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Editorial

Welcome to the Summer edition of our magazine. We have what could be termed an eclectic mix of articles ranging from the affairs of the association to model engineers in Bournemouth.

However, I am keen to give the magazine a royal flavour in view of this year being the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne on February 6, 1952 following the death of her father George VI. And what a fantastic role model she has been.

What I would like to do for the Winter edition of our magazine is include any memories people have of the Accession or the Coronation and include pictures of then and of how you celebrated the Jubilee this year. Please send me anything you think might be of interest. Thank you.

Hopefully, many of you will be taking the opportunity to have a street party and certainly we, in Links Road, will. BCP Council have put online suggestions for residents and laid out what needs to be done if you want to close your road. Some roads you cannot close because they are on bus routes, but the Council will provide advice and guidance.

I have already asked a few residents for memories of the Accession, or the Coronation the following year on 2nd June. All three residents remember watching the Coronation on television and various events. What is surprising for us today is how few people had a television in 1952 and watching one often meant going to a neighbour's house. Also, David Marr tells me that reception more than 90 miles from Alexandra Palace (where the BBC was broadcast from) was very poor. How much we take for granted now.

And you can always join in the Royal Knit run by the Women's Voluntary Service! They have a short piece in the magazine.

As John Sprackling notes in his President's Report, the Residents Association has kept ticking along over the various lockdowns. We are hopeful that face to face monthly meetings will have taken place in April and, of course, that we can all meet together for our AGM in May. Please do try and make it to the AGM. It is a marvellous opportunity to meet other residents and find out about current issues.

In respect of the magazine, Roger Allen has made the decision to retire, and I would like to record my thanks for the years of service he has put in. Roger will, however, continue to organise the Sunken Garden which is a real showpiece for the Association.

Special thanks must go to Dugald Eadie for keeping the ship afloat and handling the contentious issues around planning. They are rare, but I continue to be amazed at the tone of some of the emails sent to Dugald. As he replied to one 'we do live in a civilized society'. Probably the most contentious planning issue at the moment is the proposed development of Branksome Beach complex by Rockwater. I would urge residents to look at the proposal and make their views known. Significant concerns have already been raised.

And finally, can I congratulate Alcoholics Anonymous who

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celebrate 75 years this year. I am very pleased to be able to include an article from the Poole branch in this edition.

Can I please make my annual appeal for articles for the magazine and I know our members are always keen to hear about what others are doing. I am particularly keen to find someone who can do a quiz page for us. Nothing too difficult and perhaps a topical/local crossword would be ideal.

Have a lovely summer, enjoy the magazine and be kind to someone.
John Gunton

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

The Association hopes to resume its regular pattern of monthly meetings on the second Wednesday each month in the near future. A meeting of the Association, since the start of the pandemic, was held on 08 September 2021 but we have not held a meeting since, due to concerns about the Omicron variant.

The Association's AGM has been fixed for Saturday, 14 May 2022 at 10.30 am at Canford Cliffs Village Hall.

In the meantime, the Executive Committee has continued to meet via 'Zoom'

As reported in the Association's January 2022 Newsletter, Roger Allen has retired from the Executive Committee but he will continue to lead the volunteers that manage the Pinedcliff Gardens (Sunken Garden), promising to stay in the role throughout 2022.

Whilst it is always invidious to single out a particular member of the Executive for mention, we are particularly grateful to Dugald Eadie, the Association's Planning Officer. Dugald has 'taken the helm', since Rogers's departure. Dugald is supported by;

- Jackie Heap – Treasurer and Membership Secretary,
- Vicky Moss – Special Projects Co-ordinator
- John Gunton – Magazine Editor
- Carol Parkin – Honorary Secretary

ROCKWATER'S PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BRANKSOME CHINE CAFE/ RESTAURANT

Rockwater's plans for the improvement of Branksome Chine Cafe/Restaurant which involve internal and external alterations and extensions to the existing premises were submitted in February 2022.

The Association has received concerns from residents about potential noise and car parking issues in the immediate area.

The need to retain the Beach Road car park for off-road parking will be essential to support the Rockwater development.

The application was reported in the Daily Echo on 19 February 2022. This can be viewed using the link below:

[https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/19936401.rockwater-village-plans-sandbanks-branksome-submitted>](https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/19936401.rockwater-village-plans-sandbanks-branksome-submitted/)

SOUTH PART OF BEACH ROAD CAR PARK

This item was included in BCP Council Cabinet Forward Plan for the Cabinet meeting on 09 February 2022. However, the latest Forward Plan shows this item as 'undated'. I am informed that this is because a date has not yet been set for this item.

I will continue to press the BCP Council for a decision on this matter.

BCP COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE BCP COUNCIL BEACH HUTS TO A SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE (SPV)

The Association has serious concerns about this proposal

In its report to Full Council meeting on the 2022/23 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) it says that "A key approach to the management of the ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council is driving out value by improving the commercial performance of its assets. One area of particular focus is the Council's beach hut estate. The Council currently has 3,605 beach huts along Poole and Christchurch Bays with a variety of different styles and ownership models inherited from the preceding authorities"

It goes on to say that it would purchase the beach huts at market value, possibly with the help of a loan from the Council, and go to the market to meet the rest of the cost. The Association has always enjoyed

Is estimated this could give the Council £54m.

The SPV would use income from rentals towards repaying loans, maintenance and repair costs, taxes and fees.

The Council has been supported in this matter by KPMG. The model has been referred to CIPFA Consultancy and the External Auditor for their consideration.

I am informed that the current intention is that the report on this proposal is to be presented to the Cabinet on 22 June 2022 and then considered by the Council on 12 July 2022, following further due diligence including a value for money assessment. The Council report says "Early without prejudice feedback recognise the reasonableness of the financial accounting aspects of the proposal".

The Cabinet Forward Plan covering the period 01 April 2022 to 31 July 2022 has been issued but this item has not been included.

