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Unlocking Lyme's past

Tee time treat

From workshop to water

Candles on the Cobb

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Welcome

EDITOR'S NOTE

WHAT strikes me about this edition is the achievements of this town, its residents and the abundance of community organisations.

This month, we share stories about young footballers winning awards, the sailing club hosting a prestigious national sailing event, and the bowling club celebrating another successful annual tournament.

We have stories of community spirit, including a local sewing group tackling plastic pollution, the unveiling of a stone celebrating 'the wonderful people of Lyme Regis', the transformative power of coffee and cake at the community café, and the home library service combatting loneliness and isolation.

We feature a plethora of recent and upcoming events, all run by volunteers who make this town tick, with a special feature on the well-known local duo behind the spectacular Candles on the Cobb.

Our new feature, 'photograph of the month', also celebrates local talent - when Lyme resident AJ Hutchings sent us some of her beautiful photos, it was too good an opportunity to miss to share her work.

And a special mention must go to Woodroffe School student Laila Tattershall, whose photographs have featured on the front and back covers of three of our editions. Again, featured on this month's back page, we loved the quiet peace of the empty bench amid the chaos of our hectic town.

Adrianne Milling

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

THE schools have broken up and Lyme is packed to the gunnels with visitors enjoying the delights of a traditional seaside holiday in one of the most popular resorts in the south west.

Take a deep breath!

I always think that summer has arrived when the annual tournament - now celebrating its 67th anniversary - is staged at the Charlie Mercer Green, home of Lyme Regis Bowling Club. This year's tournament was a huge success as always with 125 bowlers from all over the region and beyond, many of whom stayed in the town, competing over six days.

The perfectly kept green on Monmouth Beach is named after Charlie Mercer, a former winner of the biggest prize in bowling, the British Isles Singles Champion in the 1960s. He travelled back to Lyme, on the train from Blackpool, with a massive trophy which was taller in size than Charlie himself.

One of my first memories as a young cub reporter was interviewing Charlie on his triumphant return home as the British champion. In those days bowls was very much a pastime for the elderly. Not so today, with more youngsters than ever taking up the sport.

Little did I think in those days that I would be the mayor of Lyme and opening their season by bowling the first wood. Last year I became a member but was unable to play much due to my mayoral duties but I hope next year to become more active and play more regularly after some much needed tuition.

Alfred Philip Evans MBE

Photograph by AJ Hutchings

Photograph of the month

THIS beautiful shot of the sunrise from Bell Cliff was captured by local resident AJ Hutchings.

This is first of our new feature, 'Photograph of the month' and in a place like Lyme Regis, there will be no shortage of views to capture.

Send us your submissions and you may be featured next time! Email enquiries@lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

Good Luck, Year 11 and Year 13

Lyme Regis Town Council congratulates all students who completed external examinations this summer.

We all wish you luck for your exam results.

A-Level results day - 14 August 2025
GCSE results day - 21 August 2025



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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THE next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 6 August 2025, at 7pm in the Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis.

Residents are welcome to attend and raise items in the public forum, or just listen to the debate.

RECYCLING CENTRE

THE town council has registered its strong objection to any future plans to introduce a booking system at Bridport Household Recycling Centre.

Dorset Council planned to roll out the system at all 10 of its centres but after public opposition, agreed to introduce it at only four sites, with Bridport no longer included. Despite the u-turn, town councillors wanted to voice their objections, amid fears the booking system would be introduced later down the line.

BUSINESS AWARDS

THE town council will be the premier sponsor of a business awards ceremony in Lyme Regis this year.

The Dorset Local Business Awards will take place in September at Lyme Regis Golf Club, recognising the range and quality of local businesses in the county.

Categories include green/eco business of the year, family business, best place to work, outstanding customer service, and independent business of the year.

FIRE CO-RESPONDERS

COUNCILLORS have raised concerns about the phasing out of the Fire Co-Responder role in the south west.

South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) announced it would phase out the Fire Co-Responder role over the next 12 months, which sees firefighters as first responders in some medical emergencies. The changes would see SWAST's Community First Responders responding to medical emergencies instead.

Councillors are worried about the impact this would have on Lyme Regis residents, as Fire Co-Responders play a vital role in the community, and have written to SWAST to express their concerns.

BURSARY SCHEME

THE council's bursary scheme for local young people awarded almost £3,500 last year.

The scheme was introduced in 2023 to help children and young people who would otherwise be unable to take part in local clubs and activities and is distributed discreetly via local organisations.

Funding is also allocated to Woodroffe School to award bursaries at their discretion. A further £5,000 has been set aside this year and anyone who needs financial support should speak to an organisation's leaders or Woodroffe School staff.



A tribute to Lyme's community spirit

A CELEBRATION stone has been unveiled at the Garden Pavilion in tribute to the community effort that helped save the much-loved structure.

Volunteers who campaigned against the demolition of the pavilion commissioned a local stonemason to carve and install the stone, which was revealed at a picnic event attended by supporters, along with the mayor of Lyme Regis, Cllr Phillip Evans.

The campaign was spearheaded by local residents Nigel Williams and Janette Edmonds, who also led the fundraising efforts for the celebration stone.

Nigel and Janette, who were complete strangers before they came together to lead the Save the Pavilion Campaign, gathered 2,000 signatures on a petition to save the structure.

The council then reversed its decision to demolish the pavilion and has since worked with Nigel and Janette to come up with a plan and a budget to renovate the building and the gardens surrounding it.

They were joined by a group of local Royal Horticultural Society Gold Medal award-winning horticulturalists and other local volunteers, who together dug, planned, weeded and planted Bermuda style flower beds.

Nigel said: "It's a special bond we are making in our community, and we are so amazed by the support we have had."

To mark the community effort, Janette came up with the idea of fundraising for

a celebration stone.

Nigel said: "Like the petition, the donations came in and the target was reached. We were a bit nervous, it's a big commitment. We just had faith in ourselves and our community."

"None of this would have happened without the determination and passion of the people of Lyme Regis, it's a tribute to the power of our community and the unique blend of people we have in it."

Local stonemason Archie Faiers was commissioned to make the stone, which reads: 'The Garden Pavilion, Celebrating the wonderful people of Lyme Regis'.



Let's make Lyme Bloom again

GOOD news for all Lyme's green-fingered gardeners – the town council is reviving the annual competition for the best floral displays in the town.

The council organised the competition for a number of years up to 2013, during which time the town won several highly-commended certificates as part of the Southwest Britain In Bloom awards.

The council already commits a sizeable budget to its summer floral displays all over the town, which receives many plaudits, especially from our visitors.

To make the town even more attractive, the council is urging residents and businesses to make a special effort next year to make their gardens, hanging baskets and floral displays as attractive as possible."

Those who would like to take part will be able to apply to be judged through LymeLiving magazine next spring, with judging by a panel of horticultural experts taking place in July 2026.

The categories are as follows:

- All businesses
- Courtyard/patio gardens
- Larger gardens
- Smaller gardens
- Window boxes and containers
- Hanging baskets
- Children's gardens

The winners and runners-up will receive cash prizes, with certificates to be presented by the mayor at a special ceremony at the Guildhall.

Mayor Cllr Philip Evans said: "Lyme's floral awards were very popular in past years and I am delighted to see this initiative being revived.

"There are some wonderful private gardens throughout the town and this a way of thanking them for helping to make the town look so attractive, especially during the summer months."



Photograph by AJ Hutchings



Hanging basket at Marine Parade Shelters



Hanging basket at The Guildhall

Blooming by the Bay...

AS YOU stroll along Lyme Regis seafront this summer, take a moment to admire the beautiful displays bursting into colour under the careful hands of the town council's gardening team.

From the iconic 25 barrier tubs lining the parade, overflowing with vibrant summer florals, to the hanging baskets adorning buildings, every corner is designed to bring joy to residents and visitors.

These displays are planted, watered, and maintained throughout the hottest months, ensuring the seafront remains a feast for the eyes.

This time of year is a busy one for the council's gardening team, with deadheading roses and summer bedding plants to keep them flowering for longer, and frequent watering to help them thrive in the heat.

Keep your eyes peeled for the beautiful pink roses, aptly named 'Queen of Glamour', and the intriguing Agapanthus Big Blue, adding elegance and fragrance to the borders.

Regular mulching of flower beds and herbaceous perennial borders not only keeps moisture in during dry spells but also helps suppress weeds, an ever-present battle in these coastal gardens.

Meanwhile, the team ensures newly-planted trees are well-watered and established, helping them grow strong against the salty breezes.

It's a labour of love that keeps Lyme Regis looking its best, from early summer through to autumn, and the results speak for themselves.

