

Studland Parish News



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St Nicholas Church Studland

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Note from the editor...

Summer has arrived, and as I compile this month's edition, the weather forecast is certainly reflecting the change in seasons and temperatures are due to rise and we are meant to have plenty of sunshine. Please do enjoy the summer safely and responsibly.

Tony's article ignites my mind, making me think about perspectives and how things can look like something to one and something else to another, depending on your view, position and interaction. It gave rise for me to reflect on all my different roles in life, all the people I have connections with, the services I link in with. Reflecting on them in light of Tony's words sparks a great deal of gratitude in my heart and makes me consider; we are all enigmas really; there is so much more to everyone and everything than what we see. I am an enigma to myself sometimes even, with internal contradictions occurring between thoughts and emotions, knowing many of my driving forces exist beneath my own conscious awareness, and that I am constantly changing and growing, re-learning who I am over and over again as I adapt to life's experiences and challenges as it unfolds. So, I would like to say thank you to Tony, your words often inspire me to take stock and contemplate a bigger picture.

I hope as you read through this month's pages, you are inspired in one way or another too.

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St Nicholas Church, Studland
Rota of Readers and Sides Persons
June 2026

Date	Service	Sides Person	Readers	Readings
Sunday 7 th June at 10.00am	Family Communion & Baptism Trinity 1. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds</i>	Carol Wadley.	Keith Tillyard. Sara-Jayne Smith.	1 Timothy 6 v 6 to 10 & v 17 to 19. Matthew 6, v 19 to 34.
Sunday 14 th June at 10.00am	Holy Communion. Trinity 2. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Ginny Stobart.	June Fletcher. Cindy Yeandle.	1 Corinthians 16, v 1 to 4. Matthew 25, v 14 to 30.
Sunday 21 st June at 10.00am	Morning Prayer. Trinity 3. <i>Jane Hawksworth</i>	Eric Stobart.	David Harley. Eric Stobart.	1 Peter 4 v 7 to 11. Mark 10. v 35 to 45.
Sunday 28 th June at 10.00am	Holy Communion. Trinity 4. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Sally Hogsflesh.	Margaret Chinchen. David Hogsflesh.	Genesis 22, v 1 to 14. Matthew 10, v 40-end.

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St Nicholas Parish News - Iceberg or Swan?

Dear Friends,

Well, you can pick your metaphor. It could be an iceberg, those masses of ice that float in cold waters, but what you see is only one tenth of what's there. The vast bulk of the iceberg is under the ocean, hidden from view. Or you could choose the swan metaphor. This graceful bird apparently gliding effortlessly across the lake, hardly causing a ripple on the water's surface. Underneath however is a different story. This swan is paddling rapidly and vigorously to keep itself moving. And so it is with a church like St Nicholas. The week-by-week worship, the weddings, the funerals, the baptisms, the special services, the Community Coffee, the Men's Breakfast, the Parish News that you are reading now, are just the tip of the iceberg, the swan gliding peacefully across the lake. But underneath all these events are many dedicated folks, working hard, the prayer and the finance to make all these activities possible.

This is my opportunity to thank those who do the hidden work of being church: to thank our Wardens, who have the legal oversight of the church and are directly responsible to the bishop; to thank our sides-persons who ensure a warm welcome and make sure that folk feel comfortable in St Nicholas; to thank the vergers who set up the church for worship, the lighting, heating, sound system, the wedding and funeral parking and seating; to thank the sacristan who lays out the altar and sacred vessels and ensures the appropriate colours are there for the church season; to thank those who set up and take down tables and chairs; to thank those who cook and prepare food and make coffee and teas and offer hospitality; to thank those who organise the church's administration; to thank those who take care of our safeguarding procedures; to thank the editor of this Parish News and all those who distribute it to the village; to thank those who keep the graveyard and church meadow trimmed and tidy; to thank the Parochial Church Council who consider and make decisions on behalf of the church; to thank our Team rector who has spiritual oversight of St Nicholas; to thank our readers and intercessors; to thank those who pay our bills for heating, lighting, insurance and maintenance; to thank all those who work unseen, especially those who pray for us.

Finally, I should mention money, after all, Jesus spoke about money on many occasions. Just to keep St Nicholas (a Grade 1 listed building) open and available for worship, for community and for quiet prayer and to keep the graveyard and meadow tidy and open, costs around £50,000 each year. If we add in the cost of ministry and Diocesan support, we're looking at another £23,000 or so. These sums must be raised each year by the church. Without them the activities that take place will diminish and in due course the church will cease to be open for worship.

So, as I said, there is much that goes on behind the scenes at St Nicholas, much to be thankful for and many people to be thanked. Maybe you could join us and become part of the iceberg or swan...your choice.

From the Registers information

Interment of Ashes:

Ian Richard Lennox 28th April, aged 67 years

Dorothy Hodges 28th April, aged 99 years

Jeremy Parish 2nd May, aged 59 years

Funeral Service:

Sally Maureen Wright 14th May aged 87 years

Baptism:

Martha Grace Wellstead 3rd May

Holy Matrimony:

Anna Hutchings and Giles Richardson 16th May

Rev Tony Edmonds

Church Alive Writes...