MAKEUP OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERSHIP

Prior to 2011, there was a 50:50 split of subscriptions between Individuals/couples and apartment blocks, but individual/couples subscriptions started dropping off, following the death of Michael Bond, who was the Association's Membership Secretary at the time. The Association has always enjoyed

a reputation with the Council that it is representative of its residents within the Branksome Park & Canford Cliffs area, so it is essential that we maintain this reputation by increasing the number of individual/couples who are members.

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.

John Sprackling
President

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.



Our financial position continues to be in good order and I am able to report a surplus for 2021 of £4,141. Income from members subscriptions has risen by a small sum and advertising revenue has made a significant contribution towards the cost of printing and distributing the magazines. Our reserves at the 31st December were £41,216.

During the year the Association received a generous donation towards the upkeep of the Pinecliff Gardens from Mr Christopher Bulstrode. Christopher is also arranging for a memorial bench to be placed in the garden in memory of his late wife, Jackie.

Our costs were lower than expected as many meetings including the AGM were cancelled due to government restrictions. Our main area of expenditure was the maintenance and development of the website, £1,341. We continue to support local initiatives including the Pinecliff Gardens, £765 and the Canford Cliffs Village Christmas Lights, £750.

A large proportion of household subscriptions are collected by our wardens. I am pleased to report that a number of members who have paid by cheque or cash are now paying directly to the associations bank account or by PayPal through our website. If you were unable to pay your subscription in 2019, 2020 and/or 2021 I would be grateful if you would bring your subscriptions up to date.

Finally, I would like to place on record my thanks to Peter Schofield of Schofield's Chartered Accountants who has once again prepared the final version of the annual accounts without charge. Peter has kindly provided this service for many years and I am most grateful to him for his continued support.

**Jacqueline Heap FCCA
Honorary Treasurer**

Treasurer's Report

Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Residents' Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020	
	£	£	£
Income			
Subscriptions received during the year	7,762	7,685	
Donations	1,000	-	
Deposit interest	2	18	
	8,764	7,703	
Expenditure			
Magazine and circular expenses	5,048	3,412	
Less advertising revenue	3,950	325	
(Surplus) deficit	—	1,098	3,087
Committee and secretarial expenses	120	88	
Committee and Association meetings	99	191	
Legal and insurance	189	189	
Website	1,341	1,232	
Gardens	765	607	
Sundries	261	289	
	—	2,775	2,596
Donations and subscriptions			
Canford Cliffs Christmas lights	750	500	
	4,623	6,183	
Excess of income over expenditure			
	4,141	1,520	
Balance sheet at 31 December 2021			
Accumulated fund			
At 1 January 2021	37,075	35,555	
Excess of income over expenditure	4,141	1,520	
	41,216	37,075	
Represented by:			
Cash at bank:			
Barclays saver account	22,983	22,981	
Barclays current account	9,557	5,767	
Santander business account	8,834	41,374	8,327
	41,216	37,075	
Less accrued expenses	158		

Approved by J. Sprackling (President) & J. Heap (Hon Treasurer)
3 March 2022

Planning Report

The planning process has been steady over the last 6 months, with more decisions being made (including Appeals), and a slightly slower rate of applications.

There is plenty of development work going on in our area, but in many cases there have been delays due to supply problems. This report does not cover all the activity, but tries to focus on the more controversial proposals. The pressure on Lindsay Road and Burton Road continues, with a few more developments being approved.

It can be quite confusing trying to monitor the planning process, as developers and their consultants tend to submit several applications, as well as using the appeal process. There have also been examples of rather strange use of "Permitted Development" to justify tricky proposals. This was not what our government intended when these rules were extended. The idea was to make it easier for people to extend their properties, not just to make it possible to increase profits by enlarging developments.

The main problem with development schemes is that they often try to maximise the scale of new buildings in an existing plot. Obviously this has financial advantages, but it is not the right answer for our neighbourhood. The space between buildings is important for our privacy and our lifestyle.

It is also required to allow trees to grow properly. The Conservation Area rules are meant to ensure that the area is not "over-built", and I am pleased to note that the planning decisions by Case Officers and Planning Inspectors often support this.

A rather different issue has



6 Burton Road. APP/21/01026/P REFUSED

25 October 2021
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. This was a revised version of a previous application (APP/20/00437/P), which was Dismissed on Appeal on 19 November 21.

13-15 Lindsay Road. APP/21/00710/P REFUSED

5 November 2021
This application to demolish two bungalows and replace with a block of 25 flats was refused by the Case Officer because it was far too large for the site, and would over-dominate the area. This was good news, but as usual we await the next attempt.

142 Canford Cliffs Road. APP/20/01365/F GRANT

17 November 2021
This site currently has a rather attractive "Mock Tudor" house called Mount Grace. Unfortunately, this application to replace it with a block of flats has now been granted permission.

The number of apartments has been reduced from 13 to 12, and some adjustments were made to minimise the impact on neighbours. There are other blocks of flats nearby, and it was decided that this new block would not damage the street scene.

**17 Lindsay Road.
APP/21/01294/F
GRANT
14 January 2022**

This application to replace a bungalow with a block of 8 flats was submitted on 26 August 21, just after my last magazine report was completed. Unusually, it was granted permission in time for this report! Although the new building is obviously much bigger than the current one, the Case Officer decided that it would not damage the street scene, as many trees would be preserved.

**Flaghead Cliffs.
APP/19/01265/P
DISMISSED ON APPEAL
4 February 2022**

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. The Planning Inspector decided that this proposal was not appropriate for the woodland area, and was inconsistent with the Local Plan.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING

**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! More recently, the plan has been amended by removing the 7 terraced houses at the rear.

However, 7 apartments have been added to one of the blocks of flats, so there would still be 28!

**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.

**4 Burton Road.
APP/21/01459/F
29 October 2021**

Once more, this is an attempt to develop the garden of this property. The new application is for 2 detached houses, supposedly reducing the density of the plot. It would still mean 3 houses in a single plot, within the main Conservation area. The new houses would particularly affect the residents of Dover Road. An appeal was lodged on 20 December 21, based on the failure to meet the deadline for a decision. The same day, an identical new application was made (22/00094/F), with a promise to withdraw the appeal if the new application is granted.