So next time you wander along the parade, pause to appreciate the colour, care and quiet dedication that keep our seaside gardens blooming beautifully by the bay.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join in, and grow something special!

Can you spare some time to volunteer at the community garden? Whether you are a seasoned gardener or just keen to lend a hand, your time and enthusiasm could make a real difference.

Contact Cllr Cheryl Reynolds on 07796 074849



TIPS AND TRICKS FROM UPLYME AND LYME REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



GET READY FOR SEPTEMBER

It might still be high summer but September is a busy time in the garden and it's worth getting ready now.

IDENTIFY HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS TO SPLIT

September onwards is a good time to divide congested herbaceous perennials. Identify which ones you want to split and make sure you have suitable tools. The books all say use back-to-back garden forks but a dedicated serrated knife, such as a freezer knife or bread saw is often a lot more effective.

WATERING NEW PLANTS AND TREES

After such a dry spring and summer, keep watering plants and trees you have planted this year. Trees in particular need watering for a year or more to get properly established, otherwise you'll be wasting the money you spent on this lovely addition to your garden. A good investment is a soil moisture meter at around £10 so you can check around a plant's roots to see if water is needed.

REAPING YOUR VEGETABLES

There is so much to harvest from your garden and allotment at this time of year. As well as freezing veg directly, it's great to do batch cooking so you have lovely veggie dishes and homemade pesto to last you through the winter. And don't forget to harvest your remaining potatoes so you enjoy them rather than the slugs.

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

All the bulb catalogues are out so make your choices before they sell out. Plant crocus, daffodils and hyacinths. Tulips are best left until November.

COLLECT SEEDS

Now is the time to collect seeds from your perennials and hardy annuals as they ripen. Put into labelled paper bags and keep in a cool dry place ready for sowing in peat-free seed compost. Best to search on the internet for the sowing requirements of particular seeds.

Top Tips

For August:

- **Water** plants, fruit and vegetables daily
- **Keep on top** of weeding - weeds compete with your plants for nutrients and water
- **Prune** all summer flowering plants and shrubs
- **Deadhead** plants:

Deadheading neatens plants, encourages more flowers and stops them scattering petals.

Most garden plants benefit from deadheading, but leave those that produce decorative or bird-friendly seeds and fruits, and those you want to collect seed from.

Spent flowers can be removed from many plants by pinching them between finger and thumb.



LISTER Gardens and Marine Parade came alive for the Midsummer Party in the Park 2025.

The party ran as a two-day event for the first time on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 June. Friday saw the return of open-air cinema, with 'Wonka' screened on an inflatable seafront screen.

Hundreds gathered with blankets and snack packs as sunset finally dimmed the sky.

Feedback was glowing, with many asking when the next outdoor film will be.

Saturday was packed with children's entertainment, from Strawberry Jam's magic and science shows to Mad 4 Animals' exotic creatures, plus Rainbow Gecko's face painting and bubble show, alongside Sporty Stars' inflatables.

Mini golf was free all day and proved hugely popular.

The food court featured five traders, Arty Bakes, Pancake Pod, Tortilla Cantina, Flame Cave Pizza Co and Milly's Ice Cream, alongside two bars by Lyme Regis Football Club and Polar Bar.

Evening crowds enjoyed live music by Joanna Cooke, JAWES, Jess and Finn, and Mama Feelgood, keeping the party buzzing into the night.

An estimated 2,000 people attended over both days.

The town council staff and members ensured everything ran smoothly, with security and first aid teams on hand to keep everybody safe.

From smiling children to dancing adults, this year's event showcased Lyme Regis at its vibrant best, celebrating summer with music, food, family fun, and a lot of sunshine.

A team is already in place to start planning the events in 2026, which the council hopes will be even bigger and better than this year!





FIREFLIES ON THE BAY



MORE than 70 crews will battle it out in the bay this summer as Lyme Regis Sailing Club hosts a prestigious national championship event.

The Tideway Firefly Dinghy National Championships brings together top sailors from across the country to compete in one of the most exciting and competitive classes in dinghy racing.

The event, now in its 79th year, will take place from 16 to 22 August.

With challenging conditions and a fiercely competitive atmosphere, the championships are a highlight of the Firefly racing calendar.

The Firefly is a small two-person hiking sailing dinghy, which was once an Olympic single-handed class.

More than 70 members of Lyme Regis Sailing Club have volunteered to organise the racing, launching/recovery and onshore activities led by an experienced club team.

They have worked closely with the harbourmaster and his staff to try to minimise the impact on other harbour users.

The Firefly Class were last welcomed to Lyme Regis in 2019 and enjoyed the hospitality of the town and local accommodation.

The 74 boats that have entered this year's event will be hoping to experience the notorious big rolling waves which appear at Lyme when the wind is blowing from the southwest.

Among the entrants are three youth crews and two adult crews Lyme Regis.

The majority of the boats will arrive on the Cobb on Saturday 16 August, where they will be subject to measurement checks prior to competing.

The racing starts on Sunday 17 August, with a practice race and the first race of the eight race series.

The fleet are likely to be launching from the slipway each day at around 11am and expected to return at around 3.30 to 4pm.

This will provide an interesting spectacle for both locals and visitors alike as the fleet head out to sea and race around the course set out in the bay.

The mayor, Cllr Philip Evans MBE and mayoress Jackie Evans, will be invited to welcome the sailors at the Commodore's Reception on Saturday evening.





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COMMUNITY SAYS 'NO' TO SINGLE-USE BAGS

A LYME Regis group is celebrating six years of helping to tackle plastic pollution and the need for single-use bags in the town.

Turn Lyme Green's Recycle Sewing Group turns unwanted fabric into Boomerang Bags and has made around 1,500 bags to give to local businesses.

This community activity depends on generous donations of fabric, machines, threads and volunteer labour.

The Alexandra Hotel in Lyme Regis is the latest business to join the scheme.

Owner/manager, Kathryn Haskins, said: "It's a wonderful idea and the guests will love being able to borrow them when they stay."

The Boomerang Bag scheme started in Australia to avoid the use of single-use bags and to keep fabric out of landfill.

There are 38 shops and accommodation in Lyme Regis who give the bags freely to customers to borrow and bring back.

Rob Smith, the new chairman of Turn Lyme Green said: "We are very proud of this project. It is so popular with our local businesses

and their customers and a perfect way to remind us all to reuse and recycle, avoiding single use plastic."

The Recycle Sewing Group has a new range of bags – muslin bags for fruit and vegetable shopping called Freggies – and using these avoids the need for plastic bags in the supermarkets.

There are also the Big Bags that can be purchased at Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, the proceeds of which help fund Turn Lyme Green and the River Lim Action group work to care for the environment.

The sewing group also made draught excluders and hot water bottle covers, which were distributed to the Seaside Store, Food Bank, Welcome Café and by the Lyme Regis Energy Champions.

Group co-ordinator Liz Davis said: "Our team of nine meet regularly. We just keep sewing to recycle the big mountain of fabric donated to us. It's fun and our way to show care and respect for our beautiful environment."



Group co-ordinator Liz Davis, right, and owner of The Alexandra Hotel, Kathryn Haskins



NEWS IN

MUGA NEARS COMPLETION

EXCITING changes are underway at Anning Road Playing Field as the construction of a brand-new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) nears completion.

The £150,000 project, led by the town council, is set to deliver much-needed sports facilities for young people in our community, with the finishing touches expected to be completed between 18 and 25 July.

Located on the northern side of the playing field, next to the existing play park, the MUGA will provide a dedicated space for a variety of sports and activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and active play for all.

The town council is looking forward to the games area being fully open for the community to enjoy.

As part of the project, the old BMX humps, first installed in 2007, have been removed to make way for the new facility. The council recognised that the BMX track was no longer fit for purpose, especially since the opening of the Charmouth Road Skatepark, where BMXers can now ride safely.

The football pitch has also been relocated slightly south to accommodate the new layout, ensuring it remains at the required size for local matches.



The decision to build the MUGA came after community consultation in 2022, where it emerged as one of the most popular suggestions.

Soon, local residents will have access to a modern, multi-use sports space, right at the heart of our community.



Town clerk, John Wright, gives a presentation

A FRESH START.

LYME Regis Town Council welcomed representatives from local community groups, organisations, and key stakeholders to a grand opening of the new office premises.

Guests from across the town, including Waffle Lyne Regis, B Sharp, Social Prescribers, Little Green Change, Lyne Regis Development Trust, Woodroffe School, Lyne Regis Bowling Club, Jazz Jurassica, and The Town Mill, joined councillors and staff to mark the occasion.

