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Welcome to The Bridport Flyer for winter 2023.

We are delighted to welcome local photographer Neil Barnes to our publication. You may recognise Neil's photo on our new front cover, and we feature more of Neil's work on **Page 18**. Neil has recently opened his new gallery in South Street, Bridport, and we wish him every success there.

Our regular contributor Ali Ferris, Manager at Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre brings us news from the Jurassic coast on **Pages 16 & 17**.

Lesley Windsor, chair of Sustainable Bridport, describes some interesting initiatives happening this winter, including "Greener Open Homes", and funding from Wessex Water to improve rainwater harvesting. Find this on **Page 24**. On **Pages 28 & 29**, Bridport Town Council explain the "whys and wherefores" of the Bridport Parish Boundary changes which take effect in 2024, including new Council elections.

Sarah West of West Bay Discovery Centre has sent us a great article on West Bay during World War 2. The centre is keen to receive input from locals who remember that era. Find this on **Pages 34 & 35**.

Finally, The Bridport Flyer had a great day at The Melplash Show on August 24th. We have a 2 page photo-feature on **Pages 38 & 39**.

Throughout this edition, readers will find numerous local businesses offering a wide variety of services and products. Please support them, and I am sure you will receive excellent service and great value for your money.

Best wishes,

Anthony Bucke. EDITOR.

Wednesday 27 September 2023

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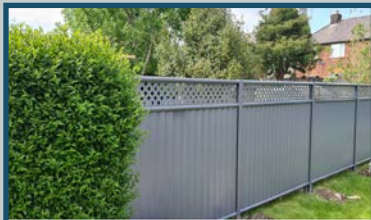


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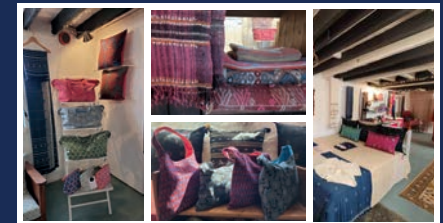
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Well, what a summer of landslides and mixed weather! We had a poor start to the summer, with noticeably less crowds than usual but once the sun started to shine, we were inundated again. We ended the summer with 83,000 visitors since the beginning of January and some days in August saw over 1,000 visitors a day! All our fossil walks have been fully booked and October half term is already starting to fill up. We saw some of the largest landslides along our coast for years, from Charmouth through to Seatown and West Bay. The two Jurassic Coast Trust beach wardens were very active over the summer keeping visitors away from the cliffs as we continue to see falls going into the autumn.

Unfortunately, our Great British Beach Clean was cancelled due to thunderstorms in September. We will however be running more over the autumn-winter period so keep a look out on our website and social media for when these will run. We like to finish the year in December with a Christmas Clean, so keep your eyes peeled for that one!

Heading into the Autumn, we remain open daily until the end of October and then close midweek for renovations. Keep a look out on our website events calendar for our winter opening times. This winter we will be working with Professor Denys Brunsden and artist Darrell Wakelam to create a new landslide display in our education room. We wanted to concentrate on some of the geology and geomorphology of the coast as opposed to just the fossils! We launched a new mini series of booklets about the landscapes of the Jurassic Coast for the area between Lyme Regis and West Bay. Written by Jim Rose and Bill Burn and aided by Denys Brunsden, they are available in our gift shop and online shop.

We are very pleased to have received funding from The Royal Society of Chemistry. The funding will allow us to re-establish our outreach program to schools with a look at the geochemistry of the rocks and fossils. We are rolling this project out over the winter and into next Spring across Dorset, Devon and Somerset.

With the onset of winter, new fossils will be found, cleaned, and put on

display with us. We regularly change our displays so new fossils can always be seen. The latest addition is an ammonite found by Tony Gill in July 2023. It is preserved in 3D calcite crystals and took around 2 hours to prepare from the 200 million year old limestone rock, and now on display in our 'recent finds' cabinet.

