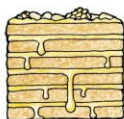


# Studland Parish News



September  
2026



Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.  
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103



St Nicholas Church Studland

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Note from the editor...

Well, that is it, the summer has been and gone and the season of Autumn is upon us – how on earth did that happen? The signs are certainly there though; conkers are forming on the trees, darker nights are drawing in, the heat has started to ease, and the kids will be back at school once again.

As we move into autumn, many of us notice changes in our energy, focus, and appetite. This is a natural part of the season, and it has a real biological basis. Our bodies are adjusting to shorter days and cooler weather. This is a good time to be patient with ourselves, to ease the pressure to be constantly busy, and to offer our bodies the rest and nourishment they're asking for.

For me, I am aware I may need to factor rest and nourishment in that little bit more. I start a new learning journey myself from this month, which will take up extra time and energy, so having a heightened conscious awareness to give my body and mind what I need is already on my radar.

What will the change in season offer you? Are there things you need to be more aware of to support your wellbeing, or the wellbeing of others?

Whatever Autumn brings, may this season be one where we listen kindly to our own needs and support one another with understanding.

Take care.

Sharon Westman, Editor

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# St Nicholas Church, Studland

## Rota of Readers and Sides Persons

### September 2026

| Date                                                     | Service                                                                          | Sides Person       | Readers                                       | Readings                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>6 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>at<br>10.00am  | Family<br>Communion<br>and Baptism.<br>Trinity 14.<br><i>Revd. Tony Edmonds.</i> | Sally<br>Hogsflesh | David<br>Hogsflesh<br><br>Sara-Jayne<br>Smith | Romans 13,<br>v 8 to end.<br><br>Matthew 18,<br>v 15 to 20.     |
| Sunday<br>13 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>at<br>10.00am | Holy<br>Communion.<br>Trinity 15.<br><i>Revd. Tony Edmonds.</i>                  | Carol<br>Wadley    | Keith<br>Tillyard<br><br>Cindy<br>Yeandle     | Romans 14,<br>v 1 to 12.<br><br>Matthew 18,<br>v 21 to 35.      |
| Sunday<br>20 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>at<br>10.00am | Morning<br>Prayer.<br>Trinity 16.<br><i>Jane Hawksworth.</i>                     | Ginny<br>Stobart   | Susie<br>Marsh<br><br>Eric Stobart            | Philippians 1,<br>v 21 to end.<br><br>Matthew 20,<br>v 1 to 16. |
| Sunday<br>27 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>at<br>10.00am | Harvest Festival.<br>Trinity 17.<br><i>Revd. Tony Edmonds.</i>                   | Carol<br>Wadley    | Sara-Jayne<br>Smith<br><br>Diana<br>Edmonds   | Joel 2,<br>v 21 to 27.<br><br>John 21,<br>v 1 to 14.            |

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## St Nicholas Parish News

There is quite a paradox in living by the sea (where there is plenty of water) and looking out on parched landscapes that definitely need water. In Coleridge's poem *The Ancient Mariner*, human beings too are caught in that strange bind as their ship is becalmed in equatorial seas:

*Water, water, every where,  
And all the boards did shrink;  
Water, water, every where,  
Nor any drop to drink.*

Of course, the problem is it's the wrong sort of water. Salt water is neither good for land nor good for humans to drink. But water, pure water is an essential for life on Earth. The distant pictures of our planet as a blue dot in the emptiness of space underlines our fragility and dependence on this marvellous compound and the remarkable cycle by which it evaporates from the sea and falls as life-giving water on the earth, to then return to the sea.

As I write this piece in August, the sustained drought is still upon us. I hope that by the time you read this we will have had some rain. But I'll be honest, I'm not holding my breath. I have checked the long-range weather forecast: it was not that hopeful. I hate to have to admit it, but I'm actually longing for a day or two of drizzle.

This longing for water is deep rooted in many cultures that face extended periods of drought. In the Bible this is especially so. When King David felt very much alone and abandoned, he wrote:

*O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. [Psalm 63]*

The prophet Isaiah pictures the overwhelming joy of the exiled and demoralised Hebrew people returning to their home

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.....  
.....For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;*

In Jesus' teaching too we find many references to the refreshing, life-giving qualities of water especially for those who turn and follow him. Speaking to a woman that he met at a local well on a hot day he said: *"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."*

And later on at the festival of booths (a festival that reminded the Jewish people of their dependence on God) he said: *“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”*

Yes, we all need water to live...the right sort of water. We need the ordinary water that comes from our taps, but Jesus invites us to sample another water: water that brings life and joy and peace to the inner person; water that quenches out thirst for forgiveness and closeness to God; water that cleanses us from our wrongdoing and empowers us to live in love with others; water that will never run out. When we follow Jesus, that water of New Life is all ours and I can confidently say, both the short term and long-term forecasts for this water are excellent.

