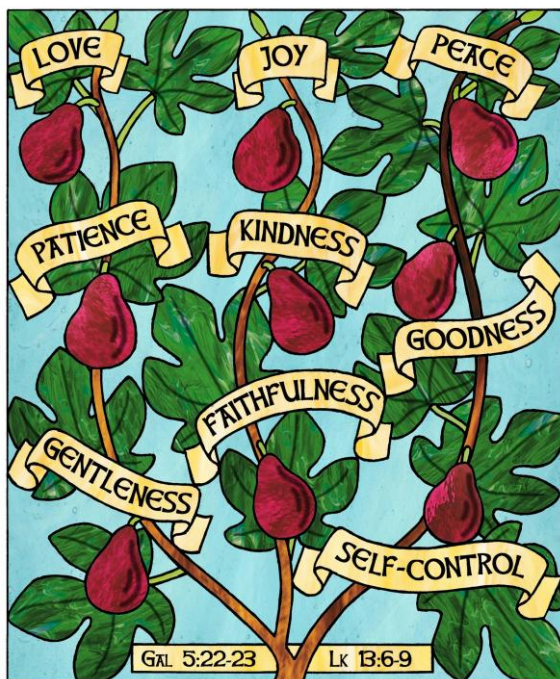


Studland Parish News



June
2025



St Nicholas Church Studland

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Rota of Sides Persons and Readers for St Nicholas Church June 2025

Date	Service	Sides Person	Readers	Readings
June 1 st Easter 7	Family Communion, Revd. Tony Edmonds	Ginny Stobart	Eric Stobart June Fletcher	Acts 16 16-34 John 17 20-26
June 8 th Pentecost	Holy Communion, Revd. Tony Edmonds	Sally Hogsflesh	Polly Warner Sara-Jayne Smith	Acts 2 1-21 John 14 8-17
June 15 th Trinity Sunday	Morning Prayer, Revd. Natalie Davies	Carol Wadley	Keith Tillyard Peter Jennings	Romans 5 1-5 John 16 12-15
June 22 nd Trinity 1	Holy Communion, Revd. John Cooper	Eric Stobart	Lesley Cocks David Hogsflesh	Galatians 3 23-29 Luke 8 26-39
June 29 th Petertide	Holy Communion, Revd. Tony Edmonds	Peter Jennings	June Fletcher Diana Edmonds	Acts 12 1-17 Matt 16 13-19

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VACANT

Can You Help?

St Nicholas are seeking a PCC Secretary:

To attend 6 meetings a year plus 1 annual meeting.
These meetings can be recorded for ease of transcribing later.

The primary responsibilities of the PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence.

Please contact Barbara Matthews (Churchwarden) for more information or for an informal chat

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Note from the editor...

Last month was certainly noteworthy, with the VE Day celebrations and the celebration of Tony & Feli. It was so wonderful to see such an incredible turn out for both occasions. You will see a few pictures on the back page to show our community spirit in action. You will also find the words to Tony's retirement song on Page 20, which I felt worthy of sharing.

As we transition, until August, when St Nicholas will move into the safe hands of Rev Tony Edmonds, may we all support where we can and then welcome Tony E as only the community of Studland could.

And with June 15th marking Father's Day, recent polls revealed similarities of what people value in a father figure; being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, and compassionate, traits that Tony E will be bringing naturally to his role and to his congregation, for sure.

Welcome to summertime.

Sharon Westman, Editor

Mini Poem of the Month

Faith By Colin Hammacott

When your prayers at times appear to go unanswered,
And the words of your worse doubters seem so true,
When it seems, the whole wide world is all against you,
Just put your faith in God and you'll pull through.

When your life is like a maze with no known exit,
And your future appears to be as black as night,
When it seems that all your efforts end in failure,
Just put your faith in God, he'll see you right.

For those who put their faith in God have reason,
For confidence to face each trial and test,
And know better times are just around the corner,
For faith is the soft pillow that gives rest.

JULY deadline is:

Friday June 20th 10am

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Late contributions cannot be guaranteed.

St Nicholas Parish News...

