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Welcome

I was worried recently about the lack of rain and my wife having to water the vulnerable plants in the garden. Sitting on the veranda it looked back breaking work carrying those watering cans around. And then it rained.

In fact, today, a Sunday in early October, it has rained in biblical proportions. For some reason it reminded me of the words in the Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Coleridge. 'Water water everywhere Nor any drop to drink'.

While sitting on the veranda I also worked what would be the cost of the water in one of our 250litre water butts if you had to fill it from the tap. At around £4 per cubic metre (including sewerage charge) that makes the cost £1 to fill it from the tap. Not sure what my point is but perhaps a useful fact for the next cocktail party you attend! Did you know your water costs £4 a cubic metre? I tend to think we undervalue our water and just take it for granted. When building our house we actually had to work out our expected water consumption and used tables published by various water authorities giving the average volume of water used in a dishwasher, washing machine, shower, bath, toilet flush etc. Next time you have a wet afternoon have a look yourselves. It does make you more conscious of how much water you are using.

Anyway after that delightful wander through the realities of life, back to the Association.

The weather this summer has been not bad at all. For those of you who have had a 'staycation' I hope you have enjoyed yourselves and it reminds us of how lucky we are to live in this area.

The Association is gearing up again in terms of monthly meetings which are now happening. Unfortunately due to problems with finding a venue and the possibility of increased Covid restrictions the decision has been taken to postpone the AGM until next year. As soon as we have a date we will let know but it will probably be around May.

As always planning continues to play a major part in our activities and thanks to Dugald Eadie for his unstinting work as our planning officer.

How many of you look at our website Pines and Chines? We are rightfully proud of it and it provides news from the local area as well as a wealth of archived material.

Can I just thank again those who have sent me contributions for this addition of our magazine. It was interesting to hear of Paul Fearnley's meeting with Lord Ventry and thanks to Dorset Wildlife for sending me an article about their work on Brownsea Island.

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Do enjoy the magazine and, again, can I ask if any of you have articles of interest, please send them to me and I will publish them. It is always good to hear what people are, or have been, up to (providing it is legal and the articles are not libellous!)

A very Happy Christmas to one and all and all the best for 2022.

John Gunton



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Association's magazine.

I am pleased to report that the first regular monthly meeting of the Association, since the start of the pandemic, was held on 08 September 2021.

This was a lively and well attended meeting and I am most grateful to Dugald Eadie for chairing this meeting.

The Association plans to continue its regular pattern of monthly meetings on the second Wednesday each month from now on.

The Association currently has vacancies for a Chair and Vice-Chair. I did not anticipate, when I stepped down as Chairman in April 2016, that I would be as busy as I have been this past year, as the Association seeks to find volunteers these important roles.

I find it hard to believe that amongst 2,500 members, there is nobody sufficiently concerned about the future of the Association and our local environment, not to "have a go".

I am therefore appealing for nominations to fill the posts.

In the absence of any volunteers, it will be that much more difficult for those remaining to fulfil the objects of the Association. Please, if you are prepared to assist in any way, or you would like to know more about the tasks involved, please give me a ring on 01202 751553. The same

applies if you think you know of someone else who may be prepared to help, if asked.

In the meantime, I remain grateful to the other members of our Executive Committee,

- Roger Allen, who is responsible for our Magazine Advertising and leads his loyal band of helpers, to look after the Sunken Garden at Pinecliff Gardens
- Dugald Eadie, our Planning Officer
- Jackie Heap, our Treasurer and is currently doubling up as our Membership Secretary, although the Association is hoping that we might have found a volunteer to take over this role
- Vicky Moss, our Special Projects Co-ordinator, who has been active in seeking a contribution from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy for contributions to benefit areas within the Branksome Park area and promote Road Safety issues
- John Gunton, our Magazine Editor, who has been serving in this role since 2002 but has been a Road Warden since 1994.
- Carol Parkin, our Honorary Secretary, who has been serving in this role since 2010



I set out opposite the Aims and Objects of the Association. For example, from time to time, we receive reports from residents concerning Planning Enforcement, Tree Preservation Orders/Tree replacements which are passed on to the appropriate BCP Council Department for attention.

John Sprackling
President

Treasurer's Report

Our financial position continues to be in good order and I am pleased to report that as at 31st August 2021 our bank balance stands at £41,254.74.

Our income is broadly in line with expectation with all of the 2021 bulk membership scheme fees are now paid. Unfortunately, some household membership fees remain unpaid although I am hopeful that membership fees will be collected when the Winter magazine is delivered by our Wardens in October.

As always, I would be very grateful if members who currently pay their subscription by cheque or cash consider alternative ways of paying. We offer a number of

The aim and object of the association

The aim of the Association is to protect the interests of residents, and to investigate on their behalf any aspects which could be detrimental to private properties or public services.

The Association endeavours at all times to maintain good relationships with the Poole Borough Council and to bring to their notice all matters which adversely affect the amenities of the whole of the District.

It also submits recommendations to the Council concerning any plans,

developments or financial matters which would improve the Environment, Community, Safety, Amenity and Cost Effectiveness of the area and the residents' quality of life.

The Association is a member of the National Organisation of Residents' Associations and the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The minimum Annual Subscription is £5.00 per member (or couple). There is a special bulk subscription rate of £3 per flat for apartment blocks.

ways to pay, you can complete the standing order mandate which appears in the magazine, set up your own standing order using online banking, pay directly to the associations bank account or use the PayPal facility on the website.

I would remind all members that we now update our membership list annually removing all members who haven't paid for two years.

Expenditure for the year to date has been lower than budget as we have not incurred costs relating to the regular monthly and committee meetings. We continue to provide funding for the maintenance of the Pinecliff Sunken Gardens with the work

being done by a team of willing and hardworking volunteers, led by Roger Allen. There will be an increase in expenditure in the last few months of the year as our monthly meetings and AGM make a welcome return, the Winter edition of the magazine is printed and we make our annual donation to the Canford Cliffs Village Christmas lights.

Once again, the planned development of our website has been delayed and we are now looking for someone to step forward and take on the role of Website Manager for the Association.

Jacqueline Heap
Honorary Treasurer

Planning Report

Over the last 6 months the planning process has continued, with less evidence of serious delays.

Our area is still under pressure in the key areas of 2 – 6 Burton Road and 7 – 15 Lindsay Road. As usual, the problem is that these areas are within the main Conservation Area, but there are various proposals to demolish existing properties and replace them with blocks of flats and terraced houses. The huge increase in density should not be allowed, but of course the developers and planning consultants use various arguments to justify their proposals.