**11 Lindsay Road.
APP/21/01603/F
3 November 2021**

Another application to demolish the existing bungalow and replace it with a block of 16 apartments. This just adds to the pressure on this stretch of road.

**9 Western Road.
APP/21/00771/F
APPEAL
22 November 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. The planning consultant who has written the Grounds of Appeal goes into considerable detail to dispute the Case Officer's decision.

**Carisbrooke,
172 Canford Cliffs Road.
APP/21/01719/P
29 November 2021**

It seems that McCarthy & Stone have decided not to go ahead with the new retirement home. Unfortunately, a developer has now applied to replace the two existing buildings with a very large block of flats. This would increase the number of apartments from 17 to 59, and bedrooms from 34 to 138. There is no problem with the idea of replacing the existing buildings, but this really does seem excessive.

**2 & 2A Burton Road/
22 Balcombe Road.
APP/21/01677/F
3 December 2021**

This is a new application to build a second detached house in the garden of this plot. Some years ago, approval was granted for a similar house. Unfortunately, five new houses are now occupied in the neighbouring plot, and this proposal is quite damaging for them.

**Branksome Beach Restaurant/
Bar/Cafe.
APP/22/00159/F
4 February 2022**

This proposal (by Rockwater) is to extend and improve the existing building. The proposed changes are probably acceptable from a planning point of view, but unfortunately the implications for noise and car parking are a major issue for local residents.

CIL Application Updates

Branksome Chine Gardens and Pedestrian Crossing/s in Branksome Park

We are very pleased to report that Branksome Park will finally be getting a share of the £8m Community Infrastructure Levy raised in BH13 in the last eight years or so. Just to remind you, CIL is the tax developers pay towards improving infrastructure to offset the impact of increased development in an area.

A CIL bid for £13,154 was successful in November 2021. The money will be spent on improvements to drainage and pathways in Branksome Chine Gardens. As many readers will know, this lovely, historic landscaped walk down to the beach is often too muddy or boggy for pedestrians to walk easily. Our Councillor May Haines got estimates for the improvements with the help of The BCP Parks Dept. The map below shows the areas where work will be carried out. Work includes, clearing drains, laying new gravel pathways, clearing overhanging foliage that causes mulch to build up on the paths and erecting a short boardwalk made out of recycled plastic, where the ground is particularly boggy and difficult for pedestrians to pass, even after weeks of no rain.

The problem of cyclists ignoring or vandalising the 'No Cycling' Signs as well as churning up the footpaths for pedestrians, sadly continues in Branksome Chine Gardens. This is a precious heritage and environmental sanctuary within the Conservation Area and there is a Bylaw stipulating it is a Pedestrian Only area and has been since the gardens were created in 1935.

It is a shame to use CIL funds to rectify the damage caused by bikers. If only that minority respected the No Cycling signs, then more money could be spent

on improving the area for pedestrians and disabled access.

We are also very grateful to our Cllr May Haines for submitting another CIL Bid application in January 2022, for a pedestrian phase near the triangular junction of Western Road. This is a dangerous site with thousands of pedestrians walking through Branksome Chine from Penn Hill to Branksome Beach every year. The Community Speed Watch Team are frequently located near here as it is an area where many pedestrians cross the road as they walk through The Chine. The poor visibility due to the bends and fast traffic coming from multiple directions make the road treacherous to cross on foot, as well as in the car and a well designed pedestrian phase in the right location, is much needed.

The paradox of BCP Council Road Safety Policy is that highway surveys are only done in locations, where one or

more persons have been killed or seriously injured. Walking and cycling around here feels increasingly unsafe and inaccessible (unless you can sprint across the road) but despite decades of residents sharing concerns with the Council, this



site is still only no 46 out of 80 sites awaiting a highways survey.

Another paradox is that CIL applications need detailed estimates before they can be approved. Estimates for pedestrian phases need highways surveys. Highways surveys usually aren't done unless there's a death or serious injury...

It is again deeply disappointing, (but perhaps not surprising given the history), that the recent BCP Council 10 year Walking Plan, puts the walking routes around Branksome Park at the bottom of The BCP Council's Walking priorities in the whole conurbation...

The rules now state 15% of CIL raised in BH13 should be spent within this ward... so we are waiting to see where and when the money is invested!

Vicky Moss
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Canford Cliffs Library Conservatory Community Room Enlargement – an FCCL update

After many years of the Friends of Canford Cliffs Library (FCCL) raising funds and benefitting from local support, the expansion of the Canford Cliffs Library conservatory community room should finally occur this year primarily paid for by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant.

Right now the schedule of works is being addressed, and the likely timing of around a June project start will depend on the lead times for building materials and the availability of the construction team.

The project will nearly double the size of the community conservatory room, while keeping closely to the design of the current conservatory. An additional door and external slope will be added for the use of the disabled using wheelchairs, which will reduce the problems of getting through the main library to the room. The existing hardwood windows, doors and frames will be used wherever possible, while the stonework on the outside will be re-used and supplemented where needed. When observed from the garden, the building will largely look the same with the conservatory having the same design yet being some 3 metres wider and one metre deeper. In line with preserving this unique building of historical interest, recently the windowsills of the property have all been restored by BCP Council.

During the construction period the formal Edwardian garden with the pond will need to be closed off for safety, and the country side of the garden will be used by the contractors along with some three spaces width of



the library car park still leaving car parking spaces for library users. The project work renders the external entrance used by the Poole Maritime Society unusable, so an internal door will be opened to the library for their use during this period.

The project has been a long time coming from the start of raising funds over nine years ago, with the decision in 2016 to take the matter really seriously and go all out to raise enough money

to get the project underway. The successful application for planning permission and the application for Community Infrastructure Levy funding awarded have enabled the project to proceed.

