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Welcome

EDITOR'S NOTE

WELCOME to the third edition of our magazine and what a bumper edition it is!

We thought we knew how active our community was but the amount of news and events filling our pages has proven we underestimated just how rich and vibrant it is.

This month, we look ahead to all the fantastic events Lyme Regis is known for, most of which the council works with to provide funding and practical support.

This edition sees the launch of a new biography feature, focusing on the people who help make the town tick, and a history feature, contributed by Lyme Regis Museum.

Behind the scenes, council staff have been juggling their everyday tasks with an office move and we are now happily settled into our new premises at St Michael's Business Centre. Please come and see us – we think it's a big improvement.

Congratulations to Leila Tattershall, who has captured the museum from an angle we wouldn't normally see for this month's front-page photograph.

The colourful back page image was taken by Jess Purdy, who was drawn to this view because of the vibrancy of the colours drawing the eyes in.

Adrienne Mullins

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

AT long last our staff have office accommodation that is fit for purpose, having moved from Guildhall Cottage 100 yards up Church Street to St Michael's Business Centre, run by Lyme Regis Development Trust who own the former school building.

When the town council came into being after the reorganisation of local government in 1974, its offices were created under the Guildhall, formally an open market and fish shop and now the Lyme Rocks sweet shop.

After staff numbers grew on the town council, more office space was required and the offices moved next door to the first floor of the Guildhall Cottage with Dorset County Council taking over the ground floor for the now defunct Tourist Information Centre (TIC).

When the county council decided to close the TIC, the town council took over the first floor area. However, the former house was never really suitable for office accommodation and consideration was given to a major refurbishment of the building. However, the cost of doing so proved to be unacceptable.

The council have taken a 21-year lease on a substantial area of the ground floor at St Michael's, at a cost substantially less than the cost of the annual repairs at Guildhall Cottage, which will soon go on the market so it's a good bit of business for the town.

Our staff have deserved better working conditions for a long time and I am pleased that we have been able to provide a new home for the council which has been long overdue.

Alr Philip Evans MBE

CLIFFS AND COURAGE

THE unwavering cliffs of Portland have been conquered by a brave team from the town council who took on the Abseil for Weldmar Challenge.

The team of six staff and members were lucky enough to find bright and sunny conditions on challenge day in May.

The team faced the largest abseil on Portland, descending a heart-stopping 150ft cliff face, with the final 65ft involving a free-hanging drop once the rock ran out beneath them.

The team included deputy mayor Cllr Michaela Ellis, Cllr Adrian Wood, town clerk John Wright, assistant town clerk Adrienne Mullins, communications officer Cara Austin, and property and projects assistant Anthony Mullins.

With expert support and encouragement from the instructors at Adventure 4 All, even those battling a fear of heights, took the plunge.

After the abseil, the challenge continued with a tough cliff-side scramble to return to the top, the part they didn't warn the challengers about!

Each participant pledged to raise £150, and together the team has already raised over £1,800, with a staggering £6,300 raised in total from all the participants on the day.

Deputy mayor Cllr Michaela Ellis said: "I loved it! It was great that we managed to raise a good amount of money as a team for a very good cause.

"I wanted to do the abseil again as soon as I got to the bottom. It has inspired me to find the next adrenaline rush, maybe a sky dive."

Weldmar Hospicecare needs to raise £26,000 every day to keep their vital services running.

With the culmination of the Stampede By The Sea trail ending in the last week of May, the challengers all felt a sense of pride and achievement after taking on the abseil.



ROOTED IN DEDICATION

FROM student to employee – the council's newest gardener has come a long way since his college days and has joined the team permanently.

Lyme Regis Town Council is delighted to welcome Alex Gould to its gardening team, working one day a week in the town's open spaces.

Alex began his journey with the council on work placement in 2023 while studying horticulture at Bicton College and Kingston Maurward College.

His passion for plants, enthusiasm for outdoor work, and keen eye for detail quickly made an impression.

During his work experience with the council, Alex proved himself to be hardworking, reliable, and committed to the care of the town's much-loved public gardens.

When he finished his college course, Alex was keen to continue gaining experience with the council and has been volunteering for one day a week.

As soon as an opportunity became available, the team didn't hesitate to offer Alex a permanent position – a well-deserved reward for his effort and positive attitude.

Alex said: "I'm really grateful for the opportunity.

"I love working outside and the team is a great team to be a part of. I'm looking forward to my future here at the town council."

Alex will now be helping to maintain some of Lyme Regis's most picturesque spots, including the iconic Langmoor and Lister Gardens.

Residents and visitors can look forward to seeing his handiwork as the gardens continue to flourish under his care.

Welcome to the team, Alex!





THERE is a new buzz on the roads of Lyme Regis, and it's more than just the sound of a minibus engine.

It's the hum of community, and care.

Following the discontinuation of the former 71 bus service, the town council has proudly launched its very own community transport initiative, Lyme Link.

Powered entirely by the dedication of local volunteers, the 16-seater minibus is already making a real difference, but it needs your help to keep it moving.

The service runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except bank holidays). The Lyme Link is not just a bus, it's a lifeline.

For residents who don't drive or struggle with mobility, it means access to the town centre, doctor's appointments, essential shops, and most importantly, staying connected to the community.

"The new town bus service is a much needed service for our town," said Ann Fleet, a volunteer passenger assistant.

"I saw it as an opportunity to do something positive and worthwhile, helping people remain active and engaged in the local community. We are a friendly team, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Whether you have a background in driving, community work, or simply want to make good use of a few free hours a week, this is a flexible and meaningful way to give back.

VOLUNTEER Bus Assistants NEEDED



The service relies on volunteer drivers and passenger assistants, and that means people just like you.

Graham Farrow, one of the volunteer drivers said: "I've lived in Lyme for 18 years. Because of work, I never had the time for community work. Now, it's nice to give something back. I live in an area of the town where the bus really makes a difference."

And fellow driver Graham Smith agrees, "We all know somebody nearby who can't get to town or the doctors without help,"

He said: "This initiative gives them the support they need to stay mobile. It's undoubtedly a good cause, and you meet lots of like-minded people along the way."

The Lyme Link isn't just about getting from A to B, it's about keeping our town accessible, kind and inclusive. Could you spare a few hours to drive or assist?

Contact Anne-Marie Shepherd:
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or call: 01297 445175

SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS

FOOD and drink concessions will no longer be offered on the seafront.

The council invited applications for traders between March and October but following strong opposition from the local business community, it decided not to go ahead with the proposal.

CHARITY BEACH HUT

AXMINSTER and Lyme Cancer Support will continue to have free use of a beach hut on the seafront for its clients.

The charity has had use of the hut on Marine Parade since 2020, where their clients can escape from the challenges of cancer diagnosis, treatments or bereavement. The agreement has been extended for a further two years.

BROAD STREET BINS

THE commercial bin store in Broad Street car park will be brought back into use and maintained by the town council.

Dorset Council closed the store last year following rat infestation and intervention from the environmental health team.

Following the introduction of the legal requirement on businesses to separate their waste, putting further pressure on them, the town council has agreed to maintain the store on Dorset Council's behalf.

NON-RESIDENTS' PARKING

NON-RESIDENTS' parking permits have been re-introduced for town council car parks.

The council previously withdrew the permits due to decreasing demand and the availability of permits in Dorset Council car parks, but has since learned they are popular with beach hut and chalet owners and second home owners.