The “precedent” of the McCarthy & Stone development at 1-5 Lindsay Road is an obvious example, but there is also an underlying presumption that we should be allowing more housing to be built to meet government targets. I am not convinced that building more houses in this area will do much to help the national shortage. In any case, the BCP Council has several plans to tackle the issue, and these do not include damaging our Conservation Area.

At the other end of the scale, there are sometimes individual proposals by house owners which cause distress for neighbours. Recently I have had some awkward experiences where I am approached by a distressed neighbour, but then discover that the house owner is also a member of our Association. As I have noted before, the best thing to do is for the neighbours to talk to each other before the application is made. Of course there are also cases where the proposal is blatantly made for financial reasons, usually involving site-splitting or “garden-grabbing”, in which case I try to object quickly.

The planning rules are rather complicated, and changes are made which do not always help. My principle, as an amateur in this process, is to apply “common sense”. Broadly speaking, many of the decisions made by case officers and planning inspectors pass my test in this regard. I remain hopeful that the quality of our residential area will be preserved, while still being maintained and improved.

SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS ordered by date.

12 Eaton Road.
APP/21/00339/F
GRANT
14 May 2021

This site-splitting proposal was a new application, following the dismissal of an appeal on the previous one. There is now a further application to add extra attic accommodation. It is unfortunate that this was allowed in the Chester Road Conservation Area.

Carisbrooke,
172 Canford Cliffs Road.
APP/19/01569/F
GRANT
10 June 2021
The BCP Planning Committee granted permission on 26 November 20 for this McCarthy & Stone development of 60 assisted living/extra care apartments. The formal approval has now been registered by the planning department.

20 Leicester Road.
APP/20/00558/F
DISMISSED ON APPEAL
2 July 2021
This was the third attempt to build a new house in the garden, next to the main road. This site-



splitting should not be allowed in the Conservation Area. Hopefully the plot will eventually be returned to its sylvan character.

9 Brudenell Road.
APP/20/01233/F
REFUSED 27 July 2021
This site, which is effectively on Haven Road, has a history of contentious applications. There is already permission for a block of 8 flats, but this was a proposal for a larger building with 9 flats. The application was refused because it was too large and too close to the neighbours on Haven Road.

2A Martello Park.
APP/20/01013/F
APPEAL WITHDRAWN
5 August 2021
There have been so many applications in relation to this development that it is difficult to know what is actually happening. The latest twist was the withdrawal on 5 August 2021 of the appeal in relation to the refused application to add another storey to the new block. This may mean that the plan is to go ahead with the existing approved plan, but one can never be certain.

9 Western Road.
APP/21/00771/F
REFUSED
26 August 2021
This plot has a substantial house built around 2000, with a rear garden which has very good tree coverage. Unusually, there is also a rear lane which leads to Martello Road South (opposite the junction with Ravine Road). This proposal is to build another house

in the rear garden, with access using the rear lane. This has been refused, on the basis that this site-splitting should not be allowed in the Conservation Area. The impact on tree coverage is also an issue.

4 Burton Road.
APP/21/00211/P
REFUSED
26 August 2021
This is the third proposal refused for this site, this time to replace the existing dwelling with a block of 13 flats. The first application was to demolish the existing single house and replace with 5 houses, with very little space for parking, and built quite close to the boundaries. After the refusal, a second application was made (15 Oct 19) to make changes to the existing house and build 3 new houses in the garden. This was also refused, quite promptly. The plot is in the Branksome Park Conservation Area, and should not be developed in this way. Residents of Dover Road are particularly concerned, as the plot is above their back gardens. As usual, we cannot be sure what will happen next.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING
2 & 2A Burton Road/
22 Balcombe Road.
APP/19/01224/P
31 October 2019
As soon as the 30 flats were granted permission at 18 to 20B Balcombe Road, this new proposal appeared for a block of 37 flats. This should not be possible, as the site is in the Branksome Park Conservation Area.

28 Bury Road.
APP/20/00900/F
5 October 2020
This is a proposal to replace a tennis court with a detached house. The site already has a history of similar attempts, and this one would be particularly damaging for the house on

Canford Cliffs Road which backs on to it. There is also concern about the impact on the footpath which joins Canford Cliffs Road to Bury Road. As this is in a Conservation Area, the site-splitting should not be allowed.

Flaghead Cliffs (SE of Cliff Drive).
APP/19/01265/P
APPEAL
9 October 2020
This was a revised proposal for 12 new Beach Huts, after a previous one for more was refused. It is controversial because it is not clear how it would affect the safety of the cliffs, and they would be privately owned, meaning that the Council might not be able to control the use of the huts.

Following the refusal of this application, an Appeal has now been lodged (confirmed on 9 October 20). There is some evidence that the appeal process is in progress.

142 Canford Cliffs Road.
APP/20/01365/F
9 December 2020
This site currently has a rather attractive “Mock Tudor” house called Mount Grace. Unfortunately, this is an application to replace it with a block of 13 2-bedroom apartments. There is a history of proposals for this site, all of which have previously been refused.

7-9 Lindsay Road.
APP/21/00627/F
22 April 2021
This is a new application by a different developer, to replace two bungalows with 2 blocks of flats (21 apartments) and 7 terraced houses. This would replace two dwellings with 28, which does seem excessive!

It is hard to understand how this could be granted permission, but of course there is the “precedent” of the McCarthy & Stone development next door at 1-5.

13-15 Lindsay Road.
APP/21/00710/P
14 May 2021
Yet another application to demolish two bungalows and replace with a block of 25 flats. Obviously the consequences for the owner of 11 Lindsay Road are extreme, given the application noted above!

One bizarre feature of the records so far is that the BCP Highways Authority has complained that the proposal has too many parking spaces – this represents a view of life that is not very realistic. BPCCRA has registered an objection, since this stretch of road is in the main Conservation Area.

6 Burton Road.
APP/20/00437/P
APPEAL
20 July 2021
This application was refused on 22 April 21, and an appeal has now officially started. The existing property is a substantial split-level house, which seems to be in good condition, with some relatively recent extensions. The proposal is to demolish it and build a block of 12 flats, which should not be allowed in the Conservation Area. Meanwhile, a new application has been made for a revised version of the scheme (APP/21/01026/P, 19 July 2021).

2-4 Leicester Road.
APP/20/00276/F
APPEAL
6 September 2021
This is a proposal to replace three bungalows with three blocks of flats (37 in total). It is within the Conservation Area, but of course is quite close to the McCarthy & Stone development in Lindsay Road. One serious problem would be the impact on traffic near Penn Hill, between the two sets of traffic-lights. This application was refused on 4 June 2021, but has now gone to appeal.

