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Our first edition of The Bridport Flyer for 2024 is bursting with articles and "what's-on" in and around Bridport, plus useful information from our many advertisers.

Across the centre pages are informative maps of Bridport Town and the surrounding areas.

On Page 4 we have a new contribution from **Bridport Arts Centre**, with their programme of performances, concerts and exhibitions through February and March 2024.

On Page 8, local photographer **Neil Barnes** and his daughter **Lucy** send a heart-felt thank you to all who contributed to their recent Crowdfunding project.

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre have an interesting resume' of 2023, and reveal some of their plans for 2024. Find this on Pages 14 & 15.

On Pages 20 & 21 **Sustainable Bridport** bring us information on green issues, and the possibility of growing flax again in the Bridport area.

New legislation on **microchipping your pets** come into force on 10 June 2024. Read more on the subject on Pages 22 & 23.

On Page 26 we bring you three more **"Bridport Women at Work"**.

West Bay Discovery Centre continue their theme of West Bay at War, with more interesting information and photos on Pages 28 & 29.

Dorset Council have a new initiative to assist small businesses establish themselves. Find more information on **Dorset Growth Hub** on Pages 34 & 35.

Of course we also have numerous local businesses and service providers in The Bridport Flyer. Please support them whenever possible.

With best wishes for Spring 2024,

Anthony Bucke. EDITOR.
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February March

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MUSIC	Fri 9 Feb	PETER KNIGHT & JOHN SPIERS TOUR 24			7:30pm	
FAMILY FILM	Tue 13 Feb	MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) IN AID OF WELDMAR HOSPICECARE			2:30pm	
MUSIC	Fri 16 Feb	CONCERTS IN THE WEST: PERKS ENSEMBLE			11:30am	
FILM	Sat 17 Feb	THE RED TURTLE (PG) STUDIO GHIBLI			5:00pm	
FAMILY THEATRE	Fri 23 Feb	THE FARMER AND THE CLOWN			5:00pm	
COMEDY	Sat 24 Feb	ROB NEWMAN			8:00pm	
FILM EXHIBITION	Tue 27 Feb	EXHIBITION ON SCREEN: PAINTING THE MODERN GARDEN			7:30pm	
FILM	Thu 29 Feb	HIDDEN FIGURES (PG)			7:30pm	
EXHIBITION	Sat 17 Feb- Sat 23 Mar	ANDREW HARDWICK: <i>WOUNDED LAND</i>			10am-4pm Tues-Sat	
COMEDY	Sat 2 Mar	SET MENU: THE BEST OF GEORGE EGG			7:30pm	
THEATRE	Fri 8 Mar	THE BALLAD OF MULAN			7:30pm	
FILM MUSIC	Sat 9 Mar	MET: LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (LIVE)			5:00pm	
ENTERTAINMENT	Wed 13 Mar	THE GREATEST MAGICIAN: AN EVENING OF WONDERS!			7:30pm	
MUSIC	Fri 15 Mar	CONCERTS IN THE WEST: SARA TRICKEY & IVANA GAVRIC			11:30am	
FAMILY FILM	Sat 16 Mar	DISNEY PIXAR SHORTS			2pm & 5pm	
YOUTH THEATRE	Thu 21 Mar	NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS 2024			6:30pm	
THEATRE	Sat 23 Mar	CRACKING			7:30pm	



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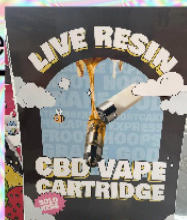
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CROWD_FUNDING UPDATE FROM NEIL BARNES

Yes we did it!

I really can't thank you enough for helping me to raise this money. The initial target was £1500-£2000 which was reached in just over six hours! with the final total being a magnificent £5242.

In a meeting I had with the National Trust last week, we decided to not only replace the original two wheelchair friendly benches that were destroyed at Hive Beach but add another making three. Because of the damage caused by the storm to the foreshore and Fisherman's Green making it rather unsafe, the National Trust are currently formulating plans to re-site the benches in a place that will be more suitable and less prone to extreme weather events.

