



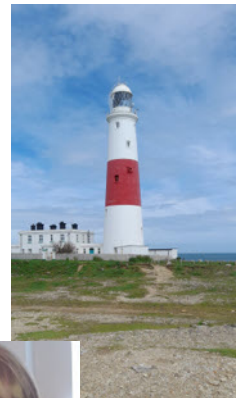
A Weymouth Welcome



The umbrellas were packed in anticipation of a wet few days to come, according to the weather pundits, and it did rain the whole journey down to Weymouth; the auspices were not good, however spirits were high at the thoughts of no more cooking, housework or gardening until the weekend at least.

We received a grand welcome from the hotel and were delighted with our fresh, bright rooms; spirits began to rise!

Awake bright and early the next morning and the saying that the sun shines on the righteous really did seem to be coming true as we climbed on the coach for the first of our outings, a chance to explore Swanage before moving on alongside Chesil Beach to the Isle of Portland and Portland Bill Lighthouse. Congratulations to Christine Kay who was the only one of the group to climb the 156 steps to the top of this important building! Ah, to be young again!!



On Wednesday we visited the market town of Dorchester and also enjoyed our stop off at the next stop, cliff top West Bay where the Broadchurch series was filmed. A quaint little town with a harbour walk just right to allow us to wander around as we enjoyed our ice creams.

Well done Christine!

Margaret enjoying her ice cream



Thursday was our free day when we were able to arrange our own individual activities, and on Friday we were on our way back home after a few very enjoyable days in beautiful Dorset.



Dunwoods' transport manager contacted our driver just before we left Weymouth and asked him to take a group photograph for publicity purposes. The sun shining on the way back we decided to pose before we left the service station, there being a more photographic background there. Before we had gone much further on our journey this photograph was already on Facebook!

Apricot Pie's last Barn Dance

On Saturday 22nd June we enjoyed dancing to the music of Apricot Pie for one last time as retirement beckons them and we hope that they have enjoyed playing for us as much as we have dancing to their music. As usual with country dancing we didn't always manage to follow the instructions, and hilarity and chaos followed, but Diane, the caller, patiently urged us on to the end of the dances.



At the end of a very happy evening we presented Diane with a bouquet of apricot coloured flowers as a token of our appreciation for the many times the band has played for us over the years.

Thanks must be given to the committee for organising this evening, for providing the flower displays, running a raffle, donating the prizes and furniture moving at the start and end of the evening. Also thanks to the members who hung around to help tidy up too.

YOUR COMMITTEE REALLY NEEDS YOU!

Further to our front page bulletin in the last newsletter we now know that six members of the committee will, for a variety of reasons, be unable to continue into 2025,

If you want to enjoy a full programme of social events next year please do think of what skills you might be able to offer to the remaining four to help them.

The Walk that Never was!

The weather turned against us in the days before our planned walk at Stoke Wood and the conditions underfoot were considered too dangerous to risk walking there.

However we all met up at The Red Lion in Adderbury, as planned, and enjoyed very tasty and sociable meals together.

Our thanks to Gerry for organising this event.

Your committee 2024

Chairman. Janet Harral

Secretary. Christine Douglas

Treasurer. Glyn Pritchard

Gerry Bernardo ,

Billy McIlroy,

Annette Murphy ,

Julia Turner

Peter Walden

Christine Wood

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Diary 2024.

Wednesday 28th August .
Summer walk at Stoke Wood, (trying again!) and pub lunch.
Details to follow.

Monday 16th September.
Late summer holiday to Newquay.

Wednesday 23rd October.
Trip to see the autumn colours at Westonbirt Arboretum. More details in the next newsletter.

Friday 29th, November.
7.00pm. AGM at St Hugh's Hall followed by refreshments and entertainment by The Launton Hand Bell Ringers.

Saturday 14th December.
Christmas party at the Cornhill Centre. Dancing to the Now and Then Duo.



Obituaries

Sadly the loss of our members has continued with the deaths of Nick Catlin and Colin Davies in April and May.

Nick's ill health did not make him a regular at Spiceball but he did enjoy holidays with us in recent years.

Colin, a proud Welshman, was a very active member and will long be remembered for his renditions of 'The Green Grass of Home' at every opportunity. We send our sympathies to Ann Mason and to Ann Noble and to the families of both men..