Dugald Eadie



Sculptures (and other installations)

The average suburban plot often has a focal point: the bird-bath or the sundial perhaps. 'Average' for Branksome Park is somewhat more extensive than that, and this long 'narrow' plot (not much more than 100 feet wide) with the last third pine-clad hillside gave rather more scope for using more than one focal point'. As I developed the garden and the length of woodland paths topped the 500 ft mark, our collection, like Topsy, 'just grew'.

The first was an installation reflecting my sense of humour. Over the years, visitors to our 'Open Garden' will have already seen my 'jeux d'esprit' (pretentious French for 'jokes') and can skip all this and turn to something more interesting. However, the rest of you pay attention, as there may be a quiz at the end.

We had beaten down the asking price for our bijou bungalow unmercifully, using a wildly pessimistic surveyor report. So, feeling somewhat guilty, we paid up for anything they'd left behind and wanted to sell us. One item was a short wooden ladder, so

riddled with woodworm that only someone with suicidal tendencies would ascend. What to do with an unclimbable ladder? The sensible answer would have been to dispose of it as effectively as possible. My solution was to cut it into short lengths, cut 45° angles, re-assemble it, so it zigzagged heavenward, with a white cut out cloud atop. On a stand, the piece entitled 'Stairway to Heaven', subtitle 'You Can Take a Horse to Water. But a Zeppelin should be Led.'

Other installations followed in due course. First, the tendency of cars to shed hubcaps along Lindsay Road, and my fevered

imagination seeing flying saucers in their shape, led to me stringing up a few and creating a road sign. Next, a picture of the head of a little green man, under the warning triangle, with the notice, 'Danger: Low-flying Aliens' More recently, given the ease with which polystyrene can be cut and shaped, I made a recumbent figure, painted bronze, entitled 'Homage à Henry Moore(French for 'cheap rip-off')'.

We visited the Chelsea Flower Show year on year. We were enthralled to see David Goode goblins peeping out from the undergrowth in one of the small gardens. You see all sorts of beautiful things at Chelsea and



thought no more of it. Until we saw his work advertised in The Garden' and decided that we, and our new garden, deserved this, the best. We went to his studio in Oxford and made our choice. These are not. I hasten to add, gnomes, for, to quote my doggerel: 'The RHS has a ruling, which/ Regards the gnome as rather kitsch.'

So our first sculptures were two bronzes, 'Mischief' I installed on a Road to Nowhere, or more prosaically a crazy paving path leading downwards into a shrubbery, with a stone circle at the end. He is sitting on a flowerpot, holding another, which is his hat, contemplating with delight an inchworm looping along his elongated finger. And 'Isabel's Goblin' seated, open-armed and laughing, needed a branch to sit on. At first, on a birch that died, then he moved up to the crook of a pine further up the hill, which was too high for him to be seen. His final perch was on a branch of a strawberry tree, right at the top of the hill at eye level. So, though we paid cash for him, he has been on 'higher perches.'

Much later, going round gardens in West Sussex, we caught an

exhibition of sculpture by 'Surrey Sculptors' We were particularly taken by an abstract, 'Woodland Spirit' and felt it just right for our particular fragment of woodland. They then exhibited year on year at Wisley gardens, and we enjoyed seeing their work in that idyllic setting and judiciously added to our collection when we saw something that felt right for our garden. Our last purchase together was of 'Paddy'. A realistic iron resin sculpture of a dog captured our memories from childhood and teens of a family pet. Paddy was a cross between the Dulux dog and 'Boot' of 'The Perishers'. He now sits by our pond, with a slightly hangdog look, as though he has just been in and knows he really shouldn't have.

The pandemic closed Wisley gardens, and of course, the annual sculpture exhibition was cancelled. Naturally, therefore, I was pretty excited to get in my inbox their 'Virtual Exhibition'. Artists must have felt the impact of lockdown commercially, much as the hospitality industry has. So, on

the same basis as 'Eat Out to Help Out', I was disposed to look at what was on offer and see whether I could squeeze another sculpture in without overcrowding. In the event, I chose three.

'Red Kite' was in silver, a six-foot stainless steel wingspan which I could see flying low against the dark backdrop of the woodland's edge. Close inspection shows it's cunningly composed of welded knives and spoons. A small abstract is now guarding the woods' exit, matching the same sculptor's larger piece at the entrance. A sizeable mature rhododendron died on me. The big gap left was filled by the third sculpture, a female torso. The convoluted stump of the rhododendron, upended, made a plinth that reflected the twisted torso above.

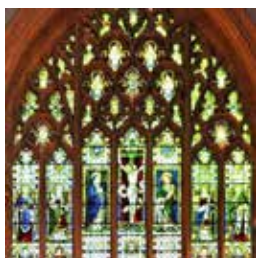
Now there are over twenty pieces, each with its own story. These are just some selected highlights. No quiz, but I hope you enjoyed this sculpture stroll

David Reeves



Greenacres is the place to be!

Trilled the theme music of the 60s US sitcom. But every Tuesday lunchtime, St Aldhelm's Church is the place to be right here in Branksome! All are welcome to the free weekly musical recital. And everyone is invited to lunch for a modest charge. Thanks to the marvellous work of the church impresario, Ray, a whole range of musicians come along to entertain and enthral those who gather.



We are all, alas, still reeling from the effects of the pandemic. So at the church, we are setting aside **Thursday 4 November** for: **After the storm? A day to reflect on the pandemic, to remember and look forward.**

You are invited to visit that day, or the following week, to look at our reflection displays. They may help you remember special people who have died; those whose funerals you may have had to miss; and the occasions that were not celebrated. There will be an opportunity to reflect on the loneliness that many of us experienced or the sense of being overwhelmed by anxiety or overwork.

Pause also to give thanks to the keyworkers and helpers. We are planning a series of activities during the day on the 4th- including an hour of silence from 9 am and a chance to chat over a cuppa at 3 pm- but anyone can drop by at any time. The church will be open until 8 pm that evening.

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Our Councillors' Corner Summer Roundup – Cllr May Haines

As indicated in the previous magazine there was a change in administration at BCP Council back in October 2020 and since then, much work has happened. We were keen to not see a repeat of the chaos over the summer season and set to work on a plan to deal with various different scenarios over the holiday period. We saw on some days our population nearly double from the number of visitors to our award-winning beaches. While there were still some issues with inconsiderate parking and traffic congestion, there were significantly less complaints about toilet facilities as well as litter.

In conjunction with Dorset Police, there were operations in place to tackle anti-social behaviour. Most notably, Operation Sandman went off to a very busy start with the gathering of younger people at the start of the Easter weekend. The police were on hand to diffuse the situation before it became more difficult to control. Similar gatherings throughout the season have also been dispersed by the police with quite a volume of alcohol confiscated and disposed of in the process.