It was a very memorable Easter Sunday at St Nicholas. The church was overflowing with people as Rev Tony Higgins led the Easter Communion service, his last service before retiring as Resident Priest in Studland. And last month, at the beginning of May, we gathered in large numbers in Studland Village Hall for Tony and Feli Higgins' retirement party. And what a party it was! We all had a great time and it was a fitting tribute to a wonderful couple. Presentations were made: a picture of St Nicholas Church by Ben Spurling; a floral picture by Virginia Morris; cake and photo album arranged by Louise Grey (Tony and Feli's daughter); flowers for Feli and a large cheque for the couple. Sue Stares had knitted uncannily realistic figures of Tony (complete with a Bible) and Feli (with a beautiful basket of flowers.) Ian Pillow, previously Director of Music at St Nicholas, wrote a very funny song, celebrating Tony's wonderful sermons and his unique approach to playing the tambourine, which was sung by the St Nicholas Church Choir, accompanied by the present Director of Music, Angus Murray-Brown. Tony was lost for words! A good time truly was had by all. It was great that so many could gather to celebrate Tony and Feli and honour all that they have given to both the church and village over the years. Afterwards I spoke to Tony who said 'it was absolutely fantastic...a mind-blowing experience.' We wish them every blessing in retirement.

I want to thank Barbara Matthews who was the Organiser-in-Chief of the celebrations. Thanks also to the Women's Institute whose members provided a delicious tea for all plus floral arrangements and coped so well with the larger than anticipated crowd to feed. A thank you too to the Village Hall Committee who beautifully decorated the Hall with bunting.

Last month we marked VE Day and at St Nicholas there was a short evening service of thanksgiving and commemoration for the end of war in Europe eighty years ago. Some service attendees then went up to Old Harry for the Beacon Lighting and those there, holding fire torches, formed up to spell out VE 80. I hope you have seen the drone photos – they are amazing.

We have just celebrated Ascension Day with an early morning service and breakfast at St Nicholas. This month we invite everyone to a Village Breakfast on Saturday 7th June at St Nicholas Church Hall with first breakfast being served at 8.30am. Then on Sunday 8th June we will be celebrating Pentecost, the coming of God's Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the birth of the church – truly a day of great celebration!

People attending Studland's Community Coffee Morning (Thursdays 10am-11am) are enjoying the summer location at wonderful Manor Farm Tea Rooms and the coffee, scones and conversation. Do come along and join us.

As many of you will now know, Rev Tony Edmonds will be succeeding Tony at St Nicholas Church. Please pray for him as he prepares to start at the beginning of August. God is good and has blessed St Nicholas Church in so many ways. Often,

I think on those words from the book of Lamentations about the faithfulness of God, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness." Many of us can testify to the love and faithfulness of God in our lives. As St Nicholas prepares for a new chapter, I know that God is faithful and will lead us forward.

From the registers

Burial of Ashes:

27th May: David Clark

Weddings:

17th May – Georgia Todd and Robert Clarkson

31st May – Laura Whiting and Russell Westcott

Every Blessing Ian, Team Rector, Swanage and Studland

A BIG thankyou from Tony and Felicity,

for the overwhelming messages letters, cards and generous gifts we have received culminating in the wonderful party on May 3rd catered by the amazing Studland WI.

It is hard to put into words the sense of being loved and the gratitude we both feel after ministering within these amazing communities of Swanage and Studland. It has been a privilege to help people facing challenges, this has been reciprocated by the community when we have had some challenges of our own to face. We have witnessed the uplifting power of prayer and love which is so strong in the community. There are many passages from Holy scripture I could quote but the one that best sums up our own sense of gratitude is;

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

From I Corinthians 13

We will continue to hold you all in our prayers.
Thank you all.

Tony and Felicity

Church Alive Writes...It's that time of year again, Pentecost, the celebration of the coming of God's Holy Spirit! I am always sad that, for many Christians, the whole idea of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. If you ask the average churchgoer about God the Father, or Jesus his Son, you get a reasonable answer. All too often when we ask about the Holy Spirit the response is a resounding Ummmmmmmm..... The sadness is even greater because it's the Holy Spirit who lives in us, and, potentially, enables us to serve Jesus effectively.

The theology is quite simple. When Jesus was born into the world, God became present with us in Jesus. He was present in a physical form, with inevitable physical limitations. Jesus died on the cross to give us a new beginning, (make us born-again), and was resurrected to show that God had defeated sin and death and was offering us a new relationship with him. When the first disciples saw the risen Christ (John 20:19-23), they worshipped him, and believed in him. Jesus then breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit, (as he had promised). 40 days later Jesus ascended to heaven, but left the Holy Spirit behind, so that he would be present and alive in every single Christian. At Pentecost, we saw that Spirit at work, the Good News of Jesus was proclaimed, 3,000 people were baptised in one day, and the Church was born! Yes, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, because it's the day the Holy Spirit gave power to God's people to get on with the job, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is part of the package for every Christian. He can do great things, transforming our lives with *"...the fruit of the Spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* (Galatians 5:22-23), and giving us His gifts for ministry and mission. The problem is that the Holy Spirit is sometimes like the bit in a kit which seems to be spare, the bit that we can't quite fit in, that gets left out.