The mayor Cllr Philip Evans, spoke about the council's ongoing commitment to the town, highlighting the many assets, projects, and services managed by the council. He praised the team's can-do, hands-on attitude, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the staff.

Town clerk, John Wright provided an insight on the council's finances, reflecting on the continued investment in community initiatives and importance of working together to support local organisations and residents.

PICTURES

LEARNING THE ROPES AND LENDING A HAND

TWO students from The Woodroffe School swapped the classroom for hands-on experience this summer when they joined the council for their work experience placement.

Year 10 students Harry Broom and Jenson Riding got stuck in alongside the council's external works' team, supporting with gardening, maintenance, and a range of practical tasks that help keep the town looking its best.

From weeding and watering in Langmoor and Lister Gardens, to litter picking, grass cutting, wood chipping, hedge trimming, and even trying their hand at drilling with an SDS driver, the students embraced the experience with enthusiasm.

Both Harry and Jenson said they enjoyed being outdoors, learning new skills, and contributing to the local community.

The town council team were delighted to welcome them on board and praised their positive attitude and work ethic.

Harry said: "I found the work very enjoyable and now I understand a lot about what the external works' team does around the town.

"One of the best bits was the last day when I was helping at the cemetery as the jobs I did throughout the day were varied and I was able to use lots of different pieces of equipment.

"I really enjoyed my time with you and I am grateful for the experience."



Jenson Riding, left, and Harry Broom

THE GATE TO THE GARDEN

A BEAUTIFULLY-DESIGNED wheatsheaf staircase and gate will invite visitors to the Town Mill to step inside and discover more about this historic area of the town.

The stairs and gate were unveiled by the mayor, Cllr Philip Evans, and mayoress Cllr Jackie Evans, in recognition of the town council's £10,000 grant towards this and other refurbishment projects at the Town Mill.

Following a successful bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the wider project aims to ensure the mill recovers from the financial impact of Covid and to meet health and safety requirements.

The mill was rescued from demolition in the 1990s and while some changes have been made since then, a refresh of the infrastructure is needed, as well as improvements to the visitor and community experience. The gate and staircase improve access to the mill directly from the Lynch, taking visitors into the sanctuary of the Miller's Garden and the Town Mill courtyard. Other projects include updated interpretation within the mill, replacement signs to draw people to the mill site, and safer and more energy efficient lighting.



A BEACH HUT WITH HEART



THOSE affected by cancer will continue to have use of a beach hut on Marine Parade to use as their 'happy place'.

Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support (ALCS) have enjoyed the use of a hut for five years and the town council has now extended this arrangement for a further two years.

The hut has been accessed by hundreds of clients who are affected by cancer.

For many, it's a chance to spend a relaxing, restorative day by the sea, away from the stress and anxiety of cancer.

Some come to simply be, others bring family/friend and make memories – it's a happy place.

The ALCS team work hard behind the scenes managing the online booking system, cleaning rotas and vouchers. Clients at the beach hut can enjoy tea and cake from the Kiosk.

One of the clients said: "I just wanted to send you a heartfelt thank you for giving myself the opportunity to spend a sunny day with my sister at the beach hut in Lyme Regis."

"We both had a fantastic day, people watching getting fish and chips and feeling the sun on our faces. Such a special day."

Mary Kahn, founder and CEO of Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support, said: "It is a joy, as a team, to be able to offer the beach hut to those in our community affected by cancer."

"It provides a small break away from treatment/appointments and the devastating impact cancer has. We are so grateful to our town council for providing this facility to ALCS."

"We are delighted to have been awarded a further two years' use of the beach hut by the Lyme Regis Town Council. This makes such a positive difference to those in our community affected by cancer. Thank you."



United Beach Mission returns

A GROUP running free activities on the beach for families has been visiting Lyme Regis over six decades.

The United Beach Mission's Beach Team has been on Lyme's sandy beach every year since 1971, with the exception of 2020 due to Covid.

The team will be in Lyme Regis again from Sunday 3 to Friday 22 August, daily except Saturdays, between 11.30am and 4pm.

They run free activities for families and Lyme Regis Town Council allows them to have free use of the beach.



The Old School House Café: The heart of our community

TUCKED inside The Hub on Church Street, The Old School House Café has become so much more than just a café since it first opened its doors.

Run by Lyme Regis Development Trust (LRDT) since March 2022, it is a shining example of how food, friendship, and local dedication can transform lives and strengthen communities.

For many, visiting the café is the highlight of their week.

The regular group of ladies from Cloverdale, for example, walk down together every week to sit, chat, and enjoy the warmth of the café space.

When it's a birthday within their group, volunteer Neil Charleton, who bakes many of the café's homemade cakes, creates a special cake to share, and the whole café joins together in song.

The café also acts as a vital community support hub, offering Dorset Carer Support sessions once a month, alongside energy advice drop-ins and general drop-in hubs where people can ask questions, seek guidance, or simply enjoy friendly conversation.

For some, it's a place to access practical help, for others, it's the only place they'll speak to someone all week.

Run with dedication by Lisa Charleton, with a team of hardworking volunteers including Mary Ward, who is known for cooking a cracking breakfast, and Lynette Ravenscroft, who can often be seen delivering orders to local businesses, The Old School House Café thrives because of people who care.

Lisa said: "It's an important part of the community and it would be sorely missed if it couldn't keep going due to shortage of volunteers. It's more than just a café, it's good quality food at affordable prices, open to everybody."

Customers echo this sentiment, including Wendy Paris, who said: "It's a lovely place, with lovely, friendly people, nice coffee, and the best cakes."

Another of the customers, Philippa Fortescue added: "It's good value for money. I try to come most weeks to catch up with friends. It's very sociable."

Cakes are donated by locals or handmade by Neil, and the café also hosts a community fridge stocked with surplus food, free for people to help themselves to, tackling both food waste and food poverty in Lyme Regis.



The Cloverdale Ladies



Volunteers at the community café

Christie Street, the marketing officer for LRDT, said: "It ties into the core beliefs of supporting community and the disadvantaged. "It gives people a place to go without breaking the bank, it's a social space to meet friends, sit, interact, and find purpose. Without the hardworking volunteers, it won't survive."

Can you help keep it going?

The Old School House Café is urgently looking for more volunteers to help continue its work tackling social isolation, poverty, and food waste, while creating a welcoming, inclusive space for all.

If you can spare a few hours a week, your time will make a meaningful difference to so many lives.

Visit The Old School House Café at The Hub, Church Street, Lyme Regis, or find out more via the Lyme Regis Development Trust website www.lrdt.co.uk.

Completely bowled over...

A STAGGERING 57,000 woods were bowled as Lyme Regis Bowling Club welcomed competitors for their annual tournament.

The club's 67th tournament certainly delivered as they welcomed 128 competitors onto the green from around the region, as well their own members.

Starting in the 1950s, the tournament has welcomed thousands of visitors to the town and onto the green and has become part of the sporting heritage of the town.

This year saw over 5000 jacks 'set' and 57,000 woods bowled across five different competitions over the six days. It proved to be another fabulous tournament, with all participants delivering high quality bowling in such a sporting spirit.

A number of Lyme Regis bowlers featured as winners:

- Megan Hunt winning the Ladies Singles competition
- Christine and Paul Pomeroy winning the Open Pairs competition
- Karen Hofen and Tim Munro formed two thirds of the winning Triples team
- Steve and Paul Pomeroy winning the inaugural Parsons Cup in the 'Aussie Pairs' competition

David Flett from Lyme Regis Bowling Club said: "A massive thank you to the tournament committee in arranging the whole event, as well as the 45 plus members who volunteered their support from umpiring to cake making.

"Thanks again to the mayor and lady mayoress for opening the proceedings as well as our main sponsor, A.J. Wakely and Sons and all of our programme advertisers for their continued and invaluable support.

"With many of the competitors staying for the week and enjoying the unique hospitality that the town offers, the tournament was a great advert for Lyme Regis as well as the bowling club.

"So bowling, the sporting spirit, a sense of fun and the power of volunteers is very much alive at Lyme Regis Bowling Club! Roll on 2026!"



Bringing the library to you!

DORSET'S Home Library Service (HLS) is looking to grow its free service for housebound readers in the Lyme Regis area.

Run by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), the free service brings books to people who can no longer get to the library.

A team of RVS volunteers living in the area runs the service on a monthly basis from Lyme Regis Library.

The volunteers choose and/or deliver books, after an initial assessment visit to establish the readers' needs and preferences.

They share their love of reading with the people they visit and are a friendly face, regularly visiting those whose mobility and social interactions are limited, and they provide a useful check on the safety and well-being of their readers, too.