Another project that was successfully complete was the cliff stabilisation project along Cliff Drive. This was on budget and on time. If you are wondering why sections of the green space have been fenced off, it is to allow the rare grasses that grow there to regenerate. It is fair to say I had a lesson on this from the council's biodiversity officer on these lesser spotted species. Several area



experienced flash flooding during the torrential rains in July. Our council flood management team worked flat out to restore order. As part of this it was discovered that some gutters were blocked or partially blocked. Most have now been dealt with. If you do experience flooding issues, please contact flooding@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or report it via <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Roads-and-transport/Maintaining-our-roads/Extreme-weather/Flooding.aspx>.

Our latest campaign is our Cleaner, Greener, Safer initiative to bring back a level of pride to our town centres. We are working in conjunction with Poole BID to run a pilot to make it cleaner, repaint lamp posts, deal with fly tipping, remove graffiti from public property and improve the atmosphere to make the town a more attractive place for visitors, local or from a far. Our fly-tipping pilot through WISE (<https://wasteenforcement.co.uk/>), who specialise in environmental crime investigations, started at the end of August. So far,

several penalty notices have been issued and many businesses have been visited to advise on how they need to manage their waste. It has indeed been a busy start for our partner with the bonus that it is at virtually NIL cost to the council and our tax payers. If you see fly-tipping please report it to community.enforcement@bcpcouncil.gov.uk. More information on our Cleaner, Greener, Safer campaign can be found on <https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/documents/s28728/Cleaner%20Greener%20Safer%20Programme.pdf>

It has been a busy few months, and it is hoped that things will slowly get back to a new normal post lockdown. We continue to work with your association on planning matters and other issues that are of concern to your members.

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Probus Club of Parkstone

The pandemic which has so blighted our lives perhaps helps to reinforce the value we have for regular social contact. This is where organisations, such as Probus can help to play a significant part in maintaining our mental health.

The origins of Probus are closely linked with two community-based social clubs in the 1960's. In 1965 one was formed by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City whilst another by the Rotary Club of Caterham a year later in 1966. It is suggested that the name Probus is derived from the first three letters of the words "professional" and "business". An alternative suggestion is that it is from a Latin word meaning honest or virtuous from which the word "probity" is derived.

The sole object of the clubs is to provide a meeting place for retired or semi-retired professional and business men, particularly for those who would appreciate and value, in their retirement, increased social contacts and the opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances.

There is no national or international body and each Club, being entirely autonomous, can have its own constitution and rules. Once a Club is formed, the management is left entirely in the hands of its members. Even so, Clubs have been established throughout the U.K. as well as other parts of the world particularly Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada making a total of over 4,000 Probus



Clubs worldwide. There are also many Ladies Probus clubs.

However there is a quarterly Probus magazine which is produced free of charge for all Probus Clubs. It gives news and accounts of the activities from number of Probus Clubs and includes a Probus Global Newsletter.

The Probus Club of Parkstone was formed by members of the local Rotary in 1979 at a meeting held at the Halfway Hotel with 16 potential members attending. As is not unusual, not all were in agreement and four of the attendees wished to form a club of their own in Canford Cliffs. The remaining 12 members successfully formed the Probus Club of Parkstone as we have it today. Initially meetings were held at the Halfway Hotel and later at the Inglewood Hotel.

Today the Club is fortunate in being able to meet at the Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road. There is ample accommodation in the lounge for social chatter, a separate room for the talk and a well established restaurant for lunch.

Over the years there have been many speakers talking on a wide

variety of topics. A few examples are, "150 Years of the London Underground" (Steve Roberts); "The Dorset Victoria Crosses" (Kevin Patience); and "My Family and Other Setbacks" (Mel Rees). Whilst interesting topics for the immediate future are, "Siberia" (Adrian Penna); "The Life and Times of Dylan Thomas" (Brian Sutton) and "Romance and Scandal in Bournemouth" (Hattie Miles).

In addition the Club has two sub-sections. The first is the opportunity for the widows of past members to meet on a monthly basis for a meal and social chatter. Similarly, those of our members who are widowed, meet regularly at a suitable hostelry for a monthly meal and exchange of news. They are suitably named "The Lone Rangers".

The meetings for the Probus Club of Parkstone are held on the third Tuesday of the month (except in August) at the Riviera Hotel starting with coffee from 10.30am. We are always pleased to welcome new members so give us a try and just 'phone the Secretary David Walder on 01202 701898

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Community Speed Watch opens new monitoring point in The Avenue – Awareness remains key!

With Covid lockdowns now behind us, at least for the present, the Branksome Park CSW team has been active over the summer, operating at several sites in the Ward. CSW Coordinator – Roy Pointer says the growth in traffic since lockdown has been massive as people come out of 'hibernation', and many more visitors have come to the area as part of a 'staycation'. It also seems that speeds have increased, with many more vehicles reported per monitoring session than before the pandemic started.



One of the busiest and dangerous roads in the Ward is The Avenue. Even during off-peak periods, up to 700 vehicles, an hour can use this road. The Police Road Safety Unit authorises all our sites, and we have recently been given a new location at the lower end of The Avenue near Buccleugh Road (see picture above). Many residents have been concerned about speeds in this road, particularly as it falls towards Branksome Chine beach. We hope our presence from time to time will increase the awareness of the speed limit in that area.

Our aim remains not to report as many drivers as possible but to remind drivers that the Ward contains several roads that may look quiet but are heavily used and dangerous at certain times. Following our reports, speeding drivers are sent a reminder letter from the Police. Awareness remains the key!

Whilst we have a pool of volunteers supporting our monitoring, we should welcome a few more people

to spread the load across the team. It means about two hour-long sessions per month during the working week. If you would like to help, please let us know via the Association website.

The Association is also active on the road safety front. It has been in touch with Martin Baker, the BCP Road Safety Officer, to find out what the Council does with data from Community Speed Watch sorties, such as speeds and volumes of traffic travelling along our roads.

Martin Baker's reply... to follow...

We have asked the BCP Council to help promote Community Speed Watch alongside Dorset Roadsafes so that more of the population better understands what's going on if they see a CSW team with a radar pointed at them and what to expect if they were speeding. We continue to flag up with the Council that the road conditions

make it virtually impossible to cross the road unless you can sprint, which is particularly treacherous for older people. So we very much welcome the New Highway Code rule that expects cars to prioritise pedestrians waiting to cross the road. The Government will provide more information on this once it has gone through parliament.

We understand the BCP Road Safety Budget constraints, and there are over 250 sites needing road safety inventions. We are on a long waiting list for the essential infrastructure the area needs for pedestrian safety, especially at The Avenue crossroads and along the public footpaths that run through the Chines down to the beach. Finally, we live in the hope that no one else dies on these roads, that one day drivers will realise what it's like to be a pedestrian round here and to be more aware of their speeds!