The permits are available for £475, pro-rata from May when they were re-introduced.

FREE PARKING DAYS

FREE parking will be available in most Lyme Regis car parks on six days throughout this year to support the local economy.

This will be available in all car parks, except Monmouth Beach, on the following dates: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October (Totally Locally initiative), 9 November (Remembrance Sunday), 22 November (Christmas Lights' Switch-on), 29 November (Small Business Saturday), and 23 December (Carols Round the Christmas Tree).



SOPHIE, Matt and Tim, directors of Waffle Lyme Regis tell us more about the initiative and how it all started.

“At the Community Waffle House we are passionate about two types of waffle.

The first you can eat. Specifically Liège waffles, which we make from scratch early in the morning before we open. We have a recipe for Liège waffles handed down to our co-founder Sophie through generations of her Belgian family who used to cook waffles for Jews they were hiding during the Second World War. Sophie's great-grandad received a medal for his efforts from the King of Belgium. The family still come together over a waffle to this day.

The second type of waffle is often defined as "talking in a vague and trivial manner", which doesn't sound like something that you would want to base a company on. But we are massive advocates for this type of Waffle: full flavoured, face-to-face, adventurous conversation.

It's adventurous because it's really not easy to do in today's society. Despite the concerns about what has been labelled 'an epidemic of loneliness', there is at the same time a growing social norm that we should just leave each other alone.

So six years ago we decided to set up a waffle house with the hope of working in the opposite direction and making our community more... waffly.

Our waffle houses are community bases from where we try to build the kind of communities that we dream of, communities where talking to strangers is cool because we know that anyone can fall into loneliness at any time.

Having started in Axminster, we were really excited in February this year to have been able to open in Lyme where two of our directors went to school.

If you would like to get involved with what we are up to at Waffle, the easiest way is to visit us!

The kitchen at Waffle Lyme is open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 5:30pm. We have a small play area for under fours – particularly useful when the weather is bad.

Being 100% non-profit, every penny you spend in Waffle helps us in our community mission to build socially healthy communities.

We'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer with us.

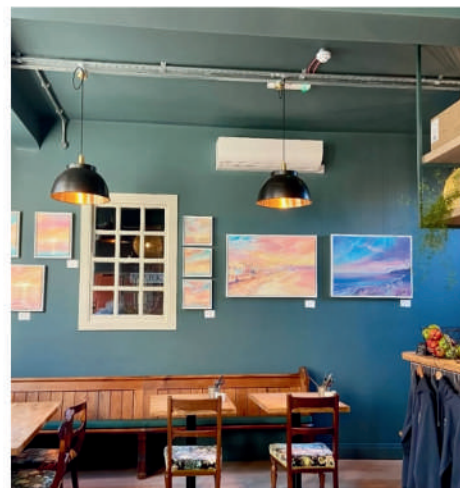
As three young(ish) directors that grew up in the local area we are really

excited to be able to invest in our community and always welcome any help from anyone who might be able to lend a hand - of whatever age!

We have 70-year-olds helping to take orders and 15-year-olds doing work experience, so we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to find out more about joining in!

We look forward to waffling with you soon. ”

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Sporting Lyme

The idea is being driven by the mayor, Cllr Philip Evans. He said: "The one section of our community which has never been celebrated is the Lyme sporting fraternity, yet there are more than 20 organisations in and around the town providing sporting opportunities with some having reached national recognition."



TAKE PART

If you are part of a sporting organisation,
either based in Lyme Regis or with members from the area,
and would like to be part of the festival, please contact:
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or call 01297 445175.



LIFEBOAT WEEK 2025



IT has been a major summer event in Lyme Regis since the 1970s, and now all the old favourites will be returning when Lifeboat Week kicks off this month.

Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week takes place from 26 July to 1 August.

While residents and visitors look forward to the event each year, behind the scenes the planning for the week by a dedicated group of volunteers starts the moment the current week ends.

The aim of the festivities is twofold – to provide family fun and to raise vital donations to enable the pledge of the RNLI as the charity that saves lives at sea.

In Lyme Regis, the RNLI has a team of 35 volunteers based at the lifeboat station on the Cobb.

These are the men and women who train regularly ready to go to sea at a moment's notice when the call for help comes in.

In addition, there is another group of volunteers called the Lyme Regis and Charmouth Lifeboat Supporters who play an important role organising many fundraising events including the big one, Lifeboat Week.

This year's week includes all the old favourites, including the duck race, the swimming challenges, teddy bears' picnic, morris dancing, crab fishing contest and the sandcastle competition.

Another highly successful fundraiser, the water or wine lucky dip, will this year be dedicated to the memory of its creator Brian Causley.

Among the new highlights this year will be an aerobatic display by two historic aircraft from the Navy Wings – formerly the Royal Navy Historic Flight – based at RNAS Yeovilton.

The vintage Harvard and Chipmunk aircraft will be performing on two days, at 3pm on Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July.

Day one of the week, Saturday 26 July, will feature the official opening at midday by the mayor, Cllr Philip Evans, and an introduction to members of the lifeboat crew when they are interviewed by former BBC reporter Chris Coneybeer.

The day will end with another Lifeboat Week favourite, the bathtub race.

“The generosity of visitors, local residents and businesses never ceases to amaze us, and, of course, none of these fundraising events would be possible without the efforts of our devoted volunteers.”

Chairman of the Lifeboat Supporters Group Ken Lavery said: “Lifeboat Week is the highlight of our fundraising year. Since the 1970s the event has raised huge amounts to help the RNLI to achieve its aim as the charity that saves lives at sea.

“The generosity of visitors, local residents and businesses never ceases to amaze us and, of course, none of these fundraising events would be possible without the efforts of our devoted volunteers.

“Ultimately though, we wish a warm welcome to everyone to our Lifeboat Week and hope they bring the sunshine with them!”

Look forward to 2026:

Lifeboat Week is always a highlight of the Lyme Regis calendar, but 2026 is an extra special one for the charity's volunteers.

Lifeboat Week will be later than usual in 2026, from 15 to 23 August, which for the first time will include two full weekends.

After the RNLI's nationwide celebration of its 200th year in 2024, soon it's the turn of Lyme Regis to mark its own double century.

The first recorded lifeboat service in the town began in 1826, performed by two converted local vessels. The first purpose-built lifeboat did not arrive until September 1853.

Since 1826, at least 15 lifeboats of all shapes and sizes – powered at first by muscle and the wind, and today by twin 115hp engines – have performed a life-saving service crewed by the volunteer men and women of Lyme Regis.

The most up-to-date statistics show that Lyme Regis lifeboats have launched 1,691 times and 326 lives have been saved.

Throughout the southwest since 1824, RNLI lifeboats launched 55,912 times saving 14,967 lives.

Now today's crew and the volunteers of the group known as the Lyme Regis and Charmouth Lifeboat Supporters are planning to mark the 200th anniversary throughout 2026.

26 JULY -
1 AUGUST



Photograph by Max Redwood



Photograph by Richard Horobin



Supporters chairman - Ken Lavery
Photograph by Richard Horobin

Busking came back with a bang

LYME Regis became one giant stage when the B Sharp Busking Festival came to town.

This free festival invited young musicians of all ages to fill the town with music, performing on the streets, squares, and seafront.

This year's event in May was bigger than ever, with pop-up busking spots, drumming workshops, open mic sessions, a funk masterclass, and interactive performances.

Whether you were strolling along the seafront or grooving to a samba beat in the gardens, music was literally everywhere!