During the entire period the support of our two local councillors, Mohan Iyenger and May Haines, has been absolutely invaluable, as was the support of Medi Barnard, prior to her recent retirement Library Service



Manager BCP Libraries, and Helen Smith with responsibility for the library. Designed by architect Neil Bichard, the final schedule of works is being undertaken by Cube Design, the project leadership being led by Gillian Glutz, Client Project Manager Housing, BCP Council. The written support of the BPCCRA, Canford Cliffs Land Society and Poole Maritime Society amongst others has been extremely helpful.

Canford Cliffs Library under Poole and later BCP Library Service has always promoted the library as a support to the community, ranging from the book ordering and delivery service to private homes and residential homes through to providing space on site for meetings, and also earning from letting the conservatory room out. However, the limitation has been the small size compared with the number of people using it. Once the project is completed and subject to the covid situation, not only will the enlarged room enable the FCCL to continue meeting again with adequate room to house those coming to meetings and not turn away those unable to get in, importantly it can become a better source of revenue for the library service in serving the local community.

Richard Phillips
Chairman
Friends of Canford Cliffs Library

View from St. Aldhelms

*A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.
And that much never can be obsolete,
Since someone will forever be surprising
A hunger in himself to be more serious,
And gravitating with it to this ground,
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,
If only that so many dead lie round.*

Thus wrote Philip Larkin sixty years ago in conclusion to a poem whose title 'Church Going' is deliberately ambiguous: most of its verses suggest a church 'going' (ie disappearing) from people's lives rather than people 'going to' church. The decline in church attendance no doubt continues but so too does the strong gravitational pull towards a place (and community) in which we can face, or hand over, the things that overwhelm us.

Each of us at times has burdens that seem too hard to bear. Most of us have felt something like that during the pandemic and more recently in the midst of a European war that chills, angers, bewilders and scares us. St Aldhelm's is left 'Open for Prayer' throughout each day and we have seen an increase in the number and variety of people who come in- to light a candle, leave a request for prayer or simply sit still for a moment of peace amid a broken world.

Each day the Angelus is rung (and with a following wind can be heard a mile away.) Its accompanying, simple, responses and prayers point to a God who is not far removed from our troubles and sorrows but who has drawn close and remains with us always:

*And the Word was made flesh
And dwells among us.*

Our 'Pines and Chines' area is more diverse than in the past and with every stroll, or visit to the shops, we will probably encounter and greet others whose lives criss-cross our planet. None of us is or can be cut off from the wider world and its problems that are too big for us. None of us can go it alone.

I here pay tribute to all of you that help promote fellowship and friendship within this community. This magazine celebrates some of your amazing initiatives. And along with other clergy and worshipping communities I assure you that – despite the challenges and changes – St Aldhelm's and all the other local churches are not 'going' but are here to stay- and are here for anyone 'surprising a hunger in him (or her) self to be more serious...'

Pip Martin
Vicar of St Aldhelms

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Summer on Brownsea Island

As the days lengthen and temperatures rise, the summer wildlife is starting to arrive on Brownsea once again. The quiet wader flocks are starting to fall in number, to be replaced by the chaotic activity of black-headed gulls, and newly arrived Sandwich terns all the way from the south and west coasts of Africa.

Woodland birds are starting to show an interest in nesting sites, checking out nest boxes and hidden corners of bramble and willow. The trees are showing some green growth, their lower branches already showing signs

of nibbling by the island's sika deer.

The pond near the Villa has been the frequent hang-out for large numbers of common frogs, who have been busy laying

clumps of spawn, which have already hatched into a wriggling mass of tadpoles. Daffodils, bluebells and primroses are flowering in the Villa garden, and in the wet meadow beyond. The pine trees are sporting an array of pollen-filled flowers, bright yellow against their evergreen needles.

This time of year is all about firsts... the first common lizard appearing in the wet meadow, the first Sandwich terns arriving on the lagoon, the first spring songs of woodland birds. It's always astonishing how quickly everything seems to spring into life after laying dormant for the winter months. The squirrels are starting to show off their russet summer coats and could soon be raising young in their summer drays and nest boxes. Bumblebees are often seen trundling around looking



Spring Monterey Pine

for flowers, and red admiral butterflies basking in the sunny patches. Moths and bats are starting to appear in the evenings. Coupled with stunning sunrises and sunsets over the island.

It's been an interesting winter on Brownsea, with sightings of white-tailed eagles over the



Common Lizard



Blue tit on feeder

island, passing visits from marsh harrier, flocks of thousands of winter waders such as dunlin and black-tailed godwit. The winter months are always busy for the staff team, as they work through all that needs to be done before the public return to the island once again. With the Wild Brownsea project still in full swing, there have been a variety of conservation and infrastructure tasks.

The island opened on 19 March, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to see the reserve and its wonderful wildlife. For the 2022 season

there will be a programme of outreach events and activities for visitors, run by the staff and volunteer team throughout the season, plus ongoing work to improve access and interpretation throughout the reserve, with an emphasis on learning, wildlife observation and access for all.

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

Nikki Tutton
Wild Brownsea Project Officer,
Dorset Wildlife Trust



Common Frogs

Lilliput Women's Institute

I have been a member of Lilliput W.I. for about ten years and I really enjoy my time there - I have found lovely friends and have spent many interesting afternoons with the group.

We are quite a lively collection and we enjoy ourselves; most of us are in the 'retired' age bracket. I am now Secretary of Lilliput and I have been invited to tell you more about our Institute in case you would like to join us.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) at 2pm. Our venue is Holy Angels Church Hall, Lilliput Road. We have 74 members but we average 50 or so at the meetings and these monthly meetings follow a usual pattern: business for maybe

twenty minutes or half an hour, a break for tea and then a speaker or entertainment from 3pm till 4pm.

We try to be a friendly Institute, at this Main Meeting we sit round tables rather than in rows because we find it is easier to include people in that way but, as well, we have several small Groups that meet during the month. We have a Book Group, an I.T. Group, a Walking Group (more of stroll and coffee sometimes!) and a Coffee Morning. It is in these smaller groups that people really get to know one another and you are welcome to join any of them – or all – as you wish. During the year several outings are organised as well. Last year we had a great trip to Highclere Castle

and this year we already have an outing to Sculptures in the Park near Dorchester and a visit to Athelhampton in the pipeline.