Vicky Moss and Roy Pointer



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Why should you never trust stairs?

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When does a joke become a 'dad' joke?

When it becomes apparent.

How do you measure a snake?

In inches—they don't have feet.

What does a house wear?

Address!

Why is Peter Pan always flying?

Because he Neverlands. (I love this joke because it never grows old.)

I took the shell off of my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster.

But if anything, it made him more sluggish

You know, it was so cold the other day, I saw a politician with his hands in his *own* pockets.

Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France?

There was nothing left but de Brie.

I tried to win a suntanning competition.

But all I got was bronze.

A British man started a locksmith service in July 2020. He named it Surelock Homes.

Why are Sundays stronger than Wednesdays?

Because Wednesday is a week-day.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over.

The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behaviour, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down, so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said.

The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later." The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

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Helping Mature Drivers Stay Safe on the Roads

September was a month of Road Safety Awareness with 'The Older Drivers Awareness Week', Project Edward (Every Day Without A Road Death), a national campaign backed by The Government and The Dorset Roadsafes Community Speed Watch Conference by Dorset Police.



This year the theme for Project Edward was 'Fit for the Road' – Each of us can help create a road environment that is free from death or serious injury.

The Older Drivers Forum made a series of very informative live webinars presented by experts in road safety. Hampshire Constabulary Road Safety Team runs the Forum, and it aims to keep mature motorists on the road safer for longer. Links to the Webinars are in the October News on the Pines and Chines Website.

Rob Heard, a retired Senior Road Safety Officer, set up The Older Drivers Forum for Hampshire Police. It is a Not For

Profit organisation made up of experts in road safety from local authorities, charities and other Not For Profit organisations such as Age UK and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

I first heard about the Older Drivers Forum through my involvement with Community Speed Watch run by Dorset Police Roadsafes Team. The death and serious injury rate of those aged 70+ on UK roads are significantly higher than any other age group, despite this group being the least likely to cause an accident.

In Dorset KSI (killed/seriously injured) rate for over 70s has been amongst the worst in the country in recent years, although fortunately, that figure is starting to fall. If you haven't heard of the 'The Older Drivers Forum',



I recommend you check out their website and the webinars. <https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/>



The webinars were recorded and will be of interest to drivers of all ages. Their expertise and advice are for older drivers on common hazards that pose the most significant risk of death or serious injury and what they can do to keep themselves and others safe.

However, the advice is invaluable for anyone who passed their driving test a while ago!

The presentations from 13th-17th September 2021 covered:

13th Sept: The risks faced by older drivers on the road and safe driving tips to help reduce them

In this webinar, the host, Rob Heard, talks about the Older Drivers Forum and available help and support. Then Dr Kit Mitchell talks on Older Drivers and risk patterns, followed by Graham Mylward (an approved driving instructor) talking about Safe Driving Tips and covering things like roundabouts, t-junctions and much more.

Paul White then talks about the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower organisation. This is then followed by a 45 minutes Q&A section to the panel on questions asked by attendees.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbAP29f2vEO>

14th Sept: Considering an Electric Vehicles? Advice for older drivers

In this webinar, we have three experts in the field talking about Electric vehicle (EV) ownership and driving experiences, the cost of EV vehicles and charging, range anxiety, charging point access and battery life.

The speakers then talk about Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, their benefits, function and advice. A 45 minute Q&A section then follows this to the panel on questions from attendees – Please note the information in the webinar is accurate as of 14th September 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaR2dj87hFI>

15th Sept: Driving Appraisal and Assessments for older drivers.

This webinar featured three experts talking on the different types of driving appraisals, what is available, how they are conducted and where to find one close to you. The webinar then has an expert from a Driving Mobility centre talking about driving assessments and how they work, and what happens in them. At the end of the session, you will have sound advice and many tips or your reference. Nobody can take away your licence except the DVLA and The Law Courts. Most of the time, the instructor will provide help and give confidence, such as driving around gyratory roundabouts or driving on motorways and joining slip roads.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rhvY26dlxs>

They can also advise on safety equipment such as bubble mirrors that can be fitted to your wing mirrors to increase vision.

16th Sept: Understanding Notifiable Medical Conditions for Driving and Driving with Dementia

This webinar had two experts; the first will be Professor Michael Hornberger, a Dementia specialist, talking on the effects of dementia on cognition and driving in general. We then had input on a 'Notifiable medical condition', how to inform the DVLA, and the possible consequences. If you wish to follow Professor Hornberger, his Twitter is @DementiaScience; Facebook is /DementiaScience, and his website is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA3SYOLYhTQ>

17th Sept: Dash Cams, should everyone have one?

This webinar was co-hosted by Valerie Singleton (OBE). We had five experts talking during this webinar. The first talked about what is a dashcam and what is available, and how they work. Then we had the Police telling us how they can use dashcam footage from the public to prosecute people.

We then heard from a wife who tells us about losing her partner when his death was captured on a dashcam and subsequently helped convict the offending driver. We then went through how to notify the Police of any footage you have and then showed different examples and asked for opinions of what happened.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-UHRGrB5EI>

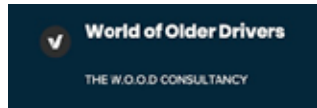
The Dorset Police Roadsafes Team is working around the clock to affect motorists' behaviour changes, although 2020 saw an increase in road accidents across the country.

Whatever age we are, we are encouraged to book an 'appraisal' or 'refresher' session with a driving instructor if it's been several decades since we've passed our driving test. For older drivers, there are especially trained driving instructors who are trained to be alert to the older driver's needs. Whatever our current age or circumstances, sooner or later, all of us are affected by ageing, whether that be ourselves, ageing parents and friends. However, don't despair – help is near!

Turn over to find out more...

Where to go for further guidance on finding an approved Assessor for Mature Drivers:

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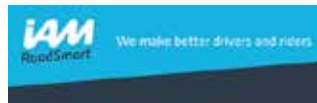
Graham Mylward - Senior Consultant at W.O.O.D

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Graham Mylward has been running the Driver Skills Scheme 60+ at Hampshire County Council for 12 years and recently moved down to Bournemouth, setting up his consultancy for people outside of Hampshire. His experience in training, assessing and advising drivers of all age groups since 1998 has put him into an ideal place to pass on some of the lessons he has learnt about driving in the real world.