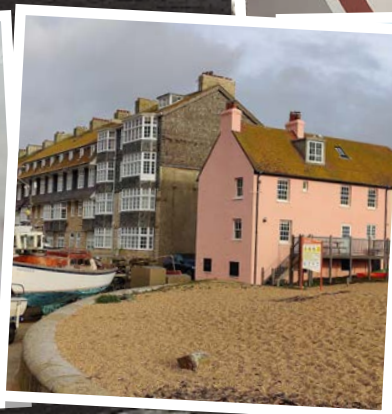
Some of you may be aware of my initial campaign to help get my daughter Lucy and other wheelchair users better access to our beaches. Part of the campaign resulted in two

further benches that were placed on the Esplanade at West Bay. I am now intending adding to those with a new bench situated overlooking the harbour in front of Pier Terrace utilising the extra money that was raised. This viewpoint is excellent for watching boats come and go from the harbour.

The rest of the money I am intending adding to the fund that is raising money for the housing of the wonderful beach wheelchairs which were installed at West Bay earlier this year. There are plans for a permanent structure to be constructed that will house the wheelchairs near the slipway of the outer harbour.

Once again, thank you so much for your contribution.

Neil and Lucy



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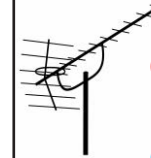
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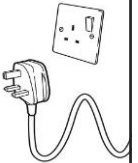
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We had a busy autumn seeing our 100,000th visitor of 2023, Myles and his family. We gave them a small ammonite gift. We would like to say thank you to all our visitors who came in 2023 and to those who have supported us. Without your support the centre couldn't run, so thank you! We had our most successful Christmas Craft Fair yet in November, as well as our Christmas beach clean with 40 people joining in to help clean up after storm Ciaran. We also had a lecture by our patron Prof Danielle Schreve on ice age mammals of southwest England.



100,000th visitor

Our centre is only open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays during the Winter and during this time we are continuing with our school's outreach programme and our new landslide display in the education room. You can see in the mock up image, what we hope to achieve, and completion of the landslide is due in February 2024. Our volunteer winter work party are working closely with artist Darrell Wakelam to build the landslide and create relevant information about the local landscapes and geology. You will be able to see Darrell busy building it during the February half term.

We have a new publication available. Following on from our recent landscape's miniseries, we introduce a more historical publication in 'The Fossil

Hunters of Charmouth'. This 40-page booklet explores fossil hunters past and present, spanning 200 years. Currently only available in our gift shop and will soon be available on the online store as well. We have also published a history of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, exploring the early days of our building in the 1800s, and the Charmouth Family Geology Trail which looks at Charmouth's history of geologists and fossil hunters around the village. Our next publication is in the works, so watch this space....

February and into Spring 2024 will see us busy with a big beach clean project in conjunction with the Lower Char

Community Project and Nurdle.org. Please keep an eye out on our social media, website events calendar and local news for events you can get involved with.

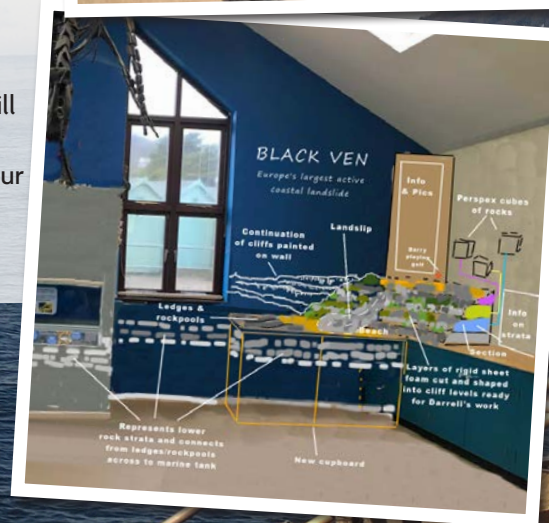
As always, we will be running our programme of fossil walks and marine events in 2024 which you can book via our website. Our recent "fossil finds" cabinet is always being updated, with the latest addition being part of an ichthyosaur skull found by a visitor in October 2023, and a new assemblage of ammonites is coming soon! 2024 is an exciting year for the Centre as it will be our 40th anniversary! We will have some celebrations, so watch out for our events over the year.

Ali Ferris.

