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Hello and welcome

A Springtime welcome to April and the second edition of Portfolio – a magazine celebrating luxury lifestyles for those who enjoy the finer things in life. Whether your interests lie in antiques, wine investments, interior design, or exploration of Dorset. We hope you'll find exactly what you're looking for between these pages. In this exciting issue, we learn why Brownsea Island was shaped by a demon, guide you through the many things to see and do in Sandbanks, and give you our complete guide to the next six months of shows, music, exhibitions, and more.

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We are determined to offer young people an education fit for the exciting future that awaits them – one of nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and global solutions to global problems.

The future workforce will need to be creative, adaptable, resilient, digitally proficient, able to work both independently and collaboratively, skills needed to thrive in the ever-changing world of work.

Many believe that the future will be powered by STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics). Our new programme will ensure that all of our pupils leave school confident in these areas, regardless of the pathway they choose. We are working with experts from universities and industry to develop and deliver dynamic, cutting-edge inter-disciplinary projects and opportunities. We are delighted to be working with BU, AUB, Southampton University and UCL, as well as discussions with Siemens, Ultra Electronics, Rarely Impossible, Pavilion Dance and RMP Filmmakers, among many others.

To facilitate this vision, Talbot Heath is investing in a state of the



art interdisciplinary and STEAM learning Hub which will incorporate augmented reality and holographic studios, a 600 seater auditorium, a gallery space, a green screen studio, art, design, textiles, robotics, electronics, drama and food studios. In addition the complex will include an indoor pool.

This iconic building will open in Spring 2019, providing a state of the art facility for the School and the local community – providing access to technology and the highest tech facilities for local schools and businesses, supporting the growing STEAM industry in Dorset with cutting edge skills development.

We are looking for forward thinking businesses and individuals to join us in our vision.

By becoming a Founding Partner, as Volvo Cars Poole recently has, you can make a real impact on our school community and beyond. If you are committed to the evolution of education, supporting effective skills development across Dorset and supporting the growing STEAM industry across Dorset, and would like to learn more about the range of sponsorship packages we have available, please get in touch for an initial discussion.

We are able to offer a range of generous sponsorship benefits to our Founding Partners, including complimentary access to a 600 seat auditorium suitable for business conferences, meetings and events; a range of fully equipped meeting/training rooms and state of the art equipment.

WHY SANDBANKS?

WE TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S ON OFFER It's no surprise that this small spit of land, with views across to Brownsea Island and into Poole Harbour boasts property prices in the millions; making it the most expensive seaside town in Britain and, by area, the fourth highest land value in the world. The views are stunning and the access to the Purbecks: unparalleled. Here's our guide to some of the standout things to see and do, where to stay and places to eat and drink in Dorset's most affluent area.

WHAT TO DO

Approaching Sandbanks from the North West, visitors with their noses pressed firmly to the window of their cars; craning to get a glimpse of the sea, might spot Poole Harbour Watersports, with kayaks stacked outside. Those passing straight by would miss the golden opportunity on offer: the chance to have a guided kayak tour of Brownsea Island; no prior experience required. For £45 per person, eager members can learn about the island's significant and compelling history while paddling around it. If you'd rather go

solo with your exploring and head straight across to Brownsea or its neighbouring islands alone; Poole Harbour Watersports also rent their kayaks out. The guided kayak tour lasts three hours and the separate rental starts at £15 per hour, which includes wetsuit and paddles. It's a unique chance to watch the sun set over Brownsea Island.

Alternatively, if there's no wind, look out for the yellow boats setting off from Sandbanks which offer trips across to Brownsea Island, as well as RSPB bird boats, firework cruises, and dolphin spotting boat trips

through the summer months. Prices for these alternative tours start from £9.25 and further information can be found on their website: www.brownseaislandferries.com

Once you've been out on the water, you'll need to recover your land legs; we suggest teeing off at Sandbanks Crazy Golf. It may not be as illustrious as St. Andrews, exotic as Pebble Beach, California, or serious as any full-sized golf course, but on this putt-testing adventure, you're sure to feel just as much drama and excitement, without the dress code. This crazy golf course is perfect for all

ages, testing you with holes such as, "Sea Rescue," and "Uphill Struggle." Prices start at £4 for 18 holes.