Our Friends' winter lecture series has begun, starting in September with a talk on the World Heritage Site from Prof. Denys Brunsden. Our lectures are open to non-members for a small donation. If you are interested in signing up to become a new member, please contact the Centre to find out more: info@charmouth.org. Our next lecture in November "Life on the Edge: Mammals of the last Ice Age in SW England", will be presented by our Patron Prof Danielle Shreve of Royal Holloway University of London. Details will be released on our social media soon!

And finally, don't miss our Jurassic Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 18th

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By Ali Ferris, Manager.



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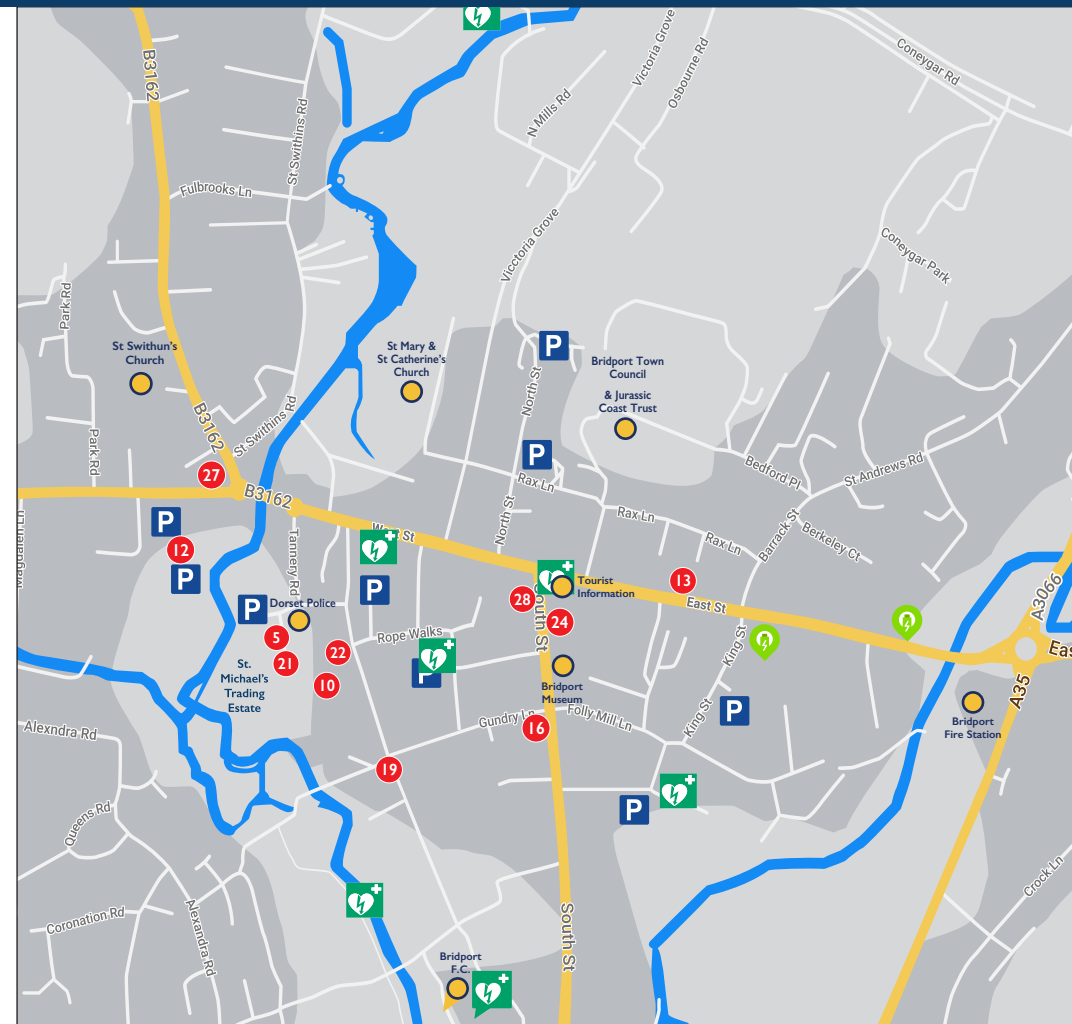
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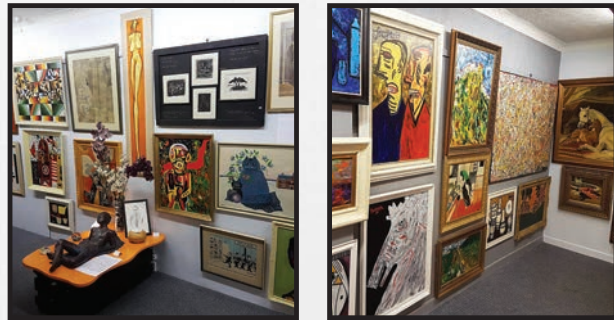
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This September, Sustainable Bridport worked again with Dorset CAN to organise Greener Open Homes. This is when homeowners open their homes for others to see ways of reducing energy and resources. Low tech draught proofing and growing your own food. Or high-tech solar panels and air source heat pumps. It's a great way to learn from people who have been on the journey. If you missed this there are some films of the homes available to view at www.dorsetcan.org/greener_homes.