Ian Rumble, volunteer coordinator for the HLS in the Lyme area, said: "For people who enjoy reading or listening to audio recordings, but find getting out of the house challenging, this service offers a vital link to Lyme Library and the wider resources of libraries throughout Dorset and beyond.

"The service enables them to carry on doing what they've always enjoyed and helps alleviate feelings of isolation or loneliness and puts a smile on their faces."

The Home Library Service was recognised earlier this year for its 'great and valuable services to the community in enhancing their lives' throughout Dorset when it received the High Sheriff of Dorset's Award at a ceremony in March.

Incumbent High Sheriff, Anthony Woodhouse, presented Maria Jacobson, service manager for RVS's HLS in Dorset, with the award and spoke of Royal Voluntary Service as 'an exceptional charity that brings the library service to people who can no longer reach their local facility'.

Early this month, Callum Bremner, current High Sheriff of Dorset who lives locally, visited staff at Lyme Library and met volunteers from RVS's HLS to see for himself what resources and support are on offer and how he could assist in broadening the readership across the town and beyond.

The Home Library Service is delivered free of charge; it is not just for older people, but for anybody who finds getting to the library difficult, including carers, on a long or short-term basis.

To find out more or to request the service, please contact the Library switchboard on 01297 443151, email Ian on ian.rumble@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or call him on 07779 919678.



BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Our **Home Library Service** brings your local library service straight to your front door. We can deliver books **Free of Charge** to people who enjoy reading but are unable to get to their local library due to poor health or mobility, or caring responsibilities.

For more information, please ask at your local library, or call Royal Voluntary Service on **01305 236 666**, email us on dorsethomelibraryservice@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or visit us at royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Alternatively you can speak to Dorset Library Service, call **01305 225 000**, email dorsetlibraries@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, or visit dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries



All volunteers are fully screened and DBS checked.
Royal Voluntary Service is a registered charity (1012498 England and Wales & 10518931 Scotland and
Ireland).



Photograph of High Sheriff, Callum Bremner, centre, visiting Lyme Regis Library

Time and Tide: History from Lyme Regis Museum

ELEANOR COADE (1733 - 1821)



ELEANOR Coade was a highly successful Georgian craftswoman and businesswoman. At a time when industry was totally dominated by men, she ran her own business making beautiful architectural and garden ornaments from her own brand of artificial stone. Her influence reached Lyme Regis, where she not only lived but left a lasting mark on one of its finest Georgian houses, Belmont House.

Eleanor was born in Exeter in June 1733, the daughter of a wool merchant from Lyme Regis. After her father's death in 1769, she bought the premises of an ailing business run by Daniel Pincot in Lambeth (London), which was making a type of artificial stone - here she began to experiment with her own formula.

The artificial stone that Eleanor Coade invented and produced, and which bore her name, was to become one of the most widely used materials of the 18th century. A ceramic material - whose recipe remained a closely guarded secret - Coade stone was exceptionally resistant to weathering and erosion. Its versatility made it immensely popular for a great variety of sculptures, large and small - monuments, statues, garden ornaments and furniture and architectural details.

From her factory in Lambeth, Eleanor was soon dispatching a huge number of Coade stone sculptures and architectural



Eleanor Coade



An example of Coade stone, on display in Lyme Regis Museum. This is one of the two gate piers that flanked the entrance to Belmont in Pound Street

elements across Georgian Britain and beyond. Many of them were created by the brilliant sculptor John Bacon, the factory's chief designer.

Coade stone was used by every leading architect and designer of the day, including Robert Adam, John Nash and John Soane. Most of the pieces made from Coade stone were in the neoclassical style, although a few were Gothic, including some sculptures at Battle Abbey, East Sussex.

Over 650 surviving Coade stone sculptures have been traced today, not only across the British Isles but as far afield as Russia, South Africa and Brazil.

In 1784, Eleanor's Uncle Samuel left her the lease to Bunter's Castle - now Belmont House - at the top of Pound Street in Lyme Regis. After acquiring Belmont, Eleanor undertook an ambitious project to enhance and embellish the house using her own invention. Drawing on her deep understanding of design and classical architecture, she oversaw its development with the same meticulous standards she applied to commissions for places like St Paul's Cathedral and

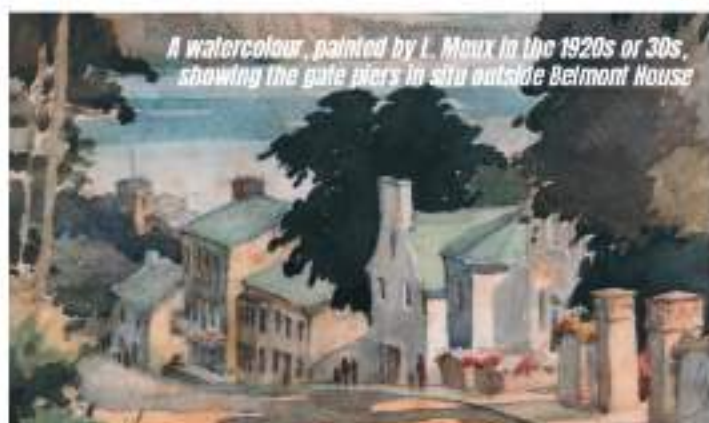
Buckingham Palace. She transformed Belmont's exterior and grounds by incorporating striking Coade stone ornaments, including urns, plaques, and decorative features in neoclassical style. These details added both elegance and durability - hallmarks of Coade's artistry - and turned Belmont into a living showcase of her material's beauty and resilience.

In later life Eleanor Coade was an active philanthropist, helping those in need - usually women in difficult circumstances. Several bequests to women in her will stipulated that none of their husbands were to touch the funds she had left to them.

Eleanor's firm continued to flourish until her death in 1821, aged 88. On her death, her manager, William Croggon, bought the factory, and Coade stone remained in use for at least a decade before the firm eventually closed in the 1840s. The recipe used for her artificial stone was re-established in the 1990s.



This much admired anamorphic pavement outside Lyme Regis Museum is made of Coade stone, created by Thomasori Cudworth.



A watercolour, painted by L. Moux in the 1920s or 30s, showing the gate piers in situ outside Belmont House.

Eleanor Coade was an exceptional figure, who not only created a fine product but also ran a highly successful business at a time when industry was dominated by men. The author John Fowles, who lived in her former home, Belmont House, described her as 'that very rare thing, both an artist and a successful early woman industrialist'.

Today, Belmont House stands as a testament to her legacy - an extraordinary example of how art, entrepreneurship and architecture came together in one remarkable woman's hands.

Find out more about the famous and influential people that were born or lived in Lyme at Lyme Regis Museum.



Belmont House, Pound Street, Lyme Regis

**JANE AUSTEN
WALK** with Museum entry
AUGUST 20TH - 11AM



Follow in the footsteps of Jane Austen on this guided walk through Lyme Regis, the picturesque seaside town that inspired her timeless novel *Persuasion*.

ADULT | £12.75 CHILD | £8.75

Book online at
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To commemorate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth in 1775, Lyme Regis Museum are offering a guided walk around some of the town that Jane would have seen during her visits in 1803 and 1804. In her novel *'Persuasion'*, completed 12 years later in 1816, Jane Austen based a key moment of the story on the Cobb, here in Lyme Regis.

TEE TIME TREAT FOR ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

LYME Regis schoolchildren were treated to a special end-of-year outing with a free round of mini golf courtesy of the town council.

Pupils and teachers from St Michael's Primary School enjoyed a fun morning at the mini golf in Lister Gardens, now an annual event offered to the school.

The council wanted to recognise the pupil's hard work, enthusiasm and achievements throughout the school year, offering a fun reward to celebrate their efforts.

The weather was slightly overcast, which meant the conditions were perfect.

It is part of the town council's ongoing commitment to support local schools and create memorable experiences for young people in our community.

After their visit, the council was thrilled to receive an array of colourful thank you drawings from the pupils in Lister Class.

The pupils went to the effort of creating beautiful pictures of ice-creams, which they compiled in a booklet, with the note: "We had a super time playing mini golf. Thank you so much. From Lister Class."



Lister Class enjoying the mini golf



Jungle walls

THE work of French post-impressionist painter Henri Rousseau inspired Woodroffe School students in their designs to brighten up the Garden Pavilion.

Following the restoration of the pavilion in Langmoor Gardens and the partnership working with community volunteers, the council was keen to expand on this joined-up approach by inviting students from the school to get involved.

The interior of the pavilion was painted white but after just one day, the structure has come to life thanks to the efforts of a group of GCSE students and their teachers.