www.sandbankscrazygolf.com

Proceeding along Banks Road into Sandbanks itself, on the side facing the open Channel (if the tide is out), you'll be staring at the beautiful golden sand beach which has been awarded a blue flag for cleanliness and water quality. Upon this sandy shoreline, on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July, the British Beach Polo Championships are held. For £165 per person (£148.50 Earlybird), spectators can enjoy the VIP package, including entry to the Sand Polo Hospitality Lounge, Champagne Reception, afternoon tea, and lunch with wine, as well as the beach polo itself. The Guardian described the event as, "fast and

furious," and spectators have taken to calling it, "Ice hockey on horseback." If you'd rather just watch this quick-paced sport and forego the VIP treatment, standard tickets can be bought for £25 per person from **www.sandpolo.com**

In the meantime, if the golden sun is beating down and you need to take a rest for half an hour, dip your toes into the water from the jetty and perhaps enjoy a good book. Watch the boats come and go, steadily shifting along the horizon. While sitting there, letting the boats and the world go by, it's very easy to become relaxed, but don't get too comfortable, it's time for us to take a coasteering lesson with Land & Wave, Dorset's biggest adventure sport provider. Some people may say that the best way to see somewhere coastal is to do it via

coasteering: climbing, jumping, or swimming around it. Alternatively, you could retire back to your cosy accommodation, have a nice warm cup of tea and leave that particular activity to someone else. Prices for coasteering start at £45. Visit their website for further information: **www.landandwave.co.uk**

For those that prefer their activities packed full of adrenaline, you may be interested in visiting Poseidon Kite School on Banks Road, described as, "the UK's freshest kitesurf scene." The school was founded by ex-international star Chris Burke and lessons vary in duration, costings, and skill level. To find out more and to book your £50 taster lesson visit **www.poseidonkiteschool.com** »

WHERE TO STAY

The Harbour Heights Hotel, situated in Sandbanks, offers visitors a boutique retreat with breathtaking Poole Harbour views. With a choice of clean and stylish sea-view, balcony, deluxe, or standard rooms - perfect for couples looking for a romantic getaway, or a base to explore Dorset. Their award-winning 2AA Rosette 'Harbar Bistro' offers diners a wide variety of quality, local produce and there is regular live music which can be enjoyed by those staying at the hotel and visitors alike. Guests will find that the Harbour Heights Hotel has stunning sea and harbour views, the ideal location to watch boats sail in and out of Poole Harbour.

Rooms start from £98 and availability can be checked at:

www.fjbhotels.co.uk
harbourheights-hotel/

If, when visiting Sandbanks, you'd like to retain the clean, well-designed look of a hotel room, whilst also enjoying the comfortable atmosphere and independent family feel of home, then look no further than Beach Retreat; one of the most beautiful Airbnb properties in Dorset. With 100% five-star reviews, this carefully restored Victorian building seems to glow with character and its interior design is ready to impress.

A short walk from Loch Fyne - a restaurant with culinary roots in oyster dishes, Beach Retreat is the perfect place to stay with family of all ages. The price per night is £165 and availability can be found by searching for, 'Beach Retreat,' on Airbnb's website:

www.airbnb.co.uk or going directly to www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/19836843



Harbour Heights Hotel, Sandbanks

WHERE TO EAT

The Cliff gives visitors a sleek, stylish solution to the problem of hunger during their exploration of Sandbanks and the surrounding area. The local produce and fascinating flavour-packed dishes are professionally presented to premium diners to make even the most stable of appetites rumble with hunger. If, however, your mood turns towards something to drink, why not sample the many tailor-made cocktails or wide selection of beers and ciders. The bar and restaurant itself are beautifully designed with light and simplicity in mind, and the garden is ideal for those warm summer evenings. A highlight is the Sunday roast lunch which starts at £13.50 including all the trimmings. To see availability and book a table, visit: www.thecliffcanfordcliffs.co.uk

Compton Acres is certainly the place to go for a stylish lunch or afternoon tea. Take a wander around the plant centre to find that perfect addition to your outdoor space. Explore any of the five themed gardens for

inspiration, and once you've found what you've been searching for: take the weight off your feet in the café with their tastefully-presented cream tea or delicious lunch menu. Cream tea is £13.95 per head and their menu can be found in the, "eat," section of the website: www.comptonacres.co.uk