Lilliput is not the only W.I. in the area, there is a Westbourne branch and one in Parkstone as well.

I am afraid I know less about these but you can find more information on the W.I. website.

But I do know about Lilliput, and I know a lot of people really look forward to our meetings and events. If you would like to give us a try, do come along to Holy Angels on the second Tuesday of the month – we will be pleased to see you.

Nadine
Secretary Lilliput W.I.
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Masked gunmen seen in The Avenue!

Reports have been received from concerned residents about masked gunmen targeting passing motorists in Branksome Park particularly in The Avenue!

Well we can reassure people that there is no danger to life and limb – the gun was the hand held Bushnell speed gun and the masks were worn as part of the Covid restrictions at the height of the pandemic.

Community Speed Watch activities, like many others, were severely restricted during the pandemic for obvious reasons. Even so, during the less restricted periods, limited monitoring sessions took place to remind drivers that the 30mph speed restrictions were still in force.

As always, our aim is to remind drivers of the safe limits and ensure

continued awareness of the need to comply. Whilst most drivers stick to the speed limits, the reduced traffic movements during the height of the pandemic led to a small number of drivers taking advantage of the clearer roads and putting a foot down.

The Police have recently authorised a new monitoring point at the lower end of The Avenue near Buckleuch Road where a further reminder is a fixed electronic warning sign. The Avenue is a frequent source of complaints from residents and it is hoped that the electronic sign and more

monitoring by CSW will improve the situation.

One of the most dangerous locations in the Ward is the junction of Western Road with Leicester Road at the bottom of a steep incline where the speed limit is regularly exceeded. It is also a busy crossing site for pedestrians and walkers using the Chine path. Typically we measure between 400-600 vehicles in an off-peak hour and around a dozen will be over the limit.

Working with Cllr. May Haines a bid has now made for some of the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy fund to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing at that point. Vicky Moss gives more detail of this

in a separate piece in this issue. At the request of the Police training team, we have also taken part in some filming at that location during one of our monitoring sessions. The short film will be incorporated into a longer training film for general use in the Force and we hope this may give them a better understanding of the part CSW plays in making Dorset roads safer for all.

It is our pleasure to wish one of our members a very happy 90th Birthday. Chris Christie is a regular and valued member of The Branksome Park Community Speed Watch Team.

To illustrate how valued a member Chris is, whilst on CSW duty with the team, he recently recorded a driver going at 57mph along Leicester Road near the tennis courts. He managed to recall the entire number plate which lead to the Police logging the vehicle on their profile building systems, tracked down the owner and issued a warning.

We'd like to thank Chris for his service to the local community and wish him a very happy 90th Birthday in May.

Lastly, over the past two disrupted years, some of our pool members have had to stand down. This has threatened the viability of the pool size from which we make up the monitoring teams, leading to some members carrying too large a load; this is unfair. So, if you could spare a couple of hours of your time each month, a time that suits you, please let us know. Get in touch through the Pines and Chines web site; you will be most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Roy Pointer

The New Fitz's Club

(It sounds like a rather racy club opened in Canford Cliffs around 1952 and the following extract is taken from *Looking Back at Canford Cliffs* by kind permission of Iris Morris)

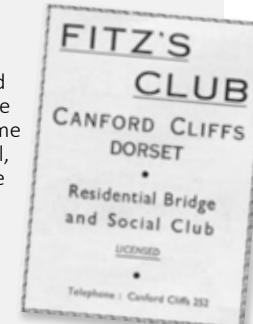


The Fitz Club in its dilapidated state 1988.

The Fitz Club (later renamed the New Fitz's Club) was at No 41 Haven Road. The Fitz Club was started during WWII and then became the New Fitz's Club. The Club is remembered by local folk as is the glamourous Becky Dean who was coproprietor with her husband Lawrence, between 1952 and 1987.

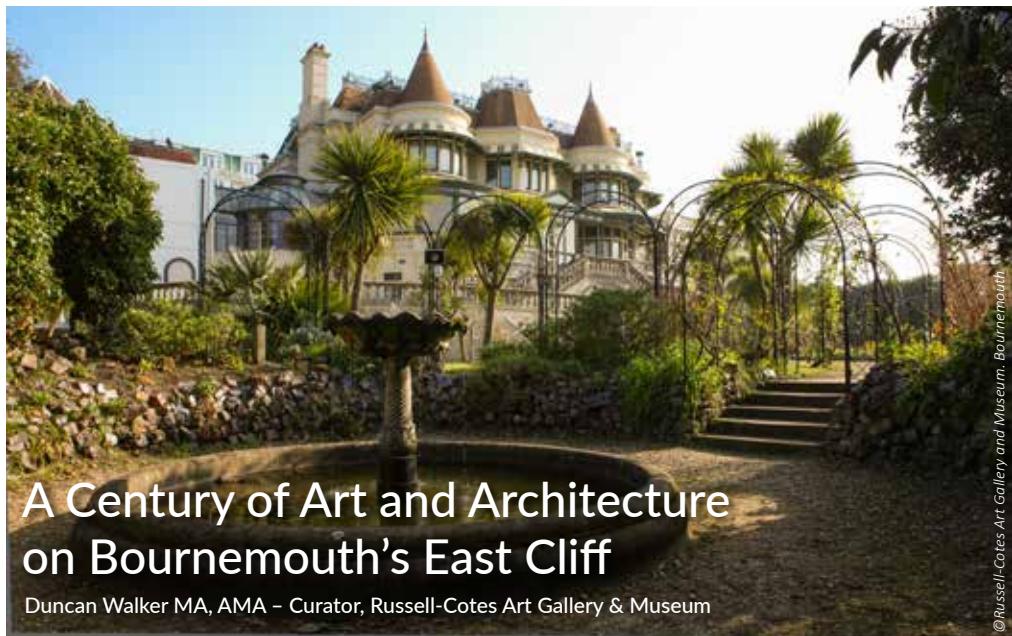
We know from an advertisement in the Parkstone Yacht Club 1955 Handbook that the proprietress Becky Dean (late of the Chez Moi Club in London) was promoting 'a Mayfair Club in Canford Cliffs' and it is likely a decision to call it the New Fitz's Club was made when she took it over in 1952.