To tie in with the Bermudan planting scheme around the pavilion, the young artists wanted to mimic the style of Rousseau, who is most well known for the jungle themes in his paintings.

Next time you're passing the pavilion, take a look at the colourful scenes within!



WELCOME THE WORLD TO LYME REGIS...

MORE than 6,500 people have been helped by volunteers stationed at the Lyme Regis Visitor Hub on the seafront.

Staffed entirely by volunteers and supported with a grant from Lyme Regis Town Council, the Visitor Hub in the Jubilee Pavilion provides a warm welcome to visitors, answering queries and sharing information about local events and attractions.

The Hub was the brainchild of Alan Vian, town crier and local community champion, who recognised the need for such a facility with the town not having a tourist information centre.



Since Easter, more than 6,500 visitors have stopped by, asking a wide variety of questions, from tips on local fossil hunting to what's on in town.

Requests for copies of the town map have also proven incredibly popular.

Alan is supported by Rob James and Karen Skardon James of Love Lyme Regis / Visit Lyme Regis, as well as Dolores Holywood-Plant, who coordinates the volunteers.

Do you enjoy meeting people?

If so, the Visitor Hub would love to hear from you! Volunteer shifts are just two hours long, and good communication skills and local knowledge are a plus.

To get involved, please email lymeregisvisitorhub@gmail.com or message via the Lyme Regis Visitor Hub social media pages.



FROM WORKSHOP TO WATER

FOUR beautifully handcrafted boats were launched into the harbour as students from the Boat Building Academy marked the completion of their intensive course.

Fifteen students celebrated the end of their 40-week journey, joined by family, friends, the local community and the mayor of Lyme Regis, Cllr Philip Evans.

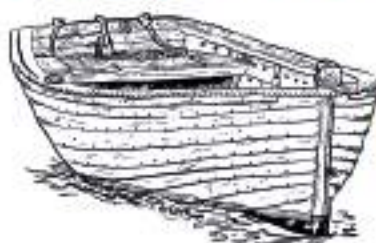
This year's course marked a significant milestone for the academy, featuring the highest number of female students in its history, a promising sign of increasing diversity in the traditionally male-dominated craft.

A spokesperson for the Boat Building Academy said: "The dedication, skill, and teamwork demonstrated by the students were evident in every detail of the boats, each representing months of hands-on learning, craftsmanship, and commitment."

Lyme Regis Town Council is proud to support the Boat Building Academy with a term grant of £10,000 per year for the next five years, helping to provide the centre with financial security to continue initiatives such as bursaries for disadvantaged young people, and taster days for local school pupils.

Many of the graduating students are now moving directly into careers in boat building and related marine industries, a testament to the strength and relevance of the training provided.

For some, their journey was made possible through the academy's bursary scheme, which helps support students with funding to pursue their passion for traditional craftsmanship and maritime skills.



Building has just started on five more boats by the February intake, which are set to be launched on 8 December at 8.30am.

The public is invited to attend and witness the next wave of future boat builders showcasing their work.

With the next course starting on 1 September and only a few spaces remaining, the Boat Building Academy continues to cement its reputation as a leader in professional training, nurturing the next generation of skilled craftsmen and women and keeping the proud maritime traditions of Lyme Regis alive.



Sophie and Jared walking Jolly Winds to the harbour



Students and tutor aboard Recognition Boat 1 and 2

SCAN ME



Scouts Succeed at Strategy



THE 1st Lym Valley Scouts put their thinking and teamwork skills to the test at a multi-activity challenge against teams from around the country.

The group came a fantastic seventh out of over 300 teams at the annual Strategy camp held in Cirencester.

They faced both rain and 30 degree heat over the weekend, taking on a challenging hike, consisting of 30 bases of varying difficulty and complexity set around a 3,000-acre site.

The unit headed up to Cirencester on Friday night, where they set up camp and prepared for a busy weekend ahead.

On the Saturday, the Scouts headed out into Cirencester Park to compete against other teams from across the country, being awarded points for each activity completed.

Activities included climbing, air rifle shooting, and supermarket sweep.

Once the activities were complete, the Scouts headed back to camp to enjoy a well earned supper followed by evening entertainment, which included fire breathing and a disco.

On the Sunday, the presentation was held before the group headed back to Lyme Regis.

1st Lym Valley Scout member Eden said: "The best bit for me were the bases we visited on the Saturday, they were so much fun, oh, and the entertainments as well."

Scout leader Josh Yelland said: "We're extremely proud of the Scouts for all their hard work and effort, they've done Lyme Regis proud!"

"Despite the rain and the heat, all in one day, they pushed on and did very well. They're a great example of the thinking skills and teamwork skills that Scouting develops."

1st Lym Valley continues to be busy over the summer and is looking forward to supporting Candles on the Cobb later this month.



Scouts enjoying some much needed downtime at the Strategy cafe.



Scouts and Leaders from 1st Lym Valley at Strategy 2025

GRASSROOTS' GLORY



YOUNG footballers were celebrated for their achievements, teamwork and community spirit at their annual awards' evening.

Lyme Regis Youth Football Club's presentation evening took place at the Davey Fort, home of the Seaside, when players were celebrated by their coaches, families and supporters.

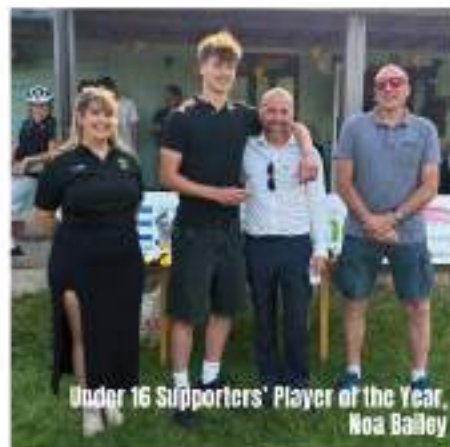
Young players from all age groups were recognised for their dedication, sportsmanship, and progress throughout the season.

The coaches gave speeches, sharing stories of growth and memorable moments.

The season is now finished but the players and coaches are already looking forward to another exciting season.



U10 Golden Boot - William Twist



Under 16 Supporters' Player of the Year, Noa Bailey



Under 16 Manager's Player of the Year, Sam Miller



U16s Bulls Manager's Player of the Year, Brad Strawbridge



The U16s after completing a sponsored run from Bournemouth to Davey Fort

Oars on the sea

GIG crews from across the region will compete in thrilling races in the bay when the annual open regatta takes place in Lyme Regis.

Lyme Regis Gig Club's open regatta takes place on Saturday 6 September, held just off Monmouth Beach.

This is the final event of the Jurassic League, a series of regattas that pits the Lyme Regis crews against their neighbours.

The event will include refreshments, a barbecue, and a tombola, also helping to raise vital funds to support the club.

Founded in 2007, Lyme Regis Gig Club is a community of rowers passionate about Cornish pilot gig racing, a sport with deep roots in maritime history.

Traditionally used to transport pilots to incoming ships, pilot gigs would race each other through rough seas to earn the right to guide vessels safely to shore.

Now a thriving sport across the south west and beyond, rowers compete in crews of six, guided by a coxswain, in a number of events throughout the year.

The club has around 150 members and a fleet of seven boats, including four beautifully crafted wooden Cornish pilot gigs.

The first gig, Rebel, was built in 2008 by local boatbuilder Gail McGarva, and her plans were later adopted as the blueprint for modern Cornish pilot gigs.

Gail went on to build Black Ven in 2009 and Tempest in 2012, both commissioned by the club and reflecting Lyme's rich history and dramatic coastline.

In 2024, the club's current racing gig Ammonite was launched, built by club member Rob Hounslow.

The club also have two GRP training gigs, Prospero and Daring, used regularly for coaching and development, and a skiff, Galeforce, used for training younger rowers.



Members of the Lyme Regis Gig Club



Masters regatta



Ammonite launching onto the water

SCAN ME



Dancing through the day

LYME Regis Morris Day returned this summer, bringing with it a celebration of traditional English folk dance.

Hosted by Lyme Morris, the much-loved event took place across the seafront, the day attracted visiting teams from across the region, each bringing their own unique style.

Visitors and locals enjoyed the procession along the Marine Parade, which was joined by the mayor and mayoress, Cllr Philip Evans and wife Jackie.

The procession was followed by the sides performing at various stages before the day ended with a mass dance.

It was a vibrant festival atmosphere which welcomed all ages to stop, watch, and join in the fun.



Lyme Morris Day is more than just a dance display; it is a chance to celebrate folk heritage and community, while supporting the preservation of traditional music and dance for future generations.

