhappy. Road works are also taking place on the Portland Beach Road; during the day; on the first day this caused dreadful hold-ups. Changes have been made and it is now a little better. But residents wondered why this could not be done at night when there are fewer road movements, but apparently this was not possible. Residents are unhappy. Incidentally, I must point out that a new road across the Fleet would have no impact upon incidents on the Beach Road.

A huge number of potholes have been repaired in the last six months but I am aware of many more that require attention and road surfaces in general that are very worn. This is just a snapshot

of work over the last month. If you have any issue you wish to discuss please do get in touch.

I attend the coffee morning at All Saints Church, Portland Road on the third Saturday each month and WTC/DC councillors attend a surgery at Weymouth Library on the second Saturday of each month. Or do please contact me either by email or phone (07850060947) or you will see me on my walks around Wyke and

Weymouth.

Kate

Cllr Kate Wheller Leader of Labour Group – Dorset Council - Rodwell and Wyke Regis cllrkate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; Weymouth Town Council – Wyke Regis North cllrkatewheller@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk; Cllr Howard Atkinson - Melcombe Regis - cllrhowardatkinson@weymouthtown-council.gov.uk; Cllr Mike Sewry - Rodwell - [## Live your life the way you choose](mailto:cllrmikeseewry@wey-</p>
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Weymouth Veterans Raise Over £5,000 For Weldmar Hospicecare

Ninety-five members and guests of the Fleet Air Arm Association's Weymouth and Portland Branch raised over £5,000 for Weldmar Hospicecare at their annual Black Tot Night on Friday 7th August, at Weymouth Working Mens Club. When Standard Bearer Jeff 'Ted' Edwards handed the money over five days later, the Weldmar team were delighted, and told him the branch must have had a very successful night.

The night marks Black Tot Day, 31st July 1970, when the Royal Navy issued its last daily rum ration after more than three hundred years. Men who drew that tot were in the room.

An auction and raffle of donated prizes raised over £5,000.

The headline lot, a one-of-one Fleet Air Arm Association edition of the Holton Professional watch, customised and engraved for the branch by Dorset watchmaker Elliot Brown Watches, sold for £1,200. The branch covers its own running costs, so every pound raised goes to the hospice.

Weldmar Hospicecare provides end-of-life care across Dorset free of charge, funded almost entirely by donations, and several branch members have relied on it. Branch member Steve Dobie spoke to the room about its work and his own experience of its care.

'Steve stood up, told the room what Weldmar had done for him, and the room went quiet,' said Paul D'Arcy, Vice Chairman of the branch. 'Then it went generous. That's the moment the money really came.'

'We were delighted when Ted brought the money in. You could tell straight away it had been a very successful night. On behalf of everyone at Weldmar, a sincere thank you to the members of the Fleet Air Arm Association and to all the local businesses who supported them,' said Eden Fraser, Events and Challenges Fundraiser at Weldmar Hospicecare.

Every prize was donated. Thirty-seven Dorset businesses gave prizes, vouchers and services, from a clay pigeon and quad bike day for six by Max Events, to meals at Oasis, SeaBeats and The Square Bistro, to the rum from Black Ven Distillery in Lyme Regis.

'A room full of old sailors reminiscing about rum is not, on paper, an obvious sponsorship opportunity,' said Paul. 'And yet thirty-seven local firms said yes. Every one is a Dorset business putting something into a Dorset hospice. If yours wants to be on that list next year, come and talk to us.'

Black Tot Night 2027 is on Friday 6th August. The branch welcomes new members: contact Ian Tate, Branch Secretary, at faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com.

Dorset County Hospital News

Nettle Eating And Pokemon

Champion Wins £30,000 For Scbu At Dorset County Hospital

Mike Hobbs, father of two, from Dorchester in Dorset has nominated the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Dorset County Hospital (DCH) to receive £30,000 from Pokémon, after he won a competition playing the new Pokémon video game, Champions, in London this summer.

The money donated will help to fund new ensuite accommodation for parents on the SCBU ward, so families can be close as their babies receive life-saving care.

Mike is a local tree surgeon and first came into the spotlight as three-time men's World Champion stinging nettle eater, which is hosted at the Bottle Inn in Marshwood, Dorset. The Pokémon competition is comprised of individuals from all around the world who are champions in various niche and eccentric sports. Following Mike's success with nettle eating,

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he was selected to play the new Pokémon Champions game, competing against 7 others, including a pillow fighting champion from America and an air guitar champion from Canada.