### **From the Registers**

Baptism:

Harry John Lawless 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

Interment of Ashes:

John Ormerod Pounder 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026 Died 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 aged 92 years

**Rev Tony Edmonds**

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## **Church Alive Writes...Making Jesus Known**

That is our diocesan vision. And it's a good one! It is hard to argue with as a clear, succinct statement of what our churches should be focusing on. And yet sometimes it is harder work out how effective we are in practice. Isn't it easy for life and church to just happen around us, as we muddle through the mixture of chaos and mundanity that makes up everyday life? How can we make our lives and our churches more intentional as we seek to make Jesus known in our corner of Dorset?

Across our country stories are being told of a new spiritual hunger, people appearing at churches unexpectedly, young people getting baptised, numbers growing at cathedral evensongs. Something seems to be stirring, even in Dorset! In towns, villages, and communities across the county, people are asking deeper questions, exploring faith, and showing a growing openness to God. At the same time, our local churches are faithfully loving, serving, and sharing Jesus every day.

Some of you may have heard of Light up Dorset, a group of lay people from all sorts of different churches across Dorset who are seeking to work together to make Jesus known. Not to reinvent the wheel nor create lots of extra work but rather a shared moment for the Church to step forward in unity, strengthening and amplifying what is already happening. ***The question being asked is simple: what might happen if the Church across Dorset stepped out together — now?***

After a year of groundwork, the team is preparing for a county-wide mission in 2027 — partnering with Palau, equipping churches through evangelism training, and stepping into a focused month of mission and invitation [spanning all church traditions] across Dorset. This will lead to a free, family-friendly festival for the whole community in early July 2027 — filled with live music, DJs, extreme sports and a clear message of hope as Andrew Palau shares the good news of Jesus.

Throughout the mission month and at the festival, people will be invited to respond, with a follow-on season helping them explore faith through courses such as Alpha and connect with local churches. This is more than an event; it is a movement — trusting that as we move together, lives will be changed, hope restored, and communities transformed.

This kind of event might not initially sound like your ‘kind of thing’, or you might *already* be feeling excited, but I think we might be surprised. Light Up Dorset really is trying to reach everyone in as many different ways as possible so why not find out more and see how we can be involved and help people discover the joy of connecting to Jesus for themselves.

### Two practical ideas:

- **Prayer walking.** The vision is bold: **Every road. Every street. Every village. Every town. Every person covered in prayer.** Is that something that you could be part of? If you enjoy technology there's a **free Light Up Dorset Prayer for Dorset App** that has been launched where you can record your prayer walks.  
If that's not your kind of thing, do still walk and pray. Maybe each of our congregations could record which streets we have prayed for? Wouldn't it be brilliant if we could walk and pray for every single street in Swanage this year? Do you let me know if you might like to be involved in this.
- **Come to the Vision, Prayer and Worship evening in October.** A chance to gather at the lighthouse in Poole with Christians from all over our county to hear more pray together and prepare ourselves for Light Up Dorset 2027 - an exciting, united season of outreach across the entire county! Please do contact me if you'd like to go as part of a group.

Let's not leave making Jesus known to someone else or miss this opportunity to join with others and see the power of working together in community.

**With every blessing, Jo Levasier**

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## STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026

August is a meeting free month for Studland WI, and we headed off on our annual “Grockle” evening in Swanage. This year we returned to Swanage Croquet Club who kindly hosted our evening and were on hand to give us tuition on how to play correctly.

Our timing was perfect, as play came to an end we all enjoyed the solar eclipse. Some with eclipse glasses and others with colanders. As the eclipse came to an end we all sat and enjoyed a fish and chip supper and good company.



Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Nicola Fidgen talking about “The Labyrinth Pathway to Peace in a Stressful World.”

WI is here for all ladies of all ages, and we would love to welcome you to join us, so why not come along and join our friendly group. Fun, friendship and plenty of laughter.

**Lynn Elliott, President**





## STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION

The summer show was a very successful event, lots of entries and a busy afternoon in the village hall, thank you to all who entered. The judges were particularly impressed at the quality of the displays considering the challenging weather conditions.

The rain at the end of August was very welcome and hopefully will have helped some of the distressed plants and trees recover, grass is very resilient and although it may look dead, it will sprout back. Traditionally September is the time to scarify lawns but let it recover before undertaking this job. Cut hedges, net your pond as the leaves are falling and clean the glass in your green house.

Main crop potatoes should be harvested and green tomatoes can be ripened indoors.