He believes that we always have something new to learn or understand, so he continually strives to improve the service he offers to help people. Graham's speciality in this field has led him to advise others, including many professionals, on older drivers' issues. This has resulted in the production of videos for BBC, including for the One Show, BBC Breakfast and the BBC stories website. He has also delivered presentations to national conferences on his work in this area, including to the national Older Road Users Conference arranged by Road Safety GB



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W: www.motoringassist.com

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T: 0800 559 3636

E: info@drivingmobility.org.uk

You have to be referred by your GP or Health Care Professional. As a registered charity, **Driving Mobility** accredits a network of 20 driving assessment centres covering the whole of the UK. Many with outreach facilities, these centres include independent charities and NHS centres which offer professional information and assessment so disabled and elderly people can gain or retain independence

Vicky, many thanks for updating us on this really important initiative
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The Calgary Stampede

Day 6: Rocky Mountaineer

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Rocky Mountaineer

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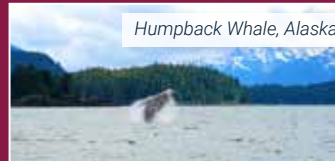
Day 8: Embark cruise

After breakfast it is time to embark on your Alaskan cruise aboard Holland America Koningsdam.

Day 9: The Inside Passage (Scenic Cruising)

Day 10: Juneau, Alaska

Juneau is known for its outdoor recreation, fresh seafood and fine dining. The city itself is pleasant, but the real highlight of a visit to Juneau is tracking down some wildlife. You can hike up Mount Roberts to chance upon wild deer and bald eagles. Most sightseeing and whale-watching tours head north to Auke Bay—bring a good pair of binoculars to get the best view of these majestic and surprisingly graceful creatures. If you prefer land mammals, catch a floatplane to a nearby wildlife reserve such as Chichagof or Admiralty Island to spy some bears lolling around on Alaska cruise excursion.



Humpback Whale, Alaska

Day 11: Skagway, Alaska

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Day 12: Glacier Bay (Scenic Cruising)

Day 13: Ketchikan, Alaska

Ketchikan is one of the best spots along the Inside Passage to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. You can see intricately carved totem poles at the Totem Heritage Centre and Totem Bight State Park, while the attractions of Saxman Village just outside of Ketchikan offers the chance to see Tlingit culture in action, with working carvers and a dance show in the clan house.

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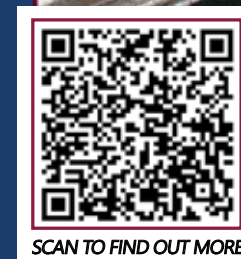
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Singulars and Plurals

Modern technology should eliminate lousy grammar and spelling, but the opposite is the case. For example, what used to be called the quality press is incapable of differentiating between a singular and a plural. The Times and the Telegraph would probably have written that sentence as “the quality press are, not is. Newspapers are, but the press is.

I can’t remember when I last saw “the team is”. Whether it’s the BBC, the Grunard or the Times, they will invariably make the team a plural, The players are, but the team is.

Our own illustrious Daily Echo says the Council are when they should write the Council is. The councillors are, but the Council is.

I’m reminded of when I attended a parents evening and stood there horrified, listening to the geography teacher stumbling through his talk about my son’s work. The teacher spoke with a regional accent, which is OK, but his grammar and pronunciation

were awful. I commented on my son’s spelling mistakes in his written work. To which he informed me that it wasn’t policy to correct spelling mistakes within a geography essay. His job was to mark my son’s geographical knowledge, not his spelling proficiency (I doubt he used that word). Years later, my son, now a very successful businessman, discovered he has mild dyslexia. The truth of the issue was that many of the school teachers in the ‘90s couldn’t spell themselves and were equally lacking in grammar.

Has the situation changed? You tell me as I no longer attend parents evenings.



Let us consider the Universities; not only are they determined to stifle debate and deny a voice to those that dare to express views contrary to their collective “wisdom”, but now they have branded correct grammar and spelling, both elitist and racist. Forgive me for saying; I thought the job of educational establishments was to educate.

Thankfully those elements of our society that would have most likely suffered from racism and elitism produce some of the best spoken and articulate citizens we have. Dumbing down our language helps no one.

Roger Allen

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My passion for cycling

I write this at a time when many are struggling to find fuel to put in their cars, vans or lorries.

Once again, our nation seems to rush to panic buy essential items when confronted by the prospect of not having enough. It reminds me of when we ran out of toilet paper at the beginning of the pandemic in March and April 2020. However, in a matter of weeks, people had calmed down, realising that, of course, the Covid pandemic did not lead to a shortage of toilet paper.

Nevertheless, the fuel shortages did lead me to think about what would happen if I couldn't drive my car. As a vicar with only a short walk to the church, it would not significantly impact my daily life in terms of work, except, of course, with the need to get to funerals and crematoriums.

However, I know many who would struggle to get their usual place of work, but most could return to the lockdown status of working from home with its mixed blessings. Childcare is, of course, one of the significant issues for those with school-aged children during the pandemic.

Fortunately for me, all my children seem to have developed my

passion for cycling, with three of them now cycling some 2 1/2 miles to Saint Edward's school each day. My youngest child goes to Lilliput School, which is just over a mile away. Since the beginning of school term in September, we have been cycling there almost every day, and on Monday, at the height of the fuel pandemic, I thought it was wise to take the car because it was raining initially. And yet, my youngest, Barnaby, was quite upset at the prospect of going in the car. However, he soon started to give me excellent reasons why it was much better to cycle "it's quicker, you won't be wasting precious petrol dad, there is less impact on the environment" and "it's good exercise for you dad I, it stops you from getting fat!" He was, of course, right, as children so often are!

If we're open to it, we can learn much from our children or grandchildren, whether by teaching us the latest technology, or reminding us of important values that we have passed on to them, whether deliberately or not!

In the same vein, if you are the youngest of four children and you

see your other brothers cycling to school, you wish to follow their path. This is why I think increasingly as a family develops; actually, we watch what others do, not just what they say. Our family has a passion for cycling that is infectious. In the same way, as a wise old preacher said the other day, "Christianity is caught, not just taught." When people hear a message from the pulpit, it comes with much more integrity and meaning if it is also lived out in one's daily walk or cycle to school.

In October, Glasgow will host the COP26 climate conference. So much will be said and talked about, but words without action are meaningless.

So, the challenge for each of us is to do what we say and try to live lives of integrity in every way, enjoying the many blessings around us, whether we walk, cycle or drive.

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The Branksome Park Pedestrian Gate

If you go down to the woods today, yes you may have a surprise if you are new to the area. Near the bowling green in Branksome Park residents have expressed curiosity at the building of a stone gateway across the woodland path near Leicester Road over recent years, but do you know how important it is to Branksome Park?

Branksome Park is situated partly in the parish of Kinson and partly in the Tything of Parkstone.