So why do we know so little about the Holy Spirit? Maybe we preachers have not taught enough about the Holy Spirit; maybe the fact that Pentecost does not, any longer, come with a Bank Holiday has had the effect of downgrading the Holy Spirit in our understanding? Or maybe it's part of the devil's plan, make sure that these Christians don't get to know about the Holy Spirit, otherwise they may begin to be a much more effective witness to the world?

Whatever the reason for past failings, let's make this Pentecost different. When we hear the words from John's Gospel: *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."* (John 14:16-17), let's pray that this Spirit will work in each one of us, set us on fire for Jesus, and empower us in His service.

As we celebrate the Church's birthday at Pentecost, let's pray for the Spirit's unity amongst Christians, for God's Spirit to be free in each of us, for God to give us the right things to say, and do, in the right place, at the right time, by the power of His Spirit.

Rev. David Richards

STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 14th May 2025

The President welcomed all members who attended the meeting. Apologies were given for those who were unable to attend.

Our meeting started with an introduction from all our committee members and their roles. With 3 new committee members we are introducing more events for our ladies including more craft making sessions and looking into sustainability and how we can reuse items including recycling more if we can. So, lots for our members to look forward to. This year we have 52 members which is a great amount for our village. The ladies also have plenty of events over the coming months including our annual BBQ with our master BBQ chefs Mike and Mark down on Studland Cricket Ground. Also, in June we will be heading to Manor Farm for a tractor and trailer ride tour with farmer Steve who will be telling us all about his farm, his animals and what is land is used for as well as a spectacular view of our Studland headland as we travel out to Old Harry Rocks. Let's hope for a beautiful sunny afternoon. Our tour will conclude at the tearooms with tea, scones, cream and jam.... Perfect!

Later in the year we are having a change from our regular grockle event of Pitch n Putt in Swanage, some may say going up market by trying our hand at croquet, not to mention the fish n chip supper afterwards.

Skittles teams are being formed, possibly even curling. An autumn visit to a vineyard and carol concert information is out and not to mention we've already booked our Christmas lunch slot at the Isle of Purbeck golf club. As you can see, we like to keep our lovely WI Ladies busy and entertained.

Our speaker for our May meeting was Kathleen Aldom who gave us a very interesting talk all about the Veterans hub at Weymouth and Portland. This hub, which is not only a meeting area, includes treatment areas, café, activities, assistance and help not only to veterans but to anyone who needs a hand to get back on track and a safe space. They always have someone to talk to or turn to and a willing hand to help anyone using the hub to get heading in the right direction. It is good to know these places exist albeit not enough of them. Our ladies thoroughly enjoyed listening to Kathleen and acknowledged what a worthy cause the hub was and they all had plenty of questions after her talk.

Next meeting is Wednesday 11th June at Studland Bay House Cricket Pavilion at 7.30pm. **No speaker this meeting as it is our annual BBQ meeting for members only.**

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 you to join us.

Lynn Elliott - President.



STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION: There's still time to book a place on our visit to Morval gardens followed by a Coombe House tea on Sunday 22nd June. Just ring me or drop me an email.

It's our one hundredth show in three years' time, so I thought I would take a browse through our records. We have kept lists of cup winners since 1980 which will give us 48 years at our centenary. The following looks at some of the divisions over that period. Apologies if the names are slightly wrong, but the gothic script in our honours book is challenging.

Division 3 is cooking, with the winner awarded the CC Day cup. Since 1980 Mrs Dianne Vine has won it 11 times, Mrs Ann Guppy was a close second with 10 wins and Mrs L Knight third at 4 wins. Division 4 is craft. The Hartley cup went to Mrs Gill 9 times, Mrs Wiltshire and Mrs J Smith were equal second with 5 wins and equal third were Mrs Sara Brown and Mrs P Blandford. The Banks Medal, our highest award and issued by the RHS can only be won if you didn't win it the two previous years. This is for total points in divisions 1 to 3. Yours truly has 7 medals in his cupboard, Ken Swaffield and Sarah Ferguson have 6 each and Tony Freer and Pete Norton 4. Congrats to all. More details next month.