Julie Sheppard, chairman of B Sharp said: "The festival wasn't just a celebration, it was a chance for young musicians to develop their talents and be part of something bigger.

"It was a practical demonstration of the power of music to connect, inspire, and build confidence."

Now in its 12th year, the festival is coming of age.

B Sharp's CEO Ruth Cohen said: "It wasn't just about listening, but getting involved. And many did get involved – in DJ workshops, in the recording studio or at an open mic session.

"And for those who preferred to listen, there were talented local youngsters playing and headline acts."

Organisers say this wasn't just another music festival, but more of a launchpad.

"It was inspiring to see young people shine," said Julie. "Ed Sheeran didn't start by playing on the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury but by busking in his hometown of Ipswich.

"Who knows? The next Ed Sheeran or Adele might have been busking right here in Lyme Regis.

"We'd like to thank everyone who took part on the day and to those who supported us financially and especially Lyme Regis Town Council for their continuing support.

"And thanks to the generosity of the public we raised over £900 on the day, every penny of which will help us to support children and young people make music".



Photography by Maisie Hill





CAMPAIGNERS joined others around the country in paddling out at Lyme Regis beach to call for action on sewage pollution in our rivers and seas.

The Paddle-Out Protest was a nationwide campaign led by environmental charity Surfers Against Sewage.

With the simple but powerful message 'Clean Rivers, Clean Seas', protestors across the UK called on water companies and regulators to do more to end the widespread pollution of our rivers and coastal waters.

In Lyme Regis, the event was supported by the River Lim Action Group, whose tireless work continues to shine a light on local water quality issues.

Front Beach currently holds a 'good' bathing water rating from the Environment Agency, but for campaigners, that isn't good enough.



Their aim is to push Lyme Regis toward an 'excellent' classification, ensuring residents, visitors, swimmers, and marine life can enjoy safe, clean waters.

Surfers Against Sewage has long been at the forefront of environmental activism, mobilising coastal communities to demand action on sewage pollution.

Their Paddle-Outs invite people to take a literal stand, or float, in their local waters, demonstrating unity across the nation, in the face of environmental neglect.

Locally, the River Lim Action Group has been instrumental in progressing meaningful dialogue and action.

Through regular roundtable meetings with South West Water, the Environment Agency, Dorset Council, and Lyme Regis Town Council, they're helping shape a targeted action plan that focuses on:



•Reducing permitted sewage discharges

•Tracking and repairing broken pipes and misconceptions

•Tackling agricultural run-off into the river and sea

With the official bathing season now underway (15 May to 30 September), the Environment Agency will monitor Lyme's designated bathing beach more closely.

Campaigners remain hopeful that these combined efforts will result in long-term improvements and a safer bathing environment for all.



NEWS IN

TRADITION AND CEREMONY

"I GIVE a commitment that I will try to carry out my duties with pride, dignity and honour."

This was the pledge the mayor of Lyme Regis, Cllr Philip Evans gave to the town as he officially took office for a second term.

Cllr Evans was installed as the town's First Citizen at the ancient ceremony in the Guildhall, alongside the formal appointment of Cllr Michaela Ellis as deputy mayor, also serving a second year.

The formal ceremony was followed by toasts to the King, the mayor, the council, council staff and officers and the town of Lyme Regis.

Cllr Ellis paid tribute to Cllr Evans' dedication to local organisations and charities, most notably Lyme Regis Football Club and the Lyme Regis branch of Cancer Research.

"I wouldn't like to guess how much money Pip has raised for the organisations in the town," said Cllr Ellis.

Having previously been mayor in 1984, the youngest ever person to serve in the role, Cllr Evans said it was never his intention to be mayor again.



He said: "I retired at 75 after 60 years in journalism and I felt a bit lost. I had no intention of becoming the oldest mayor, but in the past year I have really enjoyed being at the hub of things."

Cllr Evans spoke about the highlights of his first year but believed the coming year would be a challenge.

"I would like to stress that we don't get everything right, but we are a listening council," he said.

NEW TEAM VICAR CONDUCTS CIVIC SERVICE

THE annual civic service held after the inauguration of a new mayor was conducted in St Michael's Parish Church by Lyme's new team vicar, the Reverend Fi Budden.

It was her first official duty after joining the Golden Cap Benefice. The mayoral party processed from the Guildhall to the parish church, led by town crier Alan Vian and Daniel Buckley, chairman of the Lyme Regis branch of the Royal British Legion which has been chosen by the mayor, Cllr Philip Evans, as his charity for the year.

Lyme Regis Town Band provided music for the hymns and the mayor delivered one of the readings after which he welcomed the reverend Budden to Lyme Regis.

Others present at the service included councillors and legion members. Joshua Denning, the youngest ever Freeman of the town, awarded for his charity work and a regional winner of the Pride of Britain awards, was also in attendance.



PICTURES

ACCESSIBLE NEW COUNCIL OFFICES

THE town council has moved into new modern, accessible offices and is ready to welcome the public.

The new offices are on the ground floor at St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, moving from the previous location near the museum, which the council has occupied since the 1990s.

Although full of character and with spectacular views of Lyme Bay, the previous offices were spread over three floors, with small rooms and an inefficient layout for modern office use.

The new offices are on one level and are fully accessible, with a much more efficient layout.

The move is expected to generate a profit for the council with the sale of the old building, which can then be invested back into the community, and reduce the overall running costs.

Most of the council's public meetings will take place at the new office, but the council will continue to own the Guildhall, where weddings and ceremonial functions take place.

The council will be investing further in the repair and maintenance of the Guildhall over the next few years.



BLESSING OF THE BOATS

Lyme Regis RNLI volunteers hosted the annual Blessing of the Boats service on the lifeboat slipway in May, to commemorate those lost at sea in Lyme Bay.

A congregation of around 300 people joined the RNLI crew, representatives of maritime emergency services and other harbour users to remember those who had lost their lives at sea over the years, and to celebrate today's vibrant harbour community.

The mayor of Lyme Regis was represented by deputy mayor, Cllr Michaela Ellis and deputy mayor's consort, Alan Ellis.



NEWS IN

ART UNLIMITED

A YOUNG artist from Lyme Regis has been awarded a prestigious prize which supports emerging artists on their creative journeys.

Woodroffe School student Penny Solway was given the 2025 Young Person's Bursary, which includes a £2,500 prize to help her develop her skills and creativity.

The award was presented at a special ceremony at the Art Unlimited Gallery in Bridport recently, where the mayor of Lyme Regis Cllr Philip Evans was invited to join the mayor of Bridport, Cllr Anne Rickard, in recognising this outstanding achievement.

Penny's winning proposal impressed judges with its creativity, clarity and passion and with this funding she is one step closer to pursuing her artistic dreams.

She said: "Winning £2,500 made me feel like I can do anything. It unlocked many pathways for me to thrive in as a young artist, letting me explore what the art industry has to offer in refining my skills.

"For that, I am very thankful to Art Unlimited for giving me this opportunity. I promise to use the money responsibly and according to my winning statement."



Richard Vine, head of art and computing at Woodroffe School, said: "Art Unlimited runs an incredible international competition each year, and the bursary is a vital opportunity for students to receive real support for university-level study.

"Penny's A Level photography work was exceptional and we're thrilled to see her talent recognised in this way."

CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON NEW SPORTS FACILITY

WORK is now well underway on the new all-weather sports facilities at Anning Road Playing Field.