Before Bournemouth was founded, the area of heathland between Poole and Christchurch was a lonely place, and the road from Parkstone went through an area owned by Patrick Crawford Bruce, an "offshoot" of the Bruce family of Scotland who owned 1,005 acres in these parts, much of which was planted with Pines and other firs.

Part of this, to become known as the Branksome Park Estate, was sold to Charles W. Packe, Member of Parliament for South Leicester, about 800 acres in all, and on a site near Branksome Chine where another building had been in the mid 17th Century, he decided to have a stone baronial hall built on the clifftops overlooking Poole Bay. He employed a Scottish architect, William Burn, who designed it in the Tudor style, and it was built between 1851/2 at a cost of £5000. Charles Packe then invited a local architect Mr. Christopher Creeke to advise him on the layout of the grounds and by 1860 a road from the house known as Branksome Tower was built to join what was then the Poole-to-Bournemouth Road near the boundary between Dorset and Hampshire. At this extremity large gates were erected across the road, a stone lodge gate house was erected on the Poole side and between the two a stone gateway for pedestrians. Packe



also decided to build a wall six feet high all around his Estate measuring between 6 and 7 miles in all. In the summer months, on special occasions only, he opened the gate for people to travel down the mile long avenue bordered by rhododendrons to Branksome Chine. Charles Packe stayed at Branksome Tower for the rest of his life and when he died in 1867 was laid to rest in a mausoleum built near the top of Branksome Dene Chine, and was later joined by his wife Kitty.

In 1871, the estate was bought by another "northerner" Mr. Henry Bury, who knocked down part of the boundary wall and laid out roads across Branksome Park. The lodge area became known as County Gates, and the gates themselves were removed.

In 1877, Mr. Bury arranged for a church to be built, called All Saints, entirely at his expense, and this was opened on the 20th September 1877. Mr. Bury decided to have other houses

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built on the estate and laid down the condition of not more than one mansion per acre. The first building so erected in 1878 was called "Haileybury".

Mr. Bury linked up the "Branksome lakes" and streams leading down to the sea. In the 1890's main sewerage and street lighting was introduced and following the death of Mr. Bury, Branksome Tower became an Hotel, to which over the years many famous people came and admired the beauty of Branksome Park. The Trustees of the Bury Estate gave 40 acres surrounding the stream to the "Municipal Borough Council of Poole" who relaid the stream and walk from the sea at Branksome Chine, up past All Saints church to the boundary of Branksome Park with Parkstone.

Branksome Tower Hotel was "home" for the Pedestrian Gate when the lodge at County Gates was demolished in 1974 for the



building of Frizzell House, and when later Branksome Tower Hotel was itself demolished, the developers of the land, Elliott Property and Leisure Group, advised that they did not want the gateway. Poole Council declined to "preserve it as it would cost £1000".

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On the 2nd November 1981, with the help of Uni-Rents, who loaned the equipment, twelve members of the Society of Poole Men demolished the gateway after photographing it, drawing it and numbering the stones, and then removed it to the rear of the bowling pavilion.

Since then, despite numerous setbacks and delays, the gateway has slowly risen and is now nearing completion. Not an easy task, for we had forgotten one vital piece of information. How far apart each pillar was at the base. When the side walls are in place and a suitable plaque installed, then we can really advise pedestrians to enter the beautiful Branksome Park and walk down to the sea.

The Pedestrian Gate is probably the oldest monument to the origins of Branksome Park itself, but how many residents are aware of it and will care for it in years to come?

Brian J. Galpin
Past President Society of Poole Men 1979-1982

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Chameleon Mind & Body

Hi, I'm Shelley, owner of Chameleon Mind & Body. Why the name? Because I believe that just like the Chameleon, 'change is within all of us.' I love working with people- helping them take care of their wellbeing and achieve their goals, be that weekend warrior, athlete, or anyone simply seeking self-improvement.

If there's one thing the past 18 months have taught us, it's that looking after ourselves and keeping fit is a must, for all of us, for both our mental and physical health. Our bodies are designed to move, and in doing so, we improve flexibility, range of movement, balance, strength, cardiovascular fitness and our

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In the 28 years, I've been a fitness professional, I've seen trends come and go, and this year, of course, there have been changes a plenty. I'm noticing a movement away from the big gyms to smaller boutique and studio-style gyms, outdoor sessions, plus a return to a more personalised touch, especially now we can see each other again in person. That said, I also think that Zoom or online classes are here to stay as they suit so many people. I still run these myself alongside my 1-1 coaching, proof that the changes the industry reacted to and embraced are here to stay. All of this is excellent news as it gives



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A personal view and 'The Mothers of Invention.'

I try my best to avoid the BBC News, the Echo and the national newspapers but even doing that, their crafty campaigns to undermine our confidence and well being still manage to permeate through my defences. Try as I may, I cannot avoid the biased onslaughts of the media to persuade me to abandon so many values I respect.

The whole argument, for debate, is not allowed, about what constitutes a woman invariably put forward by men bemuses me. I started to reflect, and from out of nowhere, I was reminded of The Mothers of Invention, the 60's rock band that gave a platform to Frank Zappa. They would probably be locked up these days just for their name alone. However, their chosen name brings me to the main thrust of my theme: femininity and the feminine gender.

I chiefly blame the Guardian for leading the charge to denigrate femininity and the feminine gender consistently. There is no better example of the Guardians' works to promote this new rationale than the concept of actresses having to become actors, conductresses having to become conductors and comedienness having to become comedians.

For women to be equal to their male counterparts, they have to take on masculine identity. So why should an actress be required to refer to herself (whoops) as an actor to be seen as an equal to a man? Why not the other way around? Let the men become actresses and conductresses. If the former is logical, why not the latter?

Grafting masculine identities onto female roles is nearly complete in the woke world, except we

know that they have now gone a few steps further. The Scottish Government is continuing the campaign by deleting the term Mother from all government documentation. So their collective work is nearly complete.

For the language of literature and conversation to insist that females have to assume a male gender form to be equal to males is an insult to women, femininity and motherhood.

I was lucky enough growing up in the '50s, and 60's to have had a mother who ran a business and witnessed how strong she had to be

to succeed. Femininity, female and mother equate to bravery, strength, resolve and perseverance. Never mind the additional talents of being natural managers, problem solvers, nurturers and educators.

What utter nonsense it is to tell women, not even to ask them, that they must drop their feminine titles to aspire to be the equal of men. The men are best left digging holes in the road and letting the women get on with the important stuff.

Roger Allen



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As the breeding season comes to an end, and many species start to migrate to their winter grounds, you might be forgiven for thinking there's not a lot of wildlife out there to see. But on the Dorset Wildlife Trust reserve on Brownsea Island, autumn and winter are a busy time of year.