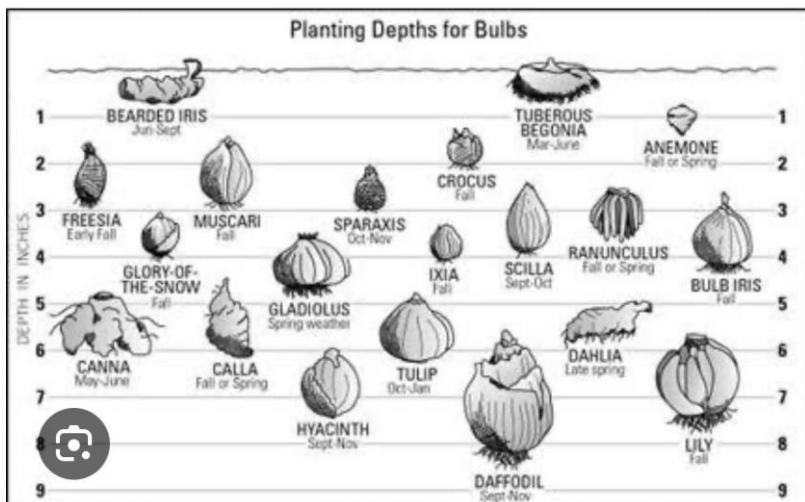
Plant your spring bulbs except tulips which should go into the ground in November.

Remember to plant your pot of daffodils and one of tulips to enter into the spring show. It is advisable to plant early flowering variety tulips so that they are in flower during the show period.

Large herbaceous perennial clumps can be divided, even if you don't have space for them, it will benefit the plant, extras can be offered on the Garden Association WhatsApp group.

When the last flowers have finished, prune your climbing/ rambling roses and cut back late flowering shrubs.

Don't be tempted to cut dead heads from your hydrangeas, leave them on until early spring, they will protect the growing tips from frost.





## STUDLAND HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Stephen Yeoman with "The Bournemouth Tram Disaster 1908". All welcome. Visitors £4 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Further meetings are on 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November.



**Joyce Meates. Secretary.**  
**07816 988890**



## Updates from the National Trust

### Beaver baby boom!

Our beaver family on Little Sea, Studland, has welcomed two more kits, bringing the family total to seven.

Trail cameras have captured youngsters pestering their parents, playing together and nibbling on vegetation. Meanwhile, the other beaver pair in the nearby wetland haven't produced any kits this year (that we know of). The best places to watch for the beavers are the Triangular Hide off Ferry Road, or the Rees Cox Hide behind Knoll Beach.

Find out more about the beavers – including our plans to introduce them in other locations across the Purbeck Heaths, by coming to the Heritage Open Days at Corfe Castle on 19<sup>TH</sup> and 20<sup>TH</sup> September (free entry). Our beaver project officer, Gen Crisford, will be there to answer your questions.

(Photo: Beaver and kit (trail cam))



### Restoring our precious peatlands

Greenlands Mire: Work is set to continue on the restoration of this valuable mire habitat. Historic drainage, erosion and nutrient runoff had disrupted the site's natural water systems, leaving the mire drier, less able to form peat and more vulnerable to climate change.

The next phase focuses on the headwaters below the Isle of Purbeck Golf Course. Natural flood management

techniques will be used to slow water flow and raise water levels across the site. These include timber dams, woody debris, heather bales and peat bunds. An

area of dense Molinia grass and sallow will also be cleared to help peat-forming sphagnum moss recover.

Agglestone Mire: Last autumn, work began in the wet woodland near Knoll House Hotel to restore natural water flows by filling old drainage ditches and reconnecting the woodland to the floodplain.

Part of the project was delayed when contractors discovered a tree that had been gnawed by beavers. Trail cameras confirmed that beavers had been visiting the area, but no lodge was found, so the project will resume this autumn. Please note that the footpath through the woodland will be closed (the route is not a public right of way).

(Photo: Peatland restoration, Cathy Lewis)

### **Nature's spectacular summer show**

There have been reports of a boom in butterflies, moths and glow-worms this summer – along with sightings of numerous hares in the fields around South Purbeck. And snakes and lizards have been regularly seen basking in the warm morning sunshine. We won't know the results of our annual species monitoring programme, carried out by volunteers from the Purbeck Natural History Forum, until later in the year. But we hope you've enjoyed nature's spectacular show.

(Photo: Clouded yellow, Mike Wenham)



If you have any queries, email us on [purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk).

**Cathy Lewis, National Trust**

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## **Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News**

As I write we are coping with a national heat warning which has brought challenges in many ways for us all - some of which have increased our need to use our GP Surgery -which is, too, facing its own challenges with staff illness ,annual leave and very worryingly an increasing number of patients, month on month, not attending for booked doctor and nurse appointments despite receiving text reminders. This situation is very demoralising and importantly reduces the amount of clinical time available to us as patients.

### **PLEASE DO CONTACT THE SURGERY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR APPOINTMENT**

We are so fortunate to have our wonderful Corfe Surgery which is envied by many and which received an excellent overall result of 97% in the recent national GP survey (the best score locally and against a national average of 76.7%). Let's help them to maintain that score by working together and using the services offered. Many congratulations to the whole surgery team on this result. Our own PPG small survey undertaken in May raised some helpful feedback and ideas - thank you.

Flu vaccines have already been ordered and will be available to us from October 1<sup>st</sup> at the surgery - dates and times will be advertised and we do ask that patients use this service provided for us.