Construction work started in mid-June on the multi-use games area (MUGA) in the northern corner of the playing field.

The project started slightly behind schedule due to delays with the contractors.

The mayor, Cllr Philip Evans was on site to watch the crew break ground and even had a go on the digger!

He said: "This is a brilliant project for the town. We are getting this wonderful achievement because the public wanted us to do it and we responded to that.

"The MUGA, I am sure, will be very well used.

"We look forward to the day when we open it."

The facilities are expected to be open to the public at the end of July.



PICTURES

FROM CONCRETE TO CANVAS



THE plain concrete walls of Lyme Regis skatepark have been transformed into a vibrant dinosaur-themed mural by two visiting artists.

Inspired by the Fossil Festival, artists Jordan Lauder, otherwise known as Spray Saint, and Daniel Kehily-Jones, from Silk Crystal Studios, gave hours of their own time to create the masterpiece.

The underwater scene depicts prehistoric marine animals, covering the whole of the outside of the park in Charmouth Road car park.

Jordan said: "After discovering some fossils from the Devonian period in the north Devon coast, which is where we are from, we started researching and visiting locations from the Triassic and Jurassic period. Lyme Regis and Charmouth became of particular interest.

"Being artists, our interest takes form in our paintings and after many visits to Lyme Regis, we noticed the walls at the skatepark and thought it would be a great canvas, highlighting the culture and heritage of the landscape.

"We think visual communication is a great way to catch attention of everyone that visits Lyme Regis both near and far.

"We collaborate with other artists that specialise in street art, painting wildlife and nature. We thought it was the perfect way to combine the mural with the Fossil Festival, knowing there would be visitors down to enjoy it."

Cllr Cheryl Reynolds, who was instrumental in establishing a skatepark in Lyme Regis, said: "At the town council, we knew nothing about the artists' work, but it has certainly helped to bring our skatepark to life.

"The theme is perfect for Lyme Regis and the colours and vibrancy draw you in. Jordan and Daniel are very skilled and established artists and it's a privilege to have their work displayed here."



RESTORATION OF CEMETERY LODGE

The cemetery lodge project is now complete.

The building has been carefully restored and modernised to create a facility that now provides dedicated rest space for council staff and volunteers, alongside much-needed storage.

AN AWARD-WINNING social enterprise supported by town council funding is working with the Woodroffe School to empower young people to learn about sustainability.

Little Green Change is a non-profit organisation based in Lyme Regis specialising in environmental education and opportunities for primary and secondary-aged children.

Through their environmental education schools programme, expert speaker talks, environmental events, competition, school and community projects and magazine, they inspire young people to take action to conserve the environment.

Lyme Regis Town Council has provided a number of grants to Little Green Change, including funding a Children's Christmas Give and Take event in 2024 and a hedgerow surveying project.

Little Green Change has worked extensively with Woodroffe School, including providing work experience opportunities and student talks on topics including biodiversity and renewable energy.

Woodroffe School student Amelie said: "My work experience inspired me so much. I've really considered my options further and have since applied for Global Development and Sustainability - with a couple of modules containing some content that we covered!"

Other initiatives at the school have included the planting of bulbs to add additional nectar sources, fruit trees to expand their existing orchard, and the addition of an insect hotel.

Students have also contributed to Little Green Change's 2025 eco magazine, interviewing Edward Morello MP about his career.

Thanks to a recent £500 grant from Lyme Regis Town Council, further actions are planned with the school to develop additional sustainability related opportunities.

For more information about Little Green Change, visit littlegreenchange.com, or follow them on Instagram, Facebook, Bluesky, or LinkedIn.



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SIGN UP TODAY

LYME MORRIS: A DAY OF DANCE

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AS Lyme Regis plays host to the Lyme Day of Morris on 12 July, we shine the spotlight on Lyme Morris squire Peter Morton, who has successfully led the side for 17 years, making them a familiar sight on the seafront and at local events.

“I STEPPED up to the ask.”

That was the start of Peter Morton’s volunteer role as the squire of Lyme Morris in 2008 when he took on the challenge of leading the morris dancing side.

After dwindling numbers threatened the future of the side, Peter and his team have made a huge success of the group and are now looking forward to the Lyme Day of Morris, when over 300 dancers and musicians from all over the country will perform along the seafront.

And Peter is the perfect man for the job.

Having had a successful career in teaching and sports development and coaching with a council, he has used his skills in communication, planning and engagement to head up Lyme Morris.

Peter moved to Uplyme 20 years ago with his family and could often be found enjoying a beer the Talbot Arms in Uplyme, playing skittles and cricket for the pub teams, and it was here that his interest in morris dancing started.

A morris side was originally formed in 1990, with 13 interested locals signing up under the then expert leadership of Geoff Browne, including two musicians.

Names for the side were mooted, including Lym Valley and Lyme Morris, but Uplyme Morris was chosen, as this is where the side found a practice venue in the skittle alley at the Talbot Arms firstly, then later at the old village hall.

They adopted the all-white kit of the Cotswold style of dancing, trimmed with green and white baldricks to signify the colours of the Devon flag, finished off with top hats and bells.

In 1992 it was decided to recruit more people, including four women who joined the side.

After some early success, the number of members unfortunately dwindled, so it was decided to wind up the side in 1997.

In 2008, the Talbot Arms decided to take town the skittle alley so skittling would end at the pub, leaving the team wondering what to do with itself.



A revival of the morris side was suggested and former squire Geoff Browne agreed to give it a go.

A side of seven people and three musicians did their first performance at the pub’s first beer festival, with a repertoire of only three dances!

Peter remembers: “Shall we continue, was the question? More recruitment adverts went out and it was decided to give it a go. Sadly, Geoff Browne thought the same would occur with the new side, so hung up his bells.

“Let us give it a go was cried! Who will co ordinate the side? I stepped up to the ask. We now have successfully performed for 17 years, changing the name to Lyme Morris to be inclusive of our area.

“We are a mixed side and are always looking to encourage new members. Males and females of all ages are most welcome, to continue the tradition of morris dancing and to maintain a side in our town.”

To find out more about events or to join the side, contact Peter at petemorton56@googlemail.com or find them on Facebook.



Miles for a worthy mission

ALYME Regis business owner pounded the streets of London to raise money for a local cancer support charity.

Claire Rouse, of Lyme Bay Sandwich Co, completed the London Marathon in April, raising over £3,300 for Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support (ALCS).

It all started when Claire shared her disappointment at not securing a place in the London Marathon 2025 ballot.

But ALCS were able to secure a charity place and that was it – Claire was up and running (literally) in support.

Between training for the marathon, promoting her charity run and running her business, Claire set about other ways of raising funds.

This included making a beautiful quilt in the charity colours to raffle, and the Lyme Bay Sandwich Co offered a charity sandwich throughout the Easter period.

Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support thanked Claire and her supporters for their extraordinary fundraising.



FREE GUIDED WALKS



WALK in the footsteps of Jane Austen, with free guided walks provided by the National Trust this August.