Autumn on Brownsea Island

It's been a mixed summer, ups and downs in the weather proving inconvenient for both people and wildlife. The unsettled start meant that the Sandwich terns on Brownsea lagoon arrived late and produced fewer offspring than previous years. The common terns and black-headed gulls, undeterred, did well and the terns have now started to leave our shores for the warmer climes of Africa, whilst the gulls are still to be seen all over the harbour.

From now on, flocks of different species start to arrive on the Brownsea lagoon. The lagoon, 80 acres of brackish water, is non-tidal and is therefore a secure place for a wide variety of species during the winter. It is a nationally important breeding and roosting site, set in the surroundings of busy Poole Harbour.

From September onward numbers of avocet, black-tailed godwit and dunlin soar, and teal, gadwall, shoveler and other ducks

in their hundreds can be found. The ever-popular spoonbills, with their spatula-shaped bills, can be seen most days. During stormy or windy weather, passage migrants often take refuge on the lagoon before continuing their journey north or south.

Elsewhere on the island the squirrels are preparing for the winter ahead, feeding and caching busily, and becoming easier to see as they tend to be less bothered about people as they go about their business. Britain's native squirrel is out-competed by grey squirrels in most mainland areas but this species finds a safe haven on Brownsea with a population of around 200 animals.

On the heathland areas, common lizards and the nocturnal nightjar have both had a successful summer breeding. The former is now turning to hibernation mode, whilst the latter has headed off for the warmer shores of Africa.



The island closes at the end of October, but for the human inhabitants this is the busiest time of year, with practical conservation and habitat management taking priority. The Dorset Wildlife Trust team are currently working on the Wild Brownsea project, a three-year programme of works and investment designed to improve access, wildlife observation and learning facilities on the Dorset Wildlife Trust reserve; and to provide a programme of activities including outreach, schools' visits, workshops and courses to enable people of all backgrounds and abilities to learn about, enjoy and play an active role in managing this unique place.

For more information visit dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk and search 'Brownsea'

Nicki Tutton,
Wild Brownsea Project Officer,
Dorset Wildlife Trust

Jack Jeffries

The Association was sad to hear that Jack Jeffries died peacefully on 08 September 2021. Jack formed the Birchmere Group of Companies in 1975 which offered a wealth of experience in meeting Tenant's property needs from start-up businesses to multi-national companies.

Jack was the Association's Planning Officer from May 1998 to May 2003.

Jack was a regular attendee at the Association's monthly meetings and provided regular updates on Planning Applications causing concern to the Association.

The Branksome Park Association Ltd was acquired by its current owners in 1981 but, prior to its acquisition, Jack was offered the opportunity to acquire this company. Jack took advice and was advised not to go ahead, on the grounds that the covenants were likely to be challenged, but, 40 years later, the Covenants remain in force, despite a challenge by McCarthy & Stone in relation to 14/14A The Avenue in 2004 which was unopposed.

Jack will be greatly missed by all.

John Sprackling
BPPCRA President

A personal recollection of meeting Lord Ventry

The Summer edition of Pines and Chines contained an interesting piece about Lindsay road.

It mentioned Lord Ventry who lived in Lindsay Hall.

Many years ago I was organist and choirmaster at the neighbouring St. Aldhelm's church.

Lord Ventry also played the organ at a Roman Catholic church somewhere in the area.

He decided to organise a fete in his grounds to raise money for the music of local churches and involved me and John

Belcher, who was the organist of St. Peter's church in the centre of Bournemouth.

I recall being invited to his house with John to discuss the fete. When we arrived, we were given a glass of a dreadfully sweet sherry. It was like stepping back a hundred years.

I doubt the house had been changed in any way since it was built. He lived on his own with a couple of housekeepers.

He was a very colourful character.

Paul Fearnley

Changing Issues relating to Mental capacity with Wills

Andrew Carswell is a partner specialising in Civil Litigation at Trethowans. He explains some of the more unusual aspects of testamentary capacity in the making of Wills.

I wrote in Pines and Chines some time ago about the types of situations where families fall into dispute over Wills, including where it is alleged that someone did not have testamentary (mental) capacity. I thought it might be of interest to explore briefly one particular aspect in a little more detail, namely the extent to which capacity can be problematic following the death of a loved one.

The traditional test of testamentary capacity involves establishing that someone has a "sound disposing mind", which is a legal term meaning that someone should have an understanding of the act they are undertaking, their property and those who they ought to reasonably consider. There has been a long line of case law which has stood the test of time.

One of the difficult issues encountered can be the presence of delusions and similar disorders, which may cast doubt on

whether someone in fact has a sound disposing mind, but these will generally be present with someone who is suffering from mental decline. The more unusual and fairly undeveloped area involves the sudden onset of incapacity shortly after the death of a loved one. There are no limits on when a Will can be made as such, but sometimes a person is not in the right frame of mind to be making major decisions at this time, as often they will be grieving and occasionally that might amount to a form of depression. That by itself does not deprive someone of mental capacity, but it is always a risk and should be approached with caution.

In the landmark case of *Key v Key [2010]* a Norfolk farmer named George Key was widowed at the age of 88, having been married for 65 years. A week later he changed his Will to substantially favour his two daughters, rather than his two sons as per his pre-existing Will. George died

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within a couple of years and his sons challenged his Will on the grounds that their father, suffering from a bereavement, had fallen into depression to such an extent that he had lost his cognitive functions and was suffering from a form of pseudo dementia. The case went to trial with expert psychiatrists on both sides. The sons succeeded with the court finding that it was an exceptional case where the testator was unable to exercise his proper decision making powers.

These cases are rare and surprisingly the law is still not very well developed. Psychiatrists and other medical experts do not always agree on the diagnosis of such conditions and their effect on decision making. As ever it pays to take legal advice at the appropriate stage, because nothing can be taken for granted. Solicitors making Wills for clients in these circumstances will be alert to difficulties and may recommend medical advice where appropriate, but sometimes it is not always obvious and whatever precautions are taken, there can then be potential challenges further down the line.

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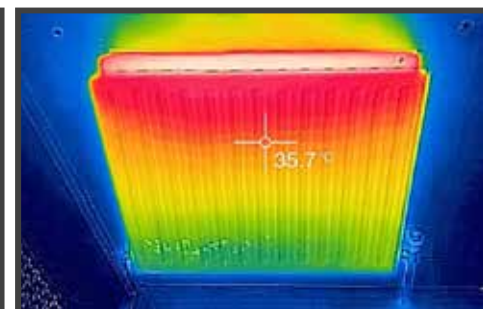
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