The PPG organised exercise class held at the village hall has had a holiday in August but will be resuming on THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 after a successful year. New members are welcome to join the class. Please give Sally a call on 01929 439052 to book a place. There is a charge of £8 per session but concessions are available for what has become a popular and enjoyable fun class. We look forward to seeing you.

**Maggie Hardy PPG Chair**

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## **Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group**

The PPG will next be meeting at the Surgery on Tuesday 8<sup>TH</sup> September 2026 at 6:00pm. You can find out more about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current priorities, on the Practice website at: [www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group](http://www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group) – or just click on the PPG tab on the homepage.

Please may I also draw your attention to the Practice's latest newsletter, which you can view on their Facebook page.

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

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## **Cook & Connect - Swanage & Purbeck - Fun, Friendly and Free**

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### **Make it a Sizzling September at your local friendly bar!**

We serve beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks to Studland locals and we particularly welcome visitors to our hidden gem of a bar in the heart of Studland.

(You will find us opposite the shop, tucked just behind the village hall).

We have an outside terrace with tables and heaters. A full-sized pool table; board games and we even serve tasty stone baked pizzas!

#### **OPENING HOURS**

We are still open 7 days a week for late summer fun!

MON, TUES, WED, THURS, FRI & SAT Open: 5pm - 11 pm

SUNDAYS Open: 3pm – 10pm

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!)

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**Studland Village Hall** Some dates for your diary:

**Harvest Supper** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**ArtsReach Event** - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7:30pm.

Award Winning Canadian Trio, Duane Edwards and the Hot Club of Conception Bay.

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### **Harvest Supper 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Anyone who would like to be part of this years' event:

**on stage / cooking / helping set up**

Please come along to the old Harry bar for a meeting on

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 6pm.

Thank you.



## Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Well, we've made it through August, and hopefully most of the really hot weather is behind us! September should bring slightly cooler temperatures and hopefully some rain, but we'll still have those lovely long evenings – perfect for getting out on the golf

course.

**Come and play the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club!** We're proud to be one of England's Top 100 golf courses, and September is a wonderful time to experience both our Purbeck 18-hole course as well as our Dene 9-Hole Course. Our standard green fees are £95 Monday–Thursday, £105 on Fridays and Sundays, and £120 on Saturdays. Looking for a bargain? Our after-1pm rates are £75 Monday–Thursday, £85 on Fridays and Sundays, and £100 on Saturdays. And if you can make it after 2pm, you can take another £20 off! Dene green fees are only £14 for 9 holes and £18 for 18 holes. That makes for some fantastic late-afternoon golfing at some very attractive prices.

**Our final Jazz Evening of the year will be Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September,** and it promises to be a special one. We are delighted to present the Tango Jazz Quartet from Argentina, who will bring us a wonderful and creative collision of Argentine Tango and Jazz. It's an evening not to be missed!

Tickets are £20, or £15 for Isle of Purbeck Golf Club members. Our Bar Menu will be available from 6–8pm, with the music from 8–10pm. Tickets can be purchased at [www.swanagejazzclub.co.uk](http://www.swanagejazzclub.co.uk).

And although Christmas may seem a long way off, **by popular demand, our Christmas Menu is available and we are taking bookings!** We'll be offering Christmas Lunches for groups both small and large, from 12–2pm daily from 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December. For those looking for a proper Christmas party, we'll also have our Dinner & Disco evenings on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. Doors open at 6:45pm, with dinner at 7:30pm, followed by music and dancing. Choose from a two- or three-course dinner and get ready to embrace the festive spirit!

Whether you're planning a family get-together, a work Christmas party or simply an excuse to celebrate with friends, we'd love to welcome you to the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. Please check out our website for more details. **Christmas will be here before we know it, so get your booking in early!**

**Smart casual dress code applies.** For bookings or questions, please call or email us.

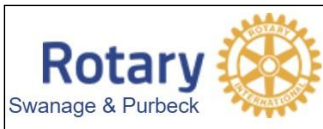
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**BRIDGE CLUB** Meets every Monday from 6-8PM in Old Harry's Bar. Experienced players and beginner's welcome.

**Virginia Lynch 01929 450177**

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## Hello from Swanage & Purbeck Rotary

We are very grateful for the opportunity to tell you about Swanage & Purbeck Rotary, a dual gender organisation of approaching 40 members who meet regularly to enjoy fellowship and develop projects to

provide service to others in our local community and internationally.

We are always keen to welcome new members to join us. The photo shows 2



Studland residents Chris Le Fevre and Sharon Westman (your Editor) who will always be pleased to tell you more about Rotary.

In the picture Sharon is receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) the highest award offered by Rotary and given for services to her local community, by then President Chris and me Maggie Hardy, at that time President Elect. We were absolutely delighted that Sharon went on to become a full Rotary member and has recently been joined by others keen to work together and provide 'service above self' - the Rotary motto.