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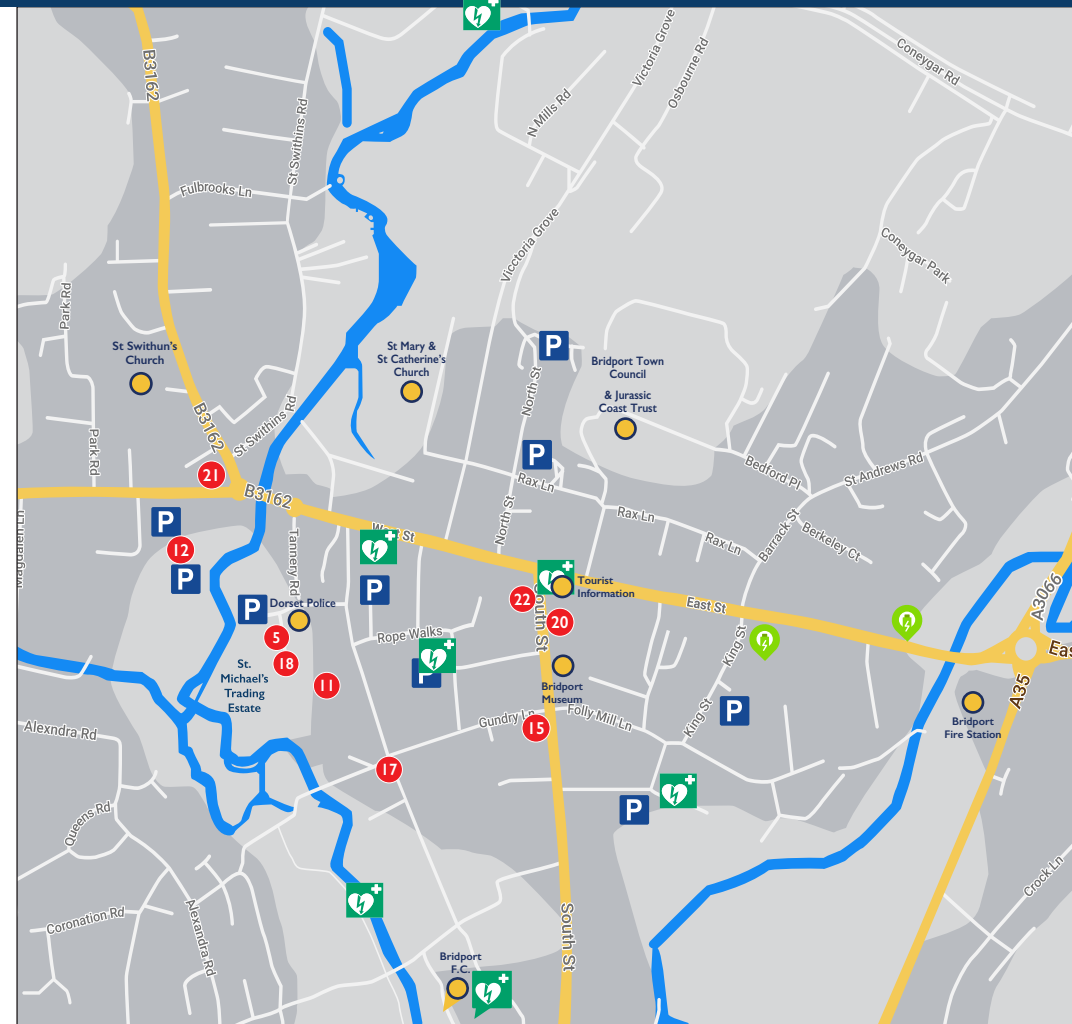
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SUSTAINABLE BRIDPORT- Giving Support to Building our Community Resilience in the face of Climate Change.

COP (Conference of the Parties) is a series of United Nations climate change conferences, which have been running since 1990. There is a lot of scepticism around it but generally it is felt that at the least, it keeps the conversation going. Local environmentalist Kit Vaughn has attended many COPs – including this year's, in Dubai. In January 2024, West Dorset Friends of the Earth are putting on an event where he will give an insider's view of events and explain some of the implications.

Meanwhile, what can we continue to do in Bridport? Well the answer to that is, quite a lot!

The Greener Homes Dorset project has been extended to offer visits all year round. So if you are thinking of a big outlay for a heat pump etc, or want to know what insulation would best suit your house, then look at their website www.dorsetcan.org/greener_homes/

Remember though, there is an energy hierarchy and you can make a massive impact to your carbon footprint AND your bills by doing simple things such as switching off lights when you're not in the room (even LEDs), turning down your thermostat to 18 degrees or below and putting on a jumper.