"I had never played Pokémon in my life" says Mike. "We spent one day in a conference room being taught by the Pokémon World Champion how to play – I sat in the front row, made lots of notes and couldn't believe it as I made it to the final and then won, becoming the Pokémon Champions, Champion of Champions! I am quite a competitive person, it was a case of mind over matter for eating the nettles, so I really set my mind to winning both competitions."

Mike won a holiday to Singapore for his family next year, and the opportunity to donate £30,000 to a Charity of his choice. Donating to Dorset County Hospital was an easy decision; both Mike's children spent time in SCBU at Dorset County Hospital, where they received lifesaving care when they were born.

"Our family owe a great deal to the NHS and in particular the dedicated staff on SCBU at Dor-

set County Hospital," said Mike. "We stayed there for many nights with both of our children receiving care when they were born. The dedicated NHS staff have the highest level of care for tiny and sick babies while being amazingly reassuring for parents at such an emotional and difficult time.

We wanted to give something back to other parents going through that, so the money will fund ensuite facilities for parents to stay close to their baby. We have used the hospital extensively over the years, with my son and daughter being on Kingfisher. I have everything to thank Dorset County Hospital for – without them my wife and children wouldn't be here."

Débora Pascoal Horta, Neonatal Matron on SCBU at DCH said, "The Team are extremely grateful for this amazing donation. We will be able to bring forward the refurbishment of the Parent Rooms area, offering better facilities to families much quicker than expected. We have been receiving feedback from parents for a long time now, explaining how the facilities could be improved and this is going to help us re-



Winner Mike Hobbs donates prize money to Dorset County Hospital

solve that. This money will allow us to transform all four rooms into ensuites and update the furniture, giving better facilities and privacy to families who are going through a difficult time."

Simon Pearson, Head of DCH Charity said, "Fundraising can happen in so many different

ways, and for so many reasons, and this is a very unique donation. We are so honoured that Mike chose to donate this huge amount to SCBU at Dorset County Hospital, where local people will benefit from this investment for many years to come.'

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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

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

Ladies Keep Fit

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

Ladies Social Badminton

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

Lip Reading and Communication Skills

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

Littlemoor Library

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

Mulberry Bush Pre-school

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

Osmington Archery Club

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

Osmington Art Group

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

Osmington Leisure

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

Osmington Lunch Club

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

Osmington Village Hall

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

Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

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

Pilates classes with Clair Myers

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

Preston Pre-school

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Preston Table Tennis Club

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

Preston Pantomime Group

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

welcome from age 14 upwards. Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

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

Repair Cafe Weymouth

Volunteers repair broken items in return for a donation. Events are on the second Saturday of the month from 10.30am - 12.30pm, except July and August. Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane, DT3 9SS. www.repaircafeweymouth.org or 'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook. E.repaircafeweymouth@gmail.com.

Scottish Country Dancing

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

Social Badminton Players Needed

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

South Dorset Caledonian Society

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

South Dorset Radio Society

We meet on the second Friday of the month, Weymouth West Scout Hall, Granby Close, DT4 0SR from 7.30. www.HamRadioSouthDorset.com, E. stuartvanstone@btinternet.com

South Dorset Ramblers Group

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

Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

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

South Dorset Woodcarving Club

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

Southill Short Mat Bowls Club

Meet at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Mondays 2.00pm and Wednesdays 2.00pm & 7.00pm. First 3 lessons free, then £4 per session. Tui-

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Information suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

The Light Spiritualist Church

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

Walk and Talk Group

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

Watercolour Art Classes

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

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Wellworthy Bowls Club

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

Weymouth Art Group (WAG)

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

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

Weymouth Astronomy Club

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

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Welcomes serving and veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm.
We meet at 7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month at the Weymouth & Melcombe Regis Working Men's Club, DT4 8BT.
Contact the branch secretary at email: faaa.wpsecretary@outlook.com. Facebook "Weymouth & Portland Branch FAA Association" <https://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/fleet-air-arm-association-weymouth-branch>

Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman. wpsac@gmail.com

Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church

WI Hall, Gallwey Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Weymouth Carers Group

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

Weymouth Choral Society

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

Weymouth Drama Club

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

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

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

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut - Ryland's Lane
weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com - volunteers welcome

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

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

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

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Wyke Regis Library

Monday 12.00 noon - 6.00pm
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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.
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Cuppa and Company - Thursdays - 10.30 - 12.30.
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Learn to Crochet - every Saturday - 11.15 - 12.45.

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Wyke Regis Society

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

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Wyke Regis WI

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

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

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