A former Windmill Girl, Becky Dean is remembered as a most glamorous host, appearing every night in full evening gown and fur wrap to welcome her regular visitors, among whom were showbiz personalities.



The Club was described as 'a place where time stood still, it was like a freeze frame from a wartime movie, and boasted an upside-down clock with hands ticking backwards'. Jimmy Cooper was the manager for a short time before becoming licensee of the Canford Cliffs Hotel

The Club was closed in 1987 and Becky Dean died at the age of 80 two years later. The property became derelict and an eyesore in the village until it was eventually fenced off from the road. The present apartments, Haven Heights, were built in the mid 1990s.



A Century of Art and Architecture on Bournemouth's East Cliff

Duncan Walker MA, AMA – Curator, Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum

The Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum is one hundred years old this year. Originally built as a retirement home for our Founders, Sir Merton and Lady Russell-Cotes, it was much a showcase for their collections gathered from around the globe, their world view and ideas of good taste as it was a house.

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Born in 1835 in Staffordshire, Merton was an avid collector of art and had made his fortune by making a sideways move into hotels after being a travelling

salesman in everything from hats to cloth to insurance. Smart, determined and occasionally ruthless in his business dealings he had a gift for publicity and marketing. Spotting an opportunity in taking over the Bath Hotel, adding Royal to the name as soon as he could, Merton quickly made a large fortune and became involved in local politics – not all together successfully.

Annie was born in Glasgow, also in 1835, and was clearly highly intelligent with a gift for music and numbers. She wrote two books base on some of their travels and was much loved not only by her husband and family but by most people who knew her. She was interested in other peoples, especially the Maori of New Zealand and natural history. Along with her husband she shared an obsession with Japan and its culture.



The Red Room

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The Yellow Room



*Dante Gabriel Rossetti,
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Their wealth, fuelled by the Royal Bath Hotel, allowed them to travel the globe and wherever they went they collected. Much of their collection was used to attract people to the hotel, which was the last word in luxury and opulence with wealthy celebrities, aristocrats and royalty staying there.

Merton decided to purchase the plot of land next to the hotel to build a home to retire in and after many design changes and planning application wrangles East Cliff Hall, now the museum, opened in 1901. The Russell-Cotes' were very involved in various charitable activities, from providing the Hampshire Football Association's league cup to children's homes, and in 1907 they decided to gift their collections and East Cliff Hall to the people of Bournemouth. This was carried out via a Deed of Gift which came into force on Sir Merton's death in 1921 – Annie, his life-long partner in all things, had passed the previous year.

Even before the Russell-Cotes' had passed away people were contributing art and objects but the first curators, having catalogued the collections, then set about establishing an exhibition programme and gathering new material.

The building was only 20 years old when the museum opened and it slowly lost its Victorian vivacity as it became, incrementally, less of a house and more of a municipal museum. However, in 2000, thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund project, the original wall surfaces, decoration, fixtures and fittings were uncovered, restored or re-created based on photographs, inventories and detective work. Years of seaside weather and the effects of climate change, however, have also left their mark on the building and its fabric.

The conservatory in particular has taken a pounding, but we are currently fundraising for its restoration and hopeful that work



William Etty-Dawn of Love

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Dying for a Drink

Every day in thousands of households across the UK, people are struggling with a real drink problem. 10.8 million adults are drinking at a level likely to pose a risk to their health and of those, 1.6 million have some level of alcohol dependency. Harmful drinking costs society £21 billion.* (Public Health England source)

According to Alcoholics Anonymous, people turning up for their first meeting are not sleeping on park benches, are not homeless, are usually employed. Outwardly they appear to have normal lives. Many of them appear to be very successful with good jobs and a family and a mortgage. They get up, they go to work, they come home and they drink.

Sometimes they drink at work, at lunchtimes perhaps, or maybe they have begun to hide their drinking from their colleagues and their families. They may have become aware themselves that it might be a bit of a problem. Mostly they don't think it's a problem at all. They dismiss criticism of their behavior, they may not be truthful about their levels of alcohol consumption. They don't know what will happen when they pick up a drink. Sometimes they can control it, sometimes they can't. For some, it has already passed way beyond any form of control.

Alcoholics Anonymous has been in the UK for 75 years this year. Unlike treatment centres, AA meetings are free and available to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking. No waiting lists, no referrals. Their meetings take place all over the country. Far from the preconceived idea of a problem drinker, these AA meetings include men and women of all backgrounds, for whom the nightly drink became a nightmare. Through the support of others who have stayed sober,



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they help the drinker stop and stay stopped.

There are 15 AA meetings each week in Poole and the local area. Additionally, there are more than 30 in Bournemouth and Christchurch. Online meetings are available too.

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Ademption and the failing of gifts in wills

Andrew Carswell is a partner specialising in Civil Litigation at Trethowans. He explains some of the issues involving the ademption of gifts in the context of Wills and the Administration of Estates.

One of the problems that can be encountered following a person's death is the distribution of their estate by reference to the existence of assets matching the terms of their Will. Often people leave legacies and then divide residue, but people often still leave specific gifts, including those comprising property.

If a person gives their home 1 Acacia Avenue to a particular beneficiary and on their death that property is no longer owned by the testator, then the gift cannot take effect and is said to have "adeemed". Sometimes, the sale of a property might be envisaged and the gift may be qualified by "such other property as I may own at the date of my death", but there are situations, such as where a person sells all property and lives in a residential home in later life, where there is simply no property to pass at the date of death. Ademption can therefore come as a great

disappointment to beneficiaries who will probably feel that they have lost out.