Bridport Fashion Revolution has now joined many local producers, makers, sellers and interested parties to form the Bridport Fashion and Textiles Network. Our aim is to work towards a more circular



local fashion and textile economy, where fabric can be produced locally and then mended, reused or repurposed to extend its life, and when it really has reached the end, is biodegradable and does not need to be sent to landfill. We have some great events coming early next year in the lead-up to the Fashion Revolution Week in April, including:

- A talk from Mary Moore about her DRESS collection. I find it difficult not to slow down and admire the window display in her shop in South Street and here we can find out how the collection began and why those loved clothes continue to live a life.
- A talk about HEREWEAR - a project that aims for a holistic approach to establishing a market in the EU for locally-produced textiles made from locally-sourced bio-based materials. Check out their website for ideas about completely new fabrics. <https://herewear.eu/>



- There is a growing movement around the country to revive the growing and processing of flax to produce linen. Flax was grown extensively in our area in the past. France, Belgium and Portugal still have processing capacity, so is this a local industry we could revive in Bridport? Working with other projects around the country, we would like to start some small scale growing and become part of this bigger conversation. Are you interested in growing a square meter of flax and coming together to look at the possibilities? Follow Bridport Fashion Revolution on Facebook or Instagram to see when seeds are available.



'Connected Communities' is an initiative that is looking for 'street ambassadors' to engage 4 to 8 households in your road to embark on the Dorset Green Living Project, where people come together to explore simple but effective ways in which they can reduce their impact on the planet in their everyday lives AND save on their bills. The great thing about this award-winning project is that it also builds connected and resilient communities.

Photo from Neil Barnes

To find out more about any of the above and more of the latest news, such as family-friendly visits in Spring to a variety of places that are working on making our local area more climate resilient, go to sustainablebridport.org

If you would like to meet socially and chat to like-minded people, you are welcome to join us at 'Green Drinks' at The Tiger in Barrack Street, the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7.30 onwards. Your drink doesn't have to be green!

With lots to look forward to Happy New Year

Get your dog or cat microchipped

You must make sure your dog is fitted with a microchip and registered on a database by the time it's 8 weeks old.

From 10 June 2024, cats in England will need to be microchipped and registered on a database by the time they're 20 weeks old.

You can be fined up to £500 if your dog or cat is not microchipped when they need to be.

Who can microchip your dog or cat

Your pet's microchip must be fitted by a trained professional.

You can ask your vet, local council or local rescue and rehoming centre if they can microchip your dog or cat. They might charge a fee.

What happens when your dog or cat is microchipped

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You're responsible for keeping your pet's microchip information up to date, for example if you move house.

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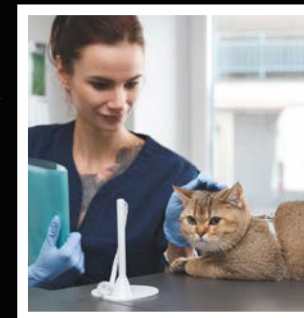
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Find out where your dog or cat is registered

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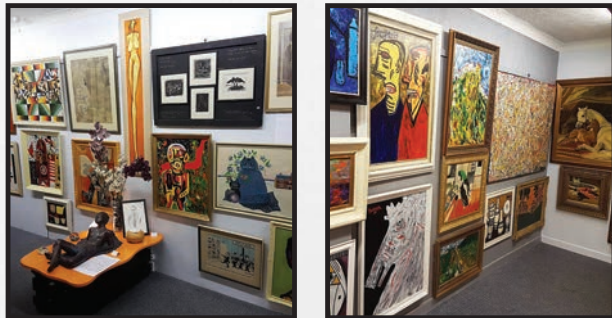
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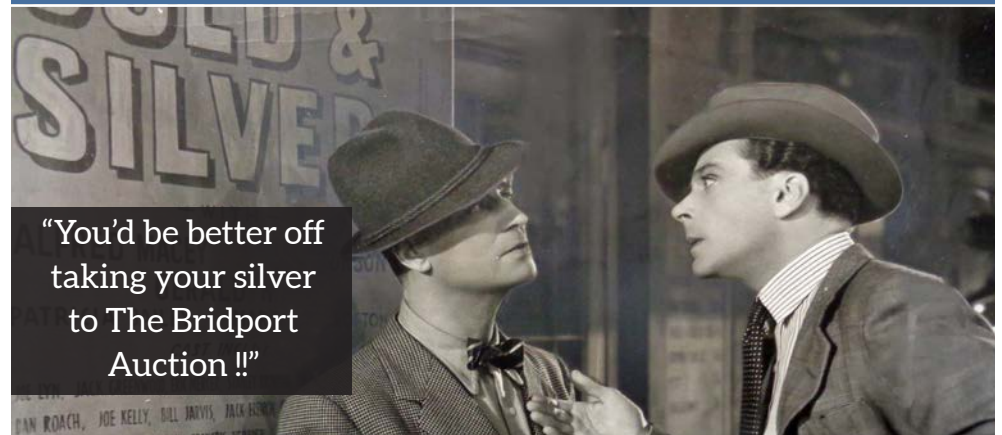



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Felicity Perkin

- Felicity's Farm Shop



"I grew up in East London - I am a Hackney girl!" Teresa Wren told us on a cold December morning at Bridport market.