Geoff Willcocks, Secretary

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Studland History Group: On the 18th June we are visiting the Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum at Norden, meeting there at 2.30pm. If you would like to add your name to the list, please give me a ring on 01929 439245.



On 16th July Louise Haywood will be sharing "Then and Now" – photographs of Corfe Castle Village. On 20th August Gwenda Yeomans will present "Discovering Local Maps", a display of local maps through the ages.

All welcome to our meetings. Visitors £3.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Joyce Meates. Secretary. 01929 439245

Studland Men's Breakfast presents: The Village Breakfast Big Bacon

Bap Bonanza... For our June breakfast, we are throwing open our doors to everyone – yes, we did say **everyone**. **Men, women and children** are **all** welcome to sample our signature dish, the Big Bacon Bap, in this **Village Breakfast**, the last in our Breakfast Series before we break for the summer. Along with the bacon baps, there will be tea and coffee, together with vegan and gluten free options. Breakfast is served café-style, so please drop in any time between 08:30 and 10:00 on Saturday June 7th in St Nicholas Church Hall. Absolutely everyone will be welcome.



Updates from the National Trust:

More than just pretty faces...The cattle that graze across the Studland Heaths and dunes 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.

- *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 the cattle, please give them plenty of space, especially when there are calves. Keep dogs on leads where they're grazing (the exception is if the cattle approach you, then let your dog off the lead so you can both move to safety.) You can track where the cattle are using the Nofence app – scan the barcodes on the onsite signs.

(Photo: Rebecca Eddy)



Arty dogs lead the way: Colourful canines are appearing across the Purbeck Heaths to remind people to keep their dogs on leads during the ground-nesting bird season.



The six 'arty dogs' are the creation of local schoolchildren, under the guidance of teenage Environment Leaders from the Purbeck School. As well as messages about ground-nesting birds, the artworks also encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

The Purbeck Heaths, which include Studland's heathland, are internationally important for ground nesting birds such

as nightjars, skylarks and woodlarks. Any disturbance can cause the adult birds to fly from the nest, leaving the eggs and chicks vulnerable to predation.

(Photo: Jill Bailey)



Have you heard them yet? The 'air dancers' are back, filling the evening air with their evocative cries. Did you know:

*Swifts eat, drink, sleep and mate while flying.

*They only land when they nest. They struggle to take off again if they fall to the ground.

*They eat flying insects like mosquitoes, midges, flies and moths.

Sadly, swifts are in decline, partly due to the loss of old buildings where they can nest. Can

you help by installing a nesting box on your home? Find out more at <https://swift-conservation.org/>

(Photo: Chris Cowell)

If you have any queries about wildlife or how we are looking after the Studland beaches and heaths, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News

As of 1st June 2025, the Surgery will be **closed** at lunchtime from 1pm to 2pm Monday to Friday. This is for several reasons such as staff wellbeing, change of shifts and for staff to be able to have an uninterrupted lunch break. (Also, just a reminder that the Dispensary closes at 1pm every Thursday and therefore no prescriptions can be handed out after 1pm.)

Following on from my article in April where I explained that we would be making more appointments and texting the details through, we have found that this system has worked well and saved the reception team a considerable amount of time so we will be continuing this for routine appointments. If you get a text and the time or day is not convenient, please contact reception on 01929 480441.

A note from the dispensary team about repeat medication requests - please could you order all prescriptions via the NHS App if you are able to do so, and please order all repeat items at once rather than placing multiple orders throughout the month. The dispensary team require 3 WORKING days to safely dispense your items; this will be 4 days if we have had a bank holiday when the order is placed. If you choose to order in the afternoon, which is their dispensing time, your request may not be actioned until the next working day, we also do not open on weekends, so please bear this in mind when ordering your prescriptions. In the last few weeks, we have had a lot of patients coming to collect after 24-48 hours which just isn't enough time and it puts more pressure on the team.

We appreciate your support of the whole practice team. Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) last met on 13th May 2025, when we welcomed another new PPG member. We were also joined by Dr Mark Law, one of the GP Partners at the Practice, and were delighted to hear that a new GP Partner has joined the Practice – he will be taking over Dr Heard's patients when she retires in June. During the meeting, we agreed our top priorities for the year ahead, which will be to:

- *Promote awareness of the PPG and recruit new PPG members
- *Undertake another Patient Survey in the June 2025
- *Support the Practice to keep people informed of changes in the way services are delivered at the Practice
- *Work with the Practice to encourage people to make use of services they can refer themselves to directly, without needing a GP appointment
- *Promote the uptake of the NHS App and other online NHS/GP services
- *Work with the Practice to review the Practice Website to ensure it complies with the National Guidance published in January 2025.