In certain circumstances the law provides some protection for disappointed beneficiaries. An old authority, namely Jenkins v Jones (1866), decided that where a third party had extinguished the subject matter of the gift without the authority of the testator, then the proceeds of sale, if identifiable, could be still treated as the subject of a specific gift. However, where the property is sold by an Attorney with the authority of the testator, then this will be of no assistance. The position is slightly different in the case of decision made by Deputies, who are persons appointed after someone has lost capacity. Here, the Mental Capacity Act 2005 provides that where ademption applies and a specific gift is no longer in existence at the date of death, then the Court has the power



in certain circumstances to reconstitute the gift in order to give effect to the terms of the Will. However, often this will not apply as many transactions are undertaken by Attorneys.

As ever careful planning is required when making Wills, but even where that takes place problems can occur later on. Expert advice will be necessary to deal with the problems arising.

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Hot Female: All the news that's fit to print

A somewhat sensational headline, to catch the eye, requires further analysis. 'Hot' here merely refers to global warming, which most people seem to now accept. And 'female' implies the habit of the meteorological fraternity of giving feminine names to storm systems. Yes, you've guessed it. It's all about Eunice.

A facetious account of comparatively trivial damage in my own back yard. My sympathy if course, to those more seriously affected. Our esteemed President lost a pine of considerable size and vintage, needing the attention of tree surgeons operating to clear access to the end of their garden. And distressing sights of crushed sheds appear in public posting.

The unprecedented 'red warning' on the day was fully justified, and just for a change I did as I was told and stayed at home. Even opening the back door met gusts of such severity that I have never known in all my seventy eight summers (and even more winters). When it was safe enough to venture out, I found that I had lost no trees from the woodland. Plenty of small branches, green growth torn from the living trees.

What had suffered from trial by storm was the tallest long-trunked solitary pine, the other side of the paved compost area. What might be called, slightly dyslexically 'The Trial of the Lonesome Pine (you may join in the chorus). A branch some twenty five linear length, though it was curved around the main trunk. And subsidiary branches every which way (but loose). It fell across the eight foot high hedge, destroying the odd Laurel (obviously not that Hardy).

The tear as it was ripped from the trunk was some three feet long. After that, the first four feet of the branch was over two feet

in circumference, and therefore a candidate for replacement edging of the woodland paths. But, closer inspection revealed that end was split along its entire length. 'Split ends' suggests that the pine was using the wrong shampoo? The following day, the processing began.



Starting at the furthest end of the fallen branch, the greenery and smaller branches were lopped, shredded, and the resultant material, a mix of needles and wood, spread as mulch. Round the base of acid lovers like rhododendrons. Dead twigs snapped off and subsequently fitted into crates for kindling. My son's off grid eco-home is partly heated by wood burners for when the sun don't shine on his solar panels. Then down to work with the bow saw for the thicker branches. Too thick for the garden shredder, these were added to an ever-increasing wood pile at the top on the garden. Insect friendly, but it will need reducing

Finally I got to logs thick and straight enough to replace rotted log edging to the woodland paths. The last one around seven inches in diameter, and a total yield of around fifteen feet. I have pegged in place a 9 ft run. So, nothing is

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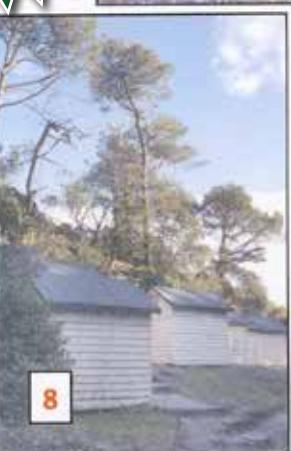
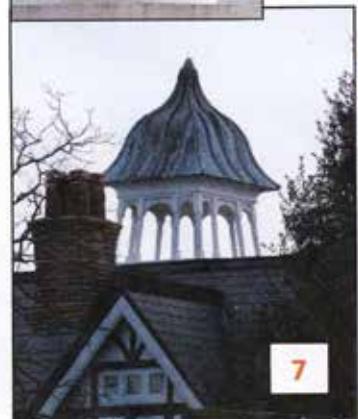
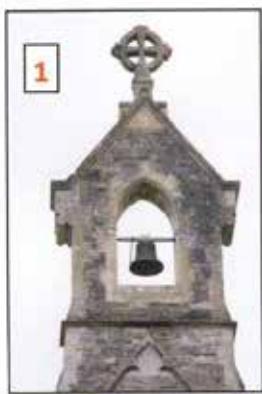
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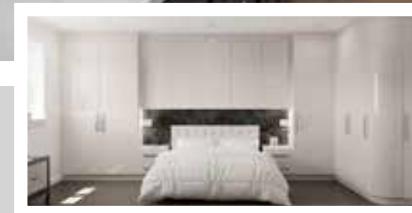
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Memories

I am asking people to send me memories of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and this topic of memories got me thinking about memory in general.

I guess memory is about recalling events from the past and in my younger days I was interested in improving my memory. I saw an offer for a memory improvement course by a Dr Bruno Furst who according to the advert was a 'world leader' in memory training. His basic principle was to combine events with pictures and for each number from 1 to 20 (useful when remembering a list) there was a letter. 1 was t, 2 was n, 3 was m and so on. Each letter was then assigned a word; t was tea, n was Noah and m was May. You then created a picture in your mind of that word and combined it with a picture of whatever you were trying to remember. With me so far? I remember the three tricks for these pictures were exaggeration, motion and unusual combinations.

Later, at work, we had the world's memory champion come in and talk us through his method which enabled him to remember, for example, the order of the playing cards in a pack just by going through the pack once. His method was based on having a familiar journey he took which had landmarks on the way. Each landmark was then used to attach something that he was trying to remember. That seemed to work as well but as with everything you need to practice.

Anyway, on a recent trip to Kingston Lacey I paid my usual



visit to the second-hand bookshop which is always our first port of call after a cup of coffee. There I found a Pelican book on memory by Professor Ian Hunter of Keele University, first published in 1957. One of the tasks students had been given was to remember the numbers and their position in the square below:

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

Give yourself a minute and see what you can remember in an hour's time (don't cheat). Evidently more than 90% of the students could reproduce the square after an hour. I could not. However, if you use the tip at the bottom of the page then you will have more



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Under the last category, there is a course on the 'Principals of Dementia Care' which I found extremely useful having a relative with Frontotemporal dementia (Pick's disease). You get a

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provided. A colleague has just started this course and one of the advantages of working with her is that we get to sample the food. It is not doing my diet any good at all. The course is held in the College's well known Escoffier Restaurant at the Lansdowne campus.