Who do you look like?

It's a well-known phenomenon that people often look like their pets. This picture of a lady and her dog is one of many, many you can find online where owners and their pets seem to share more than a few similarities.

I *hope* I don't look like either my black labrador or my black cat, but with the amount of hair that they shed, it is always possible I look more like them than I intend!



Perhaps more understandable is people looking like their parents. Don't Reese Witherspoon and her daughter Ava Phillippe look remarkably alike!

Perhaps you also look like one of your parents, or maybe you share some family mannerisms? Ever spotted someone laughing just like their dad? (not always something they are keen to

discover!)

I frequently find myself saying a phrase that sounds *just* like my mum. And I guess it isn't surprising, is it, given we generally spend a lot of time together as families when we are growing up and those things rub off on each other. Family likeness can be seen in lots of different ways, whether or not it is something we are happy with or not!

BUT HOW ABOUT THE FAMILY LIKENESS FOR THOSE OF US WHO CALL OURSELVES CHRISTIANS, THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD, THE CHURCH? HOW IS OUR FAMILY LIKENESS DOING?

Back in Genesis 1v27, we are told that humankind is made in the image of God – so the very essence of being human is to be like our heavenly Father. No doubt

we can think of different ways in which humanity is made in the image of God, be it creative, moral or spiritual, and over the years, scholars have debated exactly what this phrase does and doesn't mean in great detail.

When we get to the New Testament, we meet the man Jesus. And in doing so, we discover that we also meet God himself for as Paul tells us in Colossians 1v15 "*The Son is the image of the invisible God*", or as Hebrews 1v3 "*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being*" (emphasis mine). Clearly more than a passing family resemblance.

And as we also discover, part of the work of the 3rd member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is to be at work within us, to align us also with the family likeness. 2 Corinthians 3v18 "*And we all...are being transformed into his [the Lord's] image with ever-increasing glory*". Who are we to look like? God!

Now I don't know how you feel you're doing with that right now? For me that still sounds like a big challenge despite following Jesus for about 40 years so far. I've made progress, but there is still considerable way to go. How about you? But one of the key things I've found God uses to reshape and mould me, is His Word, the Bible. That's why over the next month we are all going to step aside from our regular Bible reading plans and look at together – across all 4 of our churches in Swanage and Studland - at a particular aspect of God's character that we believe he wants to challenge us in – the characteristic of GENEROSITY.

Our series is called GENEROUS GOD – GENEROUS PEOPLE, and we are going to spend four weeks looking in more detail at the very essence of God's nature and why Generosity really is at the heart of the God we follow and what that generosity might look like in practice for those of us who bear his name and are seeking to be transformed into his image.

We won't just look at financial generosity – although that will definitely feature. Given the number of times that Jesus talks about money in the gospel accounts, we can be very sure that God is profoundly interested in how we chose to manage our finances. But having a generous life is a lot more than simply money handling, and our great desire is that over this month, we might let the Word and Spirit of God challenge our hearts and minds and transform our lives that Our Heavenly family resemblance might be more ever more striking.

Every blessing, Revd Jo Levasier

Thank You

'A Heartfelt Thank You for the overwhelming support and sympathy for the loss of Jem Parish. It is so appreciated'

Cindy, Josie, Kate and family

STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 13th May 2026

The President welcomed all members and guests. Apologies were given for those who were unable to attend.

Our WI has 54 members with 3 ladies that attended our meeting in the process of joining. It is wonderful to have such a healthy WI within our community.

With the summer months fast approaching we are looking forward to our trips and events. Brownsea Island is our May visit, and in my next report I will let you know how the trip went. Our June meeting is a social meeting for members only and we will be holding our annual BBQ down at cricket pavilion at Studland Bay House, hopefully the weather will be kind, and we look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible.

Our speakers for May were Councillor Ben Wilson & Luke M Luke from Plant Purbeck talking about “Environmental Action in Purbeck”.

Ben spoke about how our Council are driving a policy on Action on Climate & Nature. We learnt about the initiatives they are taking with the aim for nature recovery and to keep it thriving. They want to aid everyone to access nature and get involved in its recovery. They have been working with local interest groups, residents & farmers as they put together their recently published 10-year Nature recovery Strategy, in conjunction with Natural England & BCP.

Luke from Planet Purbeck spoke about the organization having 4 objectives; Nature recovery, communicating why we should do this, Climate Friendly Living & creating pride in caring about our local area. Planet Purbeck are involved in many local projects including working with children and local schools, the NHS Thrive Health Initiative, river and water quality improvements and Trees for Dorset.

We live in an area with many successful nature initiatives such as the beaver introduction, ospreys returning and the biodiversity at Durlston, it is important that we experience nature and we can care about what we know and drive projects for areas of improvements such as our rivers.