Pete Morton of Lyme Morris said: "What a fantastic day on the seafront in Lyme Regis. An amazing spectacle for the town, with over 350 dancers and musicians, showcasing the many traditions of Morris dancing sides from the south west, southern England, London, Wales and the Midlands, bringing joy, colour and entertainment to the many onlookers, on a sizzling hot sunny summers day."

Photography by Rob James

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WATER WARRIORS HIT LYME BAY

SCAN ME



THE sixth Lyme Splash Water Polo Sea Championship will take place this August, followed in September by the Sea Swim Challenge.

The water polo championship will see 18 Swim England teams taking part in the event on 9 and 10 August at Lyme Regis Harbour.

Karen Durham-Diggins, founder of Lyme Splash, said: "This is the largest, and friendliest, water polo sea championship in the UK, allowing teams an opportunity to play in the sea as the sport originally started.

"At this event teams also get to play with the iconic Cobb harbour with the Jurassic coast as a backdrop.

"Bridport Barracudas have been instrumental in enabling this championship to grow and this year for the first time will be running the whole event, with ex-players and volunteers stepping in to enable a smooth and exciting event."

Camping is available for players and supporters, and hot and cold drinks with Dorset's Moores Biscuits are served during the games.

A ticket-only party takes place on Saturday night for the teams at Lyme Regis Football Club.

The seventh Lyme Splash Lyme Regis to Charmouth Challenge Sea Swim takes place on Sunday 14 September.

The 3.15km long race takes place with up to 200 swimmers from all over the UK and will be the last swim organised by Lyme Splash.

Karen said: "When I started Lyme Splash in 2015 I never realised it would last so long. It's been hard work, culminating in such a joy seeing everyone, both swimmers, volunteers and local businesses, come together to celebrate the sea, achieve personal goals and have a wonderful collective time.

"I'm delighted to be handing this legacy over to a soon-to-be-announced charity."

To celebrate this year's swim, a pod of mermaids will also be taking part, mainly from the Manta Ray's Mermaids group in the Wimborne, Bournemouth and Poole sea area.



There are a few places left in the swim challenge – go to <https://www.lyme-splash.com/product/swim-registration/> to register.

Swimmers need to be able to deal with both the chop and distance. The swim is buoyed and accompanied by local kayakers and safety boats.

At the end of the swim on Charmouth Beach, participants receive hot chocolate, biscuits, a badge and an exciting return to Lyme Regis by Lyme Rib Rides.

Lyme Bay Holidays support both events and local businesses provide some great raffle prizes.

The event is run by volunteers with professional paramedics in situ.

Any profits go to Ghost Fishing UK who recover fishing nets from wrecks and the seabed, Lyme Regis Powder Monkeys, B Sharp, River Action, Surfers Against Sewage and Plastic Free Lyme Regis.

Anyone can buy raffle tickets online or on the day at <http://www.lyme-splash.com/swim-affle/>. More information can be found at www.lyme-splash.com.



Photograph by Max Redwood



Photograph by Dave Broughton



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Photograph by Elizabeth Mills

SIZZLING SUCCESS FOR SAUSAGE AND CIDER FESTIVAL

HUNDREDS of local residents and visitors turned out to enjoy the eighth annual Lyme Regis Sausage and Cider Festival.

The event in early-July was hosted by Lyme Regis Football Club at the Davey Fort ground.

The popular summer event once again proved to be a major highlight in the town's social calendar, combining mouth-watering food, local ciders and live music with a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere.

Run entirely by volunteers, the festival raised several thousand pounds, vital funds that will help secure the club's future as it enters a new season.

Vice-chair and festival organiser Francesca Evans said: "This was our eighth annual Sausage and Cider Festival and another huge success, attended by hundreds of people throughout the day.

"We were extremely lucky with the weather and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who came along to support us.

"The money raised puts the club on a firm financial footing for the start of the new season and allows us to continue improving our sporting and social facilities for the benefit of the whole community."

The funds will partly help offset the cost of significant drainage work carried out on the pitch over the summer.

The improvements aim to reduce the disruption caused by wet weather and ensure more consistent gameplay throughout the season.

"We've kept costs as low as possible, with players volunteering their time and skills to complete the work, supported generously by local businesses providing materials and equipment," said Francesca.

She also extended thanks to the many festival sponsors, volunteers and performers who helped make the day possible, as well as all those who attended and supported the club.

The Sausage and Cider Festival continues to be a celebration of local community spirit, great food and drink, and grassroots sport, with plans already in motion for an even bigger and better event next summer!



Photography by Rob James

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



GIRLS in the Lyme Regis area are invited to register their interest in a new Brownies unit starting in September.

1st Lyme Regis Brownies is a great opportunity for girls aged 7 to 10 years, to have fun, make new friends, gain in confidence, and learn important life skills.

Part of Girlguiding UK, the new Lyme Regis Brownies group promises exciting opportunities for young girls to grow, explore, and discover their potential.

The new group will meet weekly and is now open for registrations. It's also a great chance for local volunteers to get involved and help inspire the next generation.

Please register on the Girlguiding website and you will be contacted by a leader.

For more details, please email Lymebrownies@gmail.com.

Brownies

Brownies is our section for girls aged 7-10 years old

www.girlguiding.org.uk

A new unit is coming to Lyme Regis. Register your interest today!



DRUMHEAD CEREMONY, VJ DAY 80

THE 80th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan) takes place on Friday 15 August 2025, commemorating the end of the Second World War.

While VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in fighting in the Far East.

Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945, which ended the Second World War.

On 15th August 2025, come and join Lyme Regis Town Band, Royal British Legion - Lyme Regis Branch and Lyme Regis Town Council as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory of Japan with a drumhead ceremony at the Marine Parade Shelters.

Victory over Japan, was met with relief and celebration that after six long years the Second World War was finally over.

While millions took part in parades and street parties, there was also great sadness - the human cost was enormous and many eagerly awaited the safe return of loved ones.

Over 90,000 British troops were casualties in the war against Japan - 30,000 died and 37,500 were held as prisoners of war.

For hundreds of thousands of service personnel from Britain and the Commonwealth, it would take many months to be reunited with loved ones, some of whom they hadn't seen for more than five years.

A full programme is available online at: www.lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk, or from the council offices.



80
VJ DAY

**80TH ANNIVERSARY
OF VICTORY OVER JAPAN**

Drumhead Ceremony

FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2025, 6:30PM

MARINE PARADE SHELTERS, LYME REGIS

PROGRAMME AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.LYMEREGISTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK
OR FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICES

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Town Council

 **Lyme Regis**
Town Band





EXPECT spectacular stunts, extreme tricks and some serious air as Skate Jam returns to Lyme Regis this month.

The second Skate Jam this year will take place at the Charmouth Road skatepark on Sunday 17 August, from 10am to 4pm.

Organised by Lyme Regis Skatepark Committee, there will be skateboard and scooter competitions for all ages, with prizes for the winners.

The event will include a raffle, music, and food and drink to purchase.

Lyme Regis Town Council has funded the skatepark committee with a £499 community grant to buy equipment for skateboard lessons.

To help boost funds, the committee is also holding a fundraising bingo on Monday 11 August at the Woodmead Halls at 7.30pm.

Lyme Regis Skate Jam
17th August
10am-4pm
 Competitions For all ages
 SKATE | SCOOTER | MTB 300
 FOOD | MUSIC | PRIZES | RAFFLE

SPONSORED BY: **VEV** STUDIO HORIZONS

Lyme Regis Skatedark
BINGO

11th August, 7:30-8:00pm
 Woodmead Halls, Hill Road,
 Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG



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LYME FOLK

W E E K E N D

GET ready for a foot-stomping, soul-stirring weekend as the Lyme Folk Festival returns to Lyme Regis this August bank holiday.

The event brings with it a packed programme of free music and dance, community sessions, ceilidhs, and three unmissable headline concerts at the Marine Theatre.

Friday 29 August – Turin Brakes Acoustic

Kicking off the festival is a special acoustic performance by Turin Brakes, returning to Lyme 10 years after their last unforgettable set.

Celebrated for their stripped-back shows that sell out across the country, the Mercury Prize-nominated band will treat audiences to intimate acoustic versions of hits like Pain Killer (Summer Rain) and songs from their six top-40 albums.

As they put it: "We couldn't ignore all the love we got for the first acoustic tour. We decided to do it again and make it another very special and intimate performance."

Saturday 30 August – Ninebarrow & Friends

Festival patrons Ninebarrow return with their popular Ninebarrow & Friends show, a unique collaboration bringing together some of the finest names in folk music.