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The Bournemouth and District Society of Model Engineers – The Past to The Present.

The Bournemouth and District Society of Model Engineers (B&DSME) was formed almost 100 years ago, with the first meeting being held in 1924 at the Tarragona Hotel in Bournemouth. The Society was inaugurated on the 13th March, 1924.

As time progressed meetings moved to St Peter's Hall in Hinton Road, and then to the Pembroke Shades Hotel at the top of Poole Hill.

Our first miniature railway track was in Southbourne, in the grounds of a school at the top of Tuckton Road. The black and white photograph shows a train at this location, taken around 1948. The locomotive still exists and is called Falcon.

As the club grew it was realised that the track at Southbourne was becoming unsuitable, and so again we moved to a new track built within the sports ground at Pelhams, home of the Civil Service Club in Kinson. The railway opened there on Saturday 27th September 1958.

Again through the march of time and with the land being required for other uses it was decided to approach the Bournemouth Corporation with a view to building a track on common land. The Director of Parks was taken to the Southampton track and shown what a model railway in a public park could offer. He very much took to the idea and various sites were considered including Turbury Park, Iford Field, Redhill Park, but finally Kings Park was agreed as the best location.

So, on the 3rd April 1965, work started on the new Kings Park



railway, next to Dean Court football ground, home to AFC Bournemouth. It was one third of a mile long, and had a station building constructed of stone.

All was well for some 37 years until we were asked to leave the site due to the football ground expansion. Lengthy discussions ensued with Bournemouth Council and the football club, and we were offered a lovely position in the Littledown Park, in the grounds of the Littledown Centre, where the railway exists and thrives to the present day.

As you have learnt through these few paragraphs the B&DSME has had several moves during its long history, but has always remained passionate about promoting model engineering and especially maintaining a miniature railway on

which both Society and members' locomotives can operate passenger trains to the delight of the travelling public.

Currently the B&DSME has approximately 100 members who enjoy all that the Society has to offer. We operate train rides for the public every Sunday and Wednesday between 11 and 3 o'clock. If you're interested in learning more about us, please visit www.littledownrailway.org.uk where you'll find a wealth of information about the Society. Fancy joining us? You don't need a degree in engineering! We'll be delighted to meet you. In the first instance please email our secretary at bdsme1924@gmail.com and we'll get in contact, or simply come along and enjoy a train ride, we'll always be pleased to see you.

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A sheep dog says to the farmer, "I'm going to round up the sheep." The dog comes back with 50 sheep. The farmers says, "we only have 48 sheep." The dog replies, "Yea, I told you I was going to round them up."

"I'm divorcing my wife. I've had enough, I'm going to leave her." "Why?" "She's out every night, going to the bars in town way past midnight and I'm fed up with it." "What's she doing?" "She's looking for me!"

A robber walks into a bank and points the gun at the receptionist "Give me all your money or you're Geography!" "Don't you mean 'or you're History'?" "*DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!"*

I went back home last week and happened to see one of my old teachers, Mrs. Turtle.
She was a bit odd, but tortoise well.

People say 'Bill, are you an optimist?' And I say, 'I hope so.' – Bill Bailey

"My star sign is Pyrex. I was a test-tube baby."
Billy Connolly

"In his job my dad's never lost a case. That makes him Gatwick's top baggage handler" Glenn Moore

My friend says to me: "what rhymes with orange"
I said: "no it doesn't"

A woman in labour suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"
"Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions."

Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs? They always take things literally.

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare-line.

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Councillors Corner

Poole In Bloom is back

The popular competition which had an 11 year hiatus, was re-launched in 2020. There were plans to have an award ceremony in September 2020, which would also double up as a launch for the competition.

Alas, we were all in lockdown with the pandemic which meant the event had to be cancelled. Nonetheless, the competition was run the last two years with photographic submissions. Some 25 entries were received in 2020 and in 2021.

Gardening is an activity that offers something for everyone. From a courtyard garden to hanging baskets, to gardens that could hold a tennis court, gardens provide opportunity to all ages to get their green fingers working to

create something to be enjoyed personally as well as for others to admire. There are also categories for businesses, environmentally friendly gardens and a special class to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is an activity that can help with mental health and was especially important during lockdown.

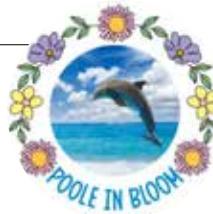
This year's competition is now open for entries. Further details of how to enter can be found on <https://pooleprojects.net/poole-in-bloom-2022/>. The closing date for entries is 24th June 2022. A presentation evening will be held on 19th October 2022 at 7pm in Compton Acres, by very kind invitation of the proprietors.

There is more exciting news to add. After a gap of several years,

due to the pandemic and also a lack of venue, the Poole Flower Show will be returning and will be held at Hamworthy Engineering Club over the August Bank Holiday weekend. This show is organised in conjunction with Lewis Manning Hospice and with the support of Compton Acres. More details will be available later this year.

In the meantime, get gardening and send in your entries for Poole in Bloom 2022. We are also looking for volunteers to help with judging and be on our committee. If you are interested, please contact Cllr May Haines (May.Haines@bcp council.gov.uk).

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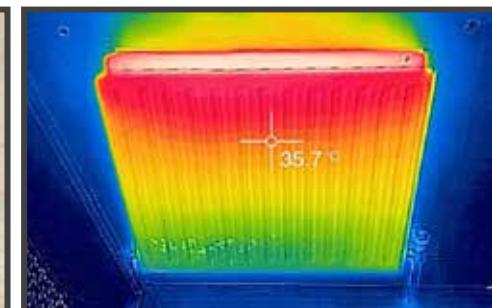
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