If you don't see Sharon or Chris in the village please do contact us via our website to hear

more about what we do.

[Secretary@swanagerotary.org](mailto:Secretary@swanagerotary.org) - We would love to hear from you!



[studlandparishcouncil.org](http://studlandparishcouncil.org)

## Update from Studland Parish Council August 2026

Studland Parish Council met on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. All councillors - bar one - were present. Also attending were

CLlr Ben Wilson of Dorset Council, and Emma Wright, of the National Trust.

No declarations of interest were stated.

Minutes of the SPC meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed.

Emma submitted a report on behalf of the National Trust:

- Beach hut owners whose huts sit on top of the South beach gabions have been invited to an online meeting, expected on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to hear about NT plans.
- No Fire signs: more signs will appear regarding no cooking or fires allowed on NT land. The electric sign at the ferry may be removed in the first week of September.
- There will be a skinny dip on the naturist beach on 12<sup>th</sup> September, and an apple day in an orchard on 26<sup>th</sup> September

SPC had received messages from residents about NT paths being overgrown with bracken, for example on Woodhouse hill; and the proliferation of ragwort in some fields, such as in the field behind the Woodside houses. The residents asked for the gorse and bracken from the old meadow by Agglestone Road and Heath Green Road to be cleared, and for a commitment from the NT to clear footpaths and meadows in early summer to reduce bracken, bramble and gorse growth in the village. SPC asked Emma and the NT to consider these points and to report back at our next meeting.

Cllr Ben Wilson had submitted a report. Part of this was a call to local retail outlets to stop selling disposable barbecues. Ben also outlined changes from the government's new guidance on local plans. There is a new National Planning Framework. In some areas this will mean that sign off for some local plans will now not be until early 2029. The changes will however have little effect on the Isle of Purbeck, as the local plans for our area are already largely agreed.

On Highways, there is advance notification that the B3351 will be shut around the Dorset Water Park area from 9.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> November to 9.00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November. This is to allow Wessex Water to carry out some works.

No crime was reported, which is good news.

Under Chairman's announcements, the Chairman reported that he had written to The Times supporting Andy Burnham's decision (albeit temporarily) to ban the sale of disposable barbecues; the letter was published The Times that morning. The Chairman also said that he and his wife had taken their house off the market, and will be continuing to live in Studland; he said *"why would they want to live anywhere else?"*, a question asked by many residents.

Under Officer reports:

Chrissie Neville (Environment and Tree Officer) reported that she and the Chairman had met with Gerry Edwards, who is the RHS's national leading expert on apple trees; they had visited the 6 apple orchards in Studland and are developing a plan to save and improve these orchards: the ones by the Old Harry Bar, and also beside Heath Green Road, are particularly in a bad way, and have suffered years of neglect. Together with Gerry, and with the NT, Chrissie wants to develop community projects to improve the quality of the orchards, clear out unwanted weed growth, and make them into environments residents can enjoy. Chrissie is planning a day of action for October 18th. Gerry is leading a national project to document every apple tree in the country, and is creating a website specifying the type and location of every tree: there are over 400 different types of apple tree in the UK. Maybe we have some rare ones in Studland.

David Battle (Marine and Coastal) reported that the take up of the voluntary no-anchoring policy is progressing well: whilst some rogue boaters still anchor where they shouldn't off South Beach, the great majority are now using the eco-moorings. This project has been a great success.



Stephen Yeoman (Planning and Transport) has participated in the public meetings organized by Dorset Council on the Local Plan. He outlined the stages going forward, leading to a final draft plan by 2028.

Mark Elliott (Playing Fields and Studland Care, as well as Resilience) gave an update on actions to keep the village well maintained e.g. a number of the posts around the playing field are rotten and need replacing.

Mark has also been involved with the Fire Brigade about fire prevention plans, and advice to be provided to local residents.

Tim Yeandle (Rights of Way) advised that Dorset Council is running a consultation on a 10-year improvement plan for Rights of Way in Dorset. The plan runs to 68 pages, and can be found on Dorset Council's website (under Rights of Way); free copies of the plan are available. Tim has met with the NT to discuss the plans, and is lobbying for all the public Rights of Way in Studland (there are 38) to be kept in the best condition; for Dorset Council to provide an extract of the 10-year plan, giving details for Studland; and for Dorset Council to promote greater awareness of the free Dorset Explorer online map. Consultation finishes on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk gave an update on the new website for SPC: this is ready to go live on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk is still looking to add information to some sections e.g. interesting photos, and pieces on the history of Studland. This has been a time-consuming project for the Clerk, but will lead to a much better website.

Steve Smith reported that the new bench commemorating Alan Churchill is now in place opposite the Village Hall; a plaque will be added shortly.

SPC approved the draft of a leaflet about the proposed 20mph speed restrictions for Ferry / Swanage Roads. This will be the subject of a Dorset Council run consultation in the Autumn (i.e. very soon!). Residents are encouraged to register their support for this scheme. During the summer many residents, particularly elderly, have said how difficult it has been to cross Ferry / Swanage Roads. A 20mph speed limit would help safety and pedestrian crossings a great deal.