In another initiative a group of households on a street get together with a facilitator. They meet, usually fortnightly and work on 6 issues: Energy, Food, Travel, Resources, etc to look at how they can save money and reduce their carbon footprint. This is a very effective, tried and tested project, with the added bonus that it has brought

communities together. If you your street would like to participate in this project, check out www.sustainablebridport.org or check on social media.

Sustainable Bridport, with Home Bridport, support 2 local primary school "edible gardens" and recently held a 'Let's Think about Water' event. Wessex Water have awarded grants to make the most of this extremely valuable resource. Water butts and watering cans were bought for both gardens. The event promoted the importance and advantages of rainwater harvesting to use on our plants instead of tap water. As our climate changes, we need to save water when it's in abundance to use when we are in drought. How simple and low tech is that? We are looking for volunteers to spare an afternoon a week to support the work we do on this project. Please contact us through our website.

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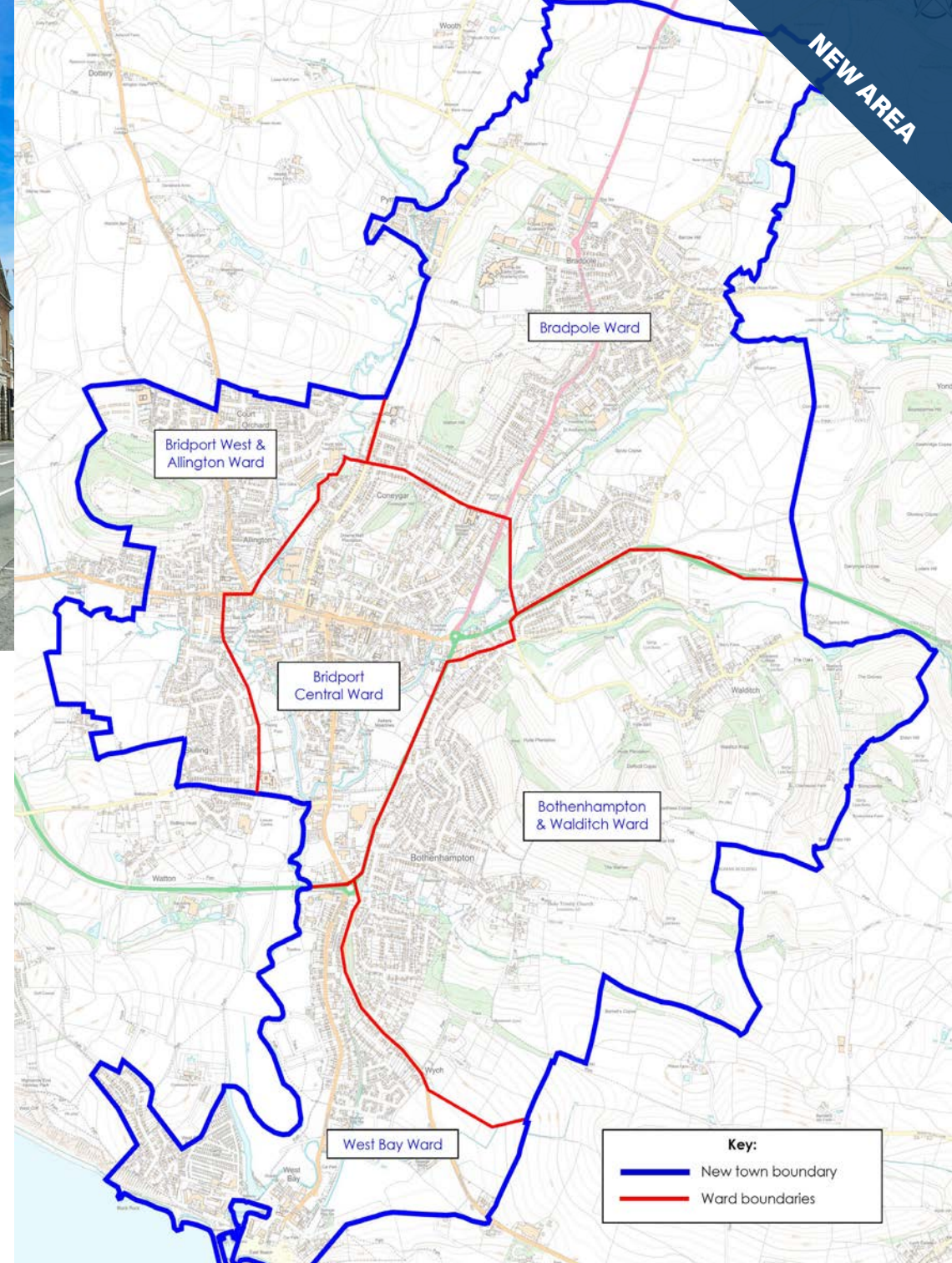
In July 2022 Dorset Council approved the creation of an expanded Bridport Parish, to include Allington, Bradpole, Bothenhampton and Walditch. Smaller "ward" areas will still retain the identities and representation of these built-up areas of Bridport, whilst streamlining the number of elected representatives.