For sweet treats on-the-go, Mark Bennett Patisserie is worth a visit. This award-winning café and artisan bakery has a huge range of hand-made breads, pastries, cakes, and sandwiches for any hungry explorers to try. Visitors have the option of taking their baked goods away or enjoying them in the comfortable, welcoming surroundings of the café. This is a must for those that love cinnamon buns, fresh bread, and their coffee served at optimum drinking temperature. Sandwiches start from £3.60 and a full menu, as well as further information about Mark Bennett and the eatery itself appears on their website: www.artisanmark.com



Harbour Heights Hotel, Sandbanks



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SANDBANKS AND THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

SANDBANKS HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH THE BEAUTIFUL GAME. SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL MANAGERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO THE PLATINUM PENINSULA AND MADE SANDBANKS THEIR HOME.

HERE WE PEEK THROUGH THE LOCKER-ROOM DOOR AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE EVENTFUL LIVES AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREERS OF THESE FOOTBALL KINGPINS.



Harry Redknapp - Photo by James Boyes

HARRY REDKNAPP

Even at the age of 71, Harry Redknapp is still regarded as one of football's most irrepressible characters. The master manager has worked non-stop for over a quarter of a century and his keen eye for new talent has only increased with each passing year.

Born in Poplar, London, the only child of Henry and Violet Redknapp, Harry's love

for soccer started young. At the age of just 11, while playing for his east London school, he was scouted by Tottenham Hotspur. The young star winger quickly ascended the youth teams' ranks, biting at the heels of legends such as Danny Blanchflower, Dave Mackay and Bill Nicholson. At 15, Harry moved to West Ham United, followed by a transfer to Bournemouth (clubs that he would later go on to manage).

In 1982, Redknapp first got the chance to stretch his managerial muscles, taking the helm at Bournemouth and leading them to the Division Three title on the back of a record 97 points in 1987. However, he will best be remembered here for inspiring the 1984 David and Goliath defeat of Manchester United, dumping the FA Cup-holders out of the competition. A result that sent shockwaves through football and put the young Harry Redknapp firmly on the 'ones to watch' list.

It was during his time at Bournemouth that Redknapp was involved in a near fatal road accident in Italy. On his way to watch the 1990 FIFA World Cup, traveling at night, just south of Rome in a chauffeur-driven minibus along with York City chairman Michael Sinclair, Aston Villa chairman Fred Whitehouse and Bournemouth's

managing director Brian Tiler, they hit a car in a head-on collision. The bus flipped onto its roof and skidded 50 yards. Brian Tiler was killed, as were the three occupants of the other vehicle. Harry had a lucky escape and was pulled clear of the wreckage by Sinclair. He suffered a broken nose, several cracked ribs and a fractured skull. To this day, he has never recovered his sense of smell.

Following his hugely successful stint at Bournemouth, Harry then embarked on a seven-year reign at Upton Park where he took West Ham into Europe. His time with the Hammers saw him cultivate star players such as Joe Cole, his nephew Frank Lampard and Rio Ferdinand, all of whom would later go on to play for England.

After a sudden exit from West Ham, this shrewd observer was quickly snapped up by Portsmouth and took the team all the way to the Premier League in 2003. A fleeting stint with south-coast neighbours and arch-rivals Southampton proved unsuccessful and Redknapp returned to Fratton Park, propelling Portsmouth to an FA Cup win in 2008, the first time the team had been in the final for 69 years!

HARRY'S LOVE FOR SOCCER STARTED YOUNG. AT THE AGE OF JUST 11, WHILE PLAYING FOR HIS EAST LONDON SCHOOL, HE WAS SCOUTED BY TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

It is clear that Harry had a talent for turning the failing fortunes of a club around and securing outstanding results. But his greatest challenge was yet to come when he accepted the position of manager at his old club Tottenham Hotspur.

While in charge at White Hart Lane, he led Spurs to the 2009 Carling Cup Final and helped them obtain an eighth place Premier League finish. The next year, Redknapp led Spurs to fourth place in the Premier League, securing qualification into the Champions League. He was named Barclays Premier League Manager of the Year for his efforts. Under Harry's shrewd