This year, they're joined by virtuoso guitarist Will McNicol, Guitar World's "one of the best acoustic players on the planet" (2021), and Yorkshire's acclaimed folk singer Jack Rutter, renowned for his soaring vocals and masterful arrangements.

Expect an evening of powerful music, from traditional tunes to contemporary covers, delivered with heart and skill.

Sunday 31 August – The Spooky Men's Choral

Closing out the festival in unforgettable style is Australia's The Spooky Men's Choral, a phenomenon of vocal brilliance, humour, and unexpected emotional power.

With seven albums and over 900 performances worldwide, this casually-hatted, black-clad chorus promises a show that is "just a bunch of blokes", but where they take you will truly blow your mind.

More Than Just Concerts

Alongside these headline acts, festival-goers can enjoy the free outdoor music stages, traditional dance displays, ceilidhs, workshops, and informal sessions filling the town with the joyful sounds of folk.

Whether you're a long-time folk enthusiast or simply looking for a weekend of community spirit, there's something for everyone.

Tickets for all Marine Theatre shows are available now via their website. Book early to avoid missing out on these spectacular performances.

SCAN ME



Turin Brakes



Ninebarrow & Friends



The Spooky Men's Choral



STEP behind closed doors and discover the rich, layered history of Lyme Regis this September as part of Dorset's Heritage Open Days.

From historic civic buildings to hidden chapels and literary homes, there is something to inspire every curious mind.

The Guildhall: A civic treasure

At the heart of the town sits The Guildhall, one of Lyme's most iconic buildings, standing proudly at the corner of Church Street and Bridge Street since the early 17th century.

Today, it remains the seat of Lyme Regis Town Council, hosting council meetings and civic ceremonies such as the traditional mayor-making.

The Guildhall is also hired for venue-only wedding ceremonies, and makes the perfect place for an intimate ceremony.

Step inside and admire the barrel ceiling and intricate wooden panelling, and soak in the historic atmosphere while appreciating the views across the Lyme Bay.

This is a rare chance to explore the heritage of Lyme Regis from a perspective usually reserved for civic dignitaries.

Lyme Regis Cemetery Chapel: A hidden gem

Another local treasure opening its doors is the Lyme Regis Cemetery Chapel, tucked away in the cemetery off Charmouth Road.

Built in the 1850s as part of the council cemetery, this small Victorian Church of England chapel is often overlooked but is a true hidden gem.

Inside, visitors can admire the beautifully stencilled paintings decorating the ceiling and walls, first painted in 1892 and lovingly restored in 2019 by local conservation artist, Adrian Everitt.

Overlooking the hills and coastline, this peaceful chapel provides an insight into the quiet spiritual life of Lyme's past residents.

Belmont House: From Coad to Fowles

For those intrigued by local history, Belmont House will be open on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September, 10am to 4pm.

This Grade II listed 18th century maritime villa was once home to trailblazing businesswoman Eleanor Coad, who devised an innovative formula to mass produce architectural embellishments in Georgian Britain.

See pages 18 and 19, for an in-depth look at Eleanor Coad, in Lyme Regis Museum's Tide and Time feature.

Later, Belmont became the home of world-famous author John Fowles, best known for the Magus and The French Lieutenant's Woman.

Visitors can explore the restored rooms and the wild garden that tumbles down towards the esplanade, with views across the bay to the historic Cobb.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic, and children's activity sheets will be available.

While entry is free, pre-booking via Eventbrite is preferred to help manage numbers.





THIS year sees the 25th anniversary of the spectacular Candles on the Cobb.

The iconic event, which this year takes place on Sunday 24 August, draws thousands to the town to sit in quiet contemplation as the flickering candles create a ribbon of light along the harbour walls.

For the event co-founders Mike Higgs and Phil Street, they had no idea their plans for a fundraising event during an evening at pub would become one of Lyme's most popular events and raise thousands of pounds for good causes.

Mike, Lyme's former deputy harbourmaster, and Phil, a former town crier and now a Freeman of the Town, found inspiration for Candles on the Cobb after hearing Elton John's acclaimed 'Candles in the Wind' during that fortuitous visit to the pub.

The plan had been to stage the first event in 1998, a year after Princess Diana's death, as a commemoration of the much-loved princess.

However, when this didn't work out, the Millennium year was chosen as the next best occasion and the first Candles on the Cobb took place in 2000.

With the invaluable support of Paul Bohane, who at the time was on the Regatta and Carnival Committee and provided administrative support, and the unwavering backing of their wives Sue and Dawn, the event was a huge success.

The main aim of Candles on the Cobb was to raise funds for local youth organisations and national charities, something Mike and Phil can confidently say has been achieved, with over £162,000 raised since its inception.

The money raised has also contributed to the building of the much-needed pavilion at Anning Road Playing Field.

National charities that have benefitted include Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, Diabetes UK, Dorchester Diabetes Unit, Cancer Research, CLIC Sargent, Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Make a Wish Foundation and Help for Heroes.

Mike and Phil stood down from the Candles on the Cobb Committee in 2015 and the event was taken over by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis, who have continued to make this one of the most spectacular events in the Lyme Regis calendar.

The dynamic duo, who have been known as the 'Ant and Dec' of Lyme Regis, have used their skills and enthusiasm to raise money for many more local organisations.



Photograph by Max Redwood



Photograph by Ben Kapur

It all started with a 16-mile walk along Chesil Beach on New Year's Day in 1995, followed by tiddly-winks along the Marine Parade in 1996, a continuous line of sand castles from Cobb Gate jetty to the harbour in 1997, and a Super Fish Competition in 1998, where the local fishermen provided their boats for a three-hour fishing competition.

These events raised money for various groups in Lyme Regis such as the Junior Band, Lyme Regis Majorettes, and Lyme Regis Youth Football, to name a few.

All in all, Mike and Phil believe they have raised in excess of a quarter of a millions pounds for good causes.

They are delighted to be invited to light candles at this year's 25th anniversary event, with lighting scheduled to begin around 8pm.

Each candle will be sponsored in memory of a loved one and these can be purchased at candlesonthecobb.com, where you can also leave a personal message with each one purchased.

If you prefer a printed certificate, these are available from: The Slipway, Lyme Regis Bookshop, Lyme Regis Visitor Hub, and Uplyme Garage.

The proceeds of this year's event will be shared between local good causes (50%), Prostate Cancer UK (25%) and Macmillan Cancer Support (25%).



Photography by Rob James



SCAN ME



WHAT'S ON IN LYME REGIS



SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 1 August, 9.30pm,
The Cobb

LYME REGIS REGATTA AND CARNIVAL WEEK

Friday 1 August - Saturday
9 August, Marine Parade

THIS IS FLOYD

Friday 1 August, 8pm,
Marine Theatre

ROBIN HOOD

Saturday 2 August, 2pm,
Marine Theatre

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOMEN

Saturday 2 August -
Thursday 7 August,
7.30pm,
Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Saturday 2 August, 9pm,
Langmoor and Lister
Gardens

LYME REGIS GUIDED HISTORY TOUR WITH THE TOWN CRIER

Monday 4 August, 11am,
RNLI Lifeboat Station

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

Tuesday 5 August, 7.45pm,
Marine Parade Shelters



LYME REGIS SUMMER DUCK RACE

Thursday 7 August, 12pm,
Windsor Terrace

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 7 August, 8pm,
Woodmead Halls

STRICTLY MURDER

Thursday 7 August -
Wednesday 13 August,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

DISCO AT THE MARINE

Friday 8 August, 8pm,
Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Saturday 9 August, 8pm,
Broad Street

LYME SPLASH WATER POLO SEA CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 9 August -
Sunday 10 August, The
Cobb

LYME REGIS LITTER PICK

Sunday 10 August, 11am,
RNLI Shop

PLAY READING GROUP

Sunday 10 August, 7pm,
Marine Theatre



LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

Tuesday 12 August,
7.45pm, Marine Parade
Shelters

JANE AUSTEN'S PERSUASION

Thursday 14 August,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 14 August, 8pm,
Woodmead Halls

VJ DAY 80

Friday 15 August, 6.30pm,
Marine Parade Shelters

LYME EATS BOUTIQUE

Friday 15 August, 4pm,
Gun Cliff Walk

THE KATE BUSH EXPERIENCE

Saturday 16 August, 8pm,
Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS REPAIR CAFE

Saturday 16 August, 10am,
Boat Building Academy

THE SHANTY SESSIONS

Sunday 17 August, 7.30pm,
Marine Theatre

SKATE JAM

Sunday 17 August, 10am -
4pm,
The Skate Park



MINI MILLERS

Tuesday 19 August -
Thursday 21 August, 11am,
The Town Mill

FOSSIL POLISHING

Tuesday 19 August, 10am,
Lyme Regis Museum

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

Tuesday 19 August,
7.45pm, Marine Parade
Shelters

FALLEN ANGELS

Thursday 21 August -
Wednesday 27 August,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 21 August, 8pm,
Woodmead Halls