We agreed that we will also:

- *Promote awareness of Wellbeing Swanage and other services provided at The Focus Centre in Swanage and at Herston Village Hall - as well as other health and care services provided in Purbeck and other local self-help and support groups
- *Work with the PPGs of the other Practices within the Purbeck Primary Care Network (PCN) – and the Purbeck Youth PPG – to support the PCN to deliver its priorities, including the development and implementation of the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT)
- *Support the Practice to deliver initiatives that promote health and wellbeing, prevent ill health and support self-care
- *Promote awareness of the Purbeck Youth PPG (YPPG) and its remit, and support efforts to recruit new YPPG members
- *Contribute to the work of Action for Health and Care in Purbeck, the Purbeck-wide group set up in 2023.

PPG members will also be hosting a stand in the reception area at the Surgery during PPG Awareness Week, which will be taking place during the first week of June (2-6 June). Do drop in and say "Hello".

The PPG works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local services. The PPG is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to get involved. We meet every two months – and we are always looking for new members! Our next meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 8 July 2025 at 6:00pm, when we will be joined by Natalie Bartlett, Purbeck Primary Care Network's Digital and Care Coordinator, who will be talking to us about BP@Home, a service which helps people to have their blood pressure monitored at home.

You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings, 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.

Carers Event at The Focus Centre on 10th June 2025 1:00pm to 4:00pm: Purbeck Primary Care Network and Dorset Council are hosting an event for unpaid Carers. There will be information and advice available from Carer Support Dorset and other organisations.

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



Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Summer Is Swinging into Action at the Club!

We've made definite improvements and we think you'll be pleased with how the course is playing. It's been fantastic to see golfers returning to the club, and with the beautiful weather arriving early this year, the course has been alive with players of all kinds—Juniors, Ladies, and Men of all ages enjoying the game. We're proud to share that we've recently been ranked as the 76th Best Course in England, 92nd Most Fun Golf Courses in England and are currently the 43rd Best Valued Course in England. So, now's the time to come see what you've been missing!

Our green fees continue to offer exceptional value, especially after 2pm. Tee off in the afternoon and enjoy reduced rates—just £45 Monday to Thursday, £50 on Fridays and Sundays, and £55 on Saturdays. For a quick round, our 9-hole Dene Course remains one of the best bargains around at just £14, or only £18 if you play two rounds.

There's also plenty happening off the course. On Sunday 15th June, we're celebrating Father's Day with a special Sunday Roast menu served from 12 noon to 2:30pm. You'll find the full menu on our website, and we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Then, on Friday 20th June, we're thrilled to be part of the Purbeck Guitar Festival for the very first time. In partnership with 'Love It Local' and Swanage Jazz Club, we'll be hosting Guitar Heroes—a special night featuring Peter Cooley and special guest Gary Cain. Peter brings a modern edge to vintage blues and soul, while Gary, known for his fiery guitar fret-work and recent tour with George Thorogood, and is sure to electrify the evening. Doors open at 6pm, our Bar Menu will be available from 6pm to 8:30pm, and the music starts at 8pm. General seating tickets are available for £15 at swanagejazzfestival.co.uk.

We hope to welcome you soon—whether it's for a round of golf, a roast with family, or an evening of incredible live music. Just a friendly reminder: our dress code is Smart Casual. For more information or to book, visit our website or get in touch by phone or email.

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Come and be entertained this June at The Old Harry Bar!

We serve beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks to Studland locals and visitors in our family and dog friendly bar located opposite the shop, tucked just behind the village hall.

Summer is the perfect time to relax with a cool drink and listen to some tunes; Enjoy sunny evenings on our terrace; Challenge your friends to a game on our full-sized pool table; Try one of our tasty pizzas; Watch LIVE music to get your feet tapping

Our friendly team are waiting to give YOU a warm welcome!

OPENING HOURS

We are now open 7 days a week for the summer season
MON, TUES, WED, THURS, FRI & SAT Open: 5 pm - 11 pm
SUNDAYS Open: 3pm – 8pm

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?