SPC had asked Dorset Council to place limits (e.g. 7 tons) on the size / weight of vehicles using the B3351. Dorset Council have said they cannot or will not do this. This might become a big issue if and when the Knoll House development plans are approved.

The next SPC meeting will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. in the meantime, more information about our meetings etc. can be found on our website at [www.studlandparishcouncil.org](http://www.studlandparishcouncil.org)

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There are certainly times when Christians seek solitude, perhaps for private prayer or personal reflection, but Christianity's most important book, the Bible, makes it clear that Christians do best when they meet together regularly to worship, to learn and for encouragement and support.

Being a Christian is not just about going to church; it is about living out the Christian faith '24/7'. It is often a joyful experience, but it does bring challenges and that is where the encouragement of other believers provides essential support. Many churches run small midweek groups where Christians gather in homes to encourage each other. This might be through exploring what the Bible has to say, by praying with and for each other, or just talking and sharing personal experiences of life. Because of their relaxed atmosphere, these midweek groups are often an ideal place for Christians to develop their faith.

### **Midweek clubs and groups**

Most churches provide many activities throughout the week, not just for people who go to church, but also for the wider community – for people of all faiths and none. The range may include: Parent and toddlers' groups, Lunch clubs for older people, Breakfast clubs for school children, Activity groups such as dance classes and fitness groups, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides packs, Sports teams, Music and therapy groups, Art classes and creative sessions such as 'knit and natter', Advice centres for people needing help with issues such as finance and bereavement.

These groups give Christians not only the opportunity to benefit personally by participating, but also to serve their community by getting involved in running clubs and societies - why not explore what your local church is doing?

Many churches work together and with other organisations to support their community, for example, by providing shelter to homeless people or food to families through a Foodbank. These bigger groups provide other opportunities for Christians to work together and live out their faith in a practical way.

In serving each other and their communities, Christians are following the teachings of Jesus to be a positive influence on the world around them.

(Shared with permission. Further resources from: <https://explorechristianity.info/>.)

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## Linda's Story

Linda Jacson 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...

By now Ron could not work anymore in the steelworks and wrote to Mr. Vine, the farmer in Studland, to ask him for a job. Mr. Vine wrote back to say come for an interview, which Ron did and he was offered a job.

We lived in a 2-bedroom bungalow and as it was just after the war, we had mostly second-hand furniture and a few new things so it did not take too long to pack it all up.

The money was poor as a farm labourer compared to the steel works, so I took to working in the Studland Stores and house cleaning. One lady left me £1000 in her will.

I joined the WI and the Mother's Union. At the WI I was in charge of the trading stall. Twice I presented the prizes to the winners at the gardening show and one time our local policeman gave me his bunch of prize-winning sweet peas.

I joined the local NSPCC and helped to make money for them. The lady who was in charge of the NSPCC was a German lady and was lovely. One lady I worked for was a friend of Forrest Mars who invented the Mars Bar. He was an American. It was that Lady who left me £1000 in her will. I gave Mum, Dad and Sarah £100 each and Ron and I went on a holiday to Skye.

Ron and I went on holidays to Jersey, Guernsey, York and to Scotland twice and Devon twice, Ireland and North Wales, Belgium with my older sisters and to Germany and Austria with Sarah. Ron and I moved house 9 times, once from North Wales and once from Swanage, all the other times within Studland.

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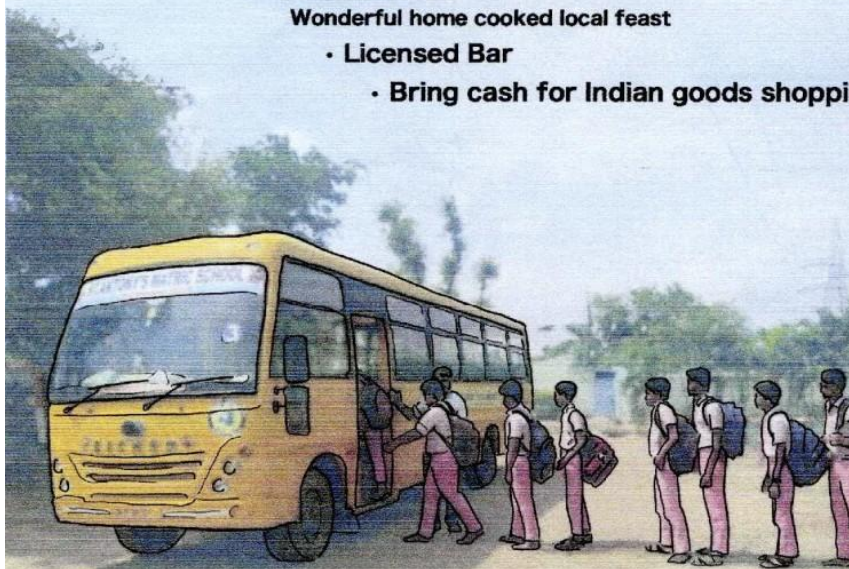
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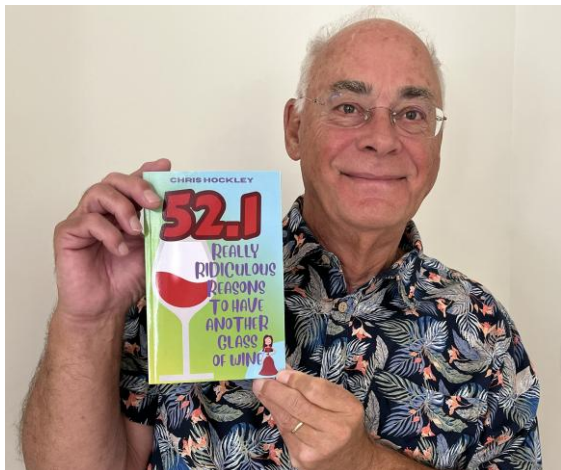