THE SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sunday 24 August, 2pm,
Marine Theatre

CANDLES ON THE COBB

Sunday 24 August, 8pm,
The Cobb

LYME REGIS FOLK WEEKEND

Friday 29 August - Sunday
31 August, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 28 August, 8pm,
Woodmead Halls

WHAT'S ON IN LYME REGIS



THE MOST PERILOUS COMEDIE OF ELIZABETH I

Thursday 4 September,
7pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 4 September,
8pm, Woodmead Halls

FULU

Saturday 6 September,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

THE CELINE PROJECT

Sunday 7 September, 7pm,
Marine Theatre

THE SHANTY SESSIONS

Thursday 11 September,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 11 September,
8pm, Woodmead Halls

DORSET HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Friday 12 September -
Sunday 14 September,
Belmont, The Guildhall,
Cemetery Chapel

HANNAH WILLIAMS & THE AFFIRMATIONS

Friday 12 September,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre



LYME REGIS COMEDY CLUB

Saturday 13 September,
8pm, Marine Theatre

AN AFTERNOON OF SONG WITH SAMMY HURDEN

Monday 15 September,
1.15pm, Marine Theatre

INTER ALIA - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Thursday 18 September,
7.30pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 18 September,
8pm, Woodmead Halls

LYME EATS BOUTIQUE

Friday 19 September, 4pm,
Gun Cliff Walk

LYME REGIS REPAIR CAFE

Saturday 20 September,
10am, Boat Building
Academy

MARK CHADWICK

Saturday 20 September,
7pm, Marine Theatre

LYME REGIS COMMUNITY BINGO

Thursday 25 September,
8pm, Woodmead Halls

BAD MANNERS

Saturday 27 September,
8pm, Marine Theatre

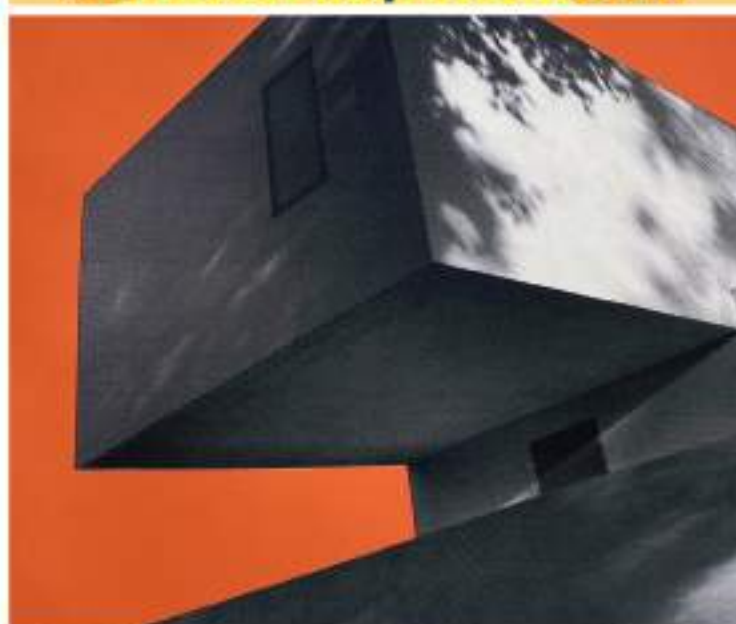
SUMMER SHOW

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

2-5pm

UPLYME VILLAGE HALL

ulrhs.wordpress.com



Richard Kaye - Recent works
Malthouse gallery - Lyme Regis
11th - 25th August 10-5:30 daily
Free admission

Telephone - 07958900702

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LANDMARKS

THE COLOURS AND PATTERNS OF DORSET
VIBRANT PAINTINGS BY HILARY BUCKLEY



THE MALHOUSE GALLERY
TOWN MILL LYME REGIS DT7 3PU

28 JULY to 10 AUG 2025

10.00AM - 5.00PM

FREE ADMISSION

For more information, please contact hilary@dorset-artist.uk or call 01297 444111

Lyme Regis

Litter Pick

Sunday 10th August

11.00am - 1.00pm

Meet at RNLI shop @ the Cobb



We can provide litter pickers, gloves and bags/buckets
but if you can bring your own, all the better.
We dispose of the rubbish.

FREE hot drink or ice cream from Baboo!
And do remember to bring your KEEP CUP

For more information

email litterpicklyme@gmail.com



LYME REGIS DORSET
Candles
on the Cobb

organised by
Rotary
Club of Lyme Regis

Lyme's most spectacular event returns for 2025



Sunday 24th August 8pm

Find out more and buy candles
at candlesonthecobb.com



Proceeds will be shared between



Demonstration Programme 2025-26



Lyme Regis
ART SOCIETY

Artist Demonstrations, twice a month
September through to March 2-4pm
Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis

Join us - as a visitor or member

2025

September 16th

September 30th

October 14th

November 4th

November 18th

December 2nd (AGM)

2026

January 6th

January 20th

February 3rd

February 17th

March 3rd

March 17th

www.lymeregisartssociety.org.uk
info@lymeregisartssociety.org.uk

**Lyme Regis
Regatta &
CARNIVAL**



1st - 9th August 2025

A week of fun events
raising money for local good causes

See the programme of events at
lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/carnivalweek

**Summer
Duck
Race**

£1 per duck



THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 12 NOON
Proceeds to local good causes

Cash prizes 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £20, last £10

Race starts at
Windsor Terrace, Lyme Regis
lymeduckrace.co.uk

Lyme Regis
Regatta &
CARNIVAL

**WACKY
WHEELBARROW
RACE**

The funniest, entertaining,
crowd-pleasing race

LYME REGIS SEAFRONT

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 7.30PM



Prizes for the winners and best fancy dress

Part of Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Week
lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/wackywheelbarrowrace

DISCO
at the Marine

With DJ Dom Boull

The feel-good night of the year!

Fri 8 August
8pm until midnight
Tickets £10



lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/discoatthemarine

Part of Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Week

MINI MILLERS at the TOWN MILL Aug 19-20-21

THERE is plenty of family fun happening at the Town Mill all summer long. The mill will be open every day, and it is free entry! This August, there is a special three-day event taking place, dedicated to children finding out all about the flour milling and baking with the flour milled on site at the mill.

There will be daily flour milling demonstrations, when you will get to see the millers at work! You can see the huge water wheel turning and there will be activity sheets for children to fill in as they explore around the mill.

There are easy bake family recipes to take away and try at home, or while you are on holiday, and an opportunity to try some summer bakes while on site, with tastings available daily.

The event runs from 11am to 3pm daily. No booking is required and entry to the mill is FREE OF CHARGE but please consider supporting the mill and the charity with a donation and shop purchase before you go!



Lyme Regis **TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** Saturday 2 August 9pm



Part of Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Week

lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/torchlight 

Light up the night

ONE of Lyme Regis's most atmospheric traditions returns this summer as part of Regatta and Carnival week 2025 - the much-loved Torchlight Procession

Join the crowds on Saturday 2 August at 9pm, as the town comes together for this spectacular evening event.

Starting from Langmoor Gardens, the procession will weave down to the beach, lighting up the night with a sea of torches against the stunning backdrop of Lyme Bay.

Whether you're carrying a torch or watching from the sidelines, it's a magical moment and celebration to be a part of.

All proceeds from torch sales help support local good causes.

Come along, get involved and be part of one of Lyme's most iconic summer traditions.

<https://lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/>

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FLAPJACKERY



10% off
everything in store!

The Gateway Card is a local discount scheme available to Lyme Regis residents. It provides residents with discounts, concessions and special offers from local participating businesses. The scheme helps to support the local economy and provides benefits to residents who support the town all-year-round. To obtain your Gateway Card, call into the council office with a recent council tax bill from Dorset Council. All full list of participating businesses can be found on the town council website.

August is here and one of the newest recruits to the scheme is **Flapjackery**, also our Gateway Scheme "Business of the month". The newly-opened flapjack shop is bang in the middle of Broad Street.

All kinds of flavours await you inside, from the traditional to the eccentric, and the best part? All of these delicious flapjacks are gluten-free! The tasty treats are baked in the **Flapjackery** kitchen on the edge of Dartmoor.

Flapjackery is offering an exclusive 10% off all products to local residents who present their Gateway Card.

Pop in, show your card, let's keep supporting local businesses.



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