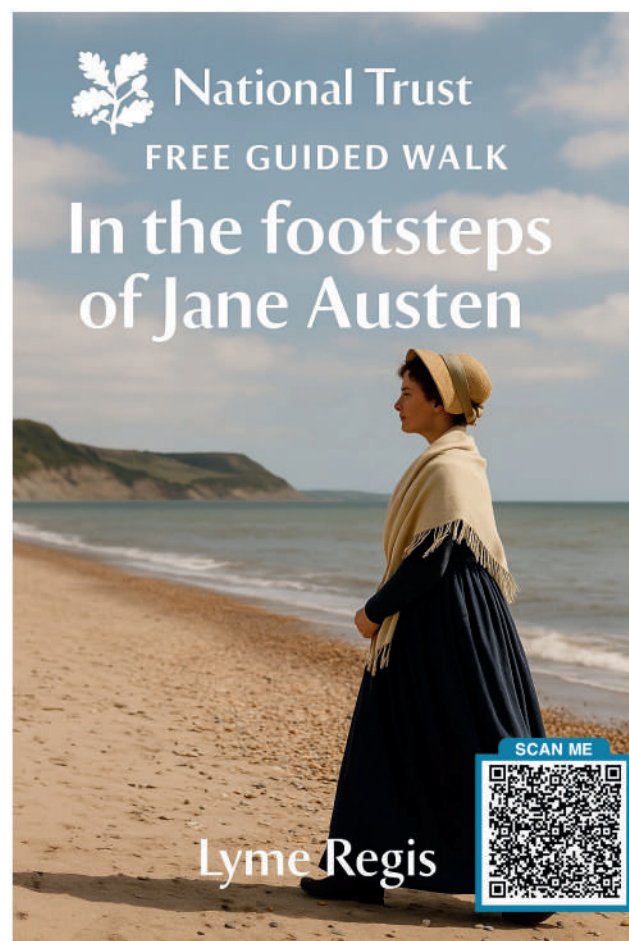
The walks will begin at the National Trust shop on Marine Parade at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm on 7 and 21 August.

It passes the site of Captain Harville's cottage and follows the Cobb to Granny's Teeth, the steps made famous by Captain Wentworth's unfortunate failure to catch Louisa Musgrove.

On the return, you will see the house where Jane Austen stayed with her brother Henry, his wife and her sister Cassandra in 1803 and 1804.

This is a short walk and talk suitable for fans of Jane Austen or anyone curious about her. Approximately one hour and 15 minutes, a distance of 2.3km.

Spaces are free, however, booking is advisable. To book call 01297 445828, or call into the Lyme Regis National Trust shop.



A harmonious tradition

THE Lyme Bay Moonrakers have become a regular sight in Lyme Regis and has a busy schedule of events ahead this summer.

Founded five years ago, the Moonrakers perform their traditional sea shanties and old and new folk songs in support of events, charity fundraisers and festivals in the town.

The group's name pays homage to Lyme Bay's maritime heritage, drawing inspiration from local legends and the history of smuggling along the coast.

This year the Moonrakers have supported the Boat Building Academy Open Day, The Blessing of the Boats ceremony and the Fossil Festival.

Upcoming events include Lifeboat Week on 26 July, Lyme Folk Weekend on 31 August and a wedding for a well-known Lyme couple on 21 September.

The Moonrakers' commitment to community engagement reflects the group's belief in the power of music to unite and uplift.

The group welcomes new singers, so if you'd like to find out how to join please visit www.lymebaymoonrakers.org

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Do something brilliant today...

LYME Regis and Surrounding Area u3a is this year celebrating its 20th anniversary and is inviting new members to join as they celebrate this landmark.

The group, which provides a wide range of opportunities to come together to learn for fun, is encouraging local residents to 'do something brilliant today!'

Not at all easy to achieve in day-to-day life and perhaps even less so for older generations, but u3a provides the opportunities to achieve this.

Joining is open to people no longer in full-time work and anyone can join – all you need is interest and enthusiasm.

The u3a offers the opportunity to share knowledge, experience and talents with others and, in turn, learn from them in a friendly environment.

The u3a motto is 'Learn, Laugh, Live' and the local group is part of a UK-wide collection of 1000+ individual groups.

Lyme Regis and Surrounding Area u3a includes Axminster, Charmouth, Rousdon and Colyton.

It has around 30 groups loosely categorised as exercise, knowledge, languages, skills and social and all members can join any number of groups, subject to capacity restrictions.

There are also monthly talks held on the second Friday morning of the month in the Woodmead Halls.

Later this year Lyme Regis u3a will have been in existence for 20 years and the group is planning to mark this landmark at its November AGM and monthly talk.

If you are looking to join the u3a having just moved to the area or even if you have only just heard of them, now is your chance.

For more information, including contact details, visit: www.lymeregisu3a.org

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u3a learn, laugh, live

lyme regis and surrounding area

Time and Tide: History from Lyme Regis Museum

JOHN GOULD (1804-1881)

JOHN Gould was born in Lyme Regis on 14 September 1804. He was just five years younger than Mary Anning and it seems extraordinary that these two children, born in our town at the same time in the humblest of circumstances should each grow up to become internationally recognised scientists in their own field. When John's father went to register his son's birth, under 'occupation' he simply wrote 'poor'. He was in fact one of the under gardeners for Lady Poulett, who lived in Poulett House, now the Alexandra Hotel.

John's first memory was of being lifted up by his father to peer into a hedge sparrow's nest. He later wrote that he saw 'four eggs blue as the sky and from that moment I became enamoured of nature.'

At this time, the country was enjoying a period of affluence and with wealth and leisure came the growth of hobbies, including a great interest in nature. People began to press flowers, grasses and seaweeds, they pinned butterflies and beetles and blew birds' eggs for their collections. Some also collected the birds themselves. Young John Gould not only knew where to find the birds and their nests, he also became adept at preserving them.

When John was still young, he began working in the royal gardens at Windsor and the family moved with him. Queen Charlotte was fond of salads and John made it his job to bring her choice to the kitchens each day. He also became known to the king, who had a menagerie of animals that had been presented to him and by the time he was 19 he had been appointed the Royal Taxidermist. The largest job he had to undertake was to stuff a giraffe presented to the King by the Pasha of Egypt.

In 1826, The Royal Zoological Society was founded with a museum and offices in Bruton Street and a plot of land in Regent's Park for any living animals that it might acquire. Gould was appointed the first curator aged just 23, an extraordinary achievement at such a young age.

At this time, English people were travelling to all parts of the world and many of them sent back birds and other fauna to the new museum for John to identify and catalogue and name. He was very struck with the beautiful drawings of parrots that Edward Lear was making by a new process called lithography. Before this, illustrations of birds had been by woodcuts or etchings, black and white and rather stiff and unnatural.



This new process, which involved taking copies from paintings in oils on slabs of stone, produced freer pictures in vivid colours. John decided to learn the process from Lear, whom he persuaded to come and work for him, and to publish his own bird books. He had been sent a consignment of birds by someone travelling in India and Nepal and these would be the subject of his first book, which he dedicated, by permission, to the King and Queen. It was an immediate success, the must-have book for all noble houses and university libraries, with its huge plates in vivid colour.

Gould then travelled widely through Europe calling on contacts and making field trips and between 1832 and 1833 produced 'Birds of Europe' in five volumes. Prince Charles Bonaparte, the great French ornithologist called it 'The most beautiful work on ornithology that has ever appeared in this or any other country'.



In 1836, the HMS Beagle returned from its epic voyage and Charles Darwin brought the specimens he had collected to Gould to be catalogued, identified and, in some cases, named. John Gould then produced the official record, 'Zoology of the Voyage of the Beagle'. Darwin was then at the start of his career and hadn't been able to identify all that he had found. Gould – with his incredible natural history knowledge – was able to help Darwin identify species and was pivotal in his development of his research and study that culminated in 'The Origin of Species'.