Live Music:

Sunday June 22nd: The Swillers – For one afternoon only! - 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 28th June: Hannah Trim (Country Singer/Songwriter) - 8pm – 10pm

Dig out your best Country Outfit – Prizes for the best Cowgirl & Cowboy!

Have you tried our delicious freshly made Italian Stone baked Pizzas yet?

(Available to eat in or take away - Order on 01929 450561)

12" Margherita - £11 - (Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese)

Plus, a wide selection of extra toppings to choose from at 50p each

See our 5 Star Reviews on TRIPADVISOR

See: Facebook, Instagram, our members newsletter or visit:

www.oldharrybar.co.uk

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

Virginia Lynch 01929 450177

Cricket Fixtures

Studland has a new cricket team. They have moved here from Corfe. There is only one home fixture in June on Tuesday 17th 18:00 start against the Legion.

Mark Elliott

PYM End of Term events

Purbeck Youth Music will stage two end of year concerts; the first, an informal concert providing an opportunity for soloists of all ages to perform in the United Reformed Church Swanage on June 26th from 5.30 to 7pm and the second, in Swanage Methodist Church on June 30th at 7pm. This will showcase advanced soloists including the winner of the Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Young Musician competition as well as string, wind, brass and choral groups. All welcome!

www.purbeckyouthmusic.org



Book early! The Village Hall continues to be popular and is rented out very frequently. Studland residents can book the hall or committee room at reduced rates but please book early if you can. The website has all the details:

<https://www.studlandvillagehall.co.uk/>

The door fund keeps on growing: We are now up to over £8,000, almost halfway to our target of £20,000. If you would like to help, please go to our dedicated "gofundme" page at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-keep-the-water-out-and-the-fun-in>

I am delighted to share with the Parish that ducks have bred in the village stock pond! This conservation success has not required illegal animal release, draconian bans on individuals or lobbying to remove centuries old rights. Instead, neighbours have spoken to each other and the ducks have been looked after. Exactly what many rural communities do successfully daily.

In the same week, the NT released cattle onto the old Hay Meadows. No consultation, no notice. Worryingly they are very commercial breeds (probably Hereford / Limousin cross) immediately exposing dog walkers to threats.

Please could the Parish Council continue to lobby on every occasion for the NT to recognise Studland as rural community where a balance between commercial exploitation and conservation is required? Good Governance (of the NT) would be a very practical step that would transform the support for their currently unachievable ambitions.

Michael Daniels, Studland

Words of Hope and Inspiration by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

'A Special Kind of Courage'

'Today, we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in a battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything we know is right, everything that is true and honest.

We need the kind of courage that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics so that we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future.

It has always been easy to hate and destroy.

To build and to cherish is much more difficult'

1957

'There are, of course, many aspects of courage.

There is physical courage shown in war. Chesterton described it as "almost a contradiction in terms... a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die". It is sobering and inspiring to remember what people will do for an ideal in which they believe.

Bravery of this kind is shown in peace as well as in war. The armed forces and the police are showing it every day. So are the fire services, ambulance drivers, members of the public and even children – and the courage of the bomb disposal experts fills us with awe.

All around us we see these acts of selflessness, people putting the life of someone else before their own.'

1981

'When people face a challenge, they sometimes talk about taking a deep breath to find courage or strength. In fact, the word 'inspire' literally means 'to breathe in'.

But even with the inspiration of others, it's understandable that we sometimes think the world's problems are so big that we can do little to help.

On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine.'

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What's the Big Idea? Introducing the Books of the Bible:

An Introduction to the gospel of Luke: Luke is the third of the synoptic gospels. The gospel and Acts were both written for Theophilus, a Roman official, who acted as Luke's patron to ensure that his gospel was copied and distributed. It was intended for a wider audience, to help both Gentile believers and unbelievers understand who Jesus is and that the gospel is intended for the whole world. Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry can be divided into 4 main sections: the coming and early life of Jesus (1:1-4:13); Jesus' ministry in and around Galilee (4:14-9:50); His ministry (mainly teaching) *on the road* to Jerusalem (9:51-24:53) and His final week in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53). For Luke, the key focus is how God's plan of salvation for the world is fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore, he writes an orderly account ranging from the birth of Jesus to His ascension. He is a strong champion of the outsider. As an outsider himself (a Gentile writer in the NT) he shows how Jesus includes those who are typically seen as outsiders by the religious establishment of His day. This includes women, the poor and *sinner*s (incl. tax collectors, prostitutes and shepherds!), as well as showing how Gentiles, Samaritans and Jews are all included in God's plan of salvation. Luke also emphasises the importance of prayer in Jesus' ministry and the role of the Holy Spirit. A key verse which reflects this perspective is found when Jesus encounters the tax collector Zacchaeus, *'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost'* (19:10). Whenever we find ourselves on the outside of God's life and love, as Zacchaeus, Jesus comes to find us and welcome us afresh into His kingdom.

