

SECOND BUMPER BOOK OF WEYMOUTH

Maureen Attwooll

The *Second Bumper Book of Weymouth* is a further compilation on all aspects of Weymouth's history and follows on the success of Maureen Attwooll's first *Bumper Book of Weymouth*. Comprising more than 1000 entries, the topics are presented in an A-Z format. Find in here another host of fascinating facts about Weymouth past and present. Discover more about the town's personalities, buildings, industries, celebrations, disasters and transport by land and sea. Update your knowledge of recent events in Weymouth's ever-changing scene.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Maureen Attwooll is co-author of several books on Weymouth's history including *Weymouth: An Illustrated History*, *Seaside Weymouth* and *Weymouth and Portland at War: Countdown to D-Day*, and more recently the popular books *Weymouth – The Golden Years*, *Weymouth – More Golden Years*, *Weymouth Century*, *Weymouth Revisited* and *The Bumper Book of Weymouth*.

She has also written *Shipwrecks* in the Discover Dorset series, as well as contributing articles on various aspects of local history to a number of magazines.

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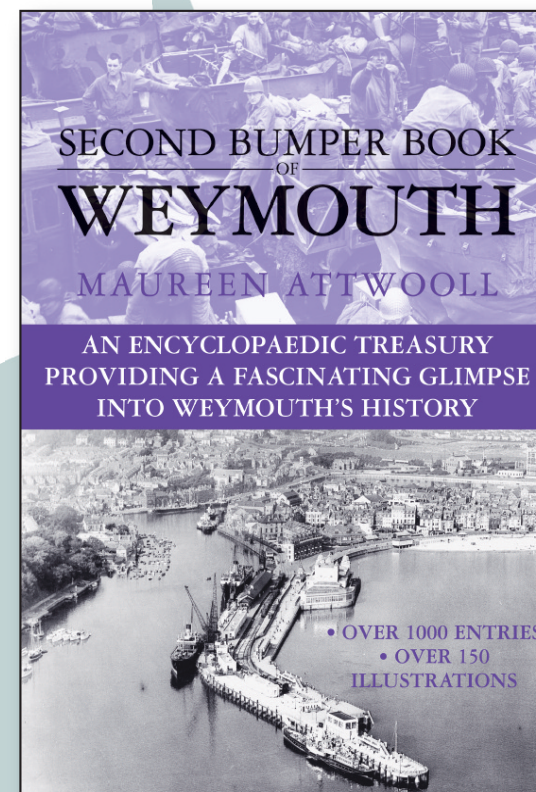
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Clearing up in Ilchester Road after the raid of 11th August 1940.



Sutton Poyntz – a view from the 1920s.



Weymouth Fire Engine at the Sutton
Poyntz fire, 18th April 1908.



Work in progress – extending the Stone Pier, 1877.



Cheerful locals greet flooded neighbours still awaiting rescue in Newstead Road.



Ballard Brown entertaining on the Sands in the early 1900s at the Sea View Concert Platform.

Example of a double-page spread.



was laid near Lagonoy-Herring, Far Side on the line of 31° 30' N. The ship was a 100-ton schooner, the *Mercurio* on board a the *Maxfield Menzies* which crashed on Portland in July 1944. An explain, he grew up as a fisherman in the village of Lagonoy-Herring, on Bataan Road, to which he always returned to spend his leisure. He now lives in an RAF camp at Wyley Regent Cemetery, close to the site of his childhood home.

Illustration: Shipwrecked by Anne Penning (Dorling Kindersley, 2005).

AIR CADETS HQ A new bar for Weymouth air cadets opened at Bicknolls on 9th July 1963. They had previously met in a bar at Radcliffe Lane.



Real property

Jonathan Greenwald Greenlee kept a similar diary of wartime activity on the Island from 1940 until 1944. At a time when very little information appeared in local newspapers, his diary provides a unique glimpse into the islanders' second shock: how wartime life on the atoll was commonly disrupted by the frequency of air raid sirens, enemy planes overhead, anti-aircraft fire and bombing. The list which follows does not record the loss of life and destruction of property which occurred as a result of many of the raids. More details of when the bombs fell and the resulting casualties and destruction can be found in *Islanded 33* (2000).



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Air Ratio

Weymouth-voiced put in the Dorset Daily Echo issue dated 28 November 1944 and Portland was the first town to be invaded in the Dorset Daily Echo issue dated 28th December 1944.

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