New council elections will take place in May 2024, with a total of 20 seats to be contested. Historically there have been 44 parish councillors across the 4 parishes.

Currently Bridport Town Council receive around 10% of the council taxes paid by homes in the Town, whilst providing services for all homes in the built-up areas.

From April 2024, Bridport Town Council will receive a similar contribution, but from the new, enlarged Bridport Town Parish. It is acknowledged that there may well be levelling up/adjustments within the Council Tax Bands to ensure fairness to all council tax payers.

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In November the Centre will roll out its new exhibition **"West Bay at War"**, which will evolve over the winter period and run until next July. The exhibition will feature both existing and new research about life during the Second World War in the period leading up to D Day in June 1944. It will look at West Bay's coastal defences and the recollections of local people and GI's living in West Bay. The Centre is also keen to capture and record people's personal stories.

The Centre is planning to hold a series of talks over the winter period that will link to the "West Bay at War" theme and other subjects of local interest. Details of these will be publicised shortly.

"West Bay at War"

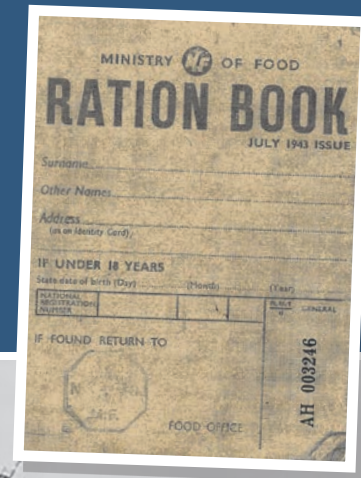


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"West Bay at War"



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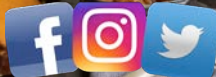


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