Local action is key; we cannot wait for international directives.

Luke also spoke about how we can all be eco-friendlier in our lives. There are banks, phone networks & search engines who are not for profit providers and contribute large sums on nature projects. Planet Purbeck are looking to connect further with Studland to work together on local initiatives.

A very interesting talk from both speakers and there were plenty of questions and further conversations during our coffee break.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 10th June Studland Bay House Cricket Pavillion 7.30pm. This is our member only BBQ social so no speakers.

WI is here for all ladies of all ages, so why not come along and join our friendly group. Fun, friendship and plenty of laughter. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and we would love to welcome new members.

Lynn Elliott, President



STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Is “Flaming June” an actual thing? Let’s presume it is and get our gardens ready for some lovely hot weather. Make sure your water butts are full, even consider installing a second or third, plants prefer rain water to tap water and of course it’s more sustainable (only water succulents with rain water).

Mulching flower and vegetable beds really pays dividends, don’t skimp and apply a thick layer, it not only stops the roots from drying out it helps to keeps the weeds down. Stake tall or floppy plants like dahlias and some type of hydrangeas, tall perennials like lupins and delphiniums. Although No Mow May has finished, consider leaving a patch uncut to encourage wildlife. Prune spring flowering shrubs, cut out dead wood and reduce if they have grown too big.

Now is the time to start thinking of what you would like to enter into the summer show which is on Saturday 1st August.

Studland Garden association is launching a WhatsApp group for its members to share gardening tips, offer excess plants and produce and generally keep up to date with events, sign up not to miss out.

Studland History Group

On Tuesday 16th June there is a visit to Studland Bay House, by kind invitation of Sarah Ferguson. This is for members who have pre-booked.



On Wednesday 15th July at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Carlton Hobbs will give a talk, “John Harris and the Squatters – the true story of Agglestone House”. All welcome.

Annual membership £20. Visitors £4. To include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Joyce Meates. Secretary.
07816 988890

Updates from the National Trust:



First seahorse of the season!

There was excitement on the training day for the new volunteer divers at Studland Bay – when the first seahorse of the year was recorded!

Each summer, around 40 volunteers, from students to experienced divers, help count and photograph seahorses, while checking the health of the seagrass. Their findings



are fed back to the Studland Bay Marine Partnership, a group of organisations – including the National Trust – which works to protect the precious underwater meadows. Our eco-moorings enable boats to anchor without damaging the seagrass, and the mooring fees go straight back into the project.

Huge thanks to Southampton University and The Seahorse Trust for leading the training – and to all the volunteers for giving their time to help conserve this rare habitat.

(Photo: The Seahorse Trust)

Then there were six...

Great news - all six puffins are back at Dancing Ledge! We were concerned because so many puffins washed up dead on beaches last winter, and if we lose any more of our colony, it's a step to extinction here. But all three pairs back and have been showing signs of building and egg-incubation.

We are indebted to the dedicated volunteers who are out there in all weathers – and all hours – monitoring progress. We won't know the results of trail cam monitoring until the cameras retrieved at the end of the season.



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(Photo: John Allen)



Cattle helping conservation

Please be aware that cattle are now grazing on Studland Heath, on either side of Ferry Road. Cattle do an amazing job in maintaining our wildlife habitats:

They use their long tongues to pull up coarse vegetation; this allows a wider variety of plants to grow. They create areas of bare soil which are important basking sites for insects and reptiles. They

open up marshy areas, allowing wetland wildlife to thrive. Their dung provides food for beetles and flies, which in turn feed many birds and bats. They push through thick scrub and keep it open.

If you see cattle when out in the countryside, please:

- Don't feed them because it encourages them to follow people.
- Give them plenty of space, especially when there are calves.
- Keep dogs on leads where cattle are grazing (the exception is if the cattle approach you, then let your dog off the lead so you can both move to safety.)

(Photo: Emma Finlinson)

If you have any queries, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News



I had mentioned in a previous article that PPG members would be undertaking a short questionnaire in May with the main aims of increasing our PPG membership and finding out if the surgery's current access times support our practice population which has a high proportion of people within the 0-40 age group, therefore many of working age and those with young families.

At the time of writing, we have been delighted with the positive response to our work; invited attendance at both the Corfe Castle Parish meeting and the Worth /Harmans Cross Parish meeting

provided us with some useful and helpful information and ideas for future health talks.

PPG member attendance in the surgery on 3 occasions to date has been enjoyable with so many positive and constructive comments offered by patients and carers who greatly value the services provided by Dr Lepper and his team. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we will be reviewing all completed questionnaires at the end of May and will be reporting back in more detail at a later date.

I am delighted to say that Sarah Rowley has kindly volunteered to join the PPG and represent the views of Studland patients. Sarah is well known to many and will be a great asset to our team - thank you Sarah.

On **Thursday June 25th at the Corfe Library at 2pm** we will be joining the Friendly Food Club to talk about healthy eating (something requested by a Corfe resident) and the PPG. Please do look out for posters and do join us.