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament – John: *'John's Gospel is like a pool in which a child may wade and an elephant can swim. It is for the beginner in the faith and for the mature Christian.'* (Leon Morris). The Apostle John is usually credited with the authorship of this Gospel, writing in Ephesus at the end of the First Century. His purpose is *'that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'* (20:31). Throughout he stresses the deity of Christ and presents Jesus as the Son of God. In the prologue (1:1-14) Jesus is presented as the pre-existent and incarnate Word of God revealed by the Father. It also highlights how He has come as light into the world, so that those who believe in Him will not remain in darkness (cf [12:46](#)). The heart of John's narrative contains 7 *signs* or miracles, which demonstrate who Jesus is and demonstrating His transforming power over creation and people: turning water into wine (2:1-11); healing the royal official's son (4:46-54); healing the paralytic (5:1-18); feeding the 5000 (6:1-14); walking on the water (6:16-21); healing of the man born blind (9:1-41) and raising Lazarus (11:1-44). After these signs, the story moves into the upper room discourses followed by the story of His death and resurrection. The whole Gospel is a revelation of the glory of God's only Son, who comes to reveal the Father and then returns in glory to the Father. It can be well summed up in the famous verse: *'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16).



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Update from Studland Parish Council May 2025

This May meeting of SPC was the AGM, with the election of officers as the first item:

- *Chairman: Nick Boulter was re-elected
- *Vice Chairman: Steve Smith was re-elected
- *Environment and Tree Officer: Chrissie Neville
- *Marine and Coastal Officer: David Battle
- *Planning Officer: not yet filled
- *Playing Field and Studland Care Officer: Steve Smith
- *Rights of Way Officer: Tim Yeandle
- *Community Speed Watch: Lyn Hool

Apologies: apologies were received from Lyn Hool and Chrissie Neville.

The Minutes of the SPC meeting on 28th April were approved.

SPC agreed to re-adopt the General Power of Competence.

Emma Wright submitted a report on behalf of the National Trust:

*Drainage and other works are being undertaken at present at Middle Beach car park. The plan is to remove the gabions at Middle Beach in the late Summer / early Autumn period.

*The large digital fire warning sign will be displayed again on Ferry Road from June 16th.

*The NT are experiencing vandalism to the cattle fences along Ferry Road.

*From May 24th the NT car parks in Studland will be open from 08.30 to 20.00.

CLlr Ben Wilson had submitted a report on behalf of Dorset Council. The key points were:

*The consultation on anti-social behaviour on Studland beaches has been completed, with wide support for Dorset Council plans to ban camping from the beaches, and restrictions on other anti-social behaviour. Many participants in the consultation had asked that the restrictions be extended to camping / anti-social behaviour such as overnight parking along Ferry Road: Ben Wilson is seeking to have the restrictions extended to Ferry Road.

*Speeding cyclists and vehicles remains an issue: Dorset Council is asking residents to record not only actual accidents but also near misses: these can be recorded by using this link: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/tell-us-about-small-collisions-or-near-misses-to-help-us-target-road-improvements>

*Dorset Council will be surveying vehicles speeds in Heath Green Road at some stage in June: this is in preparation for the application of a 20mph speed limit throughout Studland – which might not happen for 2 years or so.

Only one planning application had been received. This was for the felling of 2 pine trees at Cliff End. However, the information provided was so vague that SPC was unable to pass any comment on this.

On Highways, residents may have noticed the absence of the Speed Indicator: this is broken and away for repairs.

Lyn reported that the Community Speed Watch team had met twice, once with the police in attendance; the advantage of having the police present is that they can issue instant speed fines, as opposed to cautions: 9 drivers were caught speeding and were given fines. On the second session, without the police, 6 vehicles were caught speeding, and will receive cautions.

SPC gave its thanks to Lyn and her CSW colleagues for doing such an excellent job on behalf of the Parish.

The only crime reported was the vandalism to NT cattle fences.