"My Mum was in the rag-trade and my Dad was an artist. I found Bridport over 20 years ago, and just love it here. Although I now spend part of the year in the Dordogne region of France."

"I have been doing the market on and off for 15 years. What do I sell? Textiles, period fashion - anything quirky. And a new shop coming soon just outside Bridport"

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Teresa Wren

- Snooty Fox



Julie Roche has been trading in the Bridport area for over ten years, with a unit at The Alleyways. Julie moved from Hertfordshire to West Dorset 3 years ago, and then opened another business - "Unit 83" - in 2022, whilst still retaining her unit next door at The Alleyways.

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Matt is a talented chef, having headed several top kitchens around Devon & Cornwall. He takes his inspiration from classic British cuisine with a French & Mediterranean influence.

Harriet has managed several high end and quirky restaurants around Devon & Dorset and has a particular interest in wine & cocktails. Together they hope to turn what was a dated and unloved pub into the cosy and atmospheric centre of the community once again.

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The Centre's new exhibition "West Bay at War", which will run until June is expected to be very popular. It features both existing and new research about life in West Bay in the period leading up to D Day in June 1944. For seven months in 1943/44 West Bay played host to American soldiers from the second battalion of the 16th Infantry Regiment. The Centre has had unique access to the recollections of one of their number, Sgt. Don Wilson, whose memories are featured in the exhibition, along with those of local people. The exhibition also features the coastal defences against a potential invasion and a look at food rationing.

The Discovery Centre is currently participating in a "House History" project that is being led by the Bridport Heritage Forum. The project involves people researching the history of their houses and the people who lived in them. In our case we are selected Dorset House, which was the largest residential dwelling in the former shipyard on the west side of the harbour. We are now expanding our research to cover other buildings in the shipyard area, and in the process we are uncovering a lot of new historical information.

Over the winter period the Centre is holding a series of public talks. Forthcoming are the South West Coast

Path on Tuesday 20th February at 2.30pm and Churchill's Secret Underground Army - GHQ Auxiliary Units on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm. Both will be at the Salthouse in West Bay and tickets will be available in person or online from Bridport Tourist Information Centre at a price of £5.

The Centre operates on a charitable basis. Admission is free though donations from visitors are help the Centre meet its running costs. It also relies on a team of enthusiastic volunteers. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Centre then please email the Centre manager at manager@westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk or see the Centre's website www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk/volunteering-at-west-bay-discovery-centre



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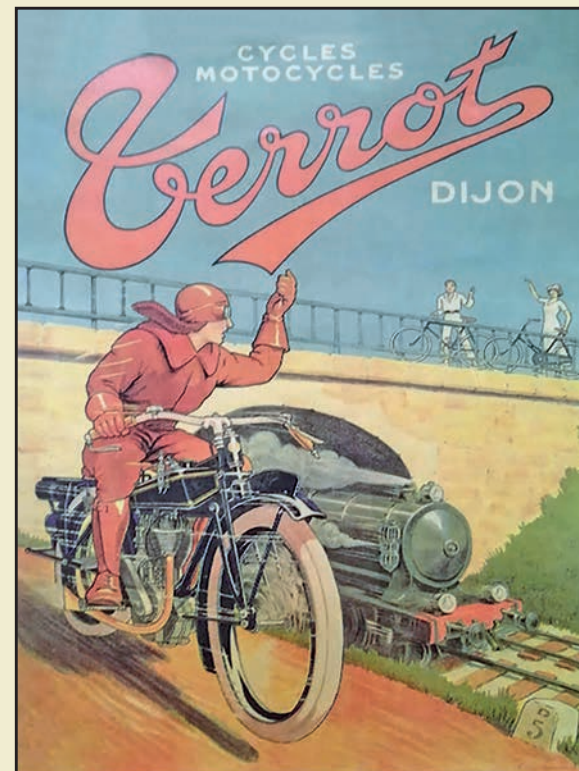
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