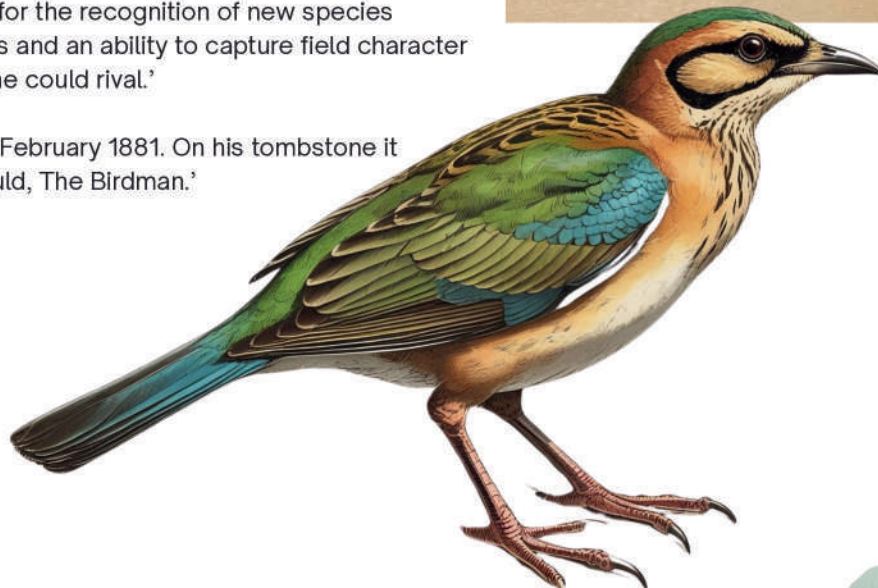
Perhaps inspired by Darwin's accounts of his travels, Gould then decided on a long voyage himself. In 1838 he set off for Australia, taking with him his wife Elizabeth, an accomplished illustrator, an assistant, John Gilbert, his oldest son, aged seven, a young nephew, two servants and a ladies' maid. Gould managed to capture 35 new species of birds during the voyage. When they returned, they brought with them a cage of the little colourful birds that had particularly delighted them and so were responsible for introducing the budgie and the cockatiel to England.

Altogether, 328 species new to science were named by Gould in Australia. His 'Birds of Australia' in seven volumes remains the most valuable and desirable work ever produced on the subject. Just as the bird society in America is called the Audobon Society, so that in Australia is named after Gould. He also wrote 'Mammals of Australia' and a monograph on Kangaroos.

In 1851 for the Great Exhibition, Gould exhibited 1,500 specimens of humming birds suspended on silver wires in a huge glass case in Regent's Park. Queen Victoria went to see this several times and wrote in her diary, 'It is impossible to imagine anything so lovely as these little humming birds.' He visited America in 1857, met the President and had the thrill of seeing his first living humming bird.

'Birds of Asia' was published between 1850 and 1883 and his five volume 'Birds of Great Britain' between 1862 and 1873. For this, the list of subscribers was headed by 12 monarchs, 11 royal highnesses, 16 dukes, 30 earls and countless universities and libraries. It was said of him that he had 'a brilliant natural talent for the recognition of new species characteristics in birds and an ability to capture field character in sketches which none could rival.'

John Gould died on 3 February 1881. On his tombstone it simply says 'John Gould, The Birdman.'



Lyme Regis Regatta & CARNIVAL

GET ready for one of the most exciting and community-spirited weeks in the Lyme Regis calendar!

The Regatta & Carnival Week returns this August with a packed programme of fun, family-friendly events designed to entertain, delight, and raise funds for local good causes.

Running throughout the school holidays, the week promises something for everyone, whether you're a long-time resident or visiting for the summer.

From dazzling displays to quirky traditions, every event brings people together in celebration of Lyme's unique seaside charm.

Don't miss the highlights:

Fireworks' Display – Friday 1 August, 9.30pm

Watch the sky above the bay explode with colour in a spectacular free show.

Torchlight Procession – Saturday 2 August, 9pm

A magical evening as torches light the route through the town, ending at the beach.

Wacky Wheelbarrow Race – Wednesday 6 August, 7.30pm

Hilarious, energetic and utterly unpredictable, a must-see!

Duck Race – Thursday 7 August, Midday

Cheer on your rubber duck as it floats down the river!

Carnival Procession – Saturday 9 August, 8pm

The grand finale: colourful costumes, music, lights and Lyme's unbeatable community spirit.

There are plenty more events throughout the week, including children's activities, live music, competitions and more. Best of all, every event helps support local charities and community initiatives.

For the full programme and details, visit:

www.lymeregiscarnival.co.uk

Mark your calendar, bring the family, and be part of a Lyme Regis tradition that gets better every year!



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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT



A NEW drop-in space offering mental health and wellbeing support to Lyme Regis residents has been launched in the town.

Access Wellbeing is open every Friday from 11am to 3pm at the Woodmead Halls, providing a welcoming space to find support on the issues that matter to each individual.

The service was launched at the Waffle House in May to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Support is available for mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, as well as practical help on matters such as finance, work, housing or support for carers.

Residents can drop in at any time during opening hours and the team will listen, then help people access the right support.

T Bovingdon, CEO at The Harmony Centre in Bridport, which is running the new service in West Dorset said: "We know that sometimes, the challenges we face in our day-to-day life can impact on our mental health, but it can be hard to know where to turn.

"We're delighted to be opening a new drop-in service in the heart of the Lyme Regis community, giving people a welcoming space to go if they need to talk.

"We offer person-centred support, so whatever's on your mind, we're here to help. You might be worried about money, struggling with a housing situation, having a tough time in a relationship, feeling stressed about work, or simply having a bad day.

"Drop in to see us and we can take the time to listen, then connect you to further specialist support and advice if you need it."

More details on the full Access Wellbeing programme and the support available across Dorset are available at www.dorsetaccesswellbeing.co.uk

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ACROSS THE SEAS



EACH summer, Lyme Regis proudly commemorates one of its most remarkable residents with a colourful ceremony that blends tradition, transatlantic friendship, and local heritage.

The town is twinned with St George's in Bermuda, an island which was founded by former Lyme Regis mayor and West Dorset MP Admiral Sir George Somers in 1609 when he was shipwrecked there.

Every year, a delegation from St George's visits Lyme Regis to celebrate the twinning relationship and their island's founder.

This year's Somers Day Parade and commemoration ceremony will take place on Wednesday 23 July and everyone is invited to join the celebrations.

The day begins at 11.15am at the George Somers statue in Langmoor Gardens, where Lyme Regis town crier Alan Vian will make a formal proclamation.

From there, the parade continues through the gardens, along the seafront, and onto Victoria Pier at the Cobb for a service at 12pm.

The service will include proclamations, flag ceremonies and speeches delivered by dignitaries from Lyme Regis and St George's.

The Somers Day Parade is a stirring celebration of identity, community and the powerful ties that stretch across the sea.



WHO WAS ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE SOMERS?

BORN in Lyme Regis in 1554, Admiral Sir George Somers led a life of daring and exploration.

He was a seaman, naval commander, and privateer during the Elizabethan era.

In 1609, as part of a mission to aid the Jamestown colony in North America, Somers was at the helm of the Sea Venture when a hurricane forced the ship to wreck upon the shores of Bermuda.