**WHY**

The Kanji Project is a small UK charity run entirely by volunteers. We raise funds to give poor children in Tamil Nadu, India, the chance of a good education and a safe place to live. All the proceeds of the quiz go directly to the centre.

## A book offering a fun escape from the woes of the world has been written by a Wareham author.

Chris Hockley's 52.1 Really Ridiculous Reasons To Have Another Glass Of Wine is a 248-page compilation of whimsical anecdotes described as "some personal,



some derived and most with lashings of wild imagination".

The author said: "As the title suggests, it's a none-too-serious book that will hopefully give readers some chuckles along the way. I started writing a light-hearted story or two to cheer myself up as a counter-balance to the various troubles afflicting the world – and as I added more anecdotes it gradually grew to book size. Some of the stories are taken from my life, others are quirky yarns told to me by

friends and acquaintances, and most have been embellished with imagined dialogue or a dab of fiction. Writing it certainly helped me to lighten up. And let's face it we could all use a few more smiles these days."

Although the title suggests the book is about wine, that's only a small part of the story. Chris, a former journalist who has had two thriller novels published previously, said: "I needed a theme to stitch the anecdotes together. I settled on wine but it could just as easily have been double-decker buses, pop songs or bananas. The book is absolutely NOT for wine connoisseurs. It's for people who might enjoy a chuckle while they sip a glass of supermarket vino. In other words, most of us."

The paperback's offbeat humour is illustrated by its cover note, which asks: 'What do fish bladder membranes, crashed cable cars, parrots that catch fire and standing naked in front of the boss have in common?' Chris said: "Believe it or not, the answer involves wine. But the links are a tad tenuous. Or, to put it another way, ridiculous."

The book is available on Amazon, priced £9.99, with this link <https://amazon.co.uk/dp/B0HB5C8Y6M>  
(Photo: Chris Hockley with his new book)

## Letter to the Parish News

***'The Soul of Little Beach.*** South Beach (Little Beach to the locals) in Studland is far more than a beautiful stretch of coastline. It is the heart of a community. Every morning swimmers gather there, dog walkers stop for a chat, families meet, and visitors wander to Jo's café for a coffee while looking out towards Old Harry Rocks. It is one of those increasingly rare places where people know one another, where friendships are made, and where generations return year after year.

*I have been coming to Studland since I was a babe in arms. My grandmother lived in Swanage, and for the past thirty years my own family has had a home here in Studland. Like so many others, I have watched South Beach become not simply somewhere to visit, but somewhere that shapes people's lives and memories.*

*What makes this beach so special is not only its natural beauty, but the unique combination of landscape, heritage and community that has evolved here over almost a century.*

*The beach huts have stood along this stretch of coastline for around one hundred years. They are not separate from the landscape—they are part of its history. For many local families they have been passed from one generation to the next, becoming treasured heirlooms that keep family traditions alive. Together with Jo's much-loved café, they create the character of South Beach and are among the reasons so many visitors return year after year.*

*In an age when so much of our coastline has become commercialised or changed beyond recognition, South Beach remains wonderfully authentic. It still offers the traditional British seaside experience: children building sandcastles, families spending long summer days together, neighbours stopping to chat, and visitors discovering a place that feels untouched by time. That is increasingly rare, and it is something worth protecting.*

*The National Trust's aim of allowing the coastline to evolve naturally is understandable and worthy. We all recognise the importance of protecting our environment and conserving our precious coastline. However, South Beach is not simply a natural landscape; it is a historic cultural landscape where nature, heritage and community have coexisted for generations. Conservation should seek to protect both.*

*The proposed removal of the gabions, with the likely loss of the beach huts, risks changing South Beach forever. Once this unique landscape and community are gone, they cannot simply be recreated elsewhere. We would lose not only part of our coastline, but a century of shared memories, local history and an irreplaceable sense of place.*