Under Chairman's announcements, the Chairman thanked Steve Smith – and the whole Smith family – and other volunteers for making the VE celebrations so memorable: the drone footage of the large VE 80 sign received a lot of visibility in the press and on social media. It was also a good and special village event.

Under Officer reports, the Chairman reported that Chrissie Neville had obtained a list of about 250 "veteran" trees in the Studland Parish area; she has used grid references to map the location of each of these. The Tree Volunteers will visit all these and assess their worth: this could be of particular importance in considering planning applications.

SPC will ask a Planning Officer to provide updated training to councillors on how Dorset Council handles planning applications, and the key issues that are taken into account.

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting had taken place on 17th May. Various businesses and organisations participated, giving reports: these included reports from The Pig Hotel, the National Trust, the Ferry Company, together with the Village Hall, the Old Harry Bar, the Women's Institute, and the Bridge Club. Residents raised several concerns: that some sycamore trees in Heath Green Road and School Lane have become overgrown and need attention; speeding cyclists coming down Swanage Road; and overnight parking on Ferry Road. Support was expressed for having a 20mph speed zone throughout Studland. There was a comment on the level of house prices in Studland. The Ferry Company representative at the Annual Parish Meeting, Mike Kean, had said they are hosting a "meet and greet" session at the Village Hall on 19th June, from 17.00 – 19.00.

Dorset Council are providing funding for some local projects: SPC is submitting a bid to help refurbish the village pond.

Further information can be found on our website:

www.studlandparishcouncil.org

The next meeting of SPC will be held on Monday 16th June at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

Nick Boulter, Chairman

Tony's Retirement Song

Now tony has a garden full of diverse flowers,
he sits and writes his sermons there for hours and hours,
and nought is heard but the singing of a bird,
sweet black bird and song thrush nigh.
But he has to thump his tambourine to keep his standards high,
so he can bang his way through 21 the Lord of sea and Sky.

He sows his seeds, his bees he feeds,
but best of all he picks his nose-gay for the flower festival.
For three whole days the music sings and plays,
it makes our hearts a flutter
but please don't come and bang that drum,
consign it to the gutter.

We will only have the greats, like Mozart, Bach and Rutter.

From heaven a dove of peace descends, but Feli has her doubts.
She thinks it's just a pigeon come to eat his brussel sprouts.
His prayers are heard to that dear bird, but then he sees the light.
So, he bangs his tambourine to scare that thing right out of sight,
for he knows of course that Feli's damn well always right.

These yelling babies, howling dogs are music to his ears.
He'd never want to chuck them out throughout the many years.
And rowdy wedding guests when asked for quiet don't comply.
Nothing ever phased him even if the end of the world was nigh.
It was only Ian's Vidor made him want to cry.

But now he's free to toil away at weeding, digging, hoeing.
We wonder if you've second thoughts and wish that you weren't going.
But Tony, we will miss you; such fond memories we'll keep.
We so loved your sermons, so inspired, articulate, profound and deep.
Cos that's the time when we could catch up on our sleep!

Ian Pillow



The Wareham Men's Shed

is seeking a home and a name for a stunning rocking horse it has created from two sheets of plywood.

The Sheddors are asking any Purbeck charity or children's group who would like the horse – free of charge – to apply for it via email.

And as a bit of fun, they are inviting the whole community to come up with a suitable name ... other than Dobbin!

Project leader Phil Stephens said: "I

suppose we could sell the horse to raise funds for our Shed but we would much rather give it away to a worthy cause – an organization that can use it for a child or children to ride, which after all is its purpose."

Phil, an 82-year-old retired engineer, assembled a small team of Sheddors to help him fashion the rocking horse at the group's base at the Purbeck Connect day centre in Sandford Lane, Wareham.

Shapes of horse parts in various sizes were cut from the plywood sheets and bonded together to form a three-dimensional body before countless hours of sanding smoothed off the rough edges.



The horse was given dapple-effect paintwork before being mounted with metal swivels on a heavy stand fabricated from planed and shaped lengths of ash wood.

A child's saddle was made from an old full-size one bought at a car boot sale. And finishing touches included a leather bridle and reins with fastenings; donated stirrups and real horse hair for the mane and tail.

Phil said: "I knew it would be a challenge involving several different skills but I was given lots of help by the team and I think we are all a little proud of the result."

If your charity, school or children's group would like the rocking horse, or if you just want to suggest a name, email warehamshed@gmail.com.

(Picture -The Shed's team and Phil Stephens with the rocking horse)

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