His leadership and survival efforts laid the foundations for Bermuda's colonisation.

Somers died in Bermuda in 1610, but his final voyage brought him home - his body, preserved in a barrel, landed at the Cobb in Lyme Regis in 1611 and was laid to rest in Whitchurch Canoncorum.

WHAT'S ON IN LYME REGIS



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MATT CHORLEY: MAKING A MEAL OF IT

THURSDAY 3 JULY, 7.30PM
MARINE THEATRE

COMMUNITY BINGO

THURSDAY 3 JULY, 8PM
WOODMEAD HALLS

THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN AUDITION NOTICE

SATURDAY 5 JULY, 2PM
THE HUB

LYME REGIS SAUSAGE AND CIDER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 5 JULY, 2PM
LYME REGIS FOOTBALL
CLUB

THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN AUDITION NOTICE

SUNDAY 6 JULY, 2PM
THE HUB

CLASSIC SPANISH TAPAS CLASS, INCLUDING LUNCH

SUNDAY 6 JULY, 11AM
STRAWBERRY TREE

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

TUESDAY 8 JULY, 7.45PM
MARINE PARADE
SHELTERS



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COMMUNITY TEA DANCE

MONDAY 9 JULY, 1.15PM
MARINE THEATRE

BOX 2: MALCOLM GILADJIAN

UNTIL THURSDAY 10 JULY,
10.30AM
MALTHOUSE GALLERY

BEN AND TOM WATERS

THURSDAY 10 JULY, 8PM
MARINE THEATRE

COMMUNITY BINGO

THURSDAY 10 JULY, 8PM
WOODMEAD HALLS

A FAMILY AFFAIR

FRIDAY 11 JULY - SUNDAY
20 JULY,
MALTHOUSE GALLERY

LYME MORRIS DAY

SATURDAY 12 JULY,
MARINE PARADE

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

TUESDAY 15 JULY, 7.45PM,
MARINE PARADE
SHELTERS

COMMUNITY BINGO

THURSDAY 17 JULY, 8PM,
WOODMEAD HALLS

LYME EATS BOUTIQUE

FRIDAY 18 JULY, 4PM,
GUN CLIFF WALK



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THE JURASSIC CHOIR, SUPPORTING AXMINSTER AND LYME REGIS CANCER SUPPORT

FRIDAY 18 JULY, 7PM,
THE MINSTER, AXMINSTER

LYME REGIS REPAIR CAFE

SATURDAY 19 JULY, 10AM,
BOAT BUILDING ACADEMY

YOUTH THEATRE - DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

SATURDAY 20 JULY, 2PM
AND 6PM
MARINE THEATRE

KANEKT CONCERT

SUNDAY 20 JULY, 7PM,
UPLYME VILLAGE HALL

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

TUESDAY 22 JULY,
7.45PM,
MARINE PARADE
SHELTERS

SOMERS DAY PARADE

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY,
11AM
LANGMOOR GARDENS

SUMMER SEASON OF PLAYS: DEATHTRAP

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY,
7.30PM
MARINE THEATRE



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COMMUNITY BINGO

THURSDAY 24 JULY, 8PM,
WOODMEAD HALLS

LYME REGIS LIFEBOAT WEEK

SATURDAY 26 JULY -
FRIDAY 1 AUGUST,
SEAFRONT

PINTXOS EVENING

MONDAY 28 JULY, 6PM,
STRAWBERRY TREE

LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

TUESDAY 29 JULY,
7.45PM,
MARINE PARADE
SHELTERS

SUMMER SEASON OF PLAYS: A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOMEN

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY,
7.30PM
MARINE THEATRE

COMMUNITY BINGO

THURSDAY 31 JULY, 8PM,
WOODMEAD HALLS

FOSSIL POLISHING

THURSDAY 31 JULY, 10AM
LYME REGIS MUSEUM

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST, 9.30PM,
THE COBB

WHAT'S ON IN LYME REGIS



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**LYME REGIS
REGATTA AND
CARNIVAL WEEK**
FRIDAY 1 AUGUST -
SATURDAY 9 AUGUST,
MARINE PARADE
**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
**DISCO AT THE
MARINE THEATRE**
FRIDAY 8 AUGUST, 8PM,
MARINE THEATRE



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**LYME REGIS
CARNIVAL
PROCESSION**
SATURDAY 9 AUGUST,
8PM,
BROAD STREET
**LYME SPLASH
WATER POLO SEA
CHAMPIONSHIP**
SATURDAY 9 AUGUST -
SUNDAY 10 AUGUST,
THE COBB
**CANDLES ON THE
COBB**
SUNDAY 24 AUGUST, 8PM,
THE COBB
**LYME FOLK
WEEKEND**
FRIDAY 29 AUGUST -
SUNDAY 31 AUGUST,
MARINE PARADE
SHELTERS



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EVENTS**

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Send them in by the
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month ahead

GILROY THEATRE Presents

Summer Season of Plays

Deathtrap
by Ira Levin
23rd - 29th July

A Brief History of Women
by Alan Ayckbourn
30th July - 6th August

Strictly Murder
by Brian Clemens
7th - 13th August

Jane Austen's Persuasion
adapted by Mark Healy
14th - 20th August

**Noël Coward's
Fallen Angels**
21st - 27th August

Tickets - £19, under 18s - £11,
member's discount 10%
season ticket all 5 plays - £75

Performances at 7.30pm, plays change midweek
Please check website for dates as weekends may vary
Tickets: MARINETHEATRE.COM,
Lyme Regis Bookshop &
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Phone 01308 424 901 (booking fee may apply)



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THE MARINE YOUTH THEATRE'S

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Disney

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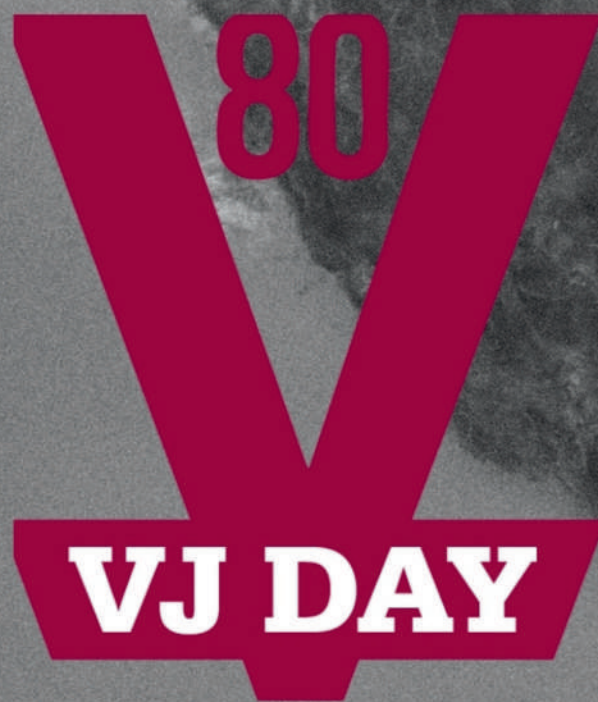
7-12 year old members perform
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SUNDAY 20 JULY
2 performances one at 2pm and
the other at 6pm

**ADVANCE £16 | UNDER 12S £14 |
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10% off for members

MARINE THEATRE





80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER JAPAN



Save the Date



DRUM HEAD CEREMONY

FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2025, 6:30PM

MARINE PARADE SHELTERS, LYME REGIS

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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A FAMILY AFFAIR

THE Malthouse Gallery hosts a heartfelt and deeply personal exhibition this July, bringing together the artistic expressions of an extended family.