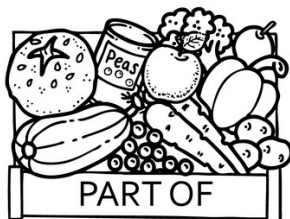
*The National Trust exists to protect places of historic interest and natural beauty for everyone, for ever. I hope it will recognise that South Beach represents both. It is a place where nature and heritage have lived side by side for generations, enriching one another rather than competing.*

*If South Beach loses its heritage, it will lose part of its soul. Once that is gone, no amount of restoration can bring it back. Please help ensure that future generations inherit not only the beauty of this coastline, but also the community, history and traditions that make it such a special place.'*

## Colouring in – for the children and the adults...

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## September Quotes

### When you try and do God's work

*'We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works.'* - St Augustine of Hippo

*'He who labours as he prays, lifts up his heart to God with his hands.'* - St Bernard of Clairvaux

*'Instead of letting a mob of hoodlum tasks surround and trample me to death, I force them into a single file and handle them one at a time.'* - D Mallough

*'The real mark of a saint is that he or she makes it easier for others to believe in God.'* - Anon

### Reflections on being a Christian

*'The humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning.'* – Thomas a Kempis

*'The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning, but for the desperate.'* - J Denney

*'How many Christians live their lives packed up and ready to go?'* - J I Packer

*'Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them.'* - Anon

*'I am too blessed to be stressed!'* - Anon

*'The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.'* - Anon

*'The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.'* - Anon

*'Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to a fear of being stripped of earthly possessions.'* - St Peter Damian

*'Jesus alone can make atonement because He IS the atonement – the at-onement of God and man.'* - Gonville ffrench-Beytagh

*'You're not free until you've been made captive by supreme belief.'* - Marianne Moore

*'The Christian believes that he was created to know, love, and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him in the next.'* - Evelyn Waugh

*'As we know, our own mother bore us only into pain and dying. But our true mother, Jesus, who is all love, bears us into joy and endless living.'* – Mother Julian

## Monthly Awareness

### Second Hand September

Second Hand September was launched by **Oxfam** in 2019 as part of its ongoing effort to promote sustainable fashion and reduce the environmental impact of clothing production. Since its inception, the campaign has grown into a global movement, with thousands of participants joining each year to challenge the norms of fast fashion. The campaign aims to shift consumer behaviour towards more mindful shopping practices and to support second-hand markets as a key part of the solution to the fashion industry's waste problem.

It aims to raise awareness about the environmental impact of fast fashion and promote more sustainable ways of consuming fashion. By participating, individuals can reduce waste, support second-hand markets, and contribute to the global effort to slow down the harmful effects of overproduction and overconsumption in the fashion industry.

With the fashion industry being one of the largest contributors to pollution, the campaign highlights the importance of reducing demand for new clothing and choosing pre-loved items instead.

This is a time to explore thrift stores, online second-hand marketplaces, vintage shops, or even swap clothes with friends and family. The goal is to make more conscious decisions about what we wear and how it affects the planet.

#### How to Get Involved

The campaign invites participants to commit to not buying new clothing for the 30 days of the month. Here are several other ways to take part in Second Hand September and make a positive impact:

- **Shop Second-Hand:** Visit local thrift stores, vintage shops, or explore online marketplaces to find unique, pre-loved fashion items. By buying second-hand, you reduce demand for new clothes and help keep textiles out of landfills.
- **Host a Clothing Swap:** Organise a clothing swap event with friends, family, or your community. Swapping clothes is a fun and sustainable way to refresh your wardrobe without buying anything new.
- **Repair and Reuse:** Instead of discarding damaged clothes, learn basic sewing or take your items to a tailor to extend their life. Repairing garments helps reduce waste and promotes a more sustainable lifestyle.
- **Donate Unwanted Clothes:** If you have clothes you no longer wear, consider donating them to charities or thrift stores. Donating helps extend the life cycle of clothing and supports communities in need.
- **Raise Awareness:** Share your Second-Hand September journey on social media, using hashtags and encouraging others to join the movement.



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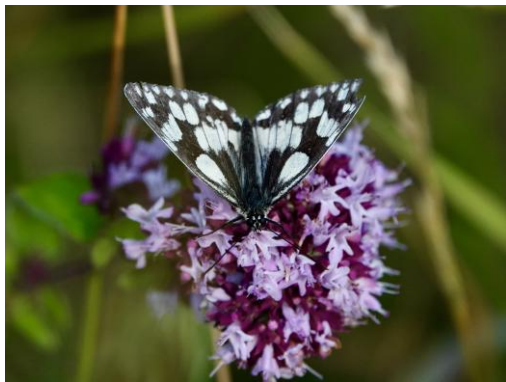
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## Studland Picture Gallery...

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**ABOVE Butterflies: Pair of Common Blue & Marbled White – Mike Cheeseman**

**BELOW Handsome boy Nico on the Stone Cross, paw patrol – Julie Smith**



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