The photo is of PPG members Deb and Maggie taken at the Corfe Parish meeting.

Maggie, PPG Chair

Purbeck Youth Music

Two dates to hear Purbeck Youth Music students in Concert:

1. June 18th End of term Informal concert from 5pm at the URC Church, High Street Swanage when all pupils having lessons during the year can come and play for their families and friends. Free to all.
2. June 30th Showcase Concert when our most advanced students perform in Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage at 7pm. Tickets 5.00 on the door. Children free.

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Newsletters about making the best use of local health services

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) has now produced a series of six newsletters about making the best use of local health services. These are being published weekly on the Practice website and can be found at:

<https://www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Newsletters-about-making-the-best-use-of-local-health-services---Swanage-Medical-Practice>

The newsletters cover the following topics:

1. Sources of information, advice and support on health issues
2. Keeping Well and Self Care
3. Services provided by Community Pharmacies
4. Community Health Services you can refer yourself to
5. Maternity Services and Services for Children, Young People and Families
6. Mental Health Services.

Do take a look.

Priorities for the year ahead

The PPG has agreed that its priorities for the year ahead should be to:

- Promote awareness of the PPG and recruit new PPG members
- Promote the uptake of the NHS App and other online NHS/GP services
- Support the Practice to keep people informed of changes in the way services are delivered at the Practice
- Encourage people to make the best use of local health services - including those they can refer themselves to directly, without needing a GP appointment
- Review the results of the national GP Patient Survey when they are published in July.

PPG Meetings

The PPG last met on 12th May 2026, when we were joined by Dr Mark Law, one of the Partners at the Practice. Dr Law updated us on the new GP Contract and how it is being implemented at the Practice.

The PPG will next be meeting at the Surgery on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 6:00pm.

You can find out more about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current priorities, at www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group.

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com.

We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary for the PPG.

Dr Margaret Guy (Mrs Broadhurst)
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG



Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Summer Starts Here at the Club!

At last, summer has arrived and the course is looking fantastic. It's been wonderful to see the club buzzing again, with golfers of all ages making the most of the sunshine. Juniors, Ladies and Men have all been out in force enjoying the game.

Our head pro has developed a ladies beginner section, offering lessons and bringing together a nice group of ladies of all abilities - learning, improving and sharing plenty of laughs along the way. Sessions are Monday and Tuesday mornings with on-course fun on Thursdays.

Our green fees continue to offer excellent value, especially for afternoon golf. Tee off after 2pm and enjoy reduced rates of just £55 Monday to Thursday, £65 on Fridays and Sundays, and £80 on Saturdays. For those looking for a quicker round, our charming 9-hole Dene Course remains one of the best-value games around at only £14, or £18 for two rounds.

We're also excited to be hosting the South West County Championships this year, welcoming the six top amateur teams from across the Southwest for a week-long competition from Sunday 7th June to Friday 12th June. Spectators are very welcome, so do come along and watch some of the county's finest golfers take on our famously challenging course.

There's plenty happening away from the fairways too. On Sunday 21st June, we'll be celebrating **Father's Day** with a special Sunday Roast menu served from 12 noon until 2.30pm. Full details can be found on our website, and early booking is recommended.

Then on Saturday 27th June, we're hosting another Jazz evening and are delighted to welcome Sarah Bolter & *Sax in the City* in aid of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care, the local Dorset charity supporting people and families facing life-limiting illness. Led by the talented Sarah Bolter on saxophone, clarinet, flute and vocals, this lively quintet brings together jazz, funk and blues for what promises to be a fabulous evening of live music. Doors open at 6pm, with our bar menu available from 6pm–8pm, and the music starting at 8pm. General seating tickets are £20 and available from **SwanageJazzClub.co.uk**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the club this summer. Just a gentle reminder that our dress code is Smart Casual. For more information or to book, please visit our website or contact us by phone or email.

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BRIDGE CLUB Meets every Monday from 6-8PM in Old Harry's Bar. Experienced players and beginner's welcome.

Virginia Lynch 01929 450177#



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ARTSREACH AT STUDLAND VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 18th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Our next Artsreach show at the Village Hall features Rachael McShane & the Cartographers.

A renowned folk singer, cellist, fiddle and viola player from the North East of England, Rachael McShane gained fame as an original member of the award-winning folk band Bellowhead. A much sought-after performer and recording artist, her 2009 debut solo album, *No Man's Fool*, established impressive credentials that led her to signing with the prestigious Topic Records, the oldest independent record label in the world.

Rachael is also the leader of The Cartographers, a band that brings together the exceptional talents of guitarist Ian Stephenson (Kan, Baltic Crossing), and melodeon player Julian Sutton (Kathryn Tickell, Sting). Playing with expertise and sparkle, their music is a powerful blend of traditional folk and contemporary sounds, with Rachael's stunning voice and instrumental skills leading the line.

The Cartographers have built a loyal following thanks to their lively performances and critically acclaimed albums, combining stunning vocals and impressive instrumentals with innovative arrangements in a refreshing take on traditional folk.

"You're in the presence of something very special...what a voice" - BBC Music

"Delivered with such rebellious verve and wit - they are a life-affirming joy"- Songlines

Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity.

More info at rachaelmcschane.co.uk and www.artsreach.org.uk

As usual, there will be refreshments available and the Old Harry Bar will be open. Tickets Adults £14, under 18s £6, available online from www.artsreach.co.uk and in person from Studland Stores. Telephone bookings and enquiries 01929 450587. Tickets will also be available on the door unless we have sold out by then.





Come and celebrate the long summery June evenings at The Old Harry Bar. We have been welcoming Studland locals, visitors and holiday makers to our family friendly bar for over 30 years. Well-behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

Enjoy sunny evenings outside on our terrace, play cards or board games, challenge your friends to a game of Pool on our full-sized table. We serve a range of beers, ciders, wines, spirits, cocktails and soft drinks.

Our friendly team are waiting to greet you!

OPENING HOURS

MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 5pm – 11pm
SUNDAY: 3pm – 10pm

MONDAY – Bridge Club – Beginners Welcome - 6pm

THURSDAY – Craft Club – Bring your own crafty projects to work on from 5.30pm

FRIDAY NIGHT - MEAT RAFFLE – weekly at 9pm

SATURDAY NIGHT - MEMBERS DRAW – weekly at 9pm

(You must be a member and be there **in person** for a chance to win!)

JUNE EVENTS - What's happening at Old Harry Bar?

Watch the World Cup LIVE on our Big Screen!

Wed 17th England V Croatia kick off @ 9pm

Tues 23rd England V Ghana kick off @ 9pm

Sat 27th England V Panama kick off @10pm

We will be showing all World Cup games that are on during our opening hours!

Join us for Midsummer - Live Music and Paella - Sunday June 21st

We serve delicious, freshly made Italian Stone baked Pizzas

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See: Facebook, Instagram, our member's newsletter or visit:

www.oldharrybar.co.uk



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Update from Studland Parish Council May 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on May 18th. The main item of concern to residents were the changes proposed to charging of tolls by the Ferry Company. Rosie Kean, a Director of the Ferry Company, and Wayne Row, the General Manager, attended and were able to answer questions. In summary:

- The existing systems provider for the Ferry tolls is withdrawing service on 30th June. The Ferry Company want to replace the existing system with a cashless one (the Ferry Company went cashless on 01st April 2026), based on ANPR (automatic number plate recognition). The Ferry Company are in discussion with two suitable providers but as of the meeting have not agreed contracts with a preferred supplier.
- 8 toll booth staff are affected, in that their jobs are at risk. However, the Ferry Company is trying to retain some employees by redeployment to other roles in the business.
- Once the new systems are in place, residents will need to register for a new ANPR account and then all existing SFTC Passes will be automatically transferred to their corresponding ANPR-linked accounts as tokens.
- Paper tickets can already be converted into SFTC Passes; once the ANPR system is live, paper ticket holders will have until 31st March 2027 to bring their tickets to the Ferry Office so they can be added to their ANPR account as tokens.
- SFTC Passes will retain the remainder of their original 2 year validity; tokens created from the paper tickets will each have a 2 year expiry from the date they are created i.e. until 31st March 2029. When transferring to the new ANPR tokens, the Ferry Company is saying that proof of purchase will be needed.

Residents at the meeting were particularly concerned about paper tickets: when these were bought, there was no expiry date indicated. Residents feel that it would be illegal for the Ferry Company now to limit the duration of their use to only 2 years. Residents asked that the Ferry Company reconsider their proposals here and allow for the continuation of the existing terms i.e. no expiry date.

Other questions were asked: for example, what would happen if a foot passenger or cyclist did not have a bank card with them? The Ferry Company's response was that – at least initially – cash would be accepted. However, cash is no longer accepted at the ferry, so the new ANPR system does not affect foot passengers or cyclists.

Given that these changes are imminent, residents asked that the Ferry Company provide detailed communications on the proposed changes. The Ferry Company said that this will be forthcoming and in good time.

Another item raised by a resident was: if the Knoll House Hotel gets its planning permission, large sections of it will be demolished, and will need removing. The resident wanted to know: how will all this material be removed, and where will it be taken? SPC will ask the hotel to come to a future meeting to explain their proposals.

Another issue raised was about speeding jet skis: David Battle responded saying it was the job of the Marine Police to control this, and asked that residents and visitors complain to the Marine Police.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, SPC held the Annual Parish Meeting. It is at this meeting of the Parish Council each year that the members elect the Chair and Vice Chair, and appoint members to committees and external bodies.

Election of officers: Nick Boulter was re-elected as Chairman, and Steve Smith was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

SPC Committee appointments:

- Finance and General Purposes Committee: all councillors
- Staffing Committee: Nick Boulter, Steve Smith, Peter Hammond

Appointments:

- Tree Officer: Chrissie Neville
- Marine and Coastal Officer: David Battle
- Planning and Transport Officer: Stephen Yeoman
- Playing Field and Studland Care Officer: Steve Smith appointed, but Mark Elliott will undertake this role while Steve is ill
- Rights of Way Officer: Tim Yeandle
- Community Speed Watch Officer: Lyn Hool
- Resilience Officer: Mark Elliott

Representative roles:

- DAPTC: Stephen Yeoman
- Village Hall Management: Tim Yeandle
- St Nicholas PCC: Steve Smith
- Wytch Farm Liaison Group: Peter Hammond
- Purbeck Transport Action Group: Stephen Yeoman
- Studland Bay Users Action Group: Lyn Hool

Moving on to the main SPC agenda, SPC voted to re-adopt the General Power of Competence.

No National Trust report had been submitted, and no National Trust representative was present.

CLlr Ben Wilson was not able to attend until the end of the meeting, having to attend another meeting first: however, Ben had submitted a report:

- Consultation on a plan for a 20mph speed limit in Studland will be held in the Autumn.

- Repatching works will take place on the B3351 near the golf club, and near the Water Adventure Park.

3 planning applications had been received, all relating to the National Trust's plan to introduce ANPR parking equipment to Marine Beach, South Beach, and to Shell Bay. No objections were raised.

On crime, an honesty box had been stolen from the front of a house in School Lane.

Under Officer reports, Mark Elliott reported that he was attending a screening of the "People's Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature" in Swanage, and that he had started his role of Studland Care Officer – in Steve Smith's absence.

Lyn Hool reported that 2 Community Speed Watch sessions had taken place over the past month. Fewer vehicles were caught speeding, so hopefully drivers are getting the message about keeping to the speed limit in Studland.

The Clerk presented the Internal Audit report for the year ending 31st March 2026. Some small recommendations had been made by the Auditor. The Clerk said he was actioning all of these.

The Clerk also had circulated quotes for the replacement of the current SPC website with one fully compliant with modern regulations; SPC agreed to a preferred supplier.

In the absence of Cllr Ben Wilson at this stage of the meeting, it was decided to defer until our next meeting discussion on proposals for double yellow lines along Heath Green Road, and also about consultation plans for a 20mph speed limit in Studland.

The next SPC meeting will be on June 15th. As usual, more detail on our decisions is shown on our website: www.studlandparishcouncil.org

Nick Boulter, Chairman



Studland Village Hall: We recently held the AGM to consider and approve the report and accounts for the 2025 financial year. Total income was over £22,000 which was a slight decrease from 2024. Total expenditure was some £18,500 with a significant rise in utility costs and both boilers requiring major work. In addition, we invested over £24,000 in much needed new doors. Full details of our accounts are on the Charity Commission website.

The next ArtsReach Event will feature Rachel McShane & The Cartographers and will take place on Saturday 18th July at 7:30pm.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest information about this and other events.

QUESTIONS 3. WHY DO SO MANY BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

No-one is immune from suffering. Everyone at some time in their life experiences pain or difficulty: from losing a job or the breakdown of a relationship to serious illness, or the loss of a loved one. Coming to terms with the fact that bad things happen is part of being human.

Not only do we see suffering on a personal level, but we also see it on a global scale: famine, war, injustice, extreme poverty, children suffering with terminal illness, natural disasters... The sheer scale can seem overwhelming. It's not unreasonable to ask that if God is good and loves us, as Christianity teaches, why does he allow this bad stuff to happen?

God is good: Christianity teaches that God is the essence of all that is good. The Bible tells us that evil and suffering was not part of his original plan. When he made the world and created humanity to live in it, everything was perfect. There are different ideas which help Christians reconcile the existence of a good God with a beautiful but imperfect world. One is that God has a different perspective to us – he has a longer view of human history. Because of that, at some point in the future, the bad things that we endure now will make sense and ultimately lead to something good. Christians are hopeful. We don't pretend that that positive thinking will make all the bad things go away or shield us from them. But we have a hope that, whatever is happening now, ultimately God will make all things right in the end.

Humans cause suffering: A second way to reconcile the apparent contradiction of a good God allowing suffering is to remember that God gave people free will. God created humanity with the ability to make its own decisions. We are free to do good but also to do evil. Some people choose to murder, steal, abuse, and exploit, irrespective of the pain and suffering they will cause. In a strange way, the question: 'Why do so many bad things happen?' actually points to the existence of God. Christians believe that human beings have an instinctive sense of things being unfair, unjust, wrong or just bad, because there is something inside us linking us to God, to a sense of what good is - and therefore how a good world should be.

God is not distant from our pain: The Bible is like the handbook for Christianity. It tells us what God is like: that he is perfect, loving, eternal and all-powerful; that he will ensure that evil does not win; that he will bring about justice and peace in the end. It also promises that, in the here and now, he will comfort those who mourn. God understands the pain and suffering of human life because he saw it for himself. About 2,000 years ago God came to live among us in human form as Jesus Christ. The New Testament part of the Bible tells how Jesus befriended people who experienced suffering, bereavement, exclusion, pain and illness. He showed them love and compassion. Jesus suffered himself. He was betrayed, arrested, tortured and Crucified. He knew what was going to happen but allowed it to unfold because he knew it was part of a bigger plan.

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Linda's Story:

Linda Jacskon wrote this charming account of her life, as a daughter of a farm worker raised in Studland in the mid 1920's/30's for her grand-daughter.

As editor, I have been asked to share her memories here for readers...

Continuation...

There were no buses to the village, no daily newspapers and no Sunday papers, and if one wanted to go to the cinema in Shaftesbury, one had to get enough people together to hire a taxi. One night we got 10 in the taxi, much to the driver's annoyance.

To get home for the weekend I would have to get a bus to Fontmell Magna, change at Shaftesbury, change at Poole and then get a bus from Swanage.

One day I was sitting on a fallen tree, chopping old twigs and fallen branches when I felt the axe go down on my finger. I went to the surgery in Fontmell Magna to have it bandaged. It was difficult milking cows with a bandaged finger.

There was a bit of harvesting done. My job was to stand 4 stacks together like a wigwam. It was hot and scratchy work.

Potatoes next. I had two weeks on potato picking. One picked the potatoes off the ground into a bucket, then tipped them from the bucket into a sack. I should have reported my boss because he lent me to his son for potato picking, the Land Army did not allow that.

The next two weeks were easier as we had some Italian prisoners of war to help. One of them, Gino, took to me and helped me with my lines and putting them into sacks. Gino could not speak any English. Two more weeks of potato picking, this time for the farmer's son-in-law. I lost one stone in weight in those six weeks. On the Thursday before we finished, Gino gave me a letter from his commanding officer. In it, it said Gino wanted to marry me. Would I write to him when the war was over, we could get married? I sent him a letter with explanations.

To be continued...

Isle of Purbeck Golf Club supports Lewis-Manning Hospice Care through events programme

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care has been selected as Charity of the Year by Isle of Purbeck Golf Club's Seniors Captain, Stuart Hopkins, who is dedicating his captaincy year to raising funds for local hospice care across Purbeck.

Stuart, 82, has been playing golf for over 70 years and selected Lewis-Manning as his chosen charity to commemorate how the charity supported his wife. He begins his fundraising activity by taking on the Lewis-Manning Abseil Challenge on 4 July, followed by a series of events at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. Fundraising events include a Jazz Night on 27 June and a Charity Golf Day on 13 July, alongside ongoing donation opportunities throughout the year.

Stuart said: "I feel incredibly privileged to support Lewis-Manning Hospice Care during my captaincy year. The care my wife received, from both Lewis-Manning and Forest Holme, meant so much to us as a family. The teams gave us time, space, and the support we needed to help us through a very difficult time. They were there to listen and support us emotionally, while also explaining the medical and clinical nuances. The support of Lewis-Manning's team allowed me to keep living my life alongside caring for my wife, and it gave us both real headspace when we needed it most. Golf has been a huge part of my life, and the support from the golfing community has always been strong. With the help of friends at the club, including Mayank Patel who has played a key role in organising the events, I hope we can bring people together and raise meaningful funds for a cause that supports so many families locally."

The Jazz Night on 27th June is being organised by Mayank Patel, owner of North London's Hampstead Jazz Club. Profits from the evening will be donated to Lewis-Manning Hospice care. The Charity Golf Day on 13 July welcomes teams from across the UK, with entry contributions and on-the-day fundraising supporting the total.

Further events take place across the year, including the club's Senior's Open on 3 August, with proceeds from raffles, collection points, and other fundraising activity supporting ongoing donations.

Clare Gallie, CEO of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care, added: *"We are incredibly grateful to Stuart for choosing to support Lewis-Manning Hospice Care during his captaincy year. Support like his, driven by personal experience and community spirit, makes a real difference to people and families across Purbeck and beyond."*

Members of the public are encouraged to attend or support the events where possible or follow Isle of Purbeck Golf Club's website for further updates.

You can donate to Stuart's fundraising page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stuart-hopkins-1>

People's Emergency Briefing comes to Swanage with Lloyd Hatton MP and Dorset Council Leader Nick Ireland

A free public screening of **The People's Emergency Briefing**, a film setting out what leading UK experts are saying about the climate and biodiversity crisis, and what can still be done, will take place in Swanage on **Friday 5th June**.

The 50-minute film explores what climate and nature breakdown increasingly means for everyday life in the UK, from food security, health and the economy to flooding, infrastructure and national resilience. Crucially, it also sets out evidence that urgent action can reduce risks and strengthen quality of life.

Hosted by **Sustainable Swanage** in partnership with **Planet Purbeck**, and supported by **Swanage Town Council** and **Dorset Council**, the event will bring residents, councillors, community groups and local leaders together for a screening followed by a practical local conversation.

The film follows the Westminster **National Emergency Briefing**, where ten leading UK experts briefed more than **1,200 politicians and leaders** from business, culture, faith, sport and the media on the implications of climate and nature breakdown.

The Swanage event will be attended by Lloyd Hatton MP, Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council, and other local community leaders. The discussion will focus on what this means for Swanage, Purbeck and Dorset, including coastal pressures, flooding, food prices, transport, local business, resilience and the future of the places we love.

Organisers say the event is intended to be honest about the scale of the risks, while focusing firmly on practical responses and local action.

Chris Packham CBE said:

"I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. It creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need."

Tickets are free, but advance booking is required.

Book via: [Swanage-NEB-Film.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.swanage-NEB-Film.eventbrite.co.uk) OR planetpurbeck.org



be Wildfire Aware

If British Summer Time and warmer days mean you will be visiting one of Dorset and Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, please take a picnic.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is encouraging residents and visitors to bring a picnic and not a barbecue when out and about. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces.

A wildfire can escalate quickly, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

- If you are enjoying our open spaces stay alert for signs of fire—smoke, heat, or unusual smells. If you spot anything worrying, call 999 immediately. Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are banned in many parts of Dorset.
- Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home.
- If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.

You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths to CrimeStoppers by calling 0800 555 111 (100% Anonymous).

Landowners and land managers are also advised, where possible, to be prepared for fires and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

For more information on heath fires and countryside safety, please visit our website [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Heath fires and countryside safety](#)

SWANAGE TOWN BAND PLAYING IN THE BANDSTAND IN JUNE

The Swanage Town Band will be playing in the bandstand throughout the summer and there are two dates in June for your diaries - Saturday 6th and Saturday 20th June at 2.30pm.

Should the weather prevent a bandstand performance, the concert will still take place 30minutes later in the Swanage Methodist Church. The concerts are always free to enjoy but the band do collect for local charities and last year raised nearly £2000 for Dementia Friendly Purbeck's second Admiral Nurse.

For more info, please contact the band on: swanagetownband@gmail.com

Monthly Awareness

National Age Without Apology Month June 2026

About National Age Without Apology Month 2026

National Age Without Apology Month shines a spotlight on the value of every stage of life, encouraging people of all ages to embrace their years with pride and confidence. This observance celebrates aging as a journey filled with wisdom, growth, and unique experiences, while challenging the stereotypes and stigmas often associated with getting older.

What is National Age Without Apology Month?

National Age Without Apology Month is an annual awareness campaign dedicated to promoting positive attitudes about aging. The event encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to honour people of all ages and to reject ageism in all its forms. By fostering open conversations about the realities of aging, this month aims to empower people to appreciate their own journey and the journeys of others, without shame or apology.

Why is National Age Without Apology Month Important?

National Age Without Apology Month is important because it challenges negative stereotypes and cultural biases related to aging. Ageism can impact mental and physical health, limit opportunities, and diminish self-worth. By bringing awareness to these issues, this month helps foster respect, inclusion, and appreciation for people at every stage of life. It reminds society that aging is not a problem to be solved, but a natural and valuable part of the human experience.

History of National Age Without Apology Month

The origins of National Age Without Apology Month stem from advocacy efforts to address age-based discrimination and promote dignity for people of all ages. While the movement has grown in recent years, its core message remains the same: everyone deserves to be respected, valued, and celebrated, regardless of their age. As awareness has increased, more organizations and communities have joined the campaign, making each year's observance larger and more impactful.

Facts About National Age Without Apology Month

- Ageism is recognized by the World Health Organization as a widespread issue that affects health and well-being globally.
- Studies show that positive attitudes toward aging can lead to better health outcomes and increased longevity.
- Many communities use National Age Without Apology Month to launch initiatives that combat age discrimination in workplaces and public spaces.
- The event encourages people of all backgrounds to become advocates for age-inclusivity.

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With the Christian faith in mind...

'All but God is changing day by day.' - C Kingsley

'We expect our young people to lay down their lives for our nation, but most of us are not willing to lay down our bank accounts for God.' - Anon

'We trust not because 'a god' exists, but because THIS God exists.' - C S Lewis

'Our life is scarcely the twinkle of a star in God's eternal day.' - B Taylor

'God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.' - Elizabeth Barrett Browning

'God loves His children as well in adversity as in prosperity.' - T Watson

'Grace is the sum and substance of New Testament faith.' - J I Packer

'The great of this world are those who simply loved God more than others did.' - A W Tozer

'We must lay it down as an elemental principle of religion that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often alone with God.' - Austin Phelps

'Most men pray more for full purses than for pure hearts.' - T Watson

'History is the long story of man trying to be God.' - V Havner

'God cares not for phrases but for affections.' - J Hall

'You never have to drag mercy out of Christ, as money from a miser.' - C H Spurgeon

'The noblest revenge is to forgive.' - T Fuller

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