'A Family Affair' is a celebration of creativity, connection, and the enduring power of art across generations.

The exhibition brings together the work of four siblings Jem, Amanda, Nicca and Joo, alongside their mother Marie Terese Agostini, who is currently living with stage 7 dementia, and two grandchildren, Taylor Rose and Saul Augustine.

The exhibition is a stunning collection of photography, shrines, jewellery, stonework, collage, mosaics, angel vases, illustration, and prints of Marie Terese's own paintings.

All proceeds from Marie Terese's work will go toward a family-created initiative 'Artzheimer for Alzheimer', a project that merges creativity and care, raising awareness and support for those affected by dementia.



CREATIVITY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS
MALTHOUSE GALLERY LYME REGIS

Spectacular Summer Fireworks Friday 1 August 2025



GET ready for a spectacular summer evening as the skies over Lyme Regis light up with a spectacular firework display.

Funded by Lyme Regis Town Council, the summer fireworks' display returns to the seafront on Friday 1 August, starting at 9.30pm.

This free community event promises a night to remember for families, visitors, and locals.

As dusk falls, find your spot along the seafront and enjoy a dazzling display of colour and sparkle over the bay.

The fireworks form part of the exciting Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Week celebrations.

Pack a blanket, grab your favourite treat from a local vendor, and enjoy the show as the summer sky comes alive!

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





Lyme Regis
TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION
Saturday 2 August 9pm



Part of Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Week

lymeregiscarnival.co.uk/torchlight 

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

Summer Duck Race

£1 per duck



Scan to buy ducks



FRIDAY 1 AUGUST -
SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

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
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DISCO

at the Marine

With DJ Dom Boull

The feel-good night of the year!

Fri 8 August

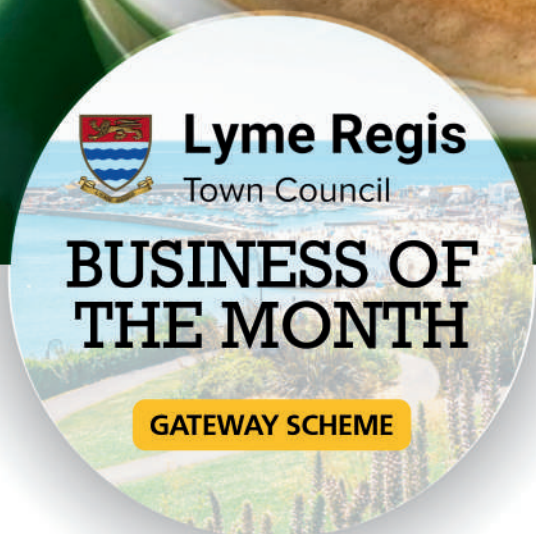
8pm until midnight

Tickets £10



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LYME TERRACE



10% off drinks!

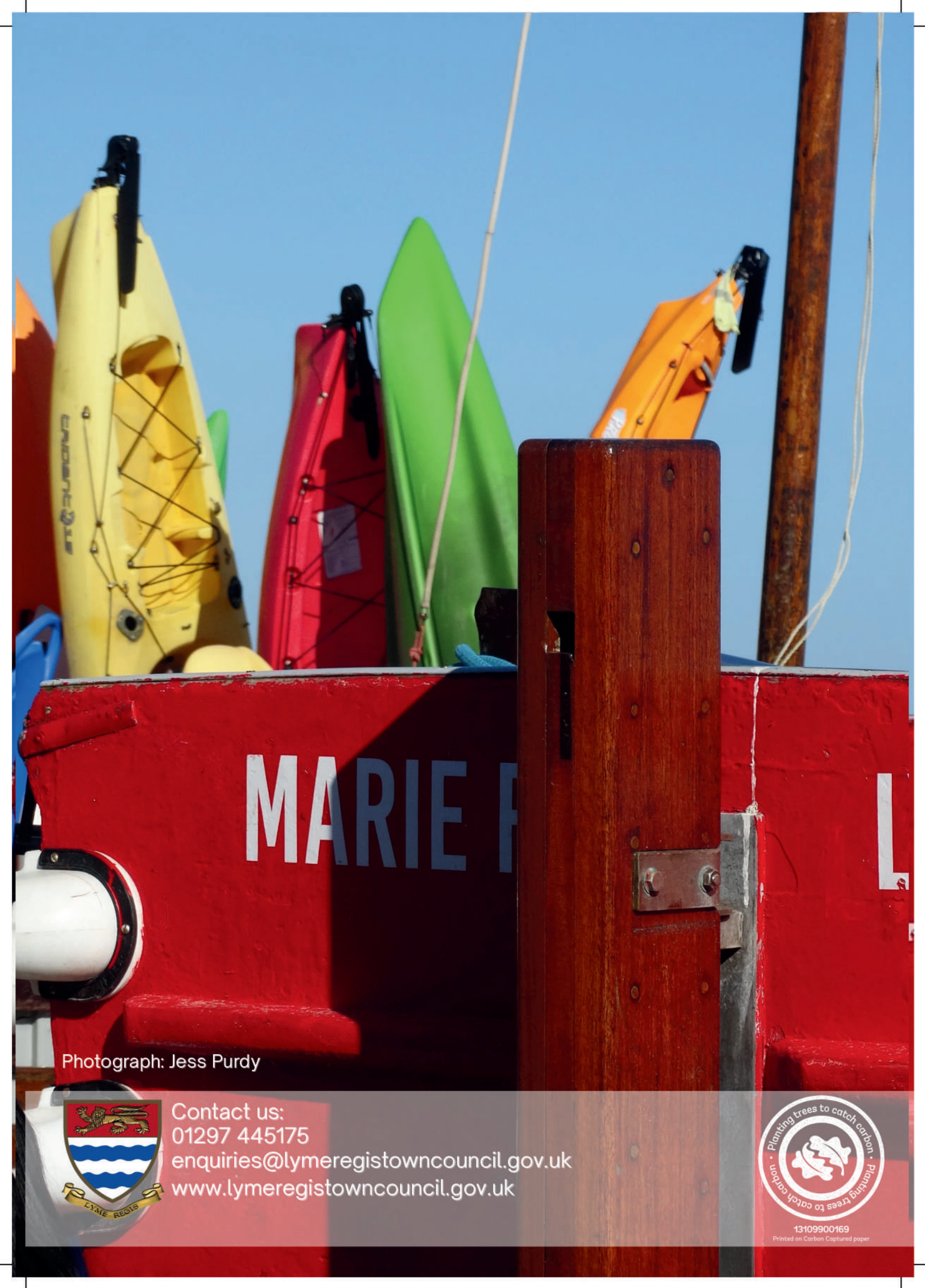
The Gateway Card is a local discount scheme available to Lyme Regis residents. It provides residents with discounts, concessions and special offers from local participating businesses. The scheme helps to support the local economy and provides benefits to residents who support the town all-year-round.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

July sees **Lyme Terrace** as our Gateway Scheme "Business of the month", a recently opened cafe, in the perfect location!

Nestled in the heart of the seafront, with sweeping sea views and a laid-back vibe, Lyme Terrace is your go-to spot for relaxing drinks, delicious bites, and community charm.

Lyme Terrace is offering residents an exclusive 10% off all drinks to local residents who present